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DESIDERATA

GO PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE & HASTE, & REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly & clearly; and listen to others, even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story. ☞ Avoid loud & aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter; for always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. ☞ Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. ☞ Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity & disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. ☞ Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. ☞ You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees & the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. ☞ Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors & aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. ☞ With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy. ☞ ☞

FOUND IN OLD SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, BALTIMORE; DATED 1692

It isn't easy to try to write something intelligent on a page otherwise occupied by 'words of wisdom' -- so we won't try.

It isn't easy, during all 52 weeks of the year, to justify publishing a weekly newspaper. At least two or three times during a year the job becomes difficult. Most weeks, more contributions than can be squeezed in are received. And the variety of articles received is amazing and a credit to the fine variety of talent that exists in Point Richmond.

Since our job is mostly putting together the largely unsolicited writings of contributors, we are exuberant when a wealth of material is here to choose from. (And, we are depressed when there is little in the way of variety to choose from.) So what we are asking is to be drowned in a deluge of communication, from you. Particularly missed when they don't come often, are the items that provide the welcomed variety -- poetry, art work, short stories, etc. that keep us from falling asleep at the typewriter. So, how about it? Share some of your gems with the world. Articles of any kind that you feel are needed are welcomed. This newspaper exists for the purpose of communication among the community. We cannot offer to hire people to write (and wouldn't want to anyway) since more money leaves than comes in. The ads placed by local shops and businesses make it possible to exist -- and we hope you patronize them. We look upon the ads not as strictly commercial, but as the business community's contribution to civic communications. In much the same way, your contributions, whether in written information or payment of subscriptions, assist the continued communication that is valuable -- and rare. We thank all those who contribute in any way -- and may your numbers increase!



Right now, this very minute, the Oakland Coliseum is hosting the "Wonder Fair" --- have you been there? It will continue through Sunday, and is open Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. A twenty foot wooden geodetic dome has been erected by the exhibitors from this area, to frame their exhibits. The coliseum is filled with exhibits by artisans from the Bay Area, and Point Richmond is ably represented by the Point International, Pablo Fanques Fair, and individual exhibitors Gertrude Harris (a fine array of herbs and plants), Kathy Robinson, Elizabeth Moore, Barbara Miller and several other exhibiting artists. Don't miss this chance to see the fine collection of festive exhibits.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TABLE SETTING

Come, and view, and vote for the most attractive Table Setting at the "Table Setting Array" this Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Participating in the El Cerrito Soroptimist's event are Kenneth Janes and Gerrie Kretzmer (for the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee). And of course, they will have the most attractive tables in the hall.

Refreshments will be served, a Fifteen-dollar door prize will be awarded, and you may vote for your favorite table, as part of the \$2.50 admission to the event.

IT'S MURDER

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Masquers play, now in progress on Friday and Saturday evenings. "Design for Murder" is an entertaining mystery - thriller by George Batson. Curtains rise at 8:30 p.m. weekends, and reservations are available by calling 843-5475 or 232-3888 after 5 p.m.

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A MUSICAL



Sunday evening, May 3, the Richmond Chorus gives the final concert in its Spring Concert Series: at 7:30 at the First Methodist Church in Point Richmond. Ron Daniels will conduct.

The concert is a benefit for the roofing fund for the church -- a point of some historic interest as the oldest church in West Contra Costa County. The octangular shape of the chapel offers an ideal setting for the unique format of the concert, which a major East Bay Music critic described as "not a ritual but a revelation... not a pastime but an experience."

Electronic tapes and sectioning of the chorus groups throughout the hall dissolve barriers between audience and performers so that they share a total musical experience. The contemporary and classical repertoire includes Schubert's Mass in G, Mozart's Ave Verum, Randall Thompson's Alleluia, Jordan Stenberg's Aria for Chorus, Fred Sharp's Requiem For Fallen-Away Catholics, and Ron Daniel's Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Milk -- a spoken piece.

Tickets are available at the door (\$1.25) or at the following locations in Point Richmond: The Old Firehouse Ice Cream Parlor, Richmond Supply Company, Adam's Eden Hairdresser, The Baltic, Lou's Barber Shop, and Allyn's Men's Shop.

As the posters say.... "COME AND ENJOY!!!"

SALE TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 2, the Jobs Daughters, Bethel 319 of Point Richmond will conduct a rummage sale at 727 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

They have a great variety of items to sell -- from electric appliances to furniture to clothing. Help the Jobs Daughters raise funds and find a heap of bargains -- tomorrow.

on JUSTICE

Culmination of the first year of a two-year study by the League of Women Voters of Richmond on the Administration of justice in California will be a public meeting on Tuesday evening, May 5th, at 8 p.m. at St. Lukes Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Avenue, Richmond. Three distinguished speakers will comprise the panel on "How Judges Should be Selected in California". Speakers are the Honorable Robert Duggan, attorneys LeRoy Hersh and Kenneth Larson.

on MAN

"Nature limits the numbers of nearly every species; why is man an exception?" is the question asked by Contra Costa College's next lecturer in his new book, The Social Contract.

Author of two best-selling books, Robert Ardrey is a successful playwright, author and lecturer. His writings on anthropology created wide controversy in the scientific world. His theories about man as an animal that has lost its birth control instincts, along with other animal inclinations leads him to ask if man is the maddest of all animals.... The lecture is free and open to the public; in the college gymnasium at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6.

Intercultural Festival of ARTS & PEOPLE

A two-day festival of arts and music at begins next Saturday, May 9, at 2:00 p.m. and is filled with one event after another until 6:30 p.m. The festival begins again on Sunday at 2 p.m. and continues until 6:45 p.m. Almost every kind of musical entertainment is involved as well as an open house at the Art Center. Entertainers include the Contra Costa Symphony, with chamber groups, Children's dance, "Parachute, Rhythm and Children", Poetry past and present by Dorton and Lawrence, Afro-Dancers, Gypsy Dancers, Recorder ensemble, Deely Irish Dancers, and Flamenco de la Bahia as well as a canine demonstration and a youth choir on the first day. Sunday's entertainment begins with Square dancers, followed by a dance team, Davitt Kasdan and Betty Renkert; the Municipal Band, Kevin Burton trio, Richmond Maennerchor, a Les Perry Drama "Happy Ending", Mariachi Los Abajenos, Garden of delights, Richmond Ballet Folklorico, the Gospeltones, and Shimora Afro-Dancers.

