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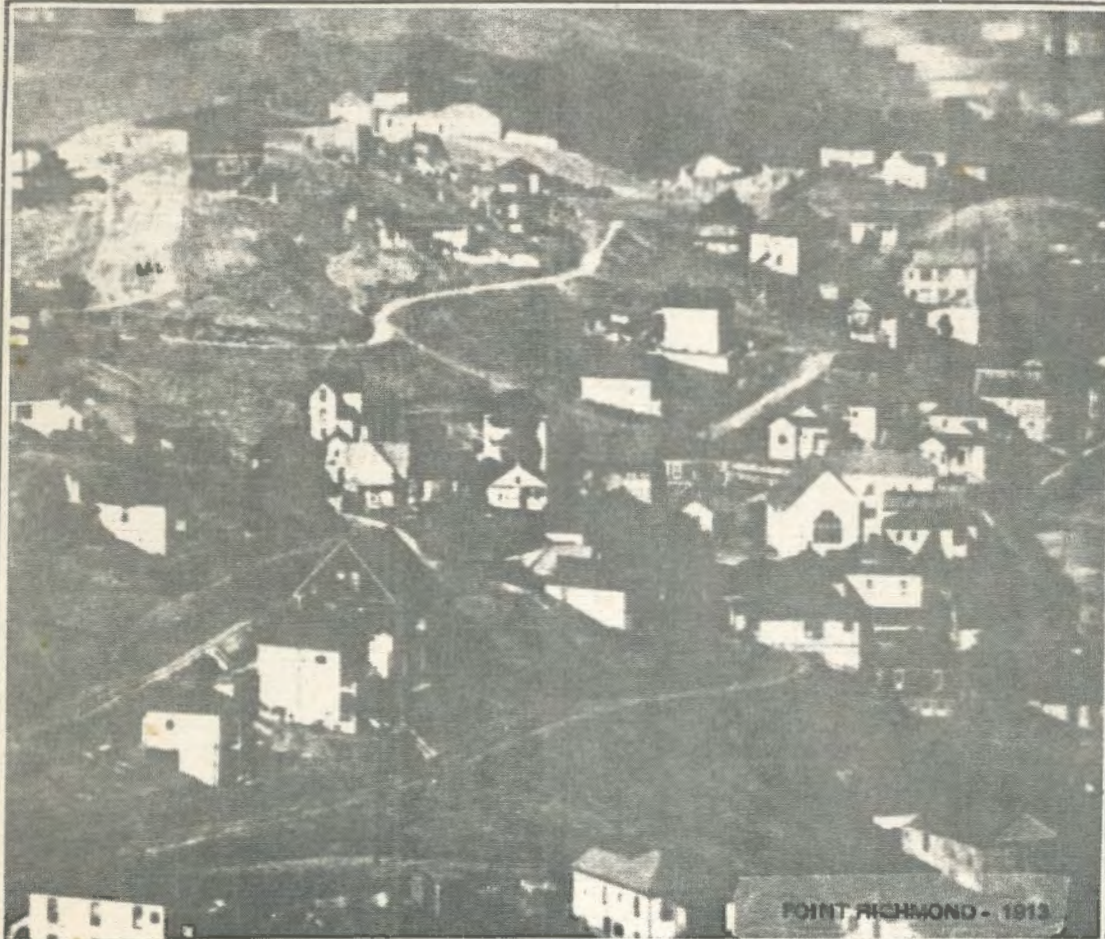
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## in time



## HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES

### LOOKING BACK – THE ANNUAL MEETING

Beginning with an absolutely elegant pot-luck luncheon in the beautifully redecorated Linsley Hall, the meeting was thoroughly enjoyable. Approximately ninety people attended, feasting on food that confirmed the theory that some of the best cooks in the West live in Point Richmond; viewing the "Richmond Story", a film that depicted the war years in Richmond; and electing the officers for the coming year: President: Donna Roselius; Vice President and Membership Chairman: Pam Wilson; Secretary: Judy Spediacci; Treasurer: Michelle Brown; Recording Secretary: Mid Dornan; Archives Chairman: Teresa Albro; Publicity Chairman: Liz McDonald; Community Relations Chairman: Lucretia Edwards; Honorary member: Trannie Dornan.

Mayor Tom Corcoran and Councilman elect David MacDiarmid presented the Dornan family with a proclamation declaring the road from the Tunnel south to Brickyard Cove Road "Dornan Drive".

Those who went on the tour of Miller-Knox Park were delighted with what they learned from park naturalists Savina Fazio and Katie Colbey. Though not many people attended the other tours, a beautiful videotaped tour of the Methodist Church was produced.

### THE YEAR PAST . . .

Our first year has been a good one – so many people were interested enough to become members that it made possible this publication; the beginning of a fine set of photographs and documents for our archives; video-taped meetings with older residents

whose memories have provided added historical information; a donation to the restoration of the Indian statue in the Triangle; and the dedication of Dornan Drive.

