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CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR-69-70



At the end of another brief year
we wish you the joy of Christmas
remembered.
The hope of times to come.....

THE QUESTION

Keep busy,
keep busy
the seasonal dizzy
delirium descends
with hurricane force.

One's never quite ready
to cope with the heady
involvement
but struggles
to stay on the course
that leads to such blessings
as turkey with dressing
and the love we're professing
for one
and for all.

If you're lost in this flurry
of good will,
don't worry
or groan
cause you didn't get started
last fall.

Keep on with your shopping
Keep party corks popping
there's no time for stopping
the big Day is near

But all this commotion
and dedicated devotion
gives rise to the notion
If all the good cheer
and the Joy
of this season
of Peace
Love and
Pleasin'

Is so great
what's the reason
We
don't
do
it
all
year?

..... Ethelyn Milton

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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On Sunday, December 21, the children of First Methodist Church's Church School will present their annual Christmas Program at 7:30 p. m. Prior to the program, interested people are invited to meet at the Church at 6 p. m. to go caroling nearby.

Christmas Eve, an open communion service will be held at 11:00, First Methodist. Special Music will be provided by the choir.

The Baptist Church's Christmas Program will be held at 7:30 p. m. on December 21.

Everyone is cordially invited. Members have beautified the sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

Our Lady of Mercy Church will hold Carol singing at 11:30 p. m. Christmas Eve, prior to the midnight Mass.

Christmas Day Masses will be held at 8 a. m. and 10 a. m.

All the Point Churches cordially invite people in the community to enjoy any and all of their Christmas services with them.



T. White

3. *Holiday notes*



After a busy calendar -full of events for December, very little of community wide importance is coming up within the time-span of this paper. This is the time for everyone to do their "own thing", and we hope you all have a fine time doing it.

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Gifts

A pre-Christmas gift idea, for the "little" gifts on your list --- the Girl Scouts still have attractive fifty-cent calendars for sale, and will willingly deliver them, if you just call Grethe Tedrick at 234-0415.....

Loads of last-minute gifts are available right here in Point Richmond, from very inexpensive to luxurious, at the convenient little shops scattered around the business district. Look here before you expend time and energy elsewhere!

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Home for Unwanted



If you wonder, after Christmas, what to do with your used Christmas Tree, old trees will be welcomed by Judy Waldman of 1 Crest Avenue. Organic refuse of any kind will be welcomed by her for her garden. Simply leave trees, leaves or grass by the old truck bed near their house.

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Catch your own feast

As a Christmas gift to fishermen of all ages and abilities, the East Bay Regional Park District has planted a grand total of 6,100 rainbow trout in Lake Chabot this month.

Anyone buying a 1970 permit after December 15, may fish for the balance of 1969, as a bonus.

If you take your family for a fishing trip to the lake in the East Oakland hills, advice from the officials at the lake is that the trout are biting well on red salmon eggs and....marshmallows.

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Plans for Spring



If you are considering enrolling in one of the 186 classes to be offered by Contra Costa College this spring, in their evening college program, brochures are now available through the admissions office on campus, at 235-2583.

Evening classes are open to any resident of Contra Costa Junior College District who is either a high school graduate or eighteen years of age, and can profit from the instruction offered.

Persons planning to enroll who are not already students should call the college immediately. Information may be secured by calling 235-7800, ext. 215.

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★ A special thanks to the artists who contributed their work for this issue. The cover picture is taken from a wash drawing by noted Point artist Kay Miller. The pictures on page 2 and 16 were done by Terry White, a young artist who lives at 36 Cottage Ave., apt. 9, who with his friend Loil Foster decorated many of the Point's store fronts this year. He will be happy to consider other painting commissions. John Werner contributed the "Rudolph" cartoon.

RICHMOND -- FIFTY YEARS AGO..

Articles from Richmond newspapers of fifty years ago, courtesy Rose Mary Corbin, Don Church, the Richmond Museum and the Richmond Library.

December 20, 1919.....

The Memeorial Committee decided upon a bond election to raise the needed \$200, 000 for a Memorial Community Center Building.

December 22, 1919.....

"FINE PROGRAM PLANNED FOR CHRISTMAS TREE"

"Civic organizations, together with various lodges, churches, clubs, are combining their energies to make the Community Christmas Tree a huge success... Red stockings are being made by the hundred and filled with all sorts of good things, presented by a Santa Claus to the children of the city... The tree will be placed at Tenth and Nevin, where appropriate program will be had."

December 22, 1919.....

"CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS"

"Christmas week finds many happy events in preparation. Chief among them will be special exercises by the Sunday Schools and special services by churches of the city."



December 24, 1919.....

"All City offices are closed today on account of the Christmas holiday."

December 26, 1919.....

