

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

The death of Allan P. "AP" Smith leaves a large void in the Point Richmond History Association staff. Our Historian was a lifelong resident of the Point whose close relationship with the late Don Church made Don's valuable photo collection available for our archives. Allan's keen memory and love of sports provided our readers with many historical articles, his love of the Point was always evident in his writings. A loyal member of the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Allan was the liaison for our successful Annual Meeting "Kid's" Reunions. Allan will be missed but we can be grateful he shared his memories with so many.

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Washington School
class of 1929.

Courtesy of Abigail
Rivera



Thank you members for your renewal:

Donna Bill Hood
Pat Pearson
Hazel N. Tawney
June A. Blackburn
Lupe Lopez
Sherri Mertle
Zo Kille
David & Anne Roth
David & Carol MacDiarmid
Charlotte Birsinger
Gary Shows
Ellen E. Schaefer
Romilda Burress
Ilamay Dein
Jerome Vloeberghs
Henry & Eva (Petta) Marchitiello
Dee Rosier
Dody Perry
Pamela K. Wilson
Phyllis R. Bogue
Abigail Rivera
John Healy
Frank L. Moscrop
Bruce Beyaert
Jim & Florence Wilson
Henry Gondola
Don & Diane Diani
John Knox
Sparta Chiozza
Anita Christiansen
Doris Silva

And a warm welcome to the following
new member:

June Albonico

Museum Hours:

Thursday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close
our history museum on Thursday and Saturday:

Betty Dornan (Director)
Bruce and Ann Bartram
Pat Pearson
Mid Dornan
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Dody Perry
Anita Christiansen
Sonja Darling
Betty Dornan

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Jean & John Knox

EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

We are really going to miss Allan Smith's regular extensive contributions to this newsletter. But we can be so grateful for the work that he did. Allan's many memories have been recorded for future folks wanting to understand and know more about the history of Point Richmond. Thank you Allan Smith. There are numerous obits in this issue, producing way too many hollow spots in our daily lives.

So who is going to take Allan's place? This newsletter needs someone, an elder, to step forward and continue Allan's work. That work is to simply tell the story of your time in Point Richmond. Allan was first nervous about doing it because he said that he was not a writer. But later acknowledged that Gary would never embarrass him and he became secure with his writing (recording of our local history). I will not embarrass you either, in fact I will try my best to make you a hero and a legend in Point Richmond! Come forth Point Richmond's next historian or historians!

We also need someone to report on the current goings on in the Point. To do this job you don't have to be old or wise, it would also be ok if you are a little bit "nosey". This job pays the

same as the historian job and you might also become a famous Point Richmond hero.

Oh, Allan also left a lot of written material for our archives. Thanks to his family for leaving them at the museum. I will share it with you as I have time to go through it, some is probably in this issue.

Pretty darned important election coming up. Be sure to get out there and vote.

The deadline for the November Issue is Friday, October 22, 2004. That issue is the best one to announce or describe holiday events your club or organization might be having.

The Summer issue assembly crew was:

- Jerry Cerkanowicz
- Gary Shows
- Mid Dornan
- Betty Dornan
- Mary Highfill
- Pam Wilson
- Pat Pearson
- Ann Bartram
- Bruce Bartram

The Cover:

Watercolor of Keller's Beach Wharf painted by noted artist Gary Carter. The framed treasure was donated to the PRHA by member Bernard Bernes. Come by the museum and see it.

We ran this as a cover to TPIT in April, 1992. I decided to use it again because of the improvement of our equipment since then.

A-MID TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: Is an airplane's 'black box' black? Where is it located in the plane?

Answer at end of Trivia.

Each full moon of the year has a nickname in folklore. October's full moon is known as 'Hunter's Moon'.

It has been a 'hot' summer in Point Richmond as the Point hills were blackened by two fires of unknown origin which burned both sides of the Nicholl Knob area. Our able Fire Department was able to control the flames as homes were threatened. Local TV news cameras captured the helicopters scooping water from the Bay, emptying the filled buckets from overhead. This is the second time the Dornan Grove, planted in 1981 by Boy Scout Troop 111 in Point Richmond, has been burned.

Isn't it time the Richmond Public Works Department invested some of its funds improving our streets in the Point? Washington Avenue is a car mechanics dream street!

To be sure you have a "full deck" later in life, the University of Californian prescribes playing Bridge which measurably strengthens the immune system. No matter what you do, keep thinking.

The Point Richmond Music Festival gets more successful each August.

It is refreshing to watch the 2004 Olympics in Greece that is sandwiched between the two presidential conventions.

Point resident and current Councilman Tom

Butt, who was named by an EAST BAY newspaper as the "Best local Politician", is opting to seek the same seat in November. Tom has accountability and "does his homework plus is knowledgeable in historic restoration and preservation. He is a valuable member of the council.