You won't want to miss it--things happening from the Auditorium to the Art Center.

Annual DINNER

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Richmond Exchange Club for the Camp Fire Girls Camp Seabow Building Fund will take place again at the Richmond Auditorium on Thursday, May 7, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The huge dinner, which fills the auditorium, will cost only one dollar, and Camp Fire Girls have tickets -- get yours now!

Tennis ANYONE ?

Tuesday and Thursday nights, from May 5 through June 4 will be Tennis Lesson nights for any interested adults and young adults, at Nicholl Park Tennis Courts.

Cost of the classes (10 of them) is only \$4.00. If interested, contact Jim Byrne at 232-1212, ext. 496. Beginner's classes will be at 7 p.m., intermediate at 8 p.m.

Indian CRAFT

On Tuesday, May 12, Wayne Roderick will present samples of Indian foods, dyes, and fibers to supplement his discussion of how these items were used by the Indians. Mr. Roderick, a senior horticulturist at UC Botanical Gardens, has thoroughly researched this subject, which he will discuss at 8 p.m. at the Oakland Museum Theater.

ENVIRONMENT LECTURES

"A Lecture Series in Environmental Concerns" is the title of a four-lecture series which gets under way at Contra Costa College on Thursday, May 14. The four lectures will be held in the student Lounge at 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

Moderator for the series and final lecturer will be Dr. Fred H. Tarp, biology department chairman of the college. Dr. Tarp is concerned with the population explosion, and has lectured widely in the Bay Area. He is also a consultant for studies of the peripheral canal project.

Dr. Charles Goldman, a member of the biology faculty at UC will begin the series with discussion of his findings in studies done of water pollution at Lake Tahoe.

On May 21, Dr. Raymond Krone, chairman of the engineering department at UC, Davis, will discuss water pollution control problems that exist in the San Francisco Bay.

Director of Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station at Pacific Grove, Dr. John Howell Phillips, jr, will give a lecture on chemical pollution of the environment on May 28.

These lectures are free and open to the public. Further information is available by telephoning 235-7800, ext. 230.

ON STAGE

The Stagedoor Guild of Contra Costa College will offer its spring production on Friday and Saturday nights, May 15, 16 and 22 and 23 in the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall.

A multiple bill of several plays will be presented, all of which were written by playwrights concerned with ideas. "Involvement Needs You" promises to be an unusual night of theater entertainment. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, \$1.25 for students, and \$1 for Contra Costa Students. Further information may be obtained by calling 235-6877.

Belding School has joined the supporters of the Boys' Baseball League, according to Mrs. Dowell, the school's secretary.



Gourmet Elegant Edibles will be served at the Bermuda Room in the Richmond Auditorium, June 3, as a benefit for the East Bay Music Center.

Two hundred people will dine by candlelight accompanied by Renaissance revelry, regal music and superb gastronomic fare.

There will be a pre-GEE imbiberee, enhanced by melting morsels to prepare for the divine dinner.

Tickets are still available for guests, by calling Maxine Stoddard, 232-1615 or Connie Miller, 237-2018; also, donations of gourmet delicacies are being called for for those who enjoy fixing fancy foods.

Tickets to the fund-raising event are \$10 per couple, \$5 single. Contact the above ladies immediately if interested, since the tickets are going fast, and the deadline is soon!



(from "communications"
by Kaiser Aluminum)

A star party is planned at Sunol Valley Park May 9. At sundown the party begins in the park located just off Route 60 in southern Alameda County. Encinas Meadow is the meeting ground for youngsters and adults who want to learn more about what they see in the sky. A telescope pier is located in the meadow, and a park naturalist will lead the "party".

articles from old richmond newspaperaers dated 50 years ago this week, courtesy of rosemary corbin and the richmond library.

May 1, 1920.....

"MILLIONS QUIT WORK IN EUROPE ON MAY DAY".....

Paris, May 1.... "Troops were massed at all strategic points in full strength today to cope with possible disorders in connection with the May Day celebration....."

Washington, May 1....

"Early reports today... indicated that the threatened May Day demonstration by extremists will not result in any concerted attempts at violence."

May 1, 1920

"HUGE RALLY FOR JOHNSON FORETELLS OVERWHELMING VOTE FOR CALIFORNIAN HERE"

"There is no longer any doubt amongst the people of Richmond as to how the voters of this city stand on Hiram W. Johnson's candidacy for President of the United States. Last night they turned out by thousands to cheer and to parade and Lincoln auditorium was jammed, crammed and crowded from the stage to the last seat in the balcony....."

May 1, 1920.....

"COOP ASSOCIATION OF EL CERRITO WILL OPEN STORE SUNDAY"

May 3, 1920.....

"Johnson Leads in Instructed Delegates Won"

"Johnson Cannot Raise \$50,000 Demanded for Recount in N. J."

"Johnson Club Meets Tonight"

"Johnson is strong in Valley, report Pierce and Carlson."

May 3, 1920..... (ad)

"FACTS ABOUT HOOVER"

"Father was a blacksmith. Age of ten left an orphan. Worked his way through Stanford University. Became a MINER WITH PICK AND SHOVEL. Became a mining engineer. Married a native daughter. In Tientsin during the boxer rebellion organized the defense of many Americans and Europeans."

May 4, 1920.....

COUNCIL NOTES...