Many thanks to those of you who have added information to our publication – through interviews and written articles and letters. When we have gathered sufficient material, a definitive book on Point Richmond history will be possible, thanks to your participation.

### REPORT FROM THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE . . .

The Chevron photo lab is making great progress reproducing the first series of photos from the Church collection. In addition to copying the photos, the photographers will provide us with negatives and proof sheets, organized and combined in binders. We really appreciate the efforts of the Chevron photographers, Jack Coombs and Alan "Mac" McKeegan, and anxiously await the arrival of this first series.

Plans for the next few months include further indexing of "This Point in Time", working to establish archival procedure and storage, and locating more historical information. We've made progress in all these areas this year. Many thanks to all who have helped.

*–Teresa Albro*

### LOOKING AHEAD – SUMMER . . .

There will be no newsletter in July and August, giving us a summer break, and time to plan a new yearful of activities. Please remember to send in your membership for the coming year, when it comes due.



## SEPTEMBER . . .

The September meeting will be a must for those interested in memorabilia — old handwritten records of the First Bank of Richmond will be on display, brought by Sherry Hartynyk, who found them in a back room when she first opened her shop in the old bank building. The meeting is planned for Thursday, September 22 at 7:30. Daylight saving time will still be in effect, but for winter meetings, daytime programs will be planned.

A raffle is planned for the September meeting, with prizes so far including a beautiful jewelry picture by Clarice Stribley and a sketch of your house and note cards with the sketch printed on it, by Donna Roselius. Tickets are available at the Richmond Supply Company on West Richmond Avenue. Proceeds will allow us to have a special sign made for Dornan Drive.

If you have ideas or requests for future meetings or projects, please let us know!

### BESIDES THE POINT — THERE'S HISTORY

Members of the Richmond, Point Richmond, El Cerrito and Pinole History and Museum organizations will be hosted by the San Pablo Historical and Museum Society at Maple Hall on June 23. Any of our members interested in an informal get together and ideasharing session should call 235-4222 for further information.

THE RICHMOND MUSEUM has a 'fantastic' exhibit of fans in the Seaver Room, through August 7. The East Bay Fan Guild, one of two fan guilds in the world (the other being in London, England), is providing the collection, which includes fans from France, England, India and Africa; old and new, of exotic materials — ostrich plumes, venetian

lace, silk, carved bone, mother-of-pearl — in all, the exhibit is a rare treat to have so near, and difficult to describe in words. Ask the members of the West Side Improvement Club, who recently took a tour of the Museum and enjoyed their slide show. The Fan Exhibit was a special treat, and worth a special visit, or two or three.

Regular Museum hours are 10 to 4 on Saturday and Sunday.

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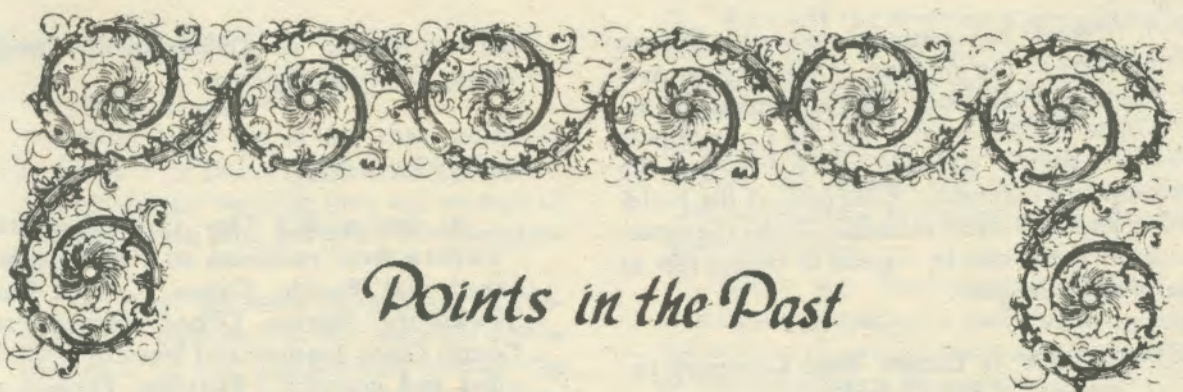
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—Ads from old Point Richmond newspapers  
courtesy of the Richmond Museum — — —





## Points in the Past

Articles from old Richmond newspapers and books, courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

### 70 YEARS AGO . . .

Attorneys of the Tewksbury and Mintzner estates have notified the City Engineer that Richmond can expect to secure the necessary property for the Castro Street extension. "The new street (extending north across the marshland from Standard Avenue) will be the first highway direct from the West side to the northern city limits and will give an excellent route between that section and the western waterfront and will also have a tendency to take away much of the heavy traffic that now congests on Standard Avenue and the West Side business streets."