Describing the proportionate size of the planets in our solar system by using fruit to represent the planets, this is a rough approximation. For a stellar salad, if the Sun were a pumpkin about a foot in diameter, Mercury would be a tomato seed about 50 feet away, Venus would be a pea about 75 feet away, Earth would be a pea about 100 feet away, Mars would be a little raisin about 175 feet away, Jupiter would be an apple about 550 feet away, Saturn would be a peach about 1025 feet away, Uranus would be a plum about 2050 feet away, Neptune would be a plum about 3225 feet away, and Pluto would be smaller than a strawberry seed nearly a mile away.

If you enjoy a bowl of Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup, you might be interested to know each can contains about 216 noodles.

The Contra Costa Open Space initiative failed.

In August, members of the Point Methodist church journeyed to Guerneville to spend the day at the Russian River cabin of Mid Dornan.

Are you feeling "muppet" because you cannot remember the meaning of a word or "Eeyorish" and confused? Those are among 3,000 new words and expressions that have

entered English usage and are included in the new edition of the Oxford Dictionary of English. Among the other new entries are the words and phrases "24/7", "nerd," "bad-hair day" and "geek"

Our neighbor is so wealthy that he doesn't even know his son is in college.

I value the friend who for me finds time on his calendar, but I cherish the friend who for me does not consult his calendar. - Robert

Brault

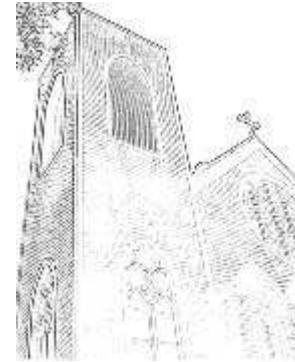
SCHOOL IS OPEN. DRIVE WITH CAUTION. BE A SCHOOL VOLUNTEER.

Answer: An airplane's 'black box' is actually fluorescent orange with white stripes to make it easier to see. Most people don't know that the 'black box' isn't in the cockpit -- it's mounted in the back of the plane, which is more likely to stay intact if the plane crashes.



Typical TPIT newsletter put together meeting. Betty Dornan, Mary Highfill, Bruce Bartram, Jerry Cerkanowicz, Ann Bartram and Mid Dornan.

CHURCH NEWS



ones illness. Her husband, John; sons, Mark, Craig and Aaron; brother, John and three grandsons survive Elaine.

My thanks for all the kindnesses extended me during this time.

ALLAN P. SMITH
1921-2004

Allan was the historian of both Pt. Richmond and Our Lady of Mercy. Until his illness he was ever present at Our Lady of Mercy and always anxious to lend a hand. Allan also occupied several pages in TPIT. I stepped into Allan's shoes when he gave up writing the Church News. Allan had said that his final journey into the church would be up the front stairs. His brothers carried out his mission. Allan's rosary was held in the church and he had the honor of remaining there until his funeral mass the following day. The flag, which draped his casket, is now on the church flagpole. His wife, Marcellina, two sons and grandson survive Allan.

JOSEPHINE PALENCHAR
1918-2004

Josephine was a Pt. Richmond native and pillar of our church. She occupied the same seat every Sunday and always had a smile on her face for everyone. I am sure that her spirit will live on as she walks the streets of Pt. Richmond with her dog, Cutie Pie. A son and two grandsons survive Josephine.

SUSAN GOODBAR
1954-2004

Susan was a Pt. Richmond native and lived in Crockett. Susan died in Crockett on June 17, 2004. Her husband, Lyn; parents, Jim and Florence Wilson; sisters, Cynthia and Roberta; and daughter, Leslie, survive Susan.

Our Lady of Mercy Church

*By Dee Rosier
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After many \$'s and much frustration my computer is again up and running. That is up until the time I tried to submit this article, and the Internet connection was not available. After countless calls to the support center in Oklahoma and the Philippines, I was advised that there was an outage. There are times when my computer and I suffer irreconcilable differences. Perhaps I expect too much, but it has become part of my daily life.

A dark cloud of death hung over us during the month of June.

ELAINE NEIHOUSE
1935-2004

Elaine was my sister and we were each other's shadows. At the age of 50 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Undergoing treatment allowed her to live 15 cancer-free years. The cancer returned in 2000 and escalated. Elaine died on June 16, 2004. I learned from her a lesson in valor and acceptance of

Mark your calendars – the day has been set for our Annual BBQ which will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2004, immediately following Sunday Mass. Tickets have been printed and the BBQ Committee is busy planning the event. Like to help – call Father O'Rourke. The more hands, the easier the task.

Many of us enjoyed a potluck dinner and evening recapping the pilgrimage of Bob and Marie Peckham to Lourdes. It was an inspiring social as we viewed the digital photos. All who attended were presented a bottle of holy water from Lourdes.

Father O'Rourke is a busy man. He is rewriting a "story line" for a documentary, which took him to the East to confer with the filmmaker. He is planning a brochure on our church to be distributed to local real estate offices. He also traveled to Lithuania, but returned with the statement that there is no place like home. His sideline as horticulturist is evident as you walk in front of the rectory. He also found time for a fishing trip to the Feather River.

