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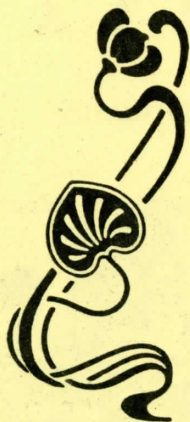


FOURTH GRADE at WASHINGTON SCHOOL, MAY, 1913, MISS MCKEE'S CLASS
Courtesy of Carl Westman, at whom the arrow points. He is holding up a shy classmate. Identify anyone?

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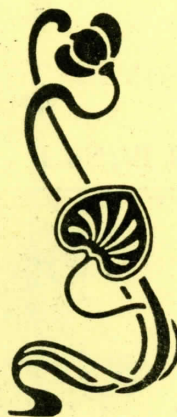
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TRANNIE

*She's been described in many ways
—Many people know her.
They say "dignified, brave ...
regal ...self-contained ...composed ...
But though she's lived 32,850 days,
She's seldom described as "old" ...
Perhaps because she's lived those days
One day at a time, with a
Well-tuned sense of humor, and unfailing
Faith that overrules age.*



Trannie Dorman is celebrating 90 years of life on Sunday, July 14, with an Open House at 220 Bishop Avenue (Alley) from 2 to 4:00 p.m., hosted by her daughter, Betty, and daughter-in-law, Mid. Assisting will be her granddaughters Patricia, Kathy Barnes of Vermillion, South Dakota, and Roberta Palfini from Irvine, California. Also attending will be her only great-grandson, Robert Clayton Barnes.

Born on July 17, 1895, in Butte City, Glenn County, in Brown's Valley near Sacramento to Nettie and John Freeman, Trannie was the eldest of seven children. The family moved to the Point in 1905 when her father took a job at the Standard Oil Company. She has lived in the Point longer than any other person — even Mary Casey, who

came here in 1906. It's an interesting coincidence that both of these women, who remain an important part of their community have streets in Point Richmond named for their family — Casey Drive and Dorman Drive. Last month, Trannie revisited her birthplace.

Trannie's living sisters are Carlotta "Lottie" Bresee of Berkeley and Hattie Belle Potts of Vista, California.

Friends are invited to join in wishing Trannie a Happy Birthday on the 14th. She continues to go to her place of business, The Richmond Supply Company, almost every day. Ten years ago, on her eightieth birthday, she told a Tribune reporter, "I don't expect to continue working until I'm 100!" (But, maybe she could!)

HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES ♦♦

ENDING OUR THIRD YEAR . . .

A brief but heartfelt Thanks to our unique, active, responsible and hard working Board of Directors and to members who have participated by writing articles, donating materials to the archives, and giving time to worthwhile projects!

And, thanks to all members – without your annual memberships we would not exist. With your support it will be possible to give to future Point residents a comprehensive history of Point Richmond, knowing the truth of the statement that those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it.

—Donna Roselius

ARCHIVES . . .

A steady flow of memorabilia and old photos have been donated by people aware of their historic value. We have just copied some school pictures from James Forbes; George Batten presented us with a 75th Anniversary Plate from Standard Oil, plus a book, *Chevron, 100 Years Helping to Create the Future*, and Carl Westman brought some old photos this week.

Archives Chairman, Teresa Albro has provided pictorial and photographic displays for various occasions. There are many more photos to be copied, and although several from the Don Church collection have been copied by Chevron, their most recent proposal, to finance the copying by contracting with a photographer has been retracted—although they will continue to reproduce photos at their own lab. Obviously, added funding would be a great boon to this process. We thank Alan Smith, who has loaned us the Church collection, for his patience.

INDEXES . . .

Indexes to various publications, making reference work possible, has been continuing this year. A workshop on how to index was given by Rosemary Corbin. This is an important project, and we appreciate the work this committee is doing. If you are willing to assist, please call us at 235-4222.

HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUES . . .

This committee will begin its work this summer. Their goal will be to place descriptive plaques on historic Point buildings. If interested in helping, please call 234-5334.

INDIAN STATUE PARK . . .

A joint committee from the Business Association and the History Association has been meeting, and now has a preliminary plan for the park. We are happy to note that each month donations of \$200 or more are received, which will be acknowledged on a plaque on the statue pedestal. Matching funds are also being sought through the City Recreation and Parks Department.

PROGRAMS . . .

Outstanding programs were presented at our meetings this year — with George Coles giving us a short course in Indian shell mound archaeological finds; Sonny Jackson giving us a glimpse of his bottle collection and giving us clues on how to find treasures amid trash; John Holsun taking us back to the Chinese Shrimp Camp and its activities; and Helen Pence, who took us on a tour of the fine exhibits at the Richmond Museum. Finally, at our annual meeting, Lois Boyle took us into the past with a display of fashions — as described in the article by Frankie Greenlaw, who has recorded all of our programs, allowing us to relive them.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS...

Besides co-hosting the Indian Statue Dedication Day with the Point Business Association, we have been able to provide several tours for groups throughout the Bay Area.

ANNUAL MEETING ...

Memories, memories, dreams of love so true —

*O'er the sea of memory I'm drifting back to you.
Childhood days, wildwood days among the birds
and bees...*

*You left me alone, but you're still my own
In my beautiful memories.*

One could almost hear that lovely old theme wafting upstairs and down in old Linsley Hall during the annual meeting on the third Sunday in May. Some forty members and guests enjoyed themselves over a savory and satisfying pot luck luncheon before trooping upstairs for the highlight of the day's program, a vintage fashion show. Lois Boyle, president of the Richmond Museum Association, took the audience on a vocal and visual stroll down Richmond's own memory lane. Her troop of nine volunteer models wearing some 43 authentic costumes from the museum's collection, appeared at appropriate intervals in her comprehensive commentary covering the years from 1900 to the present. Giggles and gasps of recognition from the vintage viewers in the audience greeted many of the fashions from the '20s, '30s and '40s, including a more than modest swim outfit, a demure white cotton graduation dress, a black-bloomered gym suit, and a beaded and fringed 'shimmy'. Other stars from the memory closet included a Molyneux (the Dior of yesteryear) original, and a gown made for and worn at a reception for General DeGaulle during World War II — the latter covered by a well-remembered garment of that era, a Red Cross trench coat and hat. The parade of wondrous garments of lace, satin, velvet, chiffon.

all with matching frills and furbelows of bygone days, was an eye pleasing and mind jogging history lesson of the best kind.

Adding a show biz touch to the show were veteran entertainer Frances Baruch, with a skit and impressions of old-time stars, and song and dance stylist Susan Amacker doing a nifty Charleston and a duo of tear-jerking ballads. The entire group did a yeoman job, involving quick changes under less than desirable circumstances. For the full impact of the show 'ya hadda be there' (and, if you weren't, you really blew it, folks).

In addition to those noted above, models included Tracey Schiffmann, Chris Mahoney, Nancy Nielson (many members will remember her grandmother, long time Point resident Ruby Ellis, and mom and dad, Art Stone and Marge Ellis Stone both of whom grew up in the Point), Carol Johnson, Emily Johnson, Phoebe O'Shea, and Sally Baker.

