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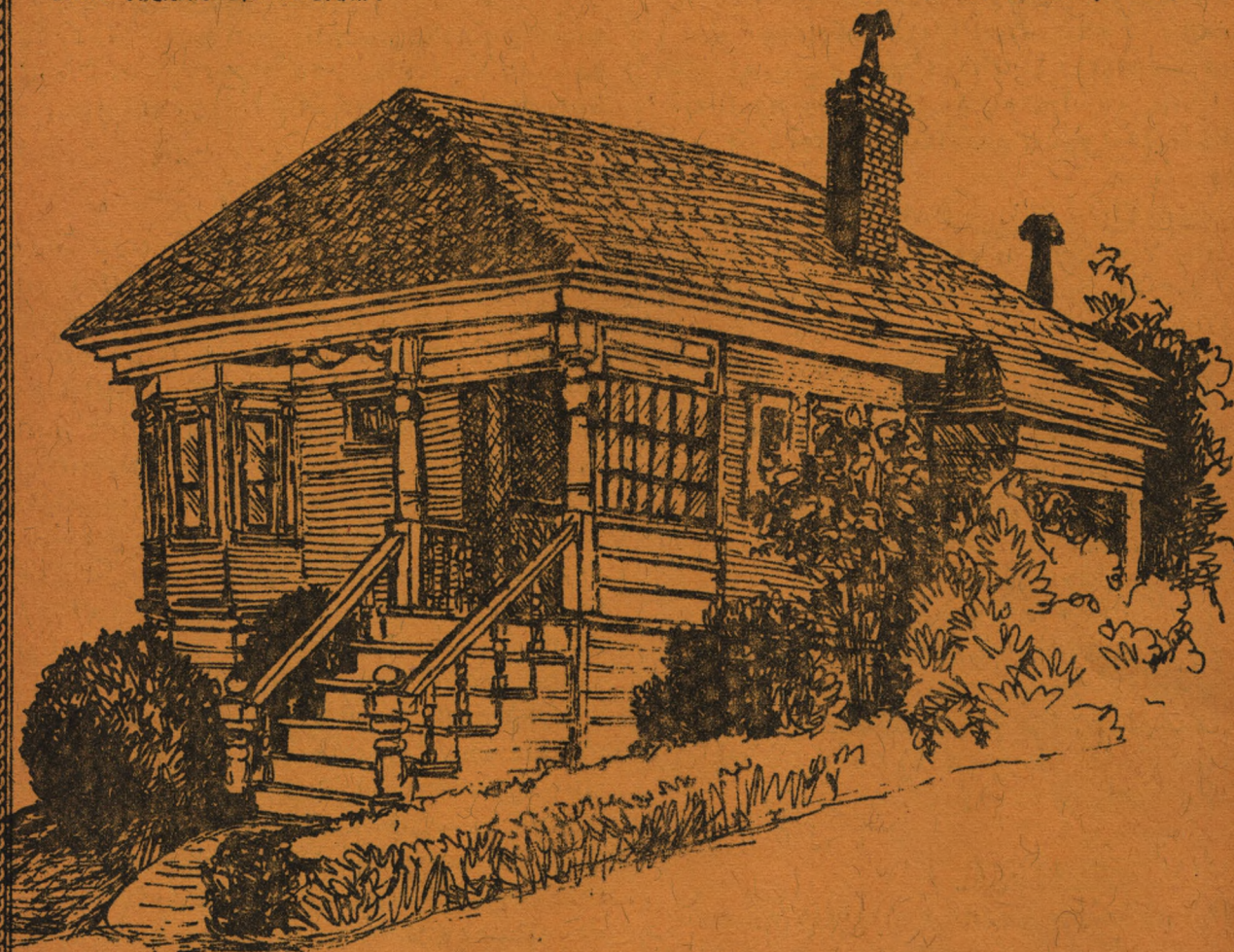
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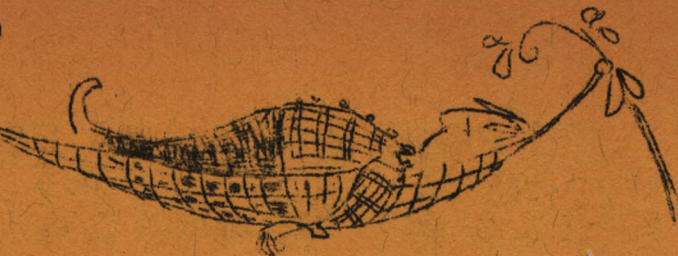
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Now that summer has begun, your pace is becoming slower, you can walk in the sun and relax in the shade, and bask in the sheer luxury of inoccupation. Right? Well, too much relaxation may cause stupefaction....and the thought of hundreds of stupefied citizens drove us to find a solution. There are several alternatives -- choose as many or as few as will solve your particular state of stupefaction:

SOLUTION NO. 1:(for mildest cases)

This one requires a short walk (or ride, if you insist) and a climb up a mild set of stairs:

Paintings, drawings and collages by former Point resident Frank Todaro may be seen at Pablo Fanques Fair for two weeks. The show opens Sunday, June 23, with a champagne punch reception from 2 to 4:30 p.m., to which Counterpoint readers are invited.

Mr. Todaro is a student at California College of Arts and Crafts and has participated in several group exhibitions.

Pablo Fanques Fair, upstairs in the Old Firehouse, is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 12 to 6 p.m.

SOLUTION NO. 2:

For those in need of slightly more exertion, you can try walking it to the Richmond Art Center, where three new painters are exhibiting, as of last Thursday: Richard Fiscus, John Galey and Don Sereff. (If your endurance ends, catch a bus along the way.)

SOLUTION NO. 3:

If you are more threatened by mental than physical stagnation, this is an excellent exercise: Do some research on an old house in Point Richmond. If you happen to live in one of them, it will be especially easy. Get all the historical facts (anything printable), and send it

to Point Counterpoint, for use in the final issue of "Historical Houses", which is planned to include all houses of historical interest in Point Richmond. Credit will be given to all contributors.

While we're on the subject, many thanks to the people who have already sent in historical summaries of Point homes. They are most appreciated!

SOLUTION NO. 4:

For those who want a positive answer for the question "Can the beautiful but vulnerable San Francisco Bay be saved?" Tuesday, June 18, a group from the Contra Costa Shoreline Park Committee nervously watched, while Sen. Miller pulled S.B. 231 (the "Save the Bay" bill) out of the Assembly Government Organization Committee, carefully keeping it shorn of crippling amendments. But the bill is still in jeopardy. It now must come before the State Assembly, where it might well meet some opposition. The Bill, if passed, will keep the Bay Conservation and Development Commission in operation until a governmental agency can be established to control development around the Bay. If there should be a lapse of control, there would be a swarm of activity by developers that could make the Bay look like a disaster area. Adequate development for all needs can be made on existing lands, leaving the Bay with water in it. A fast dollar for a few people would, in the end, lead to economic disaster for the Bay Area. The Bay is needed for our climate, health and industry. Write to John Knox, our Assemblyman, State Capitol, Sacramento, and request that this bill be passed, without amendments --if you have any energy left over, write to Jesse Unruh also. For those with an write to any other legislators, newspapers, etc---but write. And, send a dollar to Save the Bay, P. O. box 925, Berkeley, 94701.

REMINISCING

WITH DON CHURCH

Interesting and sometimes amusing articles from old Richmond and Point Richmond newspapers, courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

1917

(If you think the Baltic's baseball games are savage, they have quite a way to go to match the City Councilmen of 1917:)

From June 18, 1917:

"COUNCILMEN
WIN HARD-
FOUGHT BALL
GAME"

"The Councilmanic-Building Trades Baseball game just ended. (It started yesterday.) Score, 15 toll in favor of the Councilmen. Pitching of Councilman-Elect Watson cause of downfall of the builders. As a result of the game, \$48 was netted for the Social Service Bureau.

Game one continuous round of thrills, featuring bloodshed, spectacular plays by the Building Trades stars and fleet base running by pinch hitter City Attorney Hall. (He was short and weighed about 275.)