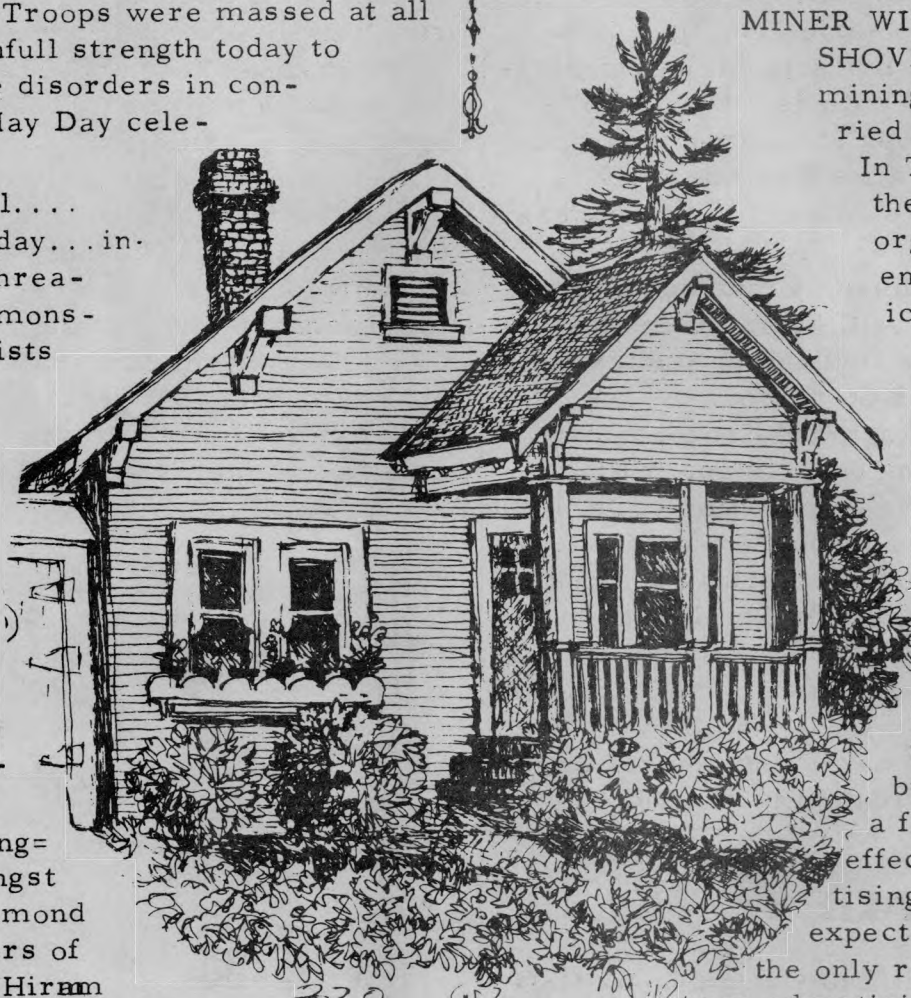
"The proposal of the Oakland Tribune that the city make an appropriation of \$20 for advertising in that publication was dismissed by the council with a few remarks to the effect that such advertising money would be expected locally and that the only result from the Tribune advertising would be to place Richmond in the light of a suburb of Oakland."

May 4, 1920... "COUNCIL MAY REVIVE CITY PLANNING IS INDICATION"

"Revival of the city planning program started by the Council more than a year ago may follow a discussion at the City Council meeting last night..."

May 5, 1920... "COUNTY GIVES JOHNSON FOUR TO ONE MAJORITY"

"With 93 of Contra Costa County's 94 precincts reported this forenoon, the county vote in yesterday's presidential preference primary election shows Johnson to have received 7647 votes against 1832 for Hoover."



May 5, 1920.....

"SIX TO ONE VICTORY FOR
JOHNSON IN RICHMOND".....

May 7, 1920.....

"CENSUS DATA TO BE TAKEN
UP BY C OF C AT MEETING"

"The matter of checking the Richmond Census on the basis of data gathered by the Western Directory Company of Long Beach will be brought up at the general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today."

"SAN FRANCISCO POPULATION IS
507,000 , REPORT"

"WHAT KIND OF A BURG IS THIS?"

"Information comes to the Independent that a determined effort will be made to defeat the school bond election of next Wednesday. It's a fine collection of 'birds' that is out fighting the little children and their future education. It's such a 'fine' collection that it ought to make all of the decent people in town block up their noses for fear that the smell will make them sick."

"You can find in the collection a Macdonald avenue grocer who came here without even a 'clearance' from his former town and who though he has been married for years is so selfish he has no children to educate..."

"Harbor Soreheads Join"

"Real Estate Knockers"

"Then you have added to the combination of greed, knockers and cheap guys above narrated, a few real estate piutes who have carried into public affairs the tactics they use in business in private...."

(get the feeling he's trying to tell
you something???)

"ARCHITECT WILL CALL FOR BIDS
MONDAY"

"Bids will be called for on Monday by Architect James T. Narbett for the magnificent new home of the Mechanics Bank to be located at the south-west corner of Macdonald avenue and Ninth Street. Construction work will start at once under Narbett's direction."



CANCER CRUSADE

DID YOU KNOW.....

The American Cancer Society is not in the United Crusade.

WHY?.....

UBAC is designed to help youth and meet the social and welfare problems in the community.

ACS is pledged to find the answers to
Cancer through research.
to save lives through
education.

to provide a service program to all cancer patients.

OUR PURPOSE IS TO FIND THE ANSWERS
TO CANCER AND GO OUT OF BUSINESS!

The Following Point Richmond people have volunteered to help with the crusade, giving everyone possible life-saving facts about cancer, and the opportunity to make a gift to the American Cancer Society.

Captains: Mmes. Martin Busby, Geoffrey Chandler, Robert Rogers.

Walkers: Mmes. Thomas Edwards, Gilbert Cartwright, Terry McCaskey, Richard Wilson, Charles Warren, Gilbert Beardsley, Glenna Paulson, Ron Lesea, Thomas Bullman, Henry Allyn, Drexil Holladay, C.O. Bryant, Robert Davis, Edward Stone, William Dennis, Thompson Clarke, Mary Forbes, Robert Anderson, Joseph Darling, Clayton Bash, I. W. Clutts, Don Amantite, Robert Peckham, Ray Francisco, Richard Amantite, and Debra Dustin and Mr. Roy Jones.