Lastly and surely not leastly, we hope everyone appreciates the Association's good fortune in having a setting for these gatherings that is not only a truly historical building, but a beautifully restored and maintained one, with the added benefit of an outdoor area as well planted and kept up as any of the gardens of today and yesterday, thanks to Donna Powers.

—Frankie Greenlaw

MEMBERS...

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their memberships this month:

Maude Alexander	Mrs. Tom Marcon
Mr. & Mrs. R.J. Anderson	John Maxwell
Aileen Conn	J. Henry O'Hara
Mid Dornan	Clara Perasso
Pat Dornan	Mary Rudolph
Marion Downey	Eleanor Sully
Mary Franco	Saryl Weinstein
Winifred Giusti	Charlotte Woods

And welcome to the following new members:

E. Taylor Ashley Maria Buziol

THE YEAR AHEAD . . .

Thanks to the willingness of the following members to serve on the Board of Directors, the coming year is already off to a fine start:

Donna Roselius, president
Pam Wilson, vice president, membership chairman

Muriel Clausen, secretary

Mae Mandl, treasurer

Mid Dornan, corresponding secretary

Frankie Greenlaw, program secretary

Teresa Albro, archives chairman

Elizabeth McDonald, program chairman

Deirdre Cerkowicz, current records, historic calendar

Catherine Burchell

Sara Eeles

Lucretia Edwards, honorary; community resource

Trannie Dornan, honorary, historic resources

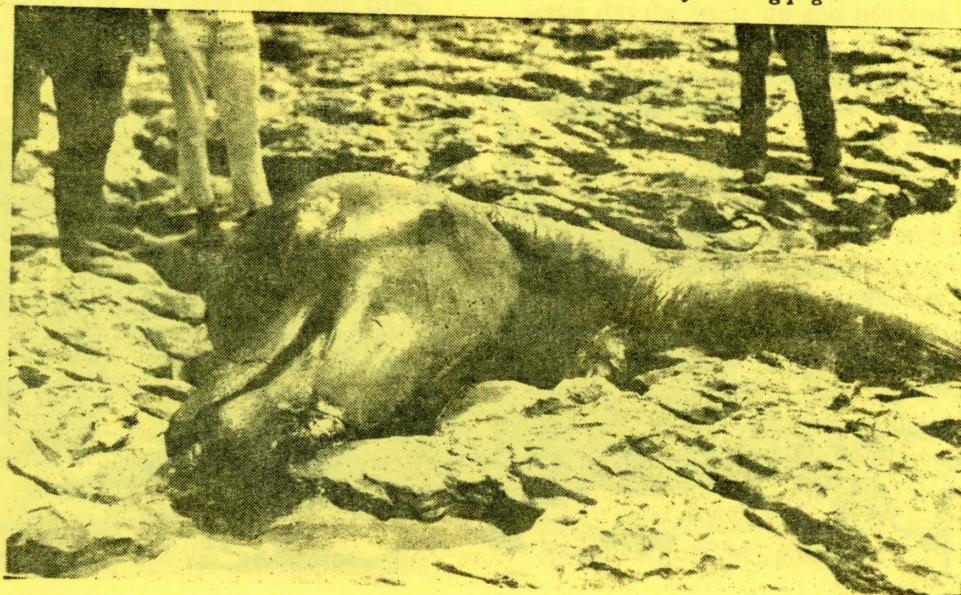
FESTIVAL BY THE BAY AUGUST 18 . . .

The Association will participate in cooperation with the Richmond Museum Association, manning a booth which will feature exhibits by the Museum, and some of our own memorabilia. The new Indian postcards will be for sale, and with a little luck, the historic calendars may also be available.

JOINT SOCIETY MEETING SEPTEMBER 26 . . .

In collaboration with history societies from neighboring areas, we will have a song fest, featuring songs about the area, and California. The Point Richmond Madrigal Singers, Susan Amacker and Bernard Johnson are among the entertainers. There will also be a grand sing-along. Ann Roberts has collected some great old music. Put the date in your datebook now!

Ever feel this way? . . . This creature's tale is on the following page.



THE SEA MONSTER OF SANTA CRUZ — 60 YEARS AGO

Though not a Point Richmond phenomenon, a 'sea monster' appears on these pictures from Don Church's scrapbook. The pictures were printed on post cards, which states, "Sea monster washed ashore on the beach at Santa Cruz, California, May, 1925."

Don Church notes, "It was approximately sixty feet long and seems to bear out the sea serpent theory of the old time sailors who told of the serpents with many humps."

Reports, usually unverifiable, of sea monster sightings occasionally appear, and are given liberal, if tongue-in-cheek, publicity by the news media. But these actual photographs of what appears to fit the description of 'sea monster', along with several witnesses, seem to have been forgotten. Do any of our readers remember the story or research that might have been done on this particular 'monster'? (If so, we would appreciate hearing from you!)

*From the December 18, 1924
Edition of the Richmond Daily
Independent . . .*

Courtesy of the Richmond Public Library —

RICHMOND FIFTY YEARS AGO (1874)

DESCRIBED BY FORMER PASTOR

The Rev. James Curry, who was the first Presbyterian pastor at San Pablo, in the days before Richmond had thought of becoming a city, has furnished the Independent with an interesting account of this section of the county as he found it when he arrived here fifty years ago. Rev. Curry tells of some of the pioneer residents of the San Pablo and Richmond districts, and of the events leading up to the development of Richmond as a city. Following is his story:

Having been a resident of the section east of the San Francisco Bay, California, most of the time for more than 51 years, I have been asked to give some reminiscences of certain localities during that time and so it has occurred to me that something in the



line about the region of Richmond might be of interest to the people of this prosperous and rapidly developing city.

On October 11, 1873, I arrived in San Francisco from Ohio with my newly wed wife and entered the San Francisco Theological seminary as a student for the ministry.

On November 8, 1874, I began preaching as a home missionary in San Pablo and later became the settled pastor of the Presbyterian church there. My parish then extended from Oakland, a city of 10,000 population on the south, to Benicia and Vallejo on the north, and included the whole region where now are the towns of Valona, Rodeo, Pinole, San Pablo, Richmond, Stege, Albany, Berkeley and Golden Gate.

After eight years in this valley I accepted a call to the church in Placerville, where I remained until 1891, when I became pastor of Emmanuel Presbyterian church in North Oakland. Being near my old field of labor, I often revisited friends there and watched the development of that region with great interest.

LAND TITLES HELD UP GROWTH

On account of the unsettled land titles, but little increase was made in the population of this rich valley and the adjacent foothills for many years. But the final settlement came in 1895, I think and since then great changes have been made.

I lived in 1875 - 82 in a home east of San Pablo avenue where the Santa Fe now crosses that street. An old fashioned stage was the only public conveyance from Oakland to San Pablo. The Southern Pacific was built out through the valley in 1879, a narrow gauge line a few years later that ran through my place and up San Pablo creek, and the Santa Fe was built in 1900, which absorbed the narrow gauge line.

A recent writer in the Saturday Evening Post says, "In 1899 there were only four

farm houses where Richmond with 30,000 population stands today." But there were many more Richmond pioneers than that. Among those were the farm homes of Messrs. Stege, Seavers, Boorman, Woods, Griffin, Reynolds, Ellis, Barrett, Praro, Nicholl, Davis, Boyd, Mayhew, Gill, Rockefeller, and some others.