—June 3, 1913

With a terrific crash that could be heard all over the West Side business section, the Santa Fe's limited to Los Angeles crashed into a trolley car which was stalled on the railroad tracks at Standard Avenue. As the train approached the stalled car the "six or seven passengers seeing that a collision was impending and that the street car would be demolished like an egg shell, hastily scrambled off and fled off the railroad right-of-way."

Santa Fe brakeman John Lowe, in his heroic effort to stop the train, "was pitched headlong against the side of the street car

... crushed... Lowe had been running out of Richmond but a few weeks. It was but a month ago that he was married in Fresno ... (and his bride) arrived here but last week to prepare a cozy home for her husband."

—June 5, 1913

"Failure on the part of many children to observe the curfew law of the city, which provides that all youngsters must be in their homes after 8 o'clock with the ringing of the curfew bell, and must keep off the business streets after that hour, has lead chief of Police, J.P. Arnold, to issue instructions to his officers to pick up any loiterers who may be found disregarding the provisions of the city ordinance, and hold them at the local police station until their parents can be notified."

—June 11, 1913

"The first spadeful of earth from the site of what will be the western portal of the proposed municipal tunnel were taken on Sunday morning (June 15) by a number of the prominent members of the Richmond Commercial Club" in defiance of Santa Fe's opposition to the city's project. The "shovel brigade" included such notables as H. W. Wernse, Julius Stiefvater, Richard and Frank Spiersch, W.E. Luce and Andrew Trautvetter.

—June 17, 1913



"Work has resumed upon the flatiron building at the junction of Washington Avenue and Park Place after an agreement between the owner and the City Council over the disputed sidewalk space between the proposed extension of the gore of the building and the Indian fountain. Under the agreement there will be a space of twelve feet in front of the gore."

—June 18, 1913

#### "'CALWA' Is Largest Wine Company In The Universe"

"The company (California Wine Association), within the next day or so will issue a formal statement relative to its plans of extension and absorptions of minor companies scattered throughout the state. The activity of the entire corporation will be centered here and greatly increased."

—June 24, 1913

#### 60 YEARS AGO . . .

The Richmond Pressed Brick Company (now in ruins near Brickyard Cove) announced the purchase of 49 acres of land from the John Nicholl Company for \$30,000 in order to expand the plant. "The finest fancy facing bricks produced anywhere in the country are manufactured at this plant. They are shipped in large quantity to San Francisco and Oakland and other California cities and to adjoining states. The celebrated 'Richmond Red', getting its beautiful color — not duplicated anywhere else — from the mineral in the clay at the site, is shipped in great quantity all over the coast."

—June 1 & 4, 1923

"Kozy Kove will be one of the popular places here on July 3 and 4. Manager Fred Crow announced today that there would be dancing at the Kove on the evening of July 3 and a barbecue and dance on the Fourth. The barbecue will be free and will be served from two to six in the afternoon. Shet Sny-

der's orchestra of Oakland will provide music for the dancing."

—June 23, 1923

#### 50 YEARS AGO . . .

At last night's City Council meeting "Twenty-three residents of the West Side asked that Pacific, Ocean, Golden Gate, Tewksbury, Marine, Lobos, Harrison and Contra Costa Avenues and Western Drive be oiled and graveled." (Harrison Avenue, no longer in existence, was parallel to Marine and was located where Western now turns around into Ocean.)

—June 6, 1933

"The schedule for swim days for school children at the Richmond Municipal Natatorium for the summer vacation was announced today . . . Continuing the same schedule as is followed while school is in session, the regular hours on Wednesdays will be reserved for girls, and on Thursdays for boys . . . (and) open to both boys and girls on Mondays."

—June 7, 1933

"Contra Costa County and Richmond voters yesterday followed closely the trend of state voting on repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment (prohibition):"

Consolidated precinct no. 9, voting at the Point Masonic Hall: yes 236; no 46.

Consolidated precinct no. 10, voting at 25 Park Place: yes 178; no 28.

—June 28, 1933

—Teresa Albrow

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## THE TOPEKA

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40 YEARS AGO . . .

### EATING

"Who is to blame for the scandalous facilities — or rather the lack of facilities — to provide the working men and women of the Richmond shipyards with adequate lunches?

"This week the State Department of Public Health conducted an investigation on the condition of box lunches sold outside the Richmond shipyards when a woman worker protested that some of her lunch she had purchased that morning was rotten at noon time.

"It has been pointed out by a committee of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council that the lack of proper and adequate eating facilities at the Richmond shipyards 'are the worst in the entire Bay Area.'

"There are some cafeteria systems in operation at some of the yards, but there are no arrangements to properly feed all of the thousands of workers who want and should have hot lunches — and all they want to eat — during their lunch periods.

"Most of them are forced to buy their box lunches in the morning while on their way to work. Others come outside the gates at noon time to purchase the cold, and often unpalatable lunches that are sold at various places around the yards.

"Numerous war plants throughout the nation today have recognized the need and the advantages to be derived from providing their workers with hot lunches. The service does not have to be free, as it is in some plants, but it should be available to all those who want that service.