Local doctors were agitating for a new hospital..... and after the New Year, the Board of Education was to take up the matter of \$300, 000 in bonds needed for new schools.....

December 27, 1919.....

"WHISKEY IS POISON TO SCORES OF PEOPLE"

"Federal agents, health authorities and police in many cities in the east were

stirred into action today against traffic in "whiskey" made from wood alcohol, following the wave of death and blindness from this cause in Massachusetts and Connecticut."

"HIRAM JOHNSON TO COVER COUNTRY"

".. The most strenuous and widespread speaking campaign ever attempted by a presidential aspir-

ant will be made by Hiram Johnson."

December 29, 1919..... WATER PROBLEMS

"In what way do the plans of the Snow Mountain Water and Power Company for bringing a water supply from Eel River above Ukiah to the bay cities affect Richmond? Members of the Richmond City Council ... do not know."

December 30, 1919

"With the increased cost of living the "Nickelodeons" have become a thing of the past."

Merry Christmas



by Dan Robertson

Merry Christmas and a smiling season, everyone. This is the season to be jolly. Yo ho ho ho. Deck the halls!

I have a slight headache. It is from all those Christmas lights that blink. Blink, blink, blink, blink go the lights on people's trees and around people's windows. When you go to those houses, everyone starts talking in the same rhythm that the lights are blinking. After awhile, though, everybody stops talking. Soon, they are only drinking to the blinking.

The host is always proud of those blinking lights. "Now, watch just a minute, be quiet for a minute." Everybody stands around watching the tree, which has curious dark areas all over it. Pretty soon, one of the dark areas lights up. Blink!

"There, did you see that?" the host asks excitedly, "the lights blink on and off! Did you see that?"

"Yes, I'm afraid I did," I tell him. But even if I missed it, I wouldn't have to worry, for in a few seconds, another part of the tree goes BLINK!

"Well, that's really something," I say, "Those lights are going on and off by themselves. Imagine that, the lights are blinking, actually BLINKING! On and off and everything! Where's the bourbon?"

"No, really," says the host. "I don't think you saw them all. Now watch, those lights in the corner will blink on in exactly seven seconds, right after the ones by the pink spotlight. See? Oh, oh, wait a minute. They're out of phase.

Sometimes that happens. Well, the ones near the top will blink next and then..."

"Pardon me," I say, "But I think we should step aside, because I think the window is trying to establish communications with the tree. The window is blinking, too. Speak, window, speak!"

It is right about then that I leave. Those blinking lights make me feel like John Ireland holed up in a dingy room with Ida Lupino, waiting for the coppers while the hotel sign blinks on and off outside the window. As soon as I get in these blinking-light houses, I expect to hear a loudspeaker blare out: "All right, Mad Dog, this is Captain Carona speaking. Let the girl go and come out with your hands up, or we're coming in! Your mother is out here, she wants to talk to you!" Merry Christmas, rat-tat-tat.

Personally, I like Christmas lights that stay on until you turn them off, and real trees, green ones, that smell piney and that leak sticky stuff all over your fingers while you are trying to hack the trunk down so that it will fit into the Universal Fits-All Tree Stand that you bought on a close-out last year, and that will never, under any circumstances whatsoever, fit any tree made by God or by Georgia-Pacific, unless I am being redundant there.

I like Christmas though. Those fleeting quirks and jerks of time, space or fragrance that whisper you into the holiday mood, catching you unawares while you are worrying about the bills or the gifts you should be giving with a full heart. Actually, right around Christmas is when you get a full heart, if you are ever going to get one in that year.

Somebody in the U.S. of America Government has a heart full of Christmas spirit, for the Printing Office has sent me its pamphlet of "Holiday Gift Ideas for the Reader on your Gift List." Heading the list of gov't publications

suggested for Christmas giving is the "United States Government Printing Office Style Manual", which is valuable, even though it is the 1967 edition. If that book doesn't appeal to you, you could buy the 156 page, "The Invention of the Sewing Machine" or, for the miner on your holiday list, "The Dictionary of Mining, Mineral and Related Terms". For that hard to please giftee, though the gov't and I both recommend the illustrated (unfortunately) book titled "Poisonous Snakes of the World" which you can secret in the branches of the Christmas tree like an adder. In case the giftee gets over-enthusiastic when dealing with poisonous snakes the book lists all known world sources of anti-venom, and merry Christmas to you.