EARLY SHIPPING . . .

The water front was utilized for shipping purposes at three different points, namely the Terrill Landing near where the Standard Oil Company is now located, the Captain Ellis Landing on the inner harbor as at present, and the Remillard Brick Company Landing where the Santa Fe now has its terminal.

The deep water advantage of this last point were well known and in the final settlement of the San Pablo Ranch in 1895, Mr. John Nicholl, on the advice of his attorney John B. Mhoon, accepted a tract of 153 acres here in lieu of his title for four hundred acres of rich land in the valley. Mr. John B. Mhoon then remarked to Mr. Nicholl that, because of its deep waterfront, it would some day be built up and become a part of San Francisco. With this thought in mind, Mr. Nicholl purchased from Mrs. Emerica Metosa the site where the first buildings were erected. Soon after this he sold fifty seven acres to the Santa Fe Company where it now has its terminal. Realizing the value of this point for commercial and manufacturing purposes, Mr. Nicholl set apart a portion of his land for a town site and employed Mr. T.W. Morgan, a surveyor, to survey and plot the same. This was the start of the "City of Richmond" in 1900 which later spread out into the valley. In those days Mr. Nicholl was familiarly called "The Father of Richmond" and the highest point above the railroad terminal was named "Nicholl Knob" in his honor.

ORGANIZED CHURCH HERE . . .

At that time I was a pastor in Oakland. On August 11, 1901, I went out to Richmond and preached to an audience of twenty eight persons. On February 17th following I came out with others and organized a Presbyterian church with fourteen members. The work grew and a house of worship was dedicated on November 9th, [1913].*

**This may be a misprint, since the following article from a special issue of the Independent, published in 1910, states:*

The Presbyterian Church was started eight years ago, the first meetings being held in a tent on the west side. There was wind in Richmond at that time, something like the present breezes, and one day the tent blew over. Not to be thwarted, the congregation came over to the east side and held services in a building at the corner of Macdonald avenue and Tenth street until their church building was finished on Bissell avenue in 1902. Dr. J.S. McDonald was the first pastor, was much beloved, and served the congregation longer than any other clergyman.

The church has grown with the development of the city, the house of worship has been enlarged, and the membership has been increased from fourteen to three hundred and fifty.

In these early days the whole region was filled with grain fields and cow pastures, and near where the Presbyterian Church now stands was a pond of water where hunters shot wild geese.

Among the pioneers of Richmond there still remain in the city representatives of the Griffin, Nicholl and Boorman-Woods families, and perhaps of others.

SOME PIONEERS . . .

Prominent pioneers of the Valley who lived outside the present city limits were Dr.

Jacob M. Tewksbury and Mr. Jos. Emerio large land holders. Hon. Juan B. Alvarado who was Governor of California under the Mexican regime from 1836 to 1842, whose son, Henry V. Alvarado, is now Judge of the Superior Court in Martinez, and Victor Castro, who had been an officer in the Mexican army during the Maximillian trouble in Mexico, and whose old home on San Pablo Avenue near the Alameda County line, is being preserved by the N.S.G.W., I understand, as an important landmark of those early days.

These are some of the important historical facts concerning the pioneers who lived in and developed the San Pablo Valley and founded the City of Richmond during the closing years of the nineteenth century. With the beginning of the twentieth century others came in to aid in further development and by intelligent enterprise and energy have done a great work in advancing the industrial, educational and religious interests of the ever progressive City of Richmond.

—Teresa Albro



Members of pioneer families at a picnic at Point San Pablo from the Don Church Collection



Points in the Past

Articles that appeared during this month, 70, 60, 50, 40 and 30 years ago, from the Richmond Independent and the Point Richmond Record, courtesy of the Richmond Library.

70 YEARS AGO . . .

OPENING OF KOZY KOVE ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS . . .

"Richmond's Aquatic Park, Kozy Kove opened with a large crowd, which has promised a splendid season for the well known pleasure place. All day yesterday the crowd came and went, and while at the Kove indulged in swimming or picnicking as suited themselves. A large number of swings and play places for children furnished entertainment for the younger generations.

"In the dancing pavillion there was fine music by an orchestra and many enjoyed themselves at dancing during the afternoon and evening. The facilities of the place have been vastly improved by the addition made by the new proprietors, Benson and Jan-sing."

—June 7, 1915

GOTCHA COMING AND GOING . . .

"F. L. Marble, 112 Nicholl avenue, was taken into custody . . . for driving a team on the wrong side of Richmond avenue . . . It is alleged that teamsters driving along Richmond avenue to the quarry use the right side of the street both coming and going. A complaint was made to the city council last night. Chief of Police Charles Walker has

stationed an officer to see that the ordinance is enforced."

—June 8, 1915

CITY HALL OFFICES LEAVE WEST SIDE . . .

"The supreme court of California yesterday refused to punish members of the Richmond city council for planning to move into the new city hall building in the Wall tract before the court had passed upon the four suits now awaiting decision at the hands of the high court.

"Last evening the council, with the exception of Ludewig and Lane voted to move into the new building on next Tuesday (June 14, 1915) and declare the new building the official place of meetings after next Tuesday and to ratify an agreement with the Harbor Center Land company to pay it \$135 per month for the use of the new building until the lease with the John Nicholl company for the present structure on Washington avenue expires and thereafter \$185 per month for a period of ten years when the building will become the property of the city."

—June 8, 1915

DEAN WITTER, MOVE OVER . . .

"How much profit can be secured from a \$1 bill?

"That's what members of the ladies' aid society of the First Methodist church desire to know and they are now going to find out. Each member of the organization has

been loaned \$1. They are to invest the \$1 and turn over the profits as well as the principle to the society.

"Yesterday Mrs. P.E. Peterson and Mrs. Elmo Wilson invested their loan. They held a food sale at 120 Washington avenue and it was a huge success. Just how much they realized on the sale is being kept secret and will not be divulged until every member has invested her \$1."

—June 16, 1915

TRAIN-TRUCK CRASH KILLS ONE . . .

"Confused for a second, Hayward Iverson, a truck driver for the Standard Oil company drove a huge auto truck carrying forty employees of the Standard Oil company directly into the path of a backing Santa Fe freight train at Dimm's Spur, near Point Orient, 'killed' the engine of the machine and made it impossible to prevent the terrific crash which followed. In an instant, the heavy train had crashed into the lighter vehicle, pinning its occupants to the ground under a mass of wreckage, killing one man instantly and injuring eleven others. Probably twenty others were also cut and lacerated but none of these reported to the hospital for aid. Of the injured none will die."

—June 18, 1915

BIG DOIN'S AT WINEHAVEN . . .

"A great time is promised at Winehaven this evening when members of the Winehaven Fire Department will give a dance at the fire hall. There will be good music and the best possible time will be furnished by the fire laddies who have had much experience in entertaining.

"To take those from the city who wish to go out for the dance the committee in charge has arranged for machines to run from the Standard Oil terminus of the car line.

"The admission will be fifty cents for

gentlemen and ladies free."

—June 19, 1915

ON LOCATION IN SAN FRANCISCO — (not James Bond) . . . RUTH ROWLAND OF POINT RICHMOND . . .