"The Richmond Machinists Union has protested and protested to the shipyards. The Union has requested time after time, that more eating facilities be provided the workers.

"Recently the Maritime Commission announced that construction had begun on a cafeteria opposite the gates of Yard no. 4. It will be several weeks before the cafeteria is opened for business. And it will not begin to meet the demand that is growing among yard workers for better and more adequate lunch time food.

"Every war time worker in the area should have restaurant and lunch counter facilities — or an adequate lunch — available as near his job as is humanly possible."

—June, 1943

30 YEARS AGO . . .

### "Richmond Dazzled By Atom Light"

"Many residents of Richmond and the San Francisco bay area saw the flash of what was described as the most powerful atomic explosion ever detonated in the United States. It was set off this morning at Yucca Flat, Nevada, approximately 375 miles distant.

"Some bay area residents also claimed they felt the concussion. And, up in Sonoma County, there were reports it rattled windows. Some Sonoma folks thought it was an earthquake.

"The A-bomb was detonated at 4:15 a.m. (PDT).

"A San Francisco photographer who climbed Coit Tower to photograph the event, said, "For a couple of seconds the whole East Bay was lighted by a pure white light. It was the brightest I've ever seen. Gradually it turned to a reddish glow. The whole thing lasted about five seconds."

"Such was the brilliance of the 11th and final atom shot of the Spring series that one excited Richmond resident phoned the Independent and declared, "I think there's been some sort of an explosion at Port Chicago. The sky was alive with light."

"The resident said that a rumble was clearly audible — and urged Independent



reporters to check for a possible blast at the ammunition depot.

"The Independent switchboard was flooded with callers asking information on the awesome flash. Police reported several requests for an explanation."

—*Richmond Independent*, June 4, 1953

## 20 YEARS AGO . . .

### "Old Fashioned 4th Is Planned At Point"

"An old fashioned community Fourth of July is planned by Richmond Chapter of the American Field service in the civic center at Point Richmond from 10 a.m. to midnight. Streets will be roped off and the first number on the program will be a kiddie costume parade for youngsters through the fourth grade. This will be held under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department. Prizes will be awarded and those wishing to enter are urged to fill out the form below and mail to the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department. Each child must be accompanied by a parent.

"The Richmond Municipal Band will play and Mrs. Basil Cherniak will sing the Star Spangled Banner.

"One of the principle features of the celebration will be the numerous booths offering food and games. Mrs. John Knox will be in charge of the food booths. There will be a special booth having for sale Norwegian cookies under the sponsorship of the Sons of Norway.

"The Richmond Museum Association under the guidance of Thomas Ryan is planning a display of historical items pertaining to early day Richmond.

"Speeches are planned by Assemblyman John Knox and the mayor of Richmond. A baseball game will take place between the Point Richmond Santa Fe Junior Pony League Team and the Point Richmond All-Stars.

"One act plays will be offered in the Masquers' Playhouse at intervals during the day under the direction of Mrs. Basil Cherniak.

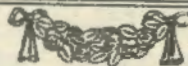
"Other attractions will be announced later. They day's events are designed to provide entertainment for the whole family.

"Through the American Field Service International Scholarships, students from more than 50 foreign countries attended American secondary schools in more than 1600 towns for a school year of study, and American teenagers from practically every state in the union study and live with families abroad."

—*Richmond Independent*, June 12, 1963

—Pam Wilson

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# *an interview with* *Eleanor Hurley*

One of the people in the Point who can answer 'Yes' to the question, 'Did your mother come from Ireland?' is Eleanor Hurley. So did her father. They came from the same county but met later in Crockett. Together, they moved to San Francisco and started a family. A son, who died later in the first big flu epidemic, was born just prior to the '06 earthquake. Shortly after the earthquake, the family moved to Oakland, where Eleanor, the second child, attended her first two years of school. Eleanor has a younger brother who now lives across the street from her on Idaho Street.

In about 1915, the Hurleys moved to Point Richmond, renting a house that was on the corner now occupied by the Santa Fe Market. Mr. Whiteside later built his grocery store there. She recollects that, besides Mr. Whiteside, Charlie Rieger, who had had a butcher shop a block up on West Richmond Avenue was the butcher, and an Italian man was in charge of the produce department. Above Charlie's meat counter was a big sign, stating, "Nobody can please everybody — If you don't believe it, start a meat market."

Eleanor recalls that her family wasn't well to do; but they, as many people of that era, got along: "We may have had holes in our shoes, but we never had holes in our stomachs," she said, with a smile that makes one think that Leprechauns are not just part of Irish folk history, but part of the Irish personality.

The original Washington School, when Eleanor attended, included the eighth grade, and the graduation ceremony was a more elaborate event than that involved in sixth grade promotions now. Her class put on a big program, and, as she recalls, presented an historical play about Captain John Smith and Pocohantas. Reading and writing were of prime importance in those days, she says, and noting the coming year's program at Washington, which will emphasize reading and writing, it brought to mind the old adage, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."



