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....AND WHO ELSE IS THERE?

#### THE NEWEST POINTER

Susan Annette Amantite is the newest resident of Point Richmond -- you'd have to look close to find her, though, since she's only 18 inches long, and weighs about 5 pounds, 15 ounces. In spite of her size, she's taken over an entire household. Mr. and Mrs. Don Amantite welcomed her into the world at 6:57 p.m. September 11 -- they were ready, but the doctor wasn't, and as far as we know, Susan is the only child around here to have been delivered by a topless doctor!

#### THE NEWEST COOK

In fact, she hasn't even become a Cook yet -- is Marla Sturges, who will, next weekend, become Mrs. Gregg Cook. Preliminaries to the wedding have started, though, and Thursday, Marla gave a luncheon for her bridesmaids, which gave them all a chance to get acquainted, since they come from many areas. Gloria Crim, recently home from Italy, will be one of the bridesmaids. Marla and Gregg were playground leaders at Washington School playground when they met, and their altar boy, Steve Lizarraga, took part in the playground program at that time.

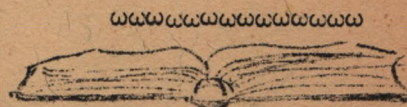
Gregg, who is well known in this area, helped to organize the little league baseball so popular with young boys here, and, after serving with the army in Germany, he returned to his baseball activities, and continued as teen leader for the Recreation department. Best wishes to Mr. and the future Mrs. Gregg Cook, from the many people in Point Richmond who were the beneficiaries of their services.

#### AND...THE NEWEST TEACHER....

June Hein has begun teaching school this year, and not at just one school, but at two. She will teach Kindergarten at both Belding and Ford schools, but at least not at the same time.

#### GO EAST, YOUNG MEN...

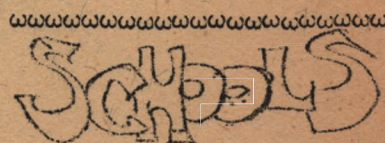
This week, both Michael Horn and Larry Barusch will travel east to attend Harvard... Both will be Freshmen



#### BOOKS FOR THE MUSEUM

Many books have been received from Point residents for the Richmond Museum's used book sale; and, many more could be used. So if you have some that you don't need, use them to assist the Museum. Call Ethel Kerns at 232-8069 for book pick-up.

The used book sale, for those who want more books, will be held at the El Portal Shopping Center on Friday, September 29, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



#### FROM ROOSEVELT TO KENNEDY

At Roosevelt Jr. High School, things are being torn down, and at Kennedy, things are still being built. Roosevelt's entire south side has been torn down, and along with it, the school's only tree was felled. At Kennedy, students have had to attend only half-days, since the building is still being completed... The students really don't seem to mind, and from the comments we've heard, the school is very well - liked, so far.



# Reminiscing

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with DON CHURCH

PART V of excerpts from the History of Richmond, written in 1926, by Clarence Odell.....

Quoted from an Article by  
A. S. Macdonald, written in 1910:

"The government map and surveys showed a depth of 65 feet of water, the only point on the east side of the Bay where land and navigable deep water met. Aside from this, I discovered a saving of over 12 miles could be made by the Southern Pacific Railway Co. by a ferry from Point Richmond directly to San Francisco, instead of handling freight through Oakland to the shallow estuary of the Peralta Street slip.

These facts I presented to Mr. Huntington with the idea of establishing the freight and overland traffic of the railroad company at that point. Mr. Huntington thought very favorably of the project and prepared to look over the proposition; but unfortunately, or rather fortunately, as it has since turned out, he had become entangled in some lawsuits and left the state.

Not discouraged, however, as soon as the Santa Fe Railway Company announced its intention of reaching San Francisco I presented my scheme to them. To avoid attracting attention, the chief engineer, head officials and I went by separate routes and carefully examined the water front, with the result that it was considered the most feasible and economical point on the Bay for a terminus and was adopted.

As soon as this question was

definitely settled, I knew that a great city must grow up here and the next thing was to find a proper location. The Potrero was rough and hilly, while the immediate surrounding land was low, flat and swampy; the next choice tract was that belonging to George Barrett, a pioneer resident. This we secured and named the City of Richmond.

The country was uninviting -

looking enough at the time, except the homestead of Barrett, which stood on Tenth Street just north of Macdonald.

The subdivision of this hay ranch by myself and associates was quite a serious problem to begin with, rather discouraging as street had to be laid out, blocks graded, sewers constructed, water and gas mains secured,

railroad stations established by both the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railways, and street cars facilities acquired; but all of this and much more has been accomplished, thanks to the energetic, enterprising people who have taken up their residence there -- and much credit must be given the Women's Improvement Club.

The argument which I made to induce the railroad to build in Richmond is stronger and better today, since it has been proven, than when first used;

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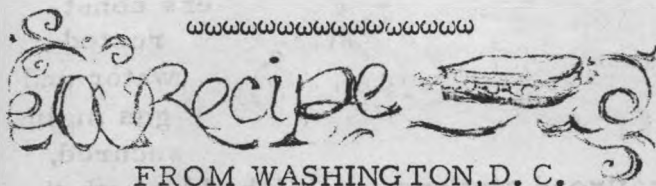
to wit, that it was the only place on the East Shore and the most desirable place on San Francisco Bay where land and navigable water came together, giving shipping facilities unexcelled anywhere else on the whole coast.

In addition to this now, with the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railway and belt line railroad for land connections, and the Standard Oil Company's immense plant and the cables of the Electric Company affording cheap power, it is an ideal place for manufacturing as is evidenced by the large manufacturing concerns already attracted to this locality.

Richmond with its fine climate, lying snugly behind the Potrero and sheltered from the prevailing westerly winds, its navigable harbor, overland railroads and cheap power has a basis for growth possessed by few cities and having all the improvements of a modern progressive municipality is bound to be one of the important cities on the coast.

I was laughed at in 1900 when I predicted a population of 10,000 in 10 years. President Ripley stated that Richmond would have a population of 20,000 in 15 years, and I have every confidence in his prediction. "

Augustin S. Macdonald.



FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

This Top Secret recipe was slipped across the border by Gerrie Kretzmer:

#### NASSAR SANDWICH

1/2 tongue  
1/2 chicken

Serve with Russian dressing  
on Jewish Rye.

## MEMO :

FROM WASHINGTON:

The First official P. T. A. meeting of the year will be held Thursday, September 21 at 8:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. John Minor, Supervisor of Special Projects of the Richmond School Department. He will be speaking about special programs, especially those specifically related to Washington School. Plan to attend.

A teachers' luncheon was served Wednesday, September 13, by members of the Washington School P. T. A. Pat Olaskey, Rose Openshaw, Sarah Warren, Dorothy Harten, and Louise Genosick.

Hot Dog Day chairman, Ervine Gooden, will hold the first hot dog day September 28. Volunteers are needed to help serve. Please call Mrs. Gooden at 235-4091 if you want to get in on the fun.

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#### SONG TIME AGAIN

If you enjoy Gospel Music, come and join with us this Sunday evening, September 17, at 7:00 p.m., at the Point Richmond Baptist Church, when the congregation and friends will gather for a time of group singing interspersed with solos, duets and quartet numbers. Refreshments follow in the basement

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#### GIRL SCOUTS START THE YEAR

The Girl Scout Junior troop, and Leader Grethe Tedrick and Sharon Taylor met for the first time this year Tuesday, September 12. They took a hike to a spot above Keller's Beach, where they had treats and their meeting. On the way back they received an additional and unplanned treat of free donuts from the Four Corners Cafe.