Mrs. Dorothy King has volunteered to crusade in the business area.

If anyone would like to help with the campaign--walkers are still needed in some areas -- your help would be appreciated.

Thank you for joining the fight against cancer!

Mrs. Russell Paasch
Area Chairman (235-8947)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

Kristian Foth , Winifred Jones (1 year)
 Joyce Carlson
 Darrell Brock
 Becky Horn
 William Kretzmer
 Abbey Roselius

May Day -- a day for the delivering of little May Baskets filled with popcorn, tiny bits of corn candies and decorated with real flowers. A midwest custom, these flowers often were newly sprouted dandelions. For several days prior, you worked making the small three-by-three inch baskets from colored construction paper. Often they were made at school. On the given day, you went around placing the little baskets on the porch or steps beside the front or back door, of special friends, and quickly hid so as not to be detected. The identity of the giver was to remain a mystery until the basket was emptied, and your name was found written on the bottom of the basket. A happy memory!

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Carrot peels have to be a great source of glue. Have you ever tried removing dried peelings from the countertop or floor?

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Did you miss the Big Feature Ballgame on Friday (today) -- a softball game between the parents and the teachers at Washington School???

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Diet Hint: Never eat standing up. This is to discourage nibbling.

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Why not make the effort a two-way affair -- "Have You Smiled at an Adult Today?" to go with "Have You Smiled at a Teenager Today?"

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Overheard: A young lass in the library was examining the card in the book she was about to check out: "Wow! 1962! This book has been around a l-o-n-g time!"

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Bargain hunters: Save Saturday, May 23rd, for the annual Contra Costa County surplus equipment day!

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Don't ask anyone that attended the Mystery Dinner Wednesday night to tell you about it! It was so novel, clever, and every one had such a hilarious time they plan to give one for the men soon!

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Beware if all men speak well of you!

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If you are an average wage earner, May 7th is going to be a big day in your life. That's the day you start earning money for yourself. Everything you've made up until then is paid back in taxes. You work 89.9 days a year to pay your taxes.

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REMEMBER: The Richmond Symphony Chorus comes to perform a wonderful program at the Methodist Church on Sunday -- THIS SUNDAY - at 7:30.

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Flattery is the deceptive reward of false prophets.

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Did you hear about the fellow who was an atheist but gave it up -- he didn't have any holidays!

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Coffee beans growing in Point Richmond? Why not! Grown from a bean, the coffee tree has bright red berries and has been nurtured for eighteen years by Christine Dennis. She hasn't found the coffee from the beans too flavorful, however.

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There is a mistaken belief that people who go to church think of themselves as being better than their non-church going brother. Not so -- Fact is, they go because they recognize their failings and go in the hope of overcoming these faults.

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A man was standing on the street corner waiting for a bus when he was suddenly knocked into the street by a huge St. Bernard. As he was picking himself up he was struck again, this time by a small car. Upon finally getting to his feet, a passerby rushed over, gave him a hand and asked the shaken man how he felt. "Well, the dog wasn't so bad, but that tin can on his tail just about killed me."

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A daughter, Monica Joyce, was welcomed home by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Doherty of Washington Avenue. Born on Monday, April 27, Monica was also welcomed home by her older sister, Clare who is all of two years old.

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ATTENTION.....

## Park Lovers

(Also Light House Lovers)

Tuesday, May 15th at 2 p.m. the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District will meet at their headquarters at 11500 Skyline Blvd. The public is invited as usual, and the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee will be represented. If anyone wishes a ride call 232-3118 or 235-6717. A resolution concerning the Lighthouse will be presented to the Board.

The ride is lovely, so come if you possibly can!

Meet at the Old Firehouse Parking Lot at 1:30 p.m.

## NO TANKS(?)!

In answer to last week's article concerning the danger of another huge water tank on Nicholl Nob, Assistant General Manager, Mr. Stevens, of the East Bay Water Company called Louise Hammond of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee to assure everyone that his company would not initiate action with the Park District to erect a water tank on Nicholl Nob! They realize the importance of pre-

serving Nicholl Nob for park purposes, he said, and, furthermore, the East Bay Water Company has not budgeted funds for such a project, this year.

## THE Pontians

by Arthea Senger

For those who didn't see it, look on page 3 of Wednesday's Independent. There is an excellent article on our vegetable garden, written by Bill Parker, staff writer. We also had a picture taken of our hardest workers, leaning on their scarecrow. We hope that it will be printed later in the week.

Tuesday's cooking class was taught by Bessie Squires. She brought the ingredients for a tasty cheese and macaroni dish. About five teens worked on the white sauce, while others grated cheese and stirred macaroni. At least forty people enjoyed the casserole along with a fresh lemonade. Thank you very much, Bessie.

Our mothers' sensitivity group is continuing on Tuesday mornings, and everyone is enjoying it. Sorry, but registration is closed until our next session in about two months.

"The Dumps" started a girls' softball team on Wednesdays under the leadership of Charles Boney, Recreation Leader. Some of the Point girls involved are Sherrie Mertle, Babe Joye, Ellen Rasmussen, and Tina and Barbara Comer.

Leader Gladys Ferguson has been teaching an Art Class. She is making bathroom container sets by cutting off the tops of plastic bottles and covering with contact paper. They are then decorated by painted rope and artificial flowers. At least eighteen teens have participated in this art project so far. Mark Healy made three beautiful containers.

"The Bus" a well known rock group will be playing at the Center tonight. All teens are invited and there will be a twenty-five cent donation.





# 9. Aphids ? TRY. ---BIOLOGICAL CONTROL !

by Gerrie Kretzmer

California, favored by nature in many ways, is also the home of the Ladybird Beetle, (*Hippodamia Convergens*). Born in the spring, they immediately start to eat. They feed on fruit scales, mealybugs, bollworm, leaf worms, leafhoppers, and corn ear worms. Their favorite, though, is the aphid - one ladybug will devour up to 50 aphids per day. The ladybug, in spite of her delicate name, is carnivorous, and will not harm vegetation. When the ladies run out of food, they hibernate.