The 'warming bench' at Washington School was an important part of the discipline. It was a long bench — about eight feet in length — and it sat outside the Principal's office on the first floor. Anyone who got out of line was sent to the Principal, Miss Ashfield, but never got to see her right away.



They sat on the 'warming bench' contemplating their sins, so by the time they were asked inside her office, they were 'prepared for anything'. But, as Eleanor said, "Oh, she never did anything. — she didn't have to. She knew how to handle children."

In comparison to the noise and activity levels in today's schools, a description of the routine at old Washington School sounds very regimented. Students lined up and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, then marched into school, class by class. However, Eleanor says, students didn't feel regimented.

A member of the famous RUHS graduating class of '25 (that included other Point notables as Charlotte Wood, Kaarin Peterson, Gladys O'Hara, August Bernes and Richard Paasch), Eleanor has a 1975 certificate of the Golden Anniversary reunion of the class.

A member of the girls' basketball team, of the Commissioners (in charge of athletic events), of Girls' Hi Y and the Drama Club, Eleanor was noted in the high school yearbook as being blonde and athletic (we would add, very attractive).

High school requirements at the time included three years of English, math and a language; a one-year combination of U.S. history and economics; one year of science; and physical education (exercises, volleyball basketball and tennis). Eleanor knew she would not be going to college, so she took a business course, which included bookkeeping, stenography, typing and business English. Businesses in the area often offered jobs to seniors, who started to work before they graduated. Eleanor first worked for Stege Lumber Company (now Hill Lumber) in Albany for about a year. She got "itchy feet", and went to work in San Francisco for an engineering company in the accounting department for seven years. The Depression began during that time, and after seven years

she was making slightly less than when she was hired. However, as she says, she was lucky, because she had a job. She decided to take a Civil Service examination, and was hired by the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. Roosevelt's 'Brain Trust' program was active, and Eleanor had the opportunity to work for representatives of various countries, who were studying U.S. Agricultural techniques. After a couple of years she transferred back to California, because her mother was in poor health. She worked in the Phelan Building in San Francisco, except for about a month in Oregon, when she went with a group assigned the task of setting rates for the huge Oregon dam, the Bonneville Dam, completed in 1940.

Eleanor transferred to the Western Research Labs, built by the Department of Agriculture in Albany to find markets and uses for surplus agricultural products. Because of the war, their research turned to fast freezing and dehydrating foods, alternative sources of sugar, substitutes for rubber and oil base paint, and development of plastics. By that time she had a car, but traveling to work in Albany was impossible by car, because not enough gas was available. Buses, whose first priority was to get shipyard workers to their destinations, were sporadic at best. Hour waits for buses were not unusual.

Deciding to work closer to home, she applied at Standard Oil. With so many young men in the armed services or in war related jobs, the saying was that, 'if you could stand up without leaning against a wall, they'd hire you'. And, as she said, she guessed that "after all that moving around I should know something," so she worked for 26 years at Standard Oil and retired in 1965.

In 1953, Eleanor bought her present home on Idaho Street from a Mrs. Wood,



whose husband had built it and the house next door. And now, as she says, she has settled down 'into a delightful rut', with her two chihuahuas and a lovely yard. Her rut is an active one, though, because she never has stopped learning—she took a course in dress-making and tailoring at Contra Costa College, and was impressed that so many courses were available to residents, without fees. Courses in appliance repair, dental hygiene, nursing and culinary arts are among the practical courses offered. As she points out, though, the ability to read and write is basic to all the courses.

Eleanor says the Point has changed less than most areas—it has a stability not found in many places in California. It never developed a large shopping area. During the '20's when the economy was booming, many of the more affluent people moved to the Mira Vista hills, and then the Depression arrived, slowing progress. Like Eleanor, perhaps, the Point has settled into a 'delightful rut'—busy but not bustling, growing but not bulging.

—Donna Roselius



## MELODRAMA for summer at the MASQUERS

A cast of thousands—or as many as will fit into the Masquers Playhouse—will provide a summer full of entertainment, with "Fate's Fickle Friend" (or What Really Happened to Little Nell), and between-the-scenes olio acts. From July 1 through August 6, Friday and Saturday night performances, and two Sunday matinees will be presented.

If you're ready to make plans for fall—"The Skin of Our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder will begin playing on September 9, and continue on Friday and Saturday evenings through October 15.

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## WASHINGTON (Elementary School) WIND-UP

An active year at Washington School was evident in their end-of-year activities. Kids and parents were busy preparing for special events; teachers came early and left late, as programs culminated the year's work. An hour-long play was presented by students, under the direction of Mrs. Politeau and Miss Johnson—by now a tradition—in the usual unusually professional style.

Awards were proudly displayed by students after the Awards Assembly. A Track and Field Meet involved students and parents.

The exuberant atmosphere reflected an attitude of pride in accomplishment rather than relief that the year would soon end—to the credit of the teachers and staff, and certainly of the Principal, Mr. Petroni.