Summarizing the game, scorer Geritz, who was stricken with writers paralysis of the left hand, has sworn to the following as authoritative:

Councilmen: Runs-11; Hits-not enough; Errors-numerous.

Builders: Runs-11; Hits-not enough;

Errors-more.

Dahl, Royce, Heath and Thornton played the games of their lives, but the heavy hitting councilmen, especially Mayor

Ed Garrard, who has been practicing with the gavel for months, yea even years, was too much. Umpire Hulanski is 'recuperating' at a local hospital from the bullet wounds inflicted by Umpire Galvin. Their row resulted over

decisions, of which there were many and varied.

Photographs which are indeed eloquent in the description of the game are now on display in the window of the Independent. "

1935

June 21:

"FRANKIE
NEIL'S

GYMNASIUM

PROJECT IS PROGRESSING"

"Negotiations are being entered into by Frankie Neil, former bantamweight champion of the world, to bring forth in Point Richmond, a high-class gymnasium where the T.B.M. may get into proper physical condition once more, and the young athletes may be taught the principles of the manly art by one who is an expert in the business.

As Mr. Neil's promotion gets further along, we anticipate a good store of Physical culture news for the Progress. Luck to you Frankie!"

The 1903 Business Directory of Point Richmond included:

"Dad's Hotel

E. R. Gates

Near Oil Works on Standard Avenue.

TENNIS LESSONS?

For boys and girls, ages 7 to 17, Tennis Lessons (only \$2 for 10 lessons) are conveniently available this summer. The Recreation and Parks Department is offering lessons at the Plunge Grounds, in two-week sessions. Registrations are accepted on the first day of class, which are: Session I: June 24; Session II: July 8; Session III: July 22; Session IV: August 5.

Ages 7 to 9 meet from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.; Ages 10 to 13: 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Ages 14 to 17: 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Tennis shoes are required; Two tennis balls and a racquet will be needed for all players, and Racquets will be available for use during class time for those without their own racquets.

MARINE WORLD

The opening date of Marine World, the huge new aquatic display park off the coast of Redwood City, is scheduled to be July 4. Until their opening, they are inviting groups--nature study classes, scout groups, etc. to come and see how the animal performers are trained. This could make a great field trip, to see Willy the pilot whale, and some bottle-nose dolphins learning to perform their "tricks".

Leaders can make reservations by calling 863-0077. There is no charge.

SWIM

If you missed seeing the schedule of all kinds of swimming lessons available at the Richmond Plunge, stop in there and pick up a schedule for the summer months--there's something for every age and skill level.

THE 4th of JULY!

The Grand and Glorious Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration will be bigger and better than ever this year if that's possible. Held in the Point Richmond business district, there will hardly be a spot left uncovered by some activity. Game booths will line the streets, scheduled shows of all kinds will take place in the Community Center, band-stand entertainment will be continuous, the auction will give you a chance at audience participation, and music from all kinds of groups will fill the air all day.

Prize drawings (tickets for which are available through all local merchants) will be made for dozens of gifts donated by merchants; the Grand Prize will be 3 days and two nights at the Sahara Tahoe!

Beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m., there will be enough games, prizes, food and rides to keep you busy the entire time. The dunk tank is always great fun to try--or to watch--the art exhibit provides strollers with a variety of exhibits to view, plus a chance to watch some objects being created. There will be an aquacade at the Plunge, a classic car display, baseball games, oleos at the little theatre, and many other fascinating means of entertainment.

The Richmond museum exhibit is full of educational for those who want to learn more about the history of Richmond. And, if you're interested in taking an active part in any activity, the Point Richmond Civic Group is providing shuttle service to the top of Nicholl knob, where they will sell bubbles to bubble-blowers, and hats to everyone, and offer a view through telescopes. Anyone wishing to serve at the ticket table or at the top of the Knob should call Lucretia Edwards (232-3118), Louise Hammond (235-6717) or chairman, Mark Peppard (234-5543).

The Kiddie Parade starts at 11:00.