Biological, rather than chemical control has become a necessity in our gardens and fields. Pesticides destroy the balance of nature, making no distinction between harmful or beneficial insects which keep them under control. The Ladybug will survive anywhere unless killed by poisons. In using biological control, the beneficial insects are left to survive and multiply, eventually gaining the control that nature intended. Contact poisons such as Parathion, Malathion, DDT and others are very injurious to the soil as well as killing bees which pollinate and make plants fertile. DDT kills the bacteria in the soil which makes it productive. Earthworms are almost non-existent where chemical poisons are used.

In the use of ladybugs, rain or irrigation will not wash them off as is the case with poisons. A gallon for 10 acres, or a quart for a large garden, will supply enough ladybugs to control aphids completely. The best time to release them is late evening after sundown of the day they are received. When released while it is cool or after dark, they have a better chance to forget their fright of being handled. They will not fly at night and by morning will have settled down ready to go to work.

The cost of ladybugs is less than half the cost of poisons, and ladybugs can get under leaves where it is difficult to apply poison.

All ladybugs are shipped "crawl-cleaned", which insures maximum live delivery. All airmail shipments are guaranteed to arrive in satisfactory condition. One quart air mail is \$5.00. Contact the Bio-Control Company, Route 2, Box 2397, Auburn, California, 95603, for further information.

(Chinese Praying Mantids are available on December 1. They have many of the same voracious habits as Ladybugs and are spectacularly artistic looking animals. Incidentally, they are the only known insect that can turn its head to look over its shoulders! They go well with ladybugs since they don't like the bitter taste of the beetles. They sometimes grow to five inches in length, and are guaranteed to provide garden party conversation of great intensity.)

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I hope other parents were as impressed with Washington School's Open House as Herb and I were. We did not get to see all the classrooms, but if all were as interesting as Mrs. Moffet's, Mrs. Moultrie's, Mrs. Spencer's and Mr. Kyle's, and the two special reading classes, I'm sorry we were too late to see them all.

Mr. Hill and those responsible for making this year's "Open House" so enjoyable can certainly be proud of themselves. Washington School can be thankful for a principal and teachers who believe in an education!

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert  
Evans.

Dear Editor:

In case your readers are wondering about the status of East Brother Island Lighthouse, the Shoreline Parks Committee has finally arranged to have the State Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. William Penn Mott, visit the site on May 21. Of course, he is a very busy man, but we know that until he initiates nomination of the light house to the National Historic Landmark (continued, page 19)



# May

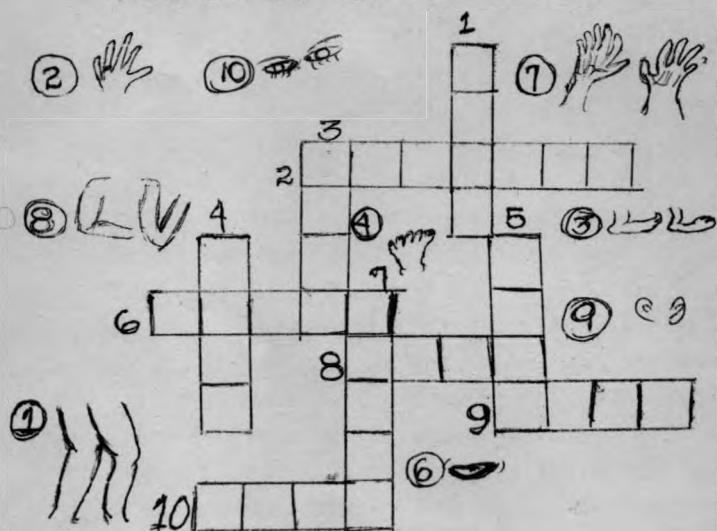
There are **31** days in **May**, the fifth month of the year. **May** is considered the last month of **Spring**.

The flower of **May** is **Lily of the Valley**, and the birthstone for this month is the **Emerald**.

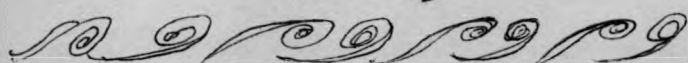


## Picture Puzzle

Parts of us



## Second Guess



## For Your Funny Bones

Waiter: "These are the best eggs we've had for years."

Customer: "I would rather have some that you've had for only a few days."

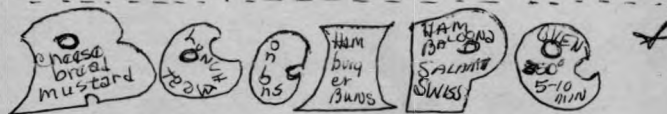
Tim: "Do Ants have brains?"

Jim: "Of course. How else would they know when you're going on a picnic."

## Funny Bones, cont

40.

- ① Why is a pencil like a riddle?
- ② Where can one always find happiness?



Thank You, Wendy Norquist

## Cheese Buns

What you need:

Hamburger buns

Swiss Cheese

Diced onions

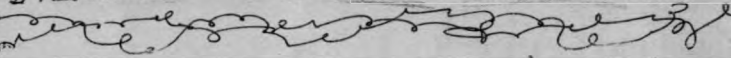
Mustard

Lunchmeat

## How to fix:

- ① Place a slice of Lunchmeat and a slice of cheese on the bun.
- ② Spread the top of the bun with mustard and chopped onion.
- ③ Put the halves together and wrap it in foil.
- ④ Place in oven (350°) for five minutes or until cheese melts.

## Make One or a Dozen

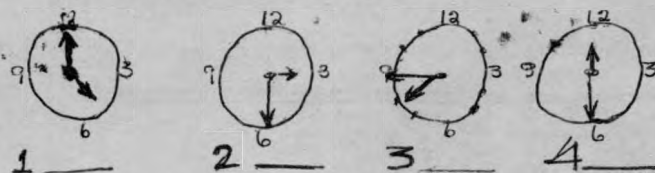


If there are 12 eggs in a dozen, how many are in  $\frac{1}{2}$  dozen? A.