## IT WAS WRITTEN . . .

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF LOCAL CHURCHES  
COME STORIES OF EARLY POINT RICHMOND,  
AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE ENJOYED  
AND TOOK TIME TO COMPOSE  
THE "WRITTEN WORD".



### POINT RICHMOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES . . .

When our beloved village was being established some eighty years ago, it would appear that the earliest settlers felt their first needs were: [1] A home and means to maintain it; [2] A church of their conviction; and [3] A public school for their children. The oldest pictures of the Point show all four churches either completed or under construction — the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and Trinity Episcopal Church. All these structures still stand in good repair and regular usage. The Episcopal Church has been carefully restored and redecorated and is now a hall rented out for community and social events; however, any member of the original congregation there, if they returned, would identify their old church and be pleased with its appearance.

Church records are widely accepted as legal documents, as you are aware if you've made a study of your genealogy. We were able recently to furnish proof of a baptism in this church that took place over forty years ago. Our records, though incomplete, go back much further.

We are impressed anew while delving into old file folders with the time and effort the early Point people put into their church, and particularly pleasing are records of a joint effort by the Point Churches in order to attain a certain goal. Below is excerpted from a program dated July 25, 1971 (not very old, but a good indication that our churches still cooperate):

*Scripture Lesson*  
(Romans 8:35-39)

by Rev. Richard W. Smith  
First United Methodist  
Church

*Pastoral Prayer*

by Rev. Evan Anderson  
Point Richmond Baptist  
Church

*Sermon:*  
*The Importance of*  
*Being You*

by Rev. Fr. Richard Prende-  
ville, Our Lady of Mercy  
Catholic Church

Public school has been held in at least four buildings here in the Point. The Baptist, Methodist and Catholic Churches surely outdate any public buildings still being used for their intended purposes.

Roy Jones

### POINT METHODIST CHURCH . . .

The following is a continuation of the first records of the Methodist Church in Point Richmond. The Board minutes began in Vol. I, no. 4. They reflect the developing and building of the first church in the Point, and dealt with problems of heating, lighting, salaries, etc. Is any reader familiar with the 'Reynolds System' as related to finance? Or do you remember Sister Barrett the revivalist? Comments on records, which are printed as written, are always welcomed.

Point Richmond, September 28, 1903

Official Board met at church at 8 p.m. Bro Rich in the chair. The meeting was opened with Prayer by Bro Rich.

Those present were Bro Rich, Odell, Dahl, Lester, Bly and Sister Bly.

Bro Rich was appointed a committee of one to see about the tin water drain from the roof and have same replaced.

Bro Dahl was appointed a committee to see about ventilating the church and have same done as proposed.



It was moved and seconded that we adopt the Reynolds system in part for our financial system.

As Sister Barrett was coming among us to hold revival services it was thought best to take up collections occasionally and also have a subscription paper for those that were willing to subscribe and the Sunday Evenings collections while she was here.

Sister Adams had offered her a room at her house and quite a number had offered her Board. They were Sisters Brown, Lester, Bly, Rich.

Nothing further the meeting adjourned.  
Jas. C. Bly, Secy

Pt. Richmond Oct 14, 1903

Meeting of the Official Board opened at 8 p.m. at the church with Bro Rich in the chair. Those present were Bros Rich, Odell Younglove, Lester, Bly and Sister Bly.

Bro Rich brought up the question about having meetings Friday evening and letting the Coral Society have Saturday instead; after hearing from those present it was decided not to disturb the Coral Society as all seemed in favor of letting them retain their evening (Friday) and have Friday as Cottage Meeting night.

Next the question of heating the church during the cold winter evenings; there was nothing definite decided upon althou(sic) there was talk of building a Brick chimney and buying a large jumbo stove. It was laid over until some future time.

There being nothing further the meeting adjourned.

Jas C. Bly, Secy

Pt Richmond Feb 1, 1904

Meeting of the Official Board opened at 8:15 at the church with Bro Rich in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro Lester. Those present were Bros Rich, Lester, Odell, Dahl, Bly and Sister Conn.

Sister Conn reported for the Ladies Aid

that they intended to pay for the lights - \$1.25 and the Janitor - \$2.00 a month.

Bro Rich spoke about the oil debt being used to head the church. Bro Lester reported that the church owed for 3 cans which was all subscribed as follows:

Bro. Dahl	1.10	- oil
Bro Lester	1.10	- for oil
Bro Rich	.50	.. ..
Bro Odell	.35	.. ..
Sister Conn	.25	for oil
Bro Dahl	4.00	for pastor

Bro Rich spoke about fixing up the church inside painting the ceiling and windows and also extending the platform. A carpet was talked about and quite a number of improvements to beautify and make the church as attractive as possible. Then Mrs. Conn spoke of the Ladies Aid idea of fixing the church. Sister Conn said that if the board was willing the Ladies Aid would like to see about painting the ceiling and getting a carpet for the church. That they had agreed to pay \$50 towards the pastor's salary for the present year. The board thanked the ladies and gave them the power to do what they wished.