So far this year, I have only come across two people who have had the Christmas spirit. Neither one was a kid. (The kids have all been watching TV. They saunter up to Santa and say, "Okay, this year I demand a Johnny Super Roger Smickit, Model A, \$19.95 at better stores everywhere, Santa, and a Baby Blue-Eyed X-rated Junkie Doll, \$22.50 by Lemming Brothers and a ..." Santa nods. He is a sleepy guy who can't get any other kind of job, probably, and those red eyes are real, baby, even if the beard isn't). One of the guys who had the Christmas spirit was this Negro guy wearing a black leather beret who was stopping people on Broadway in Oakland, near Rhodes. I saw him from a block away and I figured he was either selling Panther papers, or was putting the bite on people for a quarter, because that is what usually happens down around there. But when I came up to him, he put his hand out and had a big grin on his face and shook my hand and said, "Merry Christmas, brother, merry Christmas to everybody!" then he moved off to shake somebody else's hand. I watched him for a full half block, but all he did was make people feel happy saying "Merry Christmas, brother!" Finally, I did the right thing. I caught up with him,

slapped him on the shoulder and said, "Well, by God, a merry Christmas to you, too, brother!"

"I digs it!" he said, and wandered off, shaking everyone by the hand.

The other guy I saw who had the Christmas spirit was a sad old grizzled bearded wino who was standing at the counter of a junk shop by Eighth and Washington in Oakland. I ducked in there to get out of the greasy night rain that was coming down last week, and I saw the man buy a tiny Christmas tree that had a trunk of twisted wire and branches of green strips of tin foil, and a red plywood base. You can buy one like it for 18 cents, but it would probably make you too sad to have one in your house at Christmas.

The man paid for the tree, then he saw this row of 6-inch high plastic Santas the junk shop lady had on a dusty shelf near the cash register. "I'd like one of those Santa Clauses, too," he said.

The lady knew him, or men like him. "I ain't got a Santa in your price range," she said.



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7. "Oh?" he said, "How much is the cheapest?" He was quivering inside his pink windbreaker, like winos always do. That's why nobody likes them, they always look cold.

"The cheapest is twenty-five cents," said the junk shop lady.

"Oh. Last year, I bought one of those Santas for 15 cents, one cent tax," the man said.

"So what? This ain't last year. This is a new year. Twenty-five cents or nothing."

Well, the junk shop lady was right. She didn't have a Santa statue in the old man's price range. He didn't have twenty-five cents or anything like it. For a while, he stared at his tin foil tree, which he planned to put in his room if he had one, or carry it around in his pocket if he didn't. He could see his tree easy enough, for it was the kind of bitterbelly skid row fifth hand store that doesn't even give a man a paper bag to wrap his Christmas tree in. The rain splattered oily against the dirty window. Nobody was there but the three of us. The lady saw me and shrugged, while we waited for the old man's decision. He could not afford the tree and the Santa statue. He had to take one or the other. He had the Christmas spirit, but he did not have enough money.

I left. I could not stand to wait for the decision, because it was obvious that this was the first Christmas in that man's long decline that he could not afford both the Christmas tree and the Santa statue. Maybe you are thinking that I should have bought the Santa for that man, but I consider it my Christmas gift to him that I did not offer to do so, and if you don't understand what I mean, then wait in one of those bitter stores some rainy winter evening, and forget that you are from Point Richmond.

Outside the store, further up the street, the windows were lit with Christmas lights and a truck came along play-

ing carols. "O Little Town of Bethlehem," the record sang, and "Silent Night" and even part of "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," which is the world's worst Christmas song.

For a long time, I felt sadness for the old man. But then I thought, he is the same as us all. We are all locked in the human condition and not one of us can afford both the tree and the statue. Each of us can only choose the one or the other.

But the big difference is that most of us don't have the junk shop lady telling us so.



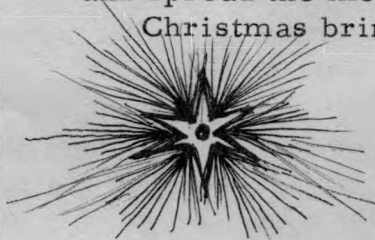
Christmas CARDS

by Ethelyn Milton

Perhaps we all are looking
for a message
A word of hope
to counter-act the fear
That what there is
of on-coming tomorrows
Will be no better
than this passing year.

And so we say with cards
of love and friendship
We wish you luck and health
and all good things
Such cheering words
and hope filled thoughts
can brighten

Our lives
and spread the message
Christmas brings.



Christmas POEMS

CHRISTMAS

It's Christmas! It's Christmas
It's very very dark. But
There's Frosty and family
Standing in the park.

With candy canes and
Christmas trees all around
And blue blue grass on the
Ground.

...Sonja Egger

IT'S CHRISTMAS

On Christmas night I get to
watch Santa Claus feeling our
stocking full of candy and toys.

And Santa stands behind the
chair and stairs at me he really
sees me. I look at him with a
grinn. So thats the End of him.

.....Linda Mertle

CHRISTMAS BELLS (poem)

Christmas bells ring and ring
All through the Christmas scene.
Up and down and all around
Listen to its pleasant sound.