Our church roof may soon become a reality as roofers submit their estimates. Five windows on the south side of the church have been repainted a rich hunter green.

Some of the panes were restored. Eventually all the windows will be painted the same color trim. Thanks to the Italian Catholic Federation, we will soon have a hood on the stove in the church hall. The church bell was recently blessed and can be heard as Mass commences. Following a Catholic tradition, it will also ring for funerals. Cleanup- the- Church Saturday will be held on September 18. Put your gloves on and let's dust!

Father recently discussed our church budget. We are not wealthy, but for the size of our parish we are able to meet our financial obligations.

Father is also seeking local maintenance contractors, i.e., electricians, and plumbers, carpenters, who he can call on when the need arises.

We are shy two Parish Council members. Some names were submitted at the last council meeting, but if you are interested in your church and would be available to serve on the council, please contact Father O'Rourke.

Sunday baptisms are on the rise at Our Lady of Mercy. The payoff is seeing the parents and new Christians attend Sunday Mass.

Congratulations to Amelia Drake who was recently named Catholic Woman of the Year at ceremonies held at St. Jeromes.

Hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and were able to travel to places where the sun shined. We are presently enjoying our Bay Area summer – fog, wind, and not too much sun.

I did enjoy some hot weather in Dixon where I attended a retirement luncheon for a schoolmate. Five of us started Kindergarten together and have remained friends for the last 65 years. The honoree was the holdout since the rest of us have all retired. She enjoyed her teaching position.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we Do or who we know, but by who we are
You are special –
Don't ever forget it.

See you in church.



POINT RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH

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On June 26, a memorial service for family and friends to celebrate the life of Linda Goodwin Brooks filled the sanctuary to overflowing. Linda was (among other things) section leader of the altos in the Joyful Noise Choir, youth mentor and "Second Mom," President of our United Methodist Women unit, President of West County Church Women United, Masquer, bookkeeper, puppeteer, dancer, gracious hostess, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Linda's passing leaves a huge void in our community. It left us all scrambling to fill some of the many ways she served with us. We will lovingly remember and miss her personality, her passion for life, and her smile.

On June 13, the worship service was all Jazz with the Dan Damon Trio, the Angel Choir, and moving solos by church neighbor Sheila Alix.

Sometimes music is the best message, and we always enjoy a sermon in song!

On Sunday, July 18, a steaming hot afternoon in the sanctuary, a Barbershop Quartet entertained an enthusiastic audience. The Grand Dads, featuring Norm Reynolds, Roland Wolf, John Serr, and Hal Rutledge, sang fine old tunes in four-part men's harmony. After the concert, Fran Smith, Joanne Cheney, and Betty Graham rewarded those who braved the warm weather by scooping up an old-fashioned ice-cream social. Ferns and palms in Friendship Hall helped transport us to ice-cream parlors of yesterday.

One of the high points of the summer is our week of Vacation Bible School: held July 19-23. All who participated came ready to have a good time! It was touching to see how the teens ably took over many of the leadership responsibilities for the week. Teen staff included Joseph Mortensen, Heather Damon, Liam Thompson, Bethany Reynolds and David Reynolds. The teens led songs, mimed the Bible stories, helped with craft projects, led games, and prepared and served food. The kids really looked to them as role models. We were thrilled to welcome some new younger children. Next summer, we expect the next wave of younger siblings that only came to drop off an older brother or sister this year. Bill Thompson, Melody Hastings, Ronnie Martinez, Wendy Nelson, and Diane Frye made VBS run smoothly. Jean Eger Womack led fun and fantastic art projects. Joanne Cheney, Melba Farley, Linda Andrew-Marshall and Betty Dornan provided treats. Ronnie Martinez and Norm Reynolds prepared lunch on Friday. We collected money for Heifer International so others could benefit from the fun week we enjoyed!

On the Calendar:

Second Saturday Thrift Shop: The church basement will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

on the second Saturday of every month. Come see what new treasures are for sale. Do you have good usable items to donate? We have IRS receipts and we will accept donated items during the Second Saturday sales. (No beds, TV's, old sofas, or electronic items, please.)

September 12: 9:30 a.m. You all are invited to breakfast to celebrate the kick-off of the new Sunday School season! Children, youth, parents, and other adults will gather to have breakfast, renew friendships and meet new friends. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m., followed by worship at 11:00 a.m.

September 1: Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal resumes, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. New voices welcome! The choir has openings for all voice parts. You do not need to read music to enjoy participating in the choir. The fall is an ideal time to join since we will begin to work on music for Christmas as well as new pieces for Sunday worship.