It was further moved by Bro Odell, seconded by Bro Lester to extend the platform 2 ft further into the audience room from steps on either side not removing steps. Also to have windows cased and stained and varnished when money is in sight.

Nothing further coming before the meeting it was moved and seconded we adjourn.  
Carried.

Jas C. Bly, Secy

-Mild Dorman

## OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH NOTES...

Father Carmello Mifsud made Mothers' Day particularly special for those attending church, by presenting all the ladies with a fresh carnation, and after mass he invited everyone to breakfast at the Marina Inn.

-Marion Downey



## ABOUT POINTERS ... AT THIS TIME

### WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES, etc.

Married: Pearl Diller (81) and Carl Westman (82), Wednesday, May 3, at the Point Methodist Church. Both had previously been married to their late spouses almost 53 years. Pearl confesses that "Carl is the only gentleman I went with" after her husband died. At one time, Pearl, whose maiden name is Sturm, lived in the Point and sang in the Church choir with Marian Scofield, daughter of a president of Standard Oil. Pearl is an organist and musician.

Carl came to the Point in 1903, and lived on Clarence and Tewksbury Avenue when there were horses and barns in that area. He attended the Standard Avenue School, and recalls that all students were expected to show up neat and clean each day. An enter-

prising youngster, he arose at 5 a.m. to sell Saturday Evening Post magazines (at five cents per copy) to Standard Oil 'bosses and foremen'. The refinery at that time had no gates and one could wander through the plant as long as you caused no trouble. On a good day, Carl would sell \$5.00 worth of magazines, of which he netted 75 cents. He says he "came up the hard way", collecting and selling junk and salvaging materials like sacks and rags. He delivered milk for Mr. Silva, and worked from 1916 to 1918 at Standard Oil. He went off to see the world, and later worked 32 years for the Union Oil Company. Recently, he has served as president of the Senior Citizens Center at 25th and Macdonald, and he goes dancing about three nights a week. He admits he has lots of pep, and says his "brain isn't rusty yet — too much to do ahead!"

Neither of these newlyweds is 'rusty' — and they started their marriage in step with the times by having their wedding ceremony recorded.

## *The Pioneer Bank*

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Anniversary: The thirtieth wedding anniversary for Rosy and Donna Roselius was (they decided) a time to re-create their wedding ceremony; which they did during a visit at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Michael and Roni Turner. Donning their original wedding clothes, they repeated and recorded their vows, with a few added chuckles (trying to get rings back on).

#### GETTING WELL . . .

Virginia (Mrs. Clare) Bryant is recuperating rapidly at home, but her friends have missed the added inspiration and humor at meetings of the West Side Improvement Club.

Mary Casey is convalescing after suffering a broken hip. The Point won't be quite the same until her lively mind and conversation return to the local activities.

Jack Creed has been receiving radiation treatments, and in two weeks will undergo surgery.

#### ORGANIZATIONS . . .

As Sunday School classes are being disbanded for the summer, all teachers at the Methodist Church were honored with special recognition on June 5. Those honored were Linda Mitchell, Jean and Norm Reynolds, Doris and Bob Maske, Alice Thompson, Shirley Butt and Roger Spence.

Wednesday, June 22 is the last meeting of the United Methodist Women until fall. They will meet in Friendship Hall at 6:30 p.m. and *ALL CAT BAGS must be present and accounted for and returned to owners.* (It is said that Donna Powers looks like a Methodist because she carries a cat bag!)

Boy Scouts of Troop 111 express thanks and appreciation to the community for making their 19th annual pancake breakfast

another success. The boys will be experiencing a 50 mile backpack as well as base camping, besides taking a raft trip the first week of June.

—Mid Dornan

#### SUMMER — WHAT'S IN IT FOR KIDS?

School's out! Time for camp, trips and our streets resounding with young voices, bicycles, roller skates and general joy.

'What will the kids do this summer' is a perpetual question; one that is even more often heard now with so many single parent and two working parent families. The City of Richmond, the "Y", the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts and the Art Center all offer terrific programs for older kids, but what about the tiny tots? Our own Point Richmond Child Development Center has an answer — a new summer session called TTF, special classes for Two, Three and Four year olds which will meet for two hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Each two week session will feature a specific learning focus: Cooking, with recipes designed for young cooks; Language Arts, emphasizing pre-reading development; speech, letters and letter sounds; Science will focus on animals and plants indigenous to our area, care and treatment of small animals and bird studies; The Math class will prepare youngsters for kindergarten with emphasis on counting, the concept of numbers and pre-math skills. Ever popular with young gymnasts will be Tumbling and Movement to build large muscle coordination. And last, but far from least will be Art, allowing little ones to exercise their creativity through multi media art experiences.