How many dozen eggs do you have if you have 48 eggs? B.

How many dozen egg do you have if you have 42 eggs? C.

## What time is it?



1 five o'clock 2 three-thirty 3 seven thirty 4 twelve thirty

Answers: 1. It's no good unless it has a point 2. In the dictionary 3. Eggs 4. 6 eggs 5. 3/4 dozen 6. 1/2 dozen



## a note about Cycles~

TO MOTHERS.....

Mothers with children who can ride bikes.... Mothers with children who do ride bikes..... Mothers with children who can, and do ride bikes, and who want them to be able to continue to ride bikes, .. or walk, or run:

It is a bit paradoxical that in the week following the Bicycle Safety Contest at Washington School (Monday, after school --did your child participate?) -- children have been observed darting in various directions on the streets of Point Richmond.

If your child rides his bike to school, follow (at a safe distance) some morning -- at this hour, people are leaving for work, traffic is reasonably heavy, vision on the Point Streets is not excellent, and people aren't quite wide awake. If your child has joined the group of performing cyclists, inform him that he has an unappreciative (even horrified) audience, and that such antics in city streets could lead to a loss of a bike, a limb, or worse.

### KENNETH S. JANES

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## LYRICAL LANDSCAPES

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A native of Berkeley, Mrs. Smith received her art training at Chouinard Art Institute, Los Angeles and at the College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland. She further studied with Clayton Pinkerton and Boyd Allen at the Richmond Art Center, and later with Maurice Lapp and Lundy Siegriest at the Walnut Creek Art Center.

With an impressive record in area art exhibits, she went to Europe, where for more than a year she visited galleries and churches in the major cities, absorbing the culture and studying the countryside as she traveled. More recently, she spent two summers in Mexico for the same reason.

Alert to the world around her, Mrs. Smith has distilled into her broadly impressionistic canvases, small ones in this show, her feeling of joy in the countryside, although in them one senses a recognition of the battle for survival as grasses and flowers push up through the earth for a place in the sun.

## to the HORSE FANCIER...

Bay area horse fanciers have been invited to participate in an Overnight Trail Ride at Sunol Valley Regional Park, May 16 to 17, sponsored by the Fifth Region of the California State Horsemen's Association.

The ride will start at Sunol Park Headquarters at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and make camp two hours later at the South Ford of Apperson Creek.

Reservations for the ride must be in by May 10, and may be obtained by calling Curtis Parker, 837-4630 or Don Pennebaker, 638-6530.



## A BOOM IN BIKES

Five and a half miles of bicycle trails will be build in Coyote Hills and Anthony Chabot Regional Parks. From this area, you'd have to use the car to get to the trails but once there, a scenic trail will soon be ready for bikes, unhampered by motor or foot traffic. Coyote Hills will have a two- and - a -half mile loop trail with an unparalleled view of the South Bay, salt ponds, marine wildlife and marsh sanctuaries, ending near the 4, 000-year-old Indian Mounds.

The Chabot trail will start at the Lake Chabot Marina and travel on a lakeshore route, ending at a golf course.

Bike trails will be paved and ready soon, and will perhaps eventually connect with other trails, connecting one park with another. Heart specialists have joined the movement to create a bicycle trail system throughout the nation, and perhaps some day it will be possible to safely take a bicycle tour across our land!

## ART & FESTIVITIES

Bedecked with huge paper flowers and billowing balloons, the El Sobrante Art Guild will conduct their annual Art Festival at Port Costa on May 17.

Exhibits of paintings and other handicraft will be shown and sold by the artists of the Guild. Hiroshi Sakai, one of the very talented members, will demonstrate his fine style of "Japanese brush painting", and David Dutton will give a demonstration in interesting techniques in acrylics.

Enjoy a visit to Port Costa on May 17, and look for the El Sobrante Art Guild Festival for a special treat.

## heli-peepers?

Helicopters pose a real threat to one of our friends, who has always enjoyed the privacy of her enclosed patio for sun-bathing in as few clothes as possible. She's quite certain that the little circle made by the helicopter directly over her house is not part of the prescribed route for watching traffic patterns.



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## A REGIONAL "THING"

To be uninterested in Regional Organization in the Bay Area at the present time is like being uninterested in governmental organization in post-colonial America.

County and city officials and interested citizens who attended the Regional Conference two weekends ago at UC, were pleasantly surprised not only to receive the latest information on legislation proposed for the conception of a Bay Area Regional Organization or Government, but to also be confronted with a series of speakers and panelists who provided various views, informed analyses and educated proposals for the future of our area.

The following assumptions, presented by Eugene C. Lee, Director of the Institute of Governmental Studies, UC, were presented as background for the day's discussions:

1. There are regional problems.
2. There is Regional Organization now, in the Bay Area.
3. Regional decisions should not all be made in Sacramento or Washington D. C.
4. Many decisions will be made, in Sacramento and Washington D.C., and a strong Regional voice, and maximum Regional political power will be important.
5. Actions by various separate agencies, regional or county or city, fragments the political power of the region, and is not the best way to handle planning or action for the region.

As Assemblyman Knox pointed out, Regional agencies now in existence are moving, now -- "rapidly -- in about eight different directions."

A broad historic background to our present condition was presented by Ignazio Vella, the new President of ABAG. The bloom

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that began 400 years ago with Columbus' discovery of America, and made possible the formation of a country with representative democracy and private capitalism is waning, and a more introspective trend is replacing the "bloom of boom." In the generations since 1920, we have been in constant crisis and foment--an atmosphere that creates no great artistic or literary advances, but great technical advances, in direct answer to crises. And, he stated, unless new concepts, views and ideas are related to the harsh political and economic realities of our day, they will be purely academic.

The need for a broad outlook was reiterated by Professor Lee, who emphasized the impossibility of looking at any branch of government without including all branches at all levels. He noted the need for looking at changes not only on the regional level, but at National, State, and perhaps even the neighborhood level, to cope with our present problems.