And hear the bells, as they chime
With their ringing, all the time.
Christmas will soon be here,
So listen for those Christmas cheers.

....Erin P. Evans



FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

This is my placemat scene,
The snow is blue,
But that's not new,
Because lots of people put blue
snow on their placemat scenes.
I like to write poems,
But to write poems about the snow,
Is rather ridiculous
As you ought to know.

....Roxanne Elle

THE TWO SNOWMEN

Two snowmen sitting on a hill.
One named Harry the other Larry.
When one's sad the other one is bad.
Well, one day it was hot, so hot they
could not talk.

Then it got so hot they started to
melt,
Till they were all melted down.
The children who built them were
sad that day.

But then they heard they would be
back another day they started
to play.

They played until it was time to go
to sleep.

But the next day was Christmas so
when they got up

They went outside and started to
play.

But then it started to snow,
So they built another snowman.

.....Gary Collins



RUDOLPH

I'm going to tell you about a rein-
deer that had a red nose,
And his father put a cap on his
nose so that it would not show.

...Danny Van Hook

Compositions created by children in Mrs. Moffat's fifth
grade class at Washington School.



by Mid Dornan
(234-5334)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nellie Ross
Gerrie Kretzmer



The perfect gift for the person who has everything: A burglar alarm.

The spirit of Christmas is panic!

Why is it that the year you decide to decrease your Christmas card giving you receive glowing letters in the cards from all those you've scratched from the list!

Thank you and merry Christmas to the kind gentleman (blue Ford ranch wagon 2957 1d) who offered assistance with a flat tire in the rain.

Nine year old Renee Rozier was severely injured in a freak escalator accident in Concord over the weekend, and has undergone intensive orthopedic surgery on her left foot. Her mother Dee comments, "The world isn't as bad as the news media blows it up to be," and is grateful to the many unknown people who "responded with complete compassion and provided comfort in a time of panic." Renee is in Concord Community Hospital but hopes to be home for Christmas to begin her long recovery.

It will be a white Christmas for Helen, Vern, Dee and Dori Valentine, who left for International Falls, Minnesota, to be with

Helen's mother.

Helen Crim is back in Brookside Hospital.

Life Magazine, Nov. 28, reported that the U.S. Mails were in a mess. We don't like to refute their reports so have waited 'till the last minute to mail our packages and cards!

Santa Claus, Indiana, is the only town so designated in the United States. The privilege is reserved to its post office by congressional act.

Christmas comes twice a year to lucky children in Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland. First on St. Nicholas' Day, December 6, and if the family can afford it, on December 25th. This last date was introduced by American GI's during World War II. (next page, please)

FASTER THAN A BULLET,
MORE POWERFULL THAN
A SPEEDING ~~LOCOMOTIVE~~
ABLE TO LEAP TALL
BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE
BOUND!!



All the members of Methodist Church School Classes will practice on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 for the Christmas Program to be presented on Sunday, December 21, at 7:30p.m.

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Also, check the time for Christmas Eve services at the Methodist Church.

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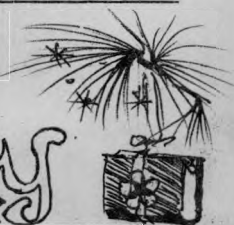
Christmas is sharing fellowship, laughter, friendship. Christine Dennis shared her recipe for Russian coffee crunchies (that isn't the name but I can't spell it) by inviting several friends over, who were home last Tuesday morning, and they learned how to mix, roll, cut and deep fry this goodie. Everyone even was able to take home a can full--and promptly hid them to insure that there would be some for Christmas eating.

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As Christmas comes, may I use the words of the original Tiny Tim, "God bless you, Everyone."

## WEST SIDE

# Library



by Mary Burkhard

There will be three children's films shown tomorrow at 11 o'clock. HOW THE ANIMALS DISCOVERED CHRISTMAS, is an animated film showing how the animals unite to care for a lost bird with a broken wing who is left in the forest in winter. They notice the people in the forest clearing with their lovely tree decorated and decide to do the same by placing their presents for the sick bird on a tree. This one has the Christmas spirit and should appeal to the very young.

CHRISTMAS DEER is a Christmas legend centering around a lonely wood carver, a little lost boy and a deer. One possible way in which the tradition of St. Nicholas and his gifts began.

dramatization of the well known 10. tale.

Happy Holidays to everyone! And if you travel, take a book along.

## HOLIDAY

# Dining

The Point Orient Restaurant will continue with its regular schedule during the holidays...don't miss seeing their sensational "Fortune Cookie Christmas Tree"...with giant cookies hanging from the ceiling around it!

The Mac Hotel offers catering for banquets for from 10 to 100 people. A special menu will be served on Christmas eve, and the restaurant will be closed on Christmas Day.