"Ruth Friend, or better known in the movies as 'Ruth Rowland', who formerly resided at 26 Oregon avenue, this city, and whose playing of leading parts with the Pathe company, has been rated by dramatic critics as equal to that of Pearl White, motored to this city from her apartments in the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco today to pay a brief visit with Mrs. A. Stromberg, a former schoolmate, at her home on Washington avenue.



Musetta Hopkins, Ruth Rowland
and 'Browlie' Stromberg, from
the Don Church Collection

“ ‘It’s been just exactly thirteen years ago since I left this city,’ stated Miss Rowland, as she wishes to be called, to a Record-Herald reporter today. ‘When I left I was a pupil at the Standard Avenue Grammar school, then one of the finest buildings in the city, and it has always been my one wish to see the old building wherein I spent many happy hours.

“ ‘Of course, I know what you intend to ask me,’ stated Miss Rowland, ‘and that is, how I like being a movie actress and how long I have been at it. Well, let me think. Yes, I have been in constant drilling before a camera now for ten years. Immediately upon leaving this city I commenced the study of the stage. Shortly afterward I secured a position with the Kalem company and became known as the ‘Kalem Girl’. I remained with the Kalem movie company for four years and then jumped to the Pathe-Balboa company before whose cameras I am at the present time playing the star part in ‘Who Pays?’ to be shown at the Point theatre tonight.

“ ‘Although our headquarters are at Long Beach, we occasionally find time to come to San Francisco for a few days.

“ ‘The next picture in which I am to play a leading part with William Elliott, the great New York actor, is to be ‘Comrade John’.

“ ‘O yes, I like the movie life, perhaps because it’s so full of thrilling moments and also because you are always busy – either rehearsing or acting – and I guess that I have come pretty near doing everything that could be expected of a movie heroine, in that I have ridden prancing horses, have soared high in the air in monoplanes, have made trips in submarines, have been rescued from the cornice of a thirteen story building where I had been left strapped by bank robbers, and countless numbers of other adventures which would take me a week to

tell. But it’s a great life, is this movie life.’

“Miss Rowland was taken for a trip through the Standard Oil refinery and the Pullman car shops, following which she returned to her apartments in the city from where she intends to return by steamer to the south.”

[Miss Rowland starred the following year in the “Red Circle” described as one of America’s greatest serial play.]

June 15, 1915

BRICK BUSINESS BOOMING . . .

“The Los Angeles Pressed Brick company [‘Brickyard Cove’] today shipped several large consignments of pressed and common brick to Napa and Stockton. Another schooner is loading for Alameda. The local yards of the company are in the midst of a great rush of business and every day finds new orders on hand. With the completion of the new spur track, superintendent John Gerlach predicts that the business capacity of the plant will be greatly enhanced.”

—June 23, 1915

69 SALOONS & POOLROOMS GRANTED NEW LICENSES . . .

“Sixty-nine retail liquor licenses, eight wholesale liquor licenses and twenty three pool and billiard hall licenses were on Monday evening approved by the license committee of the city council.”

Of these, 25 retail liquor licenses were granted in Point Richmond: W.C. Barry, 53 Washington Ave.; Ben Brignone, 100 Standard Ave.; J.A. Bettencourt, 30 Standard; Romolo Bobba, 443 Standard; C.T. Beringer, 41 Washington; Jas. Coffey, 19 Cottage; G.W. Crippen, 1 W. Richmond; P.M. Dean, 2 Washington; Gus Briscon, 144 Standard; C. Garibotti, 541 Standard; Chas. Hoover, 126 Washington; Sundbeck & Johnson, 100 Washington; T. Kenny, 11 Washington; J. Kenny, 49 Washington; M.B. Lent, 219 Stand-

ard; Rocco Mazzoni, 456 Ashland; Filip Mazza, 18 Standard; Edward McDuff, 525 Standard; Edward McDuff, 28 Cottage; Harry McNeill, 12 Standard; Kate Riordan Pope, 50 Washington; Joseph Raspiller, 125 Standard; H. Sirrenberg, 2 W. Richmond; W.D. Thompson, 160 Washington; E.H. Weber, 112 Railroad.

Two wholesale liquor licenses were granted in Point Richmond: Martin Caletini, 18 Mancilla; California Wine Association, Winehaven.

Ten of the 25 billiard and poolroom licenses were in Point Richmond: Romolo Bobba, 443 Standard; George K. Drew, 114 Washington; C. Garibotti, 541 Standard; Gus B. Green, 39 Park Place; John Kenny, 49 Washington; Edw. McDuff, 28 Cottage; G. Pacini, 200 Standard; J. Raspiller, 125 Standard; H. Sirrenberg, 2 W. Richmond; E.H. Weber, 112 Railroad.

—June 23, 1915

SIGNS GUIDE TRAVEL TO FERRY...

"Superintendent M. Moch, of the Richmond-Point San Quentin ferry system is busy, putting up sign posts in Contra Costa and Alameda counties pointing out the way to the new ferry service. Several hundred signs have been installed and Moch declares that if any cannot locate the slip now they are evidently suffering from some optic affliction.

"Traffic over the system is unusually heavy," declared Manager Barnes today, "In fact it is exceeding our most optimistic expectations. The new boat which we plan to build will be in operation soon."

—June 25, 1915

TUNNEL NEARS COMPLETION...

"Richmond's new municipal tunnel will be completed by July 4th. This announcement was made today from the office of Shattuck-Eddinger and company and the

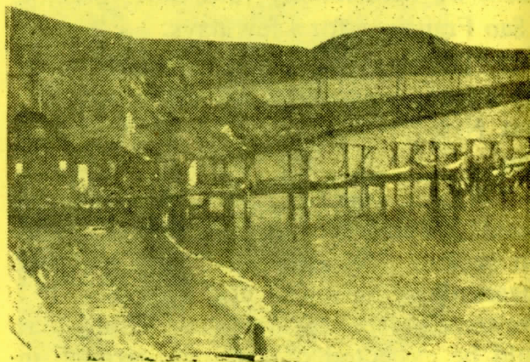
big celebration which has been planned to signalize the opening of the giant bore, will be held shortly afterwards.

"According to officials of the Shattuck-Eddinger company the tunnel is one of the best in the west. The bore has been constructed so as to make artificial lighting in the day time unnecessary."

—June 26, 1915

GUS KELLER FELLED BY TRAIN...

Owner and Proprietor of Keller's Beach the wharf and boats, Gus Keller, was killed in the Santa Fe tunnel by a train, July 21, 1915 — just a few months before the municipal tunnel's completion. According to a note made by Don Church in his scrapbook "He had gone through the tunnel for 10 years, many times staggering from track to track, but his luck ran out."



Keller's Beach and Wharf about 1915, just after the tunnel was completed, (from the Don Church Collection)

60 YEARS AGO . . .

PHYSICAL FITNESS REPORT . . .

"Fourteen of the contestants who started with the Dr. Frank McCoy Anti-Fat Contest three weeks ago weighed in at the contest on Saturday night.

"R. Tcherassy, city superintendent of parks, 54 Idaho street, was winner of the second prize. He reduced from 242 pounds to 231½ pounds, a net loss of 17½ pounds. Prize: A six months paid up subscription to The Independent."