On this base, the panelists took off, and offered their various opinions on jobs to be done, (major needs--open space, environmental quality, transportation, housing, jobs and education); Organization, powers, and representation of the Regional Government (there were as many opinions as speakers, on who should represent the Region, and how they should be selected or elected); and Financing --who pays and for what.

Without going into preferences of the panelists, these are the basic alternatives available in the formation of a Regional Organization.....

1. (This is actually not a solution )  
A continuation of the single-purpose districts now in existence.
2. A consolidation of some districts into "lumps", to serve without overlapping.
3. (Most drastic) Formation of a single Regional Government to serve all functions.
4. An "umbrella" agency (perhaps the most popular proposal), which would set up priorities and allocations; and would be able to approve or veto capital outlays, with some jurisdiction over city and county decisions.

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Functions of a Regional Government would consist mainly of planning, reviewing and operating the necessary programs.

Representation (one of the most difficult items to agree upon) could be by direct election, constituent unit representation, a combination of these two, a combination of unit representation, elected and ex-officio members, appointed by the governor, or several other possible combinations.

Representatives of government and business expressed their views ably, and most agreed on the need for some type of Regional control. The extent, and type of representation of the Regional organization preferred varied a great deal.

As Councilwoman Mary Henderson of Redwood City explained, the key to the problem lies in the attitudes. She expressed concern about the need to select representatives and the type of government to serve the general public good. A comment about the loneliness of serving in a public office is worth repeating .... "While those of us in government are lonely, we seldom climb down from our post, but instead wait to see what crawls up."

During the luncheon, we happened to sit next to a San Pablo Councilman and some Republican party representatives from the San Pablo-Pinole area. They inquired about the Richmond City Councilmen, whom they hadn't seen at the conference. Neither had we, nor have they been noticeable at other Regional meetings. Even in the large crowd attending, with representatives from other cities and counties making their appearance, it was not difficult to find familiar faces, so it is probable that our own city government was not well represented.

The luncheon speaker was James Hetland, Chairman of the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area, in Minnesota. That Council consists of seven counties (compared to our nine). Many similarities in the two areas exist, and three years ago, Bay Area representatives attended a regional organization



meeting in Minneapolis-St. Paul as consultants. Mr. Hetland's description of the actual "working model" in his area was enlightening, and to some extent, inspiring. Mr. Hetland himself was a dynamic, intelligent representative, and one felt no doubt that an organization under his chairmanship must be efficient.

The Twin Cities Council is run by an appointed group, since the vote for elected versus appointed representatives came out a tie, and had to be broken by the Lieutenant Governor. He felt that a limitation of his council lay in the fact that it has negative rather than positive powers: It can veto plans, but has no power to call for affirmative actions. However, one of the "weakest" responsibilities, that of reviewing plans of municipalities, is surprisingly effective, he said. The mere fact of making public a city's plans awakens the public and surrounding cities; and, if the plans are unacceptable, reactions from the area are usually strong enough to force revision.

Contrary to the beliefs of some who fear that local rule will be weakened by a Regional control, Mr. Hetland said that their council actually was looked at as saving strong municipalities. Most of the cities found themselves financially incapable of performing all the necessary duties of large cities, and the Regional Council was able to perform those functions more economically, leaving the cities with funds to carry out programs critical to them.

A few especially strong statements came from Donald McCullum, president of the NAACP, who spoke on one of the panels. His negative reaction was strong, as he informed the audience that those people who live in the central cities and are poor do not care whether the whole Bay is filled over with black top. They are concerned with day-to-day needs, and those must be solved before representatives of the Black community will be very interested in regional government and what it can do for the area. Inequality of schools, housing, etc. in the region are,

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to representatives of those poorer areas, an important regional problem, and, McCullum said, they should also be important "to you."

In a short summary statement, Assemblyman Knox noted that the Regional Government to be planned for the Bay Area must be tailored to the area in which it exists; and Mr. Vella recognized the inequalities that exist from city to city and county to county within our region. The complicated matter of tailoring a Regional Government to fit the need expressed at the conference will be well worth watching, as legislation is proposed.

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## FABLE OF THE FLEAS

contributed by Marguerite Clutts

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But the patient old dog, sore and unappreciated, grew weak and weary. Unable any longer to support the hungry and rapidly multiplying non-productive population, he finally staggered off into the woods and died.

Consternation reigned among the fleas. They held meetings, protesting that the economic system had let them down. Some even threatened to vote for the other party. There was talk of suing the old dog for lack of cooperation. Many of those panicky parasites perished on the spot. Others, bitter in spirit, trudged off into the cruel world and died by the roadside, trying to thumb a ride on another dog. None thought of shifting for themselves.

Now the moral of this story is that if too many people depend on society, industry or government to look after them, to provide them with security, they may end in want and distress amid the wreckage of a nation. Men must never forget that there is no substitute for self-reliance, individual striving and for thrift to provide for their future needs.

## Swimming for kids

Session III of the "Tiny Tots" swimming classes begin at the Richmond Plunge on May 5. Ten lessons, conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, are offered to infants to five-year-olds at 11 a.m. or 12 noon. Parents are required to participate. The fee for the classes is \$5.00 for the ten lessons.



# Poppy Day Preparations

"In Flanders Fields the  
Poppies blow  
Between the crosses  
row on row."

The poppy is the symbol adopted by the American Legion and Auxiliary as their Memorial Flower after World War I to be worn in honor of the war dead.

Now we also have the dead of World War II, Korea and Vietnam to remember and honor by wearing a poppy on "Poppy Day, May 22, and 23.

These little red flowers are made by disabled veterans working in veterans hospitals and convalescent workrooms and these veterans are the only paid workers. The work of making these flowers give the veterans the encouragement of earning money. Many of them have been and will be long-term patients.

The Legion Auxiliary operates convalescent workrooms in some localities where veterans who live outside hospitals but are unable to do other work can make poppies.

The poppies to be sold in this area were made at the Veterans Hospital in Livermore and will be sold by volunteer workers under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10.

These red crepe paper flowers, to be sold on the streets of Richmond May 22 and 23, create funds that enable the Auxiliary to work for the veterans and veterans' children who need help. This Rehabilitation and Child Welfare Fund goes far to solve the problems of special needs by veterans and their families.