September 6: Angel Choir rehearsal, 10:00 a.m. For all children and youth who like to sing. Ability to read is not required: younger children learn the words better than the rest of us without reading! The Angel Choir sings for worship one Sunday per month, with a concert in the spring. It is a great way for children to learn some music theory, sing a variety of music, and enjoy performing and practicing with a mixed-age group. Often the Angel Choir gets to sing Pastor Dan's newest hymn while it is still hot from the printer, and have a role in how he finishes writing it. It is a unique opportunity to participate in a musical community.

Sliding Scale Singers: an informal time to sing hymns and other songs on alternate Friday evenings (September 10 and 24) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring an instrument and/or your voice and join in!

Point Methodist Church History

Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the First Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written.. This is the 70th installment.

August 16, 1927

The meeting of the Social League was called to order in the church parlors by the President.

Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Redman entertained fourteen members and two guests for the afternoon. The Lords Prayer was repeated in unison by the members of the "League".

The matter of the luncheon to be held in the church parlors Tuesday, August 11, was brought before the Ladies of the League for further discussion, and the following committees were appointed

K Kitchen Table Decorations

Moved and seconded that the following bills be paid.

\$ 5.90 for ??
8.25 for dishes
3.25
\$17.40 \$43.70 Balance
.90 collection
\$44.60
17.40 checks drawn
\$27.20 Total

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Bess Osborne, Secy

WWIC ACTIVITIES

Alyce Williamson

The Women's Westside Improvement Club met June 1, 2004 at the Pt. Richmond Methodist Church for our annual salad luncheon and "Hat Day". The officers, Margaret Morkowski, Anita Christiansen, Wendy Nelson, Marion Kent, Sonja Darling and Alyce Williamson were hostess. The tables were decorated with spring flowers. There were 28 members and guests present. After a short period of socializing we enjoyed a large variety of delicious salads, a variety of sandwiches and desserts, tea and coffee. As usual the luncheon was a high success. The event is one of our "money making" events. There will be a report at the September meeting as to how much we enriched our treasury.

Anita Christiansen introduced her guest, Joyce Watson and Audrea Miller and Anna Schwartz introduced her guest, Phylis Bogue. They were welcomed and were invited to become members. We do not usually have a business meeting at this meeting, however, there were a few things that needed to be discussed so President Margaret conducted a short meeting. The results of the election in May - all officers were reelected. Wendy Nelson asked to step down as 1st Vice President so nominations were accepted for 1st Vice President. Altha Humphrey was nominated and unanimously elected. The officers for the 2004 - 2005 were introduced. President Margaret Morkowski, 1st Vice President Altha Humphrey, 2nd Vice President Anita Christiansen, Secretary Marion Kent, Treasurer Sonya Darling and Reporter Alyce Williamson. Welcome officers, we will be looking forward to an interesting and eventful year.

Announcements: We had previously voted to provide up to \$60 for Year Books for students of Washington School for Mrs. Feldman's Tutorial

program. Due to the generosity of individual members and two members of Pt. Richmond Business Association WWIC only needed to provide \$30 toward the purchase. Margaret passed out "Thank You" cards that the students prepared for us. The cards were hand made and expressed Mrs. Feldman's and the students gratitude. Many stated that they would not have been able to have a year book had it not been for our contributions. Makes you feel good, doesn't it?

As you know we had a table at the 15th Annual May Pt. Richmond Stroll. We displayed a Fourth of July picnic supply basket as a drawing prize. Aaron Harris, age 9, in the 4th grade at Washington School was winner of the basket. Our table was visited by many strollers. We had a basket of candies for all those who stopped by. The table was staffed by Alice Zeier, Janice Cook, Dody Perry, Alyce Williamson and Anita Christiansen. It was a fun evening.

Since our June meeting Marge Miller had a birthday. Birthdays during the summer will be June - Catherine Burchell, Dulcie Johnson, Lori Nova. July - Alyce Williamson and Josephine Planchar, Wendy Nelson and August - Mid Dornan, Marjorie Moore and Marion Kent. We wish everyone a Happy Birthday. As a special note our honorary member, Bonnie Kirkman, mother of Alyce Williamson, will celebrate her 102nd birthday on August 21st.

Now it is time for the fun! Each member gave a history or story about the hat she was wearing. The hats covered a period from the 1920s to present. The stories were varied and hilarious too numerous to mention here. There were dress hats, wedding hats, fun hats and sports hats. Five members did not wear a hat and were

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Director: Steve Hill

On a snowy night a police inspector comes to investigate a murder and runs headlong into five alluring and dangerous women. Through an increasingly bewildering labyrinth of contradictory versions of what happened, the inspector interrogates, cajoles, and eventually gives up and starts drinking heavily before the mystery is solved. Is there a ghost in the house? Maybe. Are there crazy females in the house? More than its share. Can we guess the ending? Never.

The Cast

Valerie Coleman • Claudine Jones • Brooke Lichenthaler •
John Nolan • Siobhan O'Brien • Heather Spain

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Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00

Sunday matinees at 2:30

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fined \$1.00 enriching our treasury by \$5. The meeting was adjourned with an Inspirational Thought by Anita Christiansen.