—June 8, 1925

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

"This week's municipal band concert will be played by the Richmond Municipal band at the West Side band stand on Thursday night. The following program was announced today by Director A.A. Hart:

Coast Defense March
Fox Trot — Albany Bound
Valse Romantique — Alpine Sunset
Fox Trot — Moonlight and Roses
Mexican Serenade — Jovitta
Feist's All Hit Medley No. 1
March — Battleship California"

June 10, 1925

HARBOR REPORT SHOWED A PROFIT . . .

"Harbor earnings netted the city \$2216.02 in May, according to Harbor Master Jackson H. Misner . . . Total tonnage handled for the month amounted to 12,294.44 tons. (A total of twelve ships docked at the wharf to unload or take on cargoes."

—June 16, 1925

ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE . . .

"George A. Solich, a cook and one of the proprietors of the Eagle restaurant, 52 Park place, was arrested in the restaurant by police yesterday on a charge of violating the Wright Act. No liquor was found in the place, but according to officers, Solich left

the restaurant and returned with a bottle of liquor for an accommodation for a patron.

"Solich was released on \$1000 bail."

—June 22, 1925

ANOTHER SON OF JAMES POPE DIES . . .

"For the second time in the past month, the Grim Reaper has taken a member of the household of Mr. and Mrs. James Pope of 50 Washington avenue. Death yesterday claimed George Carey Pope, their eight month-old son. James Jr. passed away on June 3, after a short illness."

—June 26, 1925

HOUSEHOLD HINT . . .

"When your prettily colored rubber apron is past wearing, cut the whole portions into attractive shapes — round, pleated or fringed — and use them as doilies under flower vases and water jugs. You will find many uses for these attractive, bright colored waterproof doilies."

—June 29, 1925

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION PLANNED . . .

"A good all-around program has been lined up for the Fourth of July celebration to be held at Kozy Kove park on Saturday under sponsorship of the West Side Progressive club, plans for which were perfected at a committee meeting last evening.

"Starting at noon, barbecued beef and sandwiches will be served free during the afternoon. Coffee, in charge of Mrs. W.A. Walker and Miss McRacken, also ice cream, soda and candy under the direction of Ed McDuff, will be on tap at moderate prices.

"The program of the day will start at 1 o'clock, when Attorney Wilbur Pierce, one of the ablest orators about the bay, will give the Fourth of July oration. A musical program is also being arranged in charge of

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add your name

DO IT IN BRONZE ...

A THIRD PLAQUE WILL BE PLACED ON THE INDIAN STATUE PEDESTAL. DONORS OF \$200 OR MORE WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES ON A BRONZE PLAQUE ATTACHED TO THE GRANITE BASE OF THE STATUE. FUNDS DONATED WILL CREATE A PARK AREA SURROUNDING THE STATUE.

Donations should be sent to the Point Richmond History Association, c/o Mae Mandl, 808 Western Drive, Point Richmond, CA 94801

Donations are tax deductible.

When making your donation, please specify clearly how you wish the name printed on the plaque. Smaller donations are also welcome and your name will be added to our roll call.

Donors, as of April 1, 1985 are:

Anne Anderson

George M. Batten

Virginia R. Kennedy

Louisa Banks

Donald J. Jardine

The Silver Club

Barbara A. Olesen

Betty Wirth

David and Mary Janney

The park committee is planning to present the landscape architect's drawing at the second annual October celebration in Point Richmond. Please call 235-4222 if you wish to be a member of the committee.

Members of the park committee are:

Patricia Behrens

Sarah Eeles

Jay Ward

Catherine Burchell

Kathe Kiehn

Peggy Young

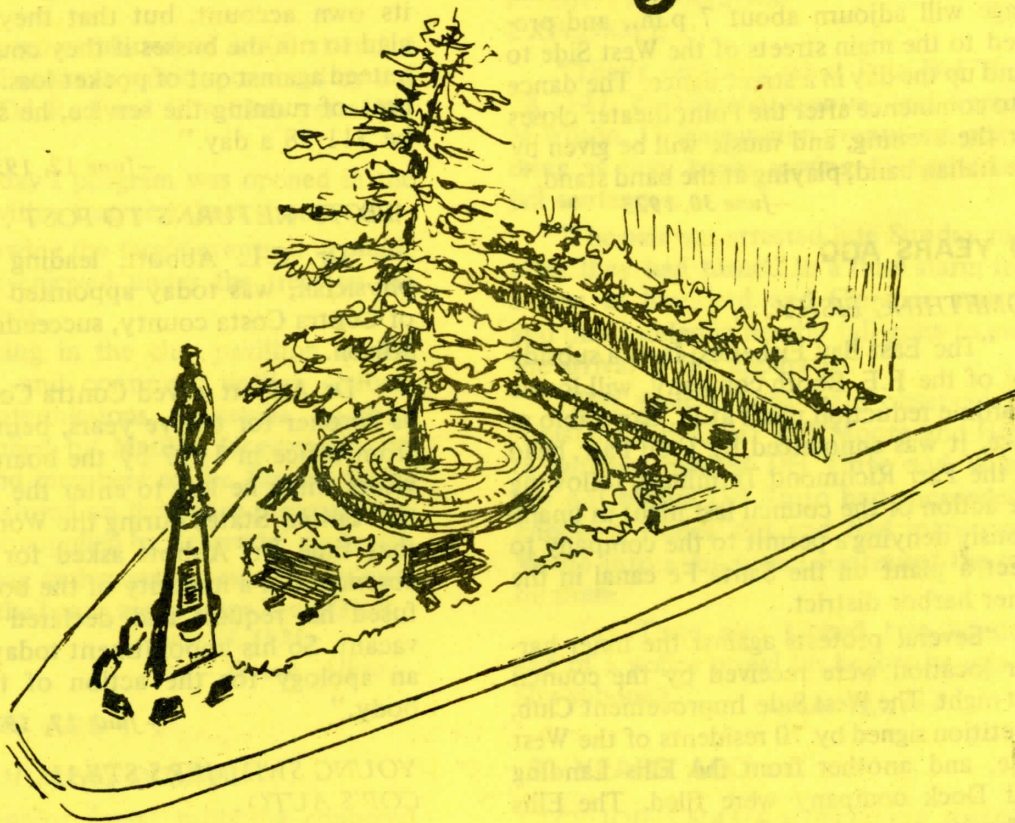
Tom Butt

David Vincent

Donna Roselius

Lucretia Edwards, Advisor

to history!



DONOR'S PLEDGE

I (we) _____ pledge \$ _____

to be used on the design and creation of the Indian Statue Park. I (we) understand that this is an amount due by September 15, 1985, and that it is a tax-exempt donation.

Dated: _____ Donor's signature: _____

Address: _____

send to: Pt. Richmond History Association, 808 Western Drive, Pt. Richmond CA 94801

Charles Patten.

"The famous West Side Italian band under leadership of A. Mazza, has been secured to give music during the day. A plan has been tentatively made whereby the assemblage will adjourn about 7 p.m., and proceed to the main streets of the West Side to wind up the day in a street dance. The dance is to commence after the Point theater closes for the evening, and music will be given by the Italian band, playing at the band stand."

—June 30, 1925

50 YEARS AGO . . .

SOMETHING FISHY . . .