A New Year's Eve Party will be held at The Point Restaurant. They will close for a four-day weekend for Christmas and New Years.

The Ichthus and the Mexican Inn will be closed Christmas and New Year's days, and the Mexican Inn will be closed the day following each holiday.

## BOOK REVIEW

A newly acquired book in the Richmond Library is Communities in Disaster: A Sociological Analysis of Collective Stress Situations, by Allen H. Barton. It is most appropriate for the Richmond Library. The book presents a provocative analysis of stress as evidenced in three disasters: An Arkansas tornado in 1952, the Irish famine of 1845-9, and Hiroshima, August 6, 1945. The seventy-one general propositions provide an interesting basis for determining solutions to problems of stress.

Of particular interest to aware citizens of our area is the manifestation of stress as arising from both "worsening of conditions" and a sudden "rise of expectations". Interesting speculations (continued page 14)



# SEASONS

**JUMBO  
BURGERS**

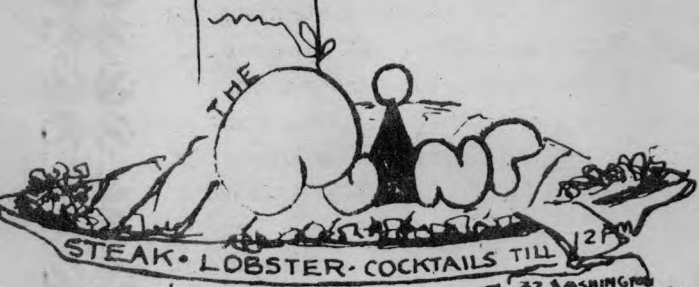
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SUNDAY-7AM-7PM



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# GREETINGS



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# HOLIDAYS



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**CENTRAL**  
POOL HALL  
49 WASHINGTON AVE.

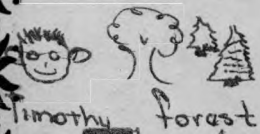


**ORIGIN**  
221 TEWKSBURY  
CLOTHES      PAINTINGS  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS      SCULPTURE  
POTTERY      FURNITURE  
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**OLD FIREHOUSE**  
145 PARK PLACE  
THE SHOP UPSTAIRS  
PABLO FANQUE FAIR  
THE PUMPKIN EATER  
ICE CREAM PARLOR  
WINE JAIL  
KENDALL ENGLISH

## The Best Christmas Ever



Timothy Forest

They had just moved into their new . The living room was bare. There were no s, no s, no . Just an empty room. And Christmas was just a week away.

"I think I'll get a , said , "that will fill the whole room."

So went into the to find a giant . He looked and looked. Finally — there — on the — the perfect .

It was beautiful! went over and started the down. Suddenly, Mrs. Chipmunk poked her out of the .

"What are U doing? U're going 2 wreck my home. What will happen 2 me 3 babies who are sleeping."

", said , "Why don't U move into that over there. I want 2 take this 1 home and decorate it for Christmas."

All the noise awakened the other little animals who lived in the . In the top, Mrs. Squirrel and family; in the bottom, Mr. and Mrs. Bunny and all their babies.

The lady animals were so

frightened they chattered, chattered and squealed so fast that could understand.

Finally, from deep in the , Mrs. Deer and her baby appeared in front of . She spoke.

"Please don't take their . The same families have lived 4 years. It is their home. No other in the give them the warmth and that this has."

decided right then and there that he really did need a for their home. He could decorate this 1 in and he could bring Mom and Dad out 2 C. and visit the little animals everyday.


brought popcorn on string, cookies, , sugar colored with food coloring to decorate the tree.

The was beautiful. It sparkled with happiness and all the little animals danced around and sang Christmas carols.

This was going 2 B. the Best Christmas had ever remembered. He wanted to wish all you boys and girls a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, too.



Now, write the first letter from each word for a special message



⑨ come, O come. \_\_\_\_\_.

Good — ye Merry, Gentle-  
men.

Once in \_\_\_\_\_ David's  
city.

It was the night before

Deck the \_\_\_\_\_.

gather \_\_\_\_\_ the Christmas tree.

Holly and the —.

\_\_\_\_\_ is coming to town.

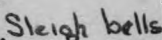
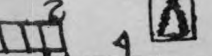
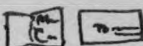
 Days of Christmas.

As with gladness, — of  
old.

\_\_\_\_\_ we have heard on  
high.

— Night

## Puzzle



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Now: Make one NEW YEARS resolution for each letter in the words: HAPPY NEW YEAR



Santa wishes each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

17. (Book review, continued from p.10)

immediately come to mind as to how these sociological theories can help to resolve Richmond's school crisis. In the opinion of many we are in a period of stress. How acute the disaster aspect is is a matter for subjective interpretation of each of us.