It was with deep sadness we learned of the passing of Josephine Palenchar. Josephine was a loyal long time member of WWIC. I don't believe I can remember that she ever missed a meeting since I have been a member. We always enjoyed

her arts and crafts that she brought to the meetings. Josephine always had a sunny smile and a pleasant word for everyone. There will always be a special place for her at our meetings. She will be missed very much.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, 2004. See you there. Bring a guest and or a new member.

William L. Thompson, M.D.

Life in Old Point Richmond



Dr. Thompson was born in Point Richmond on February 17, 1909. He grew up in the Point, attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from Richmond High School in 1926, attended U.C. Berkeley and in 1929 at the age of 20 was admitted to the UCSF Medical School. He completed his medical school in 1933 and interned at Highland Hospital before joining the Civilian Conservation Corp. as a contract surgeon for the Army. Dr. Thompson practiced medicine for 39 years in Richmond, we are lucky to be the recipient of his written memories of his life in Point Richmond. This is a reprint of his gift to all of us. We will reprint his entire series. Thank you Dr. Thompson! Enjoy!

Installment 2 of 2

Radio, or wireless as it was then called, did not come into use much before 1920. At that time and for some time after they were almost all crystal sets. These worked with a sensitive crystal and a fine wire called a cat's whisker, which made the connection. There was no speaker, only a headset. I remember my brother and I listening to the first broadcast of a Stanford-California football game. I think this was in 1922. There was only one head set connection so we had to take the head phones apart so that each would have one ear piece while we plugged the other ear with a finger in order to hear. It was quite primitive.

The Sears Roebuck catalogue was a great institution in those days. I don't recall

Montgomery Ward until some time later. They were valuable for ordering needed supplies where transportation was poor. Also they were entertaining to thumb through for us kids. Most interesting was the toy section. They were used throughout the year and when no longer of use were sent to the outhouse to use as toilet paper.

There were few baby sitters in those days. My older sister often acted as one for us and occasionally a neighbor would help. However my mother invented a very dependable method to use in case she had to run to the store or a neighbor's for a short time. She saved all the Sunday funny papers, there was only two sheets per funny in those days, and sewed them to form a huge funny paper book. She had two of these and when

she left she placed them on the floor. We would lie on our tummies hardly moving for an hour or so reading these comics.

Another memory from the time around 1920 was of the Standard Oil twilight league. These baseball teams were recruited from various parts of the Standard Oil Company and played in the evening after work and before dinner. They played only 7 innings so as not to run too late. Some of these men were old professionals and many had been well known big leaguers. At first there were several teams but this later was reduced to four. There was one from the barrelhouse, one from the refinery, one from the mechanical shops and one from the offices. Games were played at the old ballpark at first and Macdonald which has long been replaced by a housing development. There was spirited competition. Most of the players knew one another and there was much friendly rivalry and friendly banter. The games were well attended and the spectators,

the players and even the umpires had great fun.

I recall some of the rather well know old pros. Frank Schulte had played for ten years; I think it was with the Philadelphia Athletics. After retiring from baseball he came to work for the Standard Oil Company. Biff Schaller was another old big leaguer who also later played in the Pacific Coast League. He was a heavy built, Babe Ruth type of out fielder and home run hitter. They told a story about a time when his team was playing in Salt Lake City and his hitting had dropped of somewhat. When asked he replied, "I think it is because of the high multitudes up there".

The old field was rather run down and was later torn down and replaced by housing. The fences had been in poor repair even when the Standard Oil League was playing there. I recall home runs that went under the fence rather than over it.

Dr. Thompson's Son in law Gab Togner wrote a touching eulogy to Dr. Thompson at his memorial in 1998, you can read it at <http://www.alkos.com/prha/thompson.html>.



1921

Taken from the old Water Street reservoir

This fact diary is, I believe written by Don Church and is one of the items left for us by Allan Smith. I think it is interesting, if readers agree with me I will print more of it.....Gary