"The East Bay Fisheries, Inc., a subsidiary of the F.E. Booth company, will locate a sardine reduction plant at Pt. San Pablo at once, it was announced by Fred Parr, head of the Parr Richmond Terminals, following the action of the council last night in unanimously denying a permit to the company to erect a plant on the Santa Fe canal in the inner harbor district.

"Several protests against the inner harbor location were received by the council last night. The West Side Improvement Club, a petition signed by 70 residents of the West Side, and another from the Ellis Landing and Dock company were filed. The Ellis company pointed out that it owned property on the inner harbor, but had several times refused similar proposals, on the grounds that such industries would damage the entire district."

—June 4, 1935

A FERRY BIG PROBLEM . . .

"The Key system will arrange for a service from the end of its present line to the Richmond-San Rafael ferry slip, but only if the ferry company will subsidize it against any loss, according to William P. St. Sure, vice president of the Key system.

"St. Sure declared the Key is now losing

about \$13,000 a year on its Richmond operations and cannot afford to incur any further loss. He declared he could not see sufficient revenue in the ferry slip to warrant his company undertaking the service on its own account, but that they would be glad to run the busses if they could be guaranteed against out of pocket loss. The actual cost of running the service, he said, would be \$11.58 a day."

—June 12, 1935

ABBOTT RETURNS TO POST . . .

"Dr. C.L. Abbott, leading Richmond physician, was today appointed as coroner of Contra Costa county, succeeding Aubrey Wilson.

"Dr. Abbott served Contra Costa county as coroner for twelve years, being removed from office in 1917 by the board of supervisors when he left to enter the services of the United States during the World War. At that time Dr. Abbott asked for a leave of absence, but a majority of the board . . . refused his request and declared the office vacant. So his appointment today is in part an apology for the action of the former body."

—June 17, 1935

YOUNG SWIMMERS STEAL COP'S AUTO . . .

"Awaiting action of juvenile authorities, two Berkeley boys, 15 and 16 years of age, are cooling their heels in the city jail today following their arrest yesterday on charges of car stealing.

"According to police reports, the two lads were on their way home from a swimming trip to Blake Bros. quarry beach when they became tired walking.

"Invitingly nearby and with the ignition key in the lock was the automobile of H.C. Cecil . . . a special police officer detailed to duty near the Standard Oil company salt water station.

"The two lads succumbed to the temptation and surprised Cecil by driving by him in his own car. He hailed a passing machine the two travelers on Standard avenue."

—June 19, 1935

A FEW (THOUSAND) AT PICNIC . . .

"A crowd estimated at 3,500 attended the second summer picnic sponsored by the Standard Oil Rod and Gun Club yesterday afternoon.

"The day's program was opened in the morning with a trap and skeet shoot.

"Following the target events . . . a picnic lunch was enjoyed under the trees on the club grounds.

"Dancing in the club pavillion started at 1 p.m. and continued until 6 o'clock. During intermissions vaudeville numbers were supplied by Matilda Meyers' dancing kiddies and members of the Electro String quartet featured on the dance program. Music was also supplied by Schwartz' orchestra.

"Boxing and wrestling exhibitions were staged in the beach arena from 3 to 4:30."

—June 24, 1935

—Teresa Albro

40 YEARS AGO . . .

8 TONS OF MEAT DUMPED . . .

"Red-point [meat rationing coupons] conscious workers at Yard 3 decided they had solved the meat shortage problem yesterday.

"They witnessed the dumping of approximately eight tons of meat in the North Storage Yard and workers preparing to burn it. A Navy officer then arrived on the scene and ordered the workers to reload the meat on a truck. By this time, the witnesses were convinced they had missed seeing the sacrifice of large quantities of frozen meat.

"It was learned today that personnel

unfamiliar with Navy procedures of disposing of spoiled meat unloaded it in the Storage Yard. After a protest from the Yard officials, the meat was transported to a barge and carried away from shore for disposal."

—June 6, 1945

FALSE FIRE ALARM EXPENSIVE . . .

"That's probably what Pete Del Tinto, 28, 141 Washington avenue, and Esmond M. Wilson, 11 Washington avenue are considering as they begin serving 60-day county jail sentences.

"The pair was arrested late Sunday night after they had turned in a false alarm from a box at Standard and Clarence avenues, and then hidden in nearby tall grass to await the arrival of fire apparatus.

"But their actions were observed . . . Assistant Fire Chief W.T. Moore and Honea (a witness) nabbed Del Tinto and Wilson, but not before Del Tinto had succeeded in knocking Honea out and had maneuvered Moore into a ditch and continued the scuffle there.

"Del Tinto also kicked two windows out of a police prowl car before he was finally subdued."

—June 12, 1945

30 YEARS AGO . . .

CITY JOINS NAME HUNT FOR BRIDGE

"Richmond joined efforts of San Rafael last night to name the new bridge soon to connect the two cities the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

"City Manager Edwin Howell informed the City Council that the San Rafael City Council had adopted a resolution asking the state legislature to take official action to so name the bridge.

"He recommended that Richmond join San Rafael's efforts and the council unanimously directed the city attorney to draft a

resolution to that effect for adoption next week.

"The council also directed Howell to contact local State Senator George Miller and urge him to join with San Rafael's representatives in the legislature in seeking support for the proposal."

—June 1, 1955

[Evidently the cooperative effort failed, since the sign on the bridge denotes it as the "John F. McCarthy Bridge"!]

AD by Elmer Garibaldi, Realtor . . .

Point Richmond —

"If you prefer an older home that is solid as the rock of Gibraltar, then read on — 4½ rooms, all large, will be newly painted inside and out, new floor furnace, new cabinets in kitchen, new linoleum — in fact, it is almost new all over, and the price is only \$8950. Let us show you, and explain the financing."

—June 7, 1955

20 YEARS AGO . . .

GALA FOURTH OF JULY PLANNED AT THE POINT . . .

"Point Richmond's annual fourth of July celebration under the sponsorship of the local chapter of the American Field Service Student Program will feature a 'kiddie' parade this year.

"Among the activities to be enjoyed will be an auction, a display of antique cars, baseball games, a dunk tank, an art display, and special entertainment.

"The parade will include any children interested in participating. A carnival atmosphere will permeate the event, including the food concessions and games of skill for entertainment.

"Mrs. Mary H. Calfee is co-chairman of the festivities, aided by Municipal Judge David Calfee, Charles and Katherine Wright and David and Tess Snyder."

—June 7, 1965

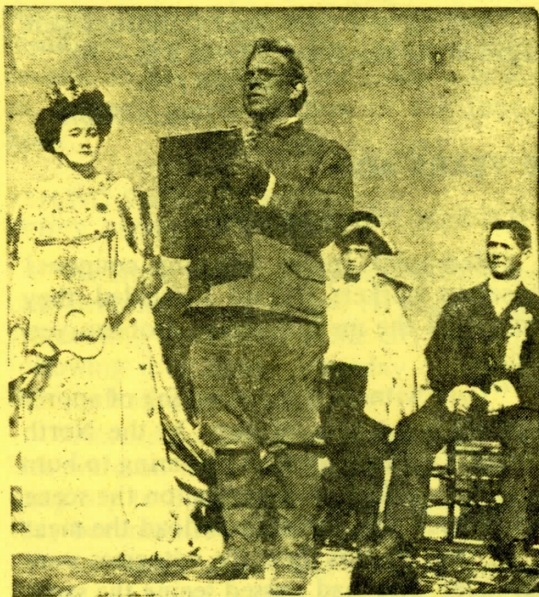
FROM THE QUESTION MARK COLUMN

"George Carroll will remain Richmond's mayor until 1:30 p.m., June 7, the minute he is sworn in as a new municipal judge to replace the late John I. Pierce.