When a volunteer worker offers you a poppy on "Poppy Day," give generously to help the rehabilitation work carried on by the American Legion Auxiliary, and wear the poppy in memory of those lives lost fighting for their country.

Nancy Anderson,  
chairman.

## 1/2 ton of fish please!

Trout season has opened, and, with timely efficiency, the East Bay Regional Park District has dumped over half a ton of rainbow trout into Lake Chabot.

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In the meantime, it would be very helpful if Point Counterpoint readers would write to:

Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr.  
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and urge him to help save our Lighthouse!

Some of the classes at Washington School have joined in the letter-writing campaign to save the Lighthouse.... Send your letter now!

Sincerely,  
Louise Hammond.



LeRoy and Florence Walker of Point International attended the Fourth Annual UC Jazz Festival. Some of the performing artists were Pharoah Saunders, Freddie Hubbard (a good friend of the Walkers) Laurenda Almeida, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas.

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Betsy Boyce, former owner of the Knox home in Point Richmond, called to say that the Boyce family is all well and happy in Colorado. Betsy and her husband Jesse may come to Point Richmond for a visit in August.

\*\*\*\*\*

A birthday party was held at the Central Pool Hall April 25th for Eleanor Heiser, Sophie Gernbec, Opal Taylor, Kathy Ivy, Jack Mason, Howard Gliddon and Vera Bedwell. Rambling Bob and Toma Banks played the music. Dinner was served followed by a huge Birthday Cake.

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Sue Stoddard Tissue and daughter Nicole

who live in southern California 19. are visiting parents and grandparents, Jack and Maxine Stoddard.

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The First United Methodist Church's mystery dinner given by Dorothy Selzer and Edna Hathaway, and Violet Hathaway, was a great success. Everyone went home laughing and happy.

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Betty Moore and family have moved into a new home in San Pablo.

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Fern Creed, former Point resident, will soon move back to Point Richmond.

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NOW is a good time to write letters to the city council and join in the latest attempt to rid our hills of motorcycles. Hans Shaper and Mark Peppard have rejuvenated the effort to make ours a more peaceable community -- and to preserve the cycle-eroded hills.

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Mr. Beresford received a letter from Susan Egusa recently, written entirely in Japanese. Luckily, his cat, Consuelo, has a Japanese cousin, who translated the entire letter; however, the critical cat noted a few grammatical errors, and Susan decided that she would henceforth communicate in English.

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Recently suggested was sending, with each PG & E bill, one extra cent, with a note that it was to help them to place the power lines through Briones Regional Park underground. A recently created group, CAN (Consumers Arise Now) is asking for your two-cents worth in objecting to the rate increase, on the basis that a great deal of money is spent by PG & E for advertising, etc. CAN is located at Hastings College of Law, 198 McAllister Street, San Francisco, 94102. See what you CAN do to help!

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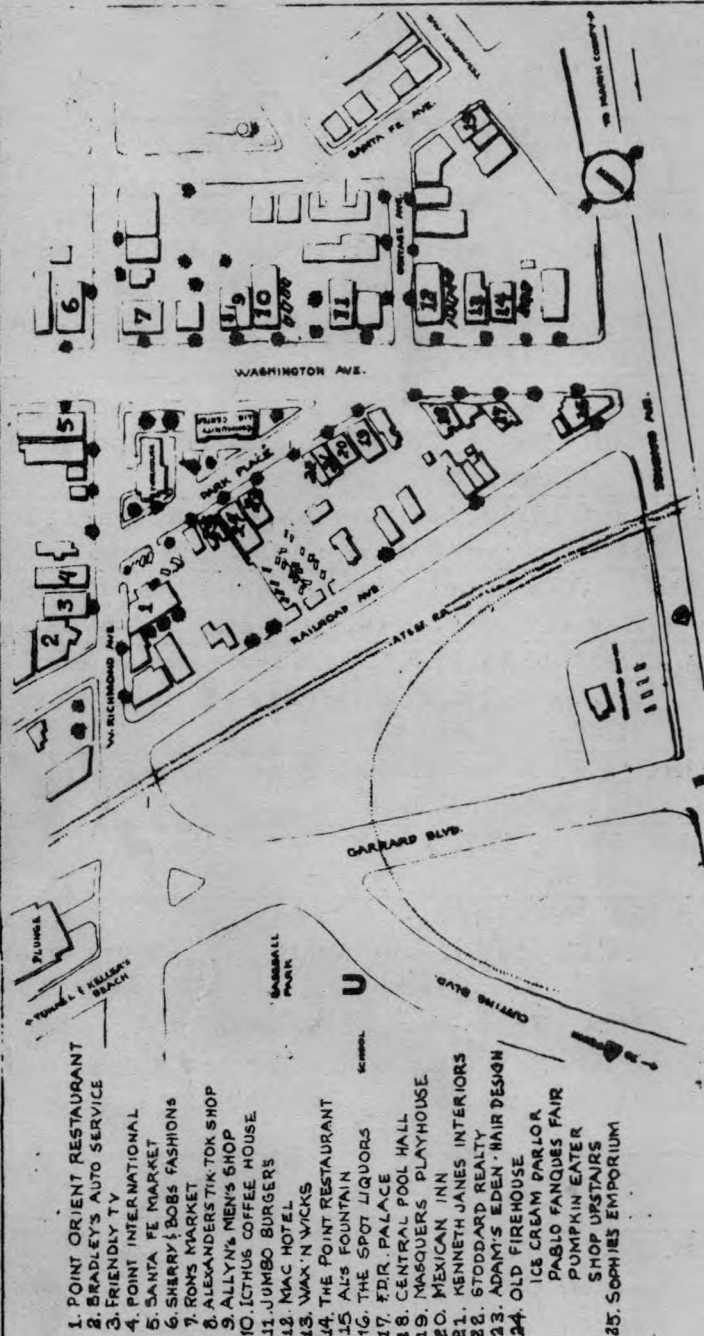
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