Capricorn, the tenth sign of the Zodiac, is the sign for people born between December 22 and January 20. The symbol is a pictograph bearing a resemblance to the horns of a mountain goat and the human knee. A cardinal-earth sign, it is ruled by the planet Saturn. Generally, cardinal signs bestow ambition, pride, enthusiasm and practicality. Capricorn itself bestows perseverance, tremendous will power and practical, scholarly and/or material ambition. As an earth sign it denotes outward environment, social standing, recuperative power and resourcefulness. A Capricorn is extremely proud of his self-sufficiency; he does not seek help in the usual sense of the word, but is adept at taking advantage of a situation or a person of higher social or political standing. His tactics are usually open and above board, as his good name and respect of others is as important to him as his personal success. Because of his serious nature, Capricorns may appear timid and inhibited. If these feelings turn inward, they may indulge in self-pity and become cold and irritable. Many of this sign have prejudices or preconceived ideas on matters, and it would be well to be more diplomatic and reasonable. Ordinarily they do not argue to be disagreeable, but to find others' views on a subject.

Many famous people have been born under this sign... Marlene Dietrich, Louis Pasteur, Sir Isaac Newton, Andrew Johnson, Millard

Fillmore, Carl Sandburg, Danny Kaye, and Albert Schweitzer.

The Capricorn wife is apt to be reserved and have difficulty expressing her tender feelings. She is ambitious for the success of her husband and concerned about the welfare of her children. The Capricorn husband and although usually financially successful is apt to be arrogant and domineering. His passions are strong, and he is generally a good marital companion.

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GIFT GIVING..... Gifts given by the Wise Men to Jesus are most probably the source of our present-day custom. Saint Nicholas as the gift-giver stemmed from the generosity of Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra. When he died, on December 6, in the year 345, he was revered for his generosity and kindness, and it became the custom at Christmas to make him the gift giver, and eventually St. Nicholas Day merged with Christmas Day.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE custom came from Germany where it is said that Martin Luther cut a tree and brought it into his home for the family to enjoy. A story by an Arabian named George Jacob told that on the night Christ was born all the trees in the forests, even those frozen in the cold blossomed for one night and bore fruit.

HOLLY is used for decoration because of its colorful appearance. In ancient times people took it as a promise that the sun would again return, in another year. One custom holds that the spouse bringing the holly into the home at Christmas is the one who will rule the household in the following year.

THE POINSETTIA came to be the Christmas flower after it was brought to the United States by our first Minister to Mexico in 1863, Dr. Joel R. Poinsett. It was named after him, and with cultivation became a brilliant and flamboyant symbol of Christmas.

MISTLETOE customs originated in a Scandinavian myth about Baldur the beautiful, god of light, and spring, who was troubled by dreams that his life was in danger. His mother, Frigga, goddess of love, trav-



elled over the world asking everything from earth, air, fire and water to promise not to hurt her son. However, she did not ask the mistletoe, a parasitic plant which attaches itself to trees, and therefore does not grow from any of the four elements. Lōkī, god of fire, was jealous of Baldur, and finally had him slain with a dart of Mistletoe. The tears of Baldur's mother became the white berries of the plant, and she decreed that mistletoe would never again be used as a weapon, and that she would place a kiss on anyone who passed under it.

One legend states that if, by the end of the year, a girl has received no kiss under the mistletoe, she will not marry in the New Year. A berry should be removed with each kiss, and when all the berries are gone, the bough has lost its power.

**MINCE PIE** and **PLUM PUDDING** are traditional Christmas desserts because Mince Pie, being full of spices and fruits, represents exotic treasures of the east, the home of the Wise Men. Originally, it was baked in a loaf shape to represent the manger.

Plum pudding is said to have originated with an early English King, who, with his men, was lost in the forest on Christmas eve. They had only meager provisions, having intended to reach their destination for the Christmas celebration that evening. The cook decided to combine all provisions so that one dish could be served to everyone, and thus the first plum pudding was made.

**CANDLES** in the window at Christmas is a custom stemming from an early Christian legend that the Holy Babe wanders through the streets of the world on Christmas Eve, seeking shelter; lighted candles in the windows will guide his steps to a house where he is welcome.

## Mele Kalikimaka



Aloha to all our friends and to readers of P.C.P.

"Mele Kalikimaka is the thing to say, On a bright Hawaiian Christmas Day. It's the Island greeting that we say to you;

From a land where Palm Trees sway. Here we know that Christmas will be Green and Bright.

The sun will shine by day and all the Stars at night.

Mele Kalikimaka is Hawaii's way To say Merry Christmas to you."