"Carroll explains that he will have to continue serving as mayor until Councilman David M. Pierce succeeds him because certain documents require his signature. Pierce cannot take the mayor's chair until he returns from a National Mayors Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

" 'So someone has to fill the gap as mayor for these minor official functions,' says new-judge Carroll."

June 1, 1965



Fourth of July, 1909. D. W. Calfee delivering oration, Miss LaSalle Queen of the day.

MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON SCHOOL

New parents are becoming involved and Washington is beginning to bloom. Our principal, Mr. Nino Petroni, is largely responsible for the metamorphosis Washington is experiencing. Washington has had a very real discipline problem in the recent past. Mr. Petroni had the difficult decision of transferring, suspending or expelling a student to protect the learning atmosphere of other students. Our school is progressing. Mr. Petroni is on a committee to bring a Montessori type pre-school to Washington to prepare toddlers, when the time comes, for kindergarten. With the help of our excellent teaching staff, Mr. Petroni has made positive progress at our school.

Besides the school secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Stone, whose cheerful assistance made our projects possible, special thanks should go to those parents, teachers and PTA officers who worked on events throughout the year: Omera Johnson, Pam Bash, Linda Drake, Don and Margarita Hains, Linda Mitchell, Amy Rotting, Nancy Grimm, Sue Strayer, Donna Roselius, Mrs. Demorest and class, Mrs. Berg and class, Barbara Ward, Georgia Haley, Ruth Beardsley, Margaret Lewis, Linda Sorahan, Mrs. Bogy and class, and to all who lended their assistance.

PTA PROJECTS . . .

A successful membership drive, an annual Carnival, a jewelry sale and a book fair provided funds to make possible the following projects for our school:

An eight week beginning music course which included reading and writing of actual music and learning to play the recorder was provided for all classes in the school. Students performed in a concert at the end of the course. The teacher, Donna Roselius,

was greatly impressed with the quality of the students' playing, and their quick understanding of written music. It was the first experience with a kindergarten class, and the fact that the young ones learned quickly and accurately disproves the notion that kindergarteners cannot learn to play a musical instrument. All grades enjoyed learning to understand music 'language', and all were a joy to teach; but the big surprise was the sensational kindergarten musicians!

Each teacher received \$50.00 to buy classroom materials; We had a wonderful Founders Day Fiesta; We purchased auto-graph books for the graduating sixth grade; And we purchased ribbons for the last-day-of-school Athletic Contest.

"CROMWELL CLAN" . . .

Opening June 12, in a morning performance, with an evening performance on June 13 at 7:30, in Washington School Auditorium, the play "Cromwell Clan" will be open to the public. Written by Miss Johnson with music by Mrs. Politeau, both teachers at the school, the fairy tale has an all-star student cast. Admission is free, but donations will be gladly accepted.

TRACK DAY . . .

A mini-olympics will be held after lunch on June 13, in the Washington School playground. Students will participate in track races, relay races, standing broad jump, potato races, and other feats of balance, agility and speed.

AWARD CEREMONY . . .

Exceptional achievement will be rewarded at an Award Ceremony on June 17 in the school auditorium.

*SCHOOL ENDS on June 19, at 12:00.
- Happy Summer holidays!*

Debbie Alley

WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

ON-LINE at last. Starting June 3, West Side Library becomes a full partner in the computer services offered at the Main Library. Bayview, the other branch, will also begin on that date, making the collections of all three facilities available to library patrons. In addition to providing information as to what titles are owned by the system, the computer can tell if the title is available for checkout. Placing of holds or reserve requests will also be possible.

There will be new library cards issued to all patrons. Not just another piece of plastic, but an attractive purple one which you will easily spot in your wallet.

Initially, the patrons' registration or re-registration will have to be added to the data base, requiring a few minutes of time. Thereafter, it will be necessary to use the card for each computer checkout. There will be an informative handout given with the new card so patrons will understand the new procedures.

We are looking forward to providing expanded service with the West Side terminal.

—Jan Burdick

Corner of San Pablo Ave. and Macdonald Ave., 1925.

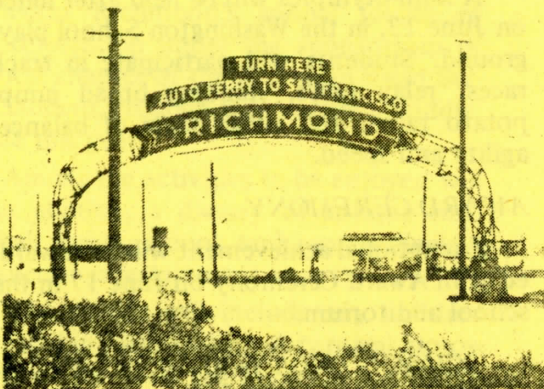


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POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Council Executive Committee met on May 9 and discussed a number of items that concern our community.

The possibility of improving the Point Richmond Tunnel was suggested by Steven Sangster from Brickyard Landing. The group felt that decoration of the tunnel would detract from its historic beauty, but that safety is an important issue as use of the tunnel increases. Lighting was of particular concern. Mr. Sangster will work in conjunction with Ellie Strauss from the Neighborhood Council and the City of Richmond Public Works Department to gather more information and develop recommendations for improvement of the tunnel.

The Committee discussed the Neighborhood Council's policy of new real estate developments. Are we in a position to support or oppose new developments? Or should we simply provide a forum for discussion and be a conduit for information? It was recommended that, without an adequate process for polling everyone in the vicinity of a development, it would not be reasonable to take a representative position; therefore the Council should provide information and a forum for discussion. A representative from the Council will track building applications so that we may be aware of any potential items of concern. Pat Sheahan has offered to be an information contact to the Planning Department.

We are looking for a neighborhood representative to the City of Richmond Crime Prevention Task Force. If you are interested in working on crime prevention, contact Ivy Lewis, 620-6720, or Jan Lyons, 235-5705. This is a great opportunity to help reduce crime in our neighborhood and in the entire City of Richmond.

At the May 2 Planning Commission meeting the Controlled Development Additive designation was approved for the "Frog-town" area, but 27 acres across Canal Blvd. belonging to Santa Fe were excluded. This matter will appear before the City Council for final approval on June 10. The Neighborhood Council has indicated support for the Controlled Development Additive and has requested that the 27 acres belonging to Santa Fe be included in the designation. On June 6 the Planning Department will consider alternative courses to bring "Frog-town" zoning into agreement with the General Plan for Richmond.

Congratulations to new City Council member Rosemary Corbin!

The Neighborhood Council Executive Committee meets at 8:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Point Richmond Community Center. Anyone interested is invited to attend. The next Executive meeting will be on June 13. The next General membership meeting will be on July 11.

— Janet Lyons

CHURCHES

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH...

May 18 and 19 were United Catholic Charities days. Last year the Oakland Diocese (including Our Lady of Mercy) contributed \$851,500, and received matching funds for its various services and charities.