Items of Interest Point Richmond, July to December, 1910

- 7-12 Recall petitions on schedule - all OK
- 7-13 SP Lark wrecked near Salinas - 2 killed many injured.
- 7-14 Jas. Cruickshank will finish work on Bank of Richmond this week.
- 7-15 Scare over missing boat (Florian Leber) (Fred Leber to you).
- 7-19 Recall petitions are turned down by the 6 councilmen.
- 7-22 William Hosking goes to work as freight clerk at Santa Fe.
- 7-23 Plans to build 3rd story on John Murray Bldg. for Fraternal Hall.
- 7-23 New Firehouse on Park Place nearly done. (S.F. Jenkins contractor)
- 7-23 Roy Thomas dies.
- 7-26 Roy Thomas funeral.
- 7-26 H.D. Chapman appointed City Engineer to succeed Orville Hudson.
- 7-27 Peres funeral at San Pablo. He was killed by a Santa Fe train.
- 7-27 Dope joint raided on Standard Avenue, run by Buelah Warren colored.
- 7-28 Election boards named (note no ladies).
- 7-28 Dredger filling in between Richmond and Point as it dredges the Inner Harbor.
- 8-2 George Dimmicks wagon takes group on picnic to Pt. San Pablo.
- 8-3 Bull Dog Schmidt finds bodies of 2 men on his beach amidst wreckage of their boat. The bodies were Wm. Rugg Jr. of Santa Rosa and John Swan of San Francisco.
- 8-6 Santa Fe engines crash near Pt. Depot in headon collision. Eng. 67, Engr. Dave Knight Fireman W.H. Johnson. Broad Daylight. #336 Engr. Graham.
- 8-9 Crazy mother duplicates the Brentwood Tragedy. Drowns two children and hangs herself. (The Westman Family) 2 sons still live here.
- 8-12 New theater being made ready on Wash. Ave. near McCrackens.
- 8-16 Mrs. E.S. Tewksbury died.
- 8-18 Fire in St. Francis Hotel. Owner Ed. McDuff had allowed his \$2000 policy to lapse.

- 8-18 New Carnegie Library dedicated.
- 8-23 Mrs. Chas. Delp dies (8-21) Mother of Edith Delp.
- 8-24 Geo. Dimmick sold his Union Transfer Co. to Geo. Woods who had been with the SOCo. Geo. has gone to his ranch near Sebastopol.
- 8-26 The City of Pekin being dismantled at Pt. San Pablo. Built in 1874 for Pac. Mail Co. and it ran to China and later to Panama.
- 9-1 Barbers raise prices to shave to 25 cents and hct. to 35 cents.
- 9-2 Sheriff Veale thinks he has the man (apparently crazy) who set the San Pablo Reservoir (SOCo) fire. He was caught setting a grass fire next to the Fernandez home in Pinole.
- 9-9 Engagement of Lillian Parks to Joseph Gibbs of Vancouver.
- 9-13 J.V. Lamore dies at work at the Pole Yard. Heart attack.
- 9-16 Dick Paasch still operating the blacksmith shop.
- 9-20 Brick Layers form a new Union.
- 9-21 Lewis Howe marries Grace Ziemer.



A Whiteside family gathering - 1911

- 9.24 Fastidious goats owned by C.W. Jenkins on West Side are nuisance. To reduce stock.
- 9.29 S.O.Co Long Wharf being extended by Healy Tidbetts.
- 10-2 L.A. Times Bldg dynamited.
- 10-2 Belt Line wreck at Pt San Pablo. Brakes failed to work.
- 10-4 Chas. Sump threatens his family.
- 10-8 1st Boy Scout Troops organized in Richmond with 4 patrols. Dr. Blake in charge.
- 10-12 Florence Coon ill.
- 10-15 Fishing Party sees snakes.
- 10-16 No. \$ Battery construction started yesterday at refinery.
- 10-21 Dr. Lucas to build new home and office next to Runyons. Cost \$5000.
- 10-22 1st Meeting in new Masonic Hall in the 3rd story of John Murray Hall.
- 10-22 Florence Coon still in hospital.
- 10-27 New Firehouse on Park Place dedicated by Company No. 1.
- 10-29 H.J. (Hershal) Ringer of Royal Theater in Stockton for 2 days.
- 11-8 Dan Sughru prominent Santa Fe Engr. dies at sanitarium.



Richmond Refinery Fire, September 1958

- 11-10 John Murray marries Mrs. G.F. Dustheimer
- 11-10 Florence Coon gets out of bed after 6 weeks in hospital.
- 11-16 Button and Ringer (Button Thompson) have sold the Royal Theater and are looking for other interests. (I was winding reels at the time). They later bought the Palm Saloon in the old Critchet Hotel (on the corner).
- 11-16 S.O.Co Tanker Winnebago of the Indian Head line at Point Orient.
- 11-25 Maude Pritchard and Jim Norton wed.
- 11-26 Still srecking the City of Peking at Pt. Orient. Using dynamite.
- 12-2 1st Nat. Bk opening at 6th and McD.
- 12-8 Lucretta Wood and Paul Dunlap will wed tomorrow.
- 12-10 Their wedding was a very popular event at the 1st Baptist Church. I was there.
- 12-11 Dedication of #1 Firehouse on Park Place.
- 12-18 St. Marks Catholic Church dedicated at 10th and Bissell.
- 12-20 F.M. Enders has bought the Opera House from Pat Dean and is making improvements.
- 12-21 Miramir Chapter of OES Installs officers.
- 12-22 West Side ready for Xmas. All merchants have decorated windows with their best merchandise.
- 12-25 Eddie Baker arrested (14 yrs old) for stealing automatic pistol and \$5.
- 12-27 Article on Auty Duggan, well liked St. Car conductor.
- 12-29 Arnold Block to be built on Richmond Ave. for new Post Office.



**CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE
CHURCH and
READING ROOM**

by Jo Bycraft

Sorry no report in this issue.

*ALLAN'S POINT AND HIS
SPORTS MEMORIES*

By Allan Smith



**Allan P. Smith
February 16, 1921
June 24, 2004**





Aerial photo of Point Richmond taken in January of 1949



SHHH!

By Bibliotek

News From the Westside Branch

No report from Biblio

CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

Dear Pam,

My brother, Stewart Saunders, died in December, 2003. We had a great time reading “This Point.....in time”. It made so many of our memories pleasurable. He took such a delight in the sports reporting.

The magazine was such a nice way to bridge the many years since our childhood at Washington School.

Thank you all for the time and service you have done for the kids from Point Richmond.

Janis Saunders Henry
Cupertino



Hi Pam:

Hope everyone is well down yonder. Please tell them we said hello!

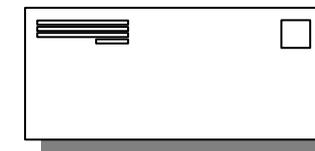
Hugs to you...

Ellen Schaefer
Eugene, OR

Dear Pam,

Please find enclosed two checks, one is for my PRHA dues and the other is a donation in memory of my friend Allan Smith, we grew up together. I have fond memories of my years in Point Richmond. I hope to visit your museum someday. Thank you so much and all the best.

Charlotte Kernabon Birsinger
San Rafael



Dear Pam,

I am happy to renew my subscription to TPIT. It is a wonderful newsletter and it gets more interesting with each issue. It’s a trip down memory lane and growing up in the Point was good.

Keep up the good work. I will miss Alan Smith’s sport articles, they were great.

As always,
June “Kunkel” Blackburn
Bemidji, MN



DEATHS.....

Allan P. Smith of Point Richmond passed away June 24, 2004 at his residence surrounded by his loving family, he was 83. "A.P." as he was known to many is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marcelina Batista Smith; sons Allan P. Smith Jr , (wife Maria) of Moraga and Bryan S. Smith of San Francisco; sister Gloria Groff and brothers Bill, Loren, Richard, Dean, and Frank Smith. A.P. leaves one grandson, Julian Smith, also of Moraga, to cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his older brother John Leonard Smith III of Fremont.

A.P. was a lifelong resident of the Richmond and Point Richmond areas and graduated from Richmond High School in 1938. He was also a graduate of the Merchant Marine Officer Training School in Port Hueneme, CA and was a veteran of World War II. A.P. was employed by Wilson and Kratzer Mortuaries and the Standard Oil Company of California (later Chevron) where he retired after 36 years of service. He subsequently joined the Chevron Retirees Association and participated in the Chevron Tree Planting program for several years. An active member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Point Richmond, A.P. was also a member of the St. Vincent DePaul and Holy Names societies and was also elected to two terms as Grand Knight of the Richmond council of the Knights of Columbus. A.P. belonged to several volunteer maritime organizations including the Steamship Historical Society, Apostleship of the Sea-Seamen's Center, Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship Memorial and the Red Oak Victory restoration effort where he served on the Board of Directors. An avid baseball and sports fan, A.P. enjoyed writing sports and historical articles for the local Point Richmond Magazine "This Point in Time" that is published by the Point Richmond History Association.

A Rosary service was held on June 27, 2004 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 301 West Richmond Ave., Point Richmond. Funeral Mass was held June 28, 2004 at the church followed by Committal service at St. Joseph Cemetery in San Pablo. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society:

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Office of Donor Services
1311 Mamaroneck Ave.
White Plains, NY 10605

Josephine Marie Palenchar, 7/16/1918 - 7/3/2004 Point Richmond will be a little less warm and sunny. Josephine Palenchar, who greeted and smiled at everyone she met, passed away on July 3rd. She was 85. She was a recognizable figure around town, walking daily with her fuzzy little white dog, 'Cutie Pie'. Josephine was preceded in passing by Ed Palenchar, her husband of fifty-one years, and by her sweet daughter, Joan, who passed away in 1956 as the age of 13. A lifetime resident of Point Richmond, Josephine also belonged to the Westside Improvement Club, Italian Catholic Federation #154, AARP #3026, and was an active parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Church. She is survived by two grandsons, Adrian and Loren Palenchar; son and daughter-in-law, Church and Christina Palenchar of Glen Ellen; and two brothers, Frank and Julius Matteucci, both of Point Richmond. In honor of Josephine, smile and make a new friend today.

DEATHS.....continued

Linda Goodwin Brooks passed away on June 21, 2004, age 60.. Linda is survived by her husband of 43 years, Jim Brooks; her mother, Dorothy of Kernersville, NC; her brother, Hayward; sisters Dorothy and Debbie; her children Jim, Jr., Mike, and Kelli and eight grandchildren. Linda was active in the Point Methodist Church serving as President of the United Methodist Women, Chairperson of Missions, Youth Leader, the in Choir and many other capacities. She was an officer in Richmond's Church Women United, and active in Masquers. A standing-room only memorial service of Death and Resurrection celebrating her life was held at the Point Methodist Church on Saturday, June 26, 2004.