These classes are a great opportunity to let the little ones have a variety of experiences during a summer, not to mention giving mom or dad a break. For more information on the six two-week sessions, call 234-6032.

—Judy Spediacci



## BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

At the regular June meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association, Richmond City Manager Jim Fales and Public Works Director Larry Loder were featured guests. The luncheon meeting at the Hotel Mac gave Point business people a chance to meet the new City Manager as well as to discuss a number of concerns that will have the attention of the Association over the next few months.

With the Railroad Avenue parking project virtually completed, the group plans an effort to create and maintain an ongoing dialogue with the Santa Fe Railroad. Business people are concerned with the schedule and duration of street blockages by trains as well as the physical condition of the crossings. At present there appears to be a difference in opinion between the City and Santa Fe regarding the legal limit for blockage of traffic at crossings. Mr. Fales promised to have the City Attorney research the law regarding crossings, and several members of the Association are attempting to contact personnel at Santa Fe to see if a joint meeting can be scheduled to discuss items of

mutual concern. There is also concern regarding the appearance and intended use of the area being graded east of the tracks running along Railroad Avenue. Will it be another container parking lot, or what?

An effort is also being launched to secure additional directional signage for Point Richmond in general and the business district in particular. Mr. Loder promised to provide and install signs identifying the Point Richmond Historic District if the Association would pay for them. The Association will also apply to the State for recognition of the Historic District as a State landmark so that identifying signage will be authorized when the Hoffman Freeway is completed.

Members of the Association will be guests of Herb Wimmer at Chevron Research Company for the July meeting where they will tour the new facilities and dine at the new cafeteria.

As the economy picks up, the Association is getting a number of new memberships, and the monthly meeting attendance continues to increase with luncheon meetings routinely drawing twenty to thirty persons, or about one-half of the paid membership.

—Tom Butt

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**UPDATE:  
THE INDIAN STATUE  
AND MINI-PARK**

The engineering plans, donated by Interactive Resources have been approved by the City Building Regulations Department, and Chevron U.S.A. has hired a contractor to remove the ten-foot pedestal base from its present site. It will then be sandblasted, its top will be made into a platform, and if all goes well, it will stand in its new home in the Triangle ready for the statue, sometime in June.

The Point Richmond Business Association is planning to dedicate the mini-park in September. Since the artist, Kirk St. Maur, will require several months to execute the statue, the unveiling celebration will take place at a later date.

To create a park setting by September, volunteers will be needed to help with planting, brick work, material gathering, electrical and plumbing hook-ups. On Tuesday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. all those interested in helping to plan or donating materials or labor are invited to meet at the Roselius home, to finalize the park design and the work schedule. Please call 235-4222 if you have any questions.

Donors to this historic Point Richmond project so far include the following individuals and groups:

The San Francisco Foundation  
The City of Richmond  
Interactive Resources  
West Side Improvement Club  
Chevron Research Company  
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*—Kerry VanderMeer  
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## SUMMER BIRTHDAYS cannot be forgotten...

**JUNE - Gemini:** You intuitively sense the true nature of good luck. You are a person of activity.

Rosemary Giacomelli	Stacy Spinola
Dan Weinstein	Doe Spinola
Cindy Quist	Diane Squires
Stephanie Pearson	Suzanne Squires
Ed Mitchell	Anita Brougham
Ron Albrow	Jan Sprecker
Joanne Lanning	Andrew Butt
Ruth Beardsley	Grace Yank

**JULY - As a Cancer** you many times deny that you are ambitious but you get up and move toward that which you want.

Julius Matteucci	Kathryn Fong
Mary Knox	Francis Smith
Dick Dowell	Trannie Dornan—
Brian Pease	who will be 88
Joe Palenchar	years young on
Josephine Palenchar	the 17th!

**AUGUST - As a Leo,** you are a special person and generally accept the role as winner!

Terrence Doherty	Alice Thompson
Kelly Darling	Gladys Johnson
Veora Heiney	Nikki Eaton
Jessie Clark	Donna Wilson
Karli Peterson	Mid Dornan
Oretta Eaton	Bea Kenoyer
Gloria Schaub	Joe Darling
Floria Parker	

—Mid Dornan

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<input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR CITIZEN (65 +)	5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY	20.00
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## POINTS IN THE FUTURE

Saturdays &  
Sundays thru  
August 7

\* JUNE 23

JUNE 28

JULY 1 to  
AUGUST 6

AUGUST 20

\* JUNE 23 — 5 to 8 p.m. — Grand Opening  
of Linsley Hall

Need summer help? Mrs. Golay is assisting  
kids who want summer jobs — call and ask  
her! 236-6253.

Fan Exhibit at the Rich-  
mond Museum.

Joint meeting of Historic-  
al Societies, 7:00, Maple  
Hall, San Pablo.

Meeting — about the  
Indian Statue, 7:30 p.m.  
212 Bishop

Friday & Saturday eves.  
at 8:00, "Fate's Fickle  
Friend" at the Masquers

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