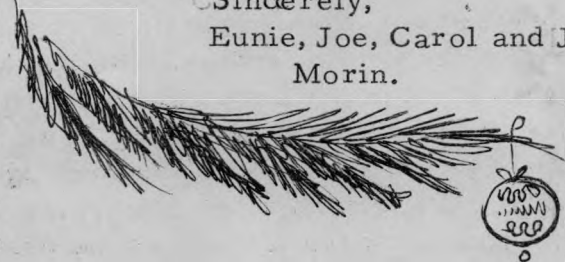
These are the words to a beautiful song played during the holidays. We chose them as our greetings to you.

Yes--Christmas is celebrated here on the Island, too; with the very same feelings, emotions, crowded shopping, etc. of the Mainland. There are plenty of decorations and trees, and it is delightful to see all the different ideas people have.

As we go through the holidays we will be thinking of you all with your varied activities and parties, and wish you all the very best.

Sincerely,

Eunie, Joe, Carol and Jean  
Morin.



## 19. SCOUT

### News

Extra seats were needed for the parents and friends who attended the Court of Honor held last Friday at the Methodist Church.

Scout master Bob Dornan, assisted by Mike Pohl invested the following as Tenderfoot:

Brian Wilbanks, Michael Pair, Jimmy Comer, Michael Trowbridge, Carl Salsbery, Michael Allaire and Kenny Bash. To become a Tenderfoot the scout must know certain knots, the scout law, scout oath, what a scout can do and what scouting can do to direct his life as well as accept responsibilities toward his community.

Those who earned the rank of Second Class Scout are: Michael Allaire, Moises Gonzalez, Keith Morris and Rick Schuldt. Assisting with the presentations was Jonathan Doellstedt.

There was only one Third Class Scout investiture and that earned by John Trowbridge.

Refreshments were served and a Tenderfoot was able to "right" his tenderfoot pin by doing a good deed. Traditionally this includes doing the dishes after the court of honor.

Projected for the next six months are a snow trip, Boy Scout Week with City Council participation and Scout Sunday, practice camp-out session, Russian River, Camporee competition, the annual pancake breakfast and the long term summer camp.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Dorothy  
King!

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OVERHEARD in a local market.....

A lady had just bought all her groceries and was being checked out when some small negro boys came in for penny candies. The clerk commented in front of the boys, that "You have to watch them...they'll steal...". The lady was upset, with the attitude, but mostly with the lack of tact, and left her groceries at the store; undone by witnessing egoes purposely shattered. A sad scene in a merry season.

## TOPIC: Teens

by Lucretia Edwards

On Monday, December 15, representatives of "Point Richmond Citizens Concerned with Teen Problems" met with the Point Richmond Businessmen's Association, to explain the program for the teenagers, (and the somewhat older young adults) which is held at the Community Center.

The meeting was requested by the "Citizens Concerned with Teen Problems" because of feedback to them that the businessmen were very hostile to the young people and objected to their presence in the center of the business district on the grounds that "they might drive away trade."

The members of the Businessmen's Association listened with courteous attention to the presentation made by the supporters of the young people, voiced several legitimate complaints, (about kids draping themselves all over, and sometimes in cars belonging to businessmen and their customer, and about the enormous amount of trash contributed to the ecology by the young people) and made a number of sensible suggestions.

Several businessmen said that they would like to support the youth of the community and the proposal was made that instead of turning our neighborhood over to the American Field Service on the Fourth of July we take it back, and hold a smaller quieter neighborhood celebration, with all proceeds dedicated to projects for our own young people. The idea of inviting Ecology Action to start a branch in Point Richmond in which the teenagers could participate was also suggested. Both of these ideas will be explored and, if feasible, developed. The Businessmen's Association accepted an invitation to be one of a number of participants in a forum sponsored by the Point Richmond Civic Group on Tuesday, January 20. The topic will be "Point Richmond Youth, 1970: Asset or Liability?"

All grandparents, parents, young people and interested observers are cordially invited to attend and participate.



# DOUBLE FEATURE

by L. Edwards.

The Double-Feature sponsored by the Point Richmond Civic Group on Tuesday, December 16, turned out to be one of the liveliest performances of the season. The first "feature" of the evening, a discussion of "Air Pollution in Our Area" was opened by our Supervisor, James Kenny, who is also one of our county's representatives on the Bay Area Air Pollution Control Board. Mr. Kenny, who has announced his intention of campaigning for re-election to the Board of Supervisors, rapidly stumbled through a written speech in which he lauded the group for its interest in the problem of air pollution. said that he would recommend that the Air Pollution Control Board hold a meeting in Richmond within the next two months, and pledged that unless the Board promptly took action to provide relief from air pollution, he would request legislation to bring about action. Mr. Kenny then beat a hasty retreat, leaving members of the Air Pollution Control District staff (Mr. Callaghan, Air Pollution Control Officer; Mr. Feldstein, Director of Technical Services, and Mr. Walker, Counsel) to the untender mercies of the large and irate audience.