Susie Goodbar died on June 16, 2004 in Crockett. Age 49. Susie is survived by her husband, Lyn; daughter, Leslie; parents, Jim and Florence Wilson, Point Richmond; sisters Cynthia Quist and Roberta Folan. Susie attended Washington School and Sunday School at Point Methodist Church. A celebration of Life was held July 29, 2004 in Crockett.

Mae Mandl died in Danville on August 21, 2004, she was 97 years of age. A native of Germany, she attained her USA Citizenship in 1944. She was the head of the accounting department at Jewish Family and Children's Services in San Francisco for 33 years. She volunteered her accounting services for local agencies and was treasurer of the Point Richmond History Association for a time. She was a certified Braille transcriber and a member of the Congregation Beth Israel-Judea, San Francisco. She was the loving wife of the late Felix Mendelson and Max Mandl, a sister of the late Morris, Anni and Hilde Bershtel.

Meredith Jovan Travis lost his fight with cancer on August 6th at Kaiser Hospital in Richmond, he was 69 years old. Builder, gardener, craftsman, chef, and fine friend, "A long time Point Richmond resident, Joe was one of the local entrepreneurs who helped save the Old Firehouse from destruction in 1969. He could always be counted on to support the environment and the Bay. His talents as a carpenter went beyond a career with the East Bay Municipal Utility District; he also transformed a modest one story, three bedroom home on Nicholl Avenue into a two story show place with a garden that could be called Butchart Gardens South. Joe is survived by his wife, Judy, son, David, and a host of friends.



BIRTHDAYS

September

Joan Gatten	Emileigh Anne Barnes	Ingvar Elle	Kenneth Dolan
Sofia Warith	Al Frosini	Gayle Kaufman	Theresa Daniel
Susan Armstrong	Frank Christopher	Roxanne Trudeau	Jan Feagley
Marie Peckham	Linda Newton	John Hadreas	June Kunkle Blackburn
Ivar Elle	Robertta Wilson	David Reynolds	Lorin Buhler
Daniel Butt	Nadia Warith	Donna Roselius	Isosbel Shaw
Sara Warren Smith	Bernard Dietz	John T. Knox	Aubrey Lee Rentfro
Joann Busby	Stephen Berman	Jerry Cerkanowicz	

October

Terry Wynne	Timothy Doherty	Chris Ward	Betty Glass Marshall
Kate Lord	Jodi Bagley	Helen Frosini	Maria Inchauspe Smith
Florence Wilson	Jeff Ward	Chad Feagley	Marc Bisio
Liz McDonald	Todd Cort	Isobel 'Boo' Shaw	Abigail Munoz Rivera
Jean Moyle Spiersch	McKinley Bradshaw	Jerry Daniel	Toni Cannizzaro
Maria Shaw	Marian Tedrick	Grace Cerkanowicz	Jan Burdick
Marguerite Clutts	Brian Tedrick	Otto Barni	Leo Matteucci
Linda Pereira	Rich Weirick	Nellie Bisio Pasquini	
Rosy Roselius	Charlie Dutrow	Jerry Daniel	

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Alice Helseth (94)
Jean Moyle Spiersch
Al McGee (92)
Rena Cairo Gonsalves
Anne Hanzlik
Dulcie Johnson (92)
Lupe Padilla Lopez
Louise Hammond (91)
Anita Brougham
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Ethel Schumacher

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Have we missed anyone?

CALENDAR

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Interested in Museum Membership? Museum is open to the public Saturdays and Sundays and July 4th and Labor Day noon to 5 pm. Business Meetings and Workshop on Friday's 7-10 PM. 510-234-4884.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

Quality productions, Fridays and Saturdays at * pm, Sunday Matinees at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$13, cash check or credit card. Reservations and program, 510-232-4031.

Dinner at the Hotel Mac and the play on Thursday, for only \$28. Call 510-232-4031 for reservations.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Information on meetings call 273-9959.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11. Contact: Paula Aasmus, O.D. 510-235-5228.

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum at 139½ Washington Avenue, open Thursday's and Saturday's, 11:30 to 2:00

The Association's Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers is Sunday May 23, 2004 at 2:00pm at the Point Richmond Methodist Church Meeting Room.

The deadline for the November issue of TPIT is Friday October 22, 2004.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Don Woodrow, President, 234-3107.

RICHMOND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

The REDF is a non-profit corporation dedicated to ensuring that future development here is well-planned, sensitive to the environment and in compliance with city, state and federal laws. Citizen support is encouraged. Further information, call 510-215-6100. General membership public meetings are held monthly. Details of current meetings are available by calling 510-232-0405.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact: Miss Jones, Secretary 510-232-1436.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Contact: Margaret Morkowski, President.