It must be assumed that these gentlemen are paid excellent salaries, because they would have to be well paid to endure many evenings like that of December 16. The audience was articulate, technically and legally sophisticated, well-informed, about the community's air pollution offenders and so angry at the particularly poisonous atmosphere which has surrounded Point Richmond for a month, that they were not to be put off by the alternately hearty and soothing assurances of the unfortunate professionals.

The audience wanted answers to their questions, and there were no pat answers. They wanted satisfaction for their demands and there was no possibility of receiving it. Mr. Callaghan's boyish grin became more

and more tight and fixed, and twitched on and off testily. Mr. Walker repeatedly wiped his eyes (could it have been our air?) and Mr. Feldstein tiredly rattled off facts and figures about the eleven monitoring stations in the six Bay Area counties, about the District's figures which are accurate (within 5%) about levels, and air quality standards, all of which should have been convincing, but somehow, after the past month, were not.

Mr. Callaghan repeatedly informed the audience that with the exception of Los Angeles "you have the tightest regulations in the world." He also said, (a number of times) that the automobile was the real culprit, that levels have been greatly reduced in the past ten years despite the increase in population, that "we fine ships every day," and that industries were granted repeated variances when the devices to eliminate pollutants didn't work. He made the stunning statement that "Ortho, Allied and Standard meet the requirements because they are exempted from the regulations" (the Standard Oil Company representatives in the audience studiously avoided comment). Mr. Callaghan, when asked what the District intended to do next, said that they were going to tightened up existing regulations and establish new ones. When asked where people could go when they were dissatisfied with the District's performance, he said to the State (Air Resources Board), or to the Federal government (National Air Pollution Control Administration, part of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.)

In closing the audience was reminded, by one of its members, that the men who were trying to answer the impossible questions were only staff, and that to get real results the group would have to address itself to the political people, e.g., the mayors, supervisors, and the Air Pollution Control District Board.

By the time Mr. Joseph Salvato, Park and Recreation Department Supervisor, was introduced, the audience was smaller (those from El Cerrito and the Richmond Hill area having come expressly for the discussion on bad air) and milder (since half the remaining members of the audience were exhausted with the venom of their confrontation with the Air Pollution Control District staff. Mr. Salvato

## QUOTE *of the Week*

21explained that the project proposed for the Field House for Washington School Park had been planned and prepared before he came to Richmond and had been submitted to interested architectural firms in the area. Three Point Richmond ladies, representing different points of view, were invited to interview the architects and the firm of Hardison and Komatsu was chosen. \$50,000 is available for the project and after the architect's fee of 10.5% and various permits and test costs are subtracted approximately 40 to 42 thousand dollars will remain to cover construction costs of a building probably 2,000 square feet in size. No contract has been signed as yet, although there have been discussions on costs, and additional discussions with the school district concerning the location of the Field House. The School District does not particularly want the building erected on school property, so it will probably be on the park property, and hopefully the section of fence that separates the school grounds from the park will be removed to encourage a relationship between the two. It is anticipated that directly after the holidays a meeting will be called at the Community Center between community people, the consultant, (Mr. Komatsu) and the park and Recreation Department staff. It is hoped that community people will bring their ideas to this meeting so that the consultant may incorporate them into his design. The Field House is intended to better serve the needs of the neighborhood's children, during school hours, (if the school people wish involvement) after school and on weekends. It is to serve a different purpose and age group than that served by the Community Center, and all duplication of function is to be avoided.

Mr. Salvato closed by warning his audience that they must bring their most creative and ingenious ideas to the planning discussion since \$42,000 will not provide all the space for all the programs all the people want. Unfortunately, since the hour was late, a graphic slide presentation on Air Pollution, procured by Mr. Hipolito, was shown after the meeting was adjourned to a very small remnant of the original audience.

"By late January, the East Bay Regional Park District may be able to conclude negotiations with the Santa Fe Railway giving the go-ahead for a 55-acre Pt. Richmond Shoreline Park. Moreover, the five-year-old Pt. Pinole Shoreline park proposal has been revived and active discussions will get under way which may lead to a 49-year lease on 161 acres there. The proposed aquatic park is immediately adjacent to Parchester Village, a community of 2800, and the Southern Pacific main line."

Says East Bay Regional Park District General Manager Richard Trudeau, "Now we are in the position, by being patient of having our cake and eating it too, since we feel certain that we will have a satisfactory conclusion with Santa Fe on a shoreline park and Pt. Richmond, and, at the same time, we believe we can also acquire much needed shoreline area for another shoreline strip at Pt. Pinole."..... a more complete report of the meeting at which the statement was made in next year's first issue.

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