Eleven children made their first Holy Communion on May 19. After mass, punch, coffee and cake were served in the church hall.

Louise Banks fortunately opened the church hall for a meeting two weeks ago—smelled smoke and called the Fire Depart-

ment. The Firemen put out a smoldering fire in the storeroom that had been caused by a short circuit. Work on updating the electrical system is in progress, but it had not reached that room.

Sixty-six members of the Diocese were involved in *CURSILLO*, a short course in Christianity, with Father Denis as their spiritual leader.

Mrs. Helene Justus, a valuable helper in the program which provides groceries to needy families each Thursday; and in the Sunday School, is in the hospital.

Amanda Maria Olivero, daughter of Nora and Jerry Olivero, was baptized May 5.

—Marion Downey

THE POINT METHODIST CHURCH...

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups in the early 1900's was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church, whose history is reflected in their minutes, printed below and taken from the stiff cardboard covered notebook purchased from "Schoen's Pharmacy in the Point". This is the ninth installment:

November 19, 1907 Point Richmond, Calif.

The Home Missionary Society of the M.E. Church met at the home of Mrs. Butterfields and entertained by Mrs. Butterfield and Mrs. Garard. The president being present the meeting was opened by singing and prayer.

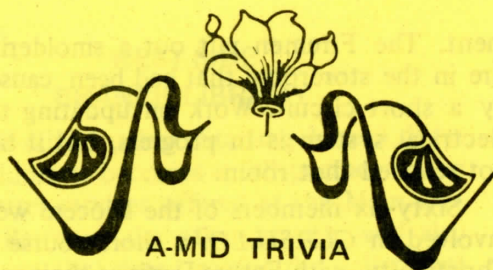
Mrs. Gnaga resined (sic) Mite Box Sec. Mrs. Woods appointed in charge Mite box receipts — \$4.32.

Mrs. Conry spoke on Alaska and the first missionary work done there. Also Mrs. Stitt gave a very interesting talk of some of the colonies in Alaska. Mrs. Bradley was appointed treasurer.

Mrs. Robt Wood joined the Society. Also Mrs. L.M. Arnold paid dues, 10 cents.

Mrs. G.H. Garard, Sect Protem

—Mid Dornan



A-MID TRIVIA

*My garden is a wilted mess;
The air is hot, the ground parched.
Why is it then that all those weeds
Grow straight and tall
As if they're starched?*
-Vos

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*What Do YOU Know About
FLAG DAY?*

Flag Day is June 14. The 'Stars and Stripes' was adopted as the nation's flag as a result of a resolution adopted by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. William Driver, a Massachusetts sea captain, is said to have named the flag "Old Glory". His daughter, who presented the flag to the Smithsonian Institution, said he named it at his twenty-first birthday celebration when his mother presented the homemade flag to him in 1824. No star on the flag is identified with a particular state; however, the fiftieth star was added for the state of Hawaii on July 4, 1960.

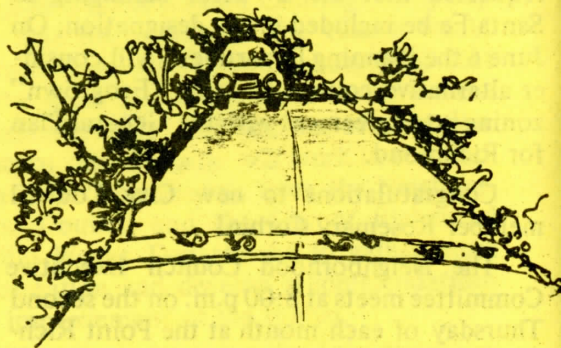
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Enjoying "retired life" is Velma Slagle. However, a week before she retired, her son Larry Slagle and his wife presented her with her first granddaughter, little Megan Michelle, who weighed in at only four pounds on Thursday, April 25, at Doctors Hospital in Pinole.

Then, it was off to visit her daughter, Reba Downs, and family in Virginia. Captain Downs is with the Air Force and is being transferred to Norway for three years. Reba, Jim and son Colin plan to visit in the Point in July prior to the transfer.

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In Point Richmond, where pedestrian crosswalks are rare, there is now, on Lobos Avenue, a "Snail Crossing". Sue and Dick Bezman painted a double white line across the street and marked the crossing with a sign. Next day, about the time Sue and Dick were due to return home, Alexandra and Albert Gautraud gathered some snails, placed them in the crosswalk, and waited for Dick and Sue's reactions.



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George Mohr received "Scouter of the Year" award at the Herms District Annual Recognition Dinner held in Crockett. George has been a record keeper for the Boy Scouts for many years, and gives invaluable service to the boys of Troop 111 in the Point.

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Among the rewards for diligent study are good grades. Making the Adams Junior High School honor roll are Diana Corbin and Seth Fenton with straight A's, and Mario Allen and Todd Cort. Diana was very involved with her mother's successful council bid, and the boys were all participants in the successful Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast. Does that tell you something?

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Jennifer Barnett, who was married on May 25 at the Methodist Church to Jack de la Fontejine from Holland, was feted at two bridal showers. Sybol Hallbauer hosted a lingerie shower at her Lobos Avenue home for many of Jennifer's college friends. Members of the First Methodist Church surprised

her with a dinner at Vera's restaurant in Crockett where they presented her with a "bridal bouquet" of money — the color matches everything.

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You Have to

Make a PMA to see the DMV . . .

Many people are still unaware of the necessity to make an appointment with the Department of Motor Vehicles if they need the department's services. A special appointment number will be listed in the new telephone directory. Motorists will be able to take advantage of the streamlined (?) Phone-Mail-Appointment system (PMA) which the DMV introduced six months ago. They say a lot of the vehicle registration work can be done by mail, and with appointments, there are virtually no lines. This should make for more cheerful customers. . . and staff.

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Job opportunities will increase and so will starting salaries for college graduates entering the work force in 1985, according to a report based on a survey of 250 companies nationwide. A college degree is worth from about \$800,000 to \$1.8 million in earnings over a lifetime.

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Best Breakfast in 31 Years . . .

"One of the most successful breakfasts in its 31 year history" is the comment heard from Scoutmaster Fred Hart and Assistant Scoutmaster Ben Woodson after their recent annual pancake breakfast where more than 500 people were served. Cooks in the kitchen came from Suisun, Martinez, Pittsburg, Pinole and Richmond, all former scouts of Troop 111. Success of the breakfast is due to the parent cooperation headed by Karen and Jay Fenton. Funds enable the boys to attend summer camp where they will go backpacking as well as do pioneer camping in the Marble Mountain Wilderness area. In June the Scouts will go to Cash Creek for a

rafting trip. — All this, thanks to their efforts, their parents' efforts, and the community's cooperation!

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The cast on Katie Mitchell's wrist, which she broke at school one day, hasn't slowed little Katie down in the least.

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The annual Methodist All-Church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 9, immediately following church services at the Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline Park in the Point. Games and activities will follow the potluck luncheon and barbecue. Rev. Charles Smith is the minister. For more information, call 236-0527.

— Mid Dornan (234-5334)

DEATHS

Tom Potts, husband of Hattie Belle (Freeman) in Vista, California. Tom was a retired Naval officer.

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William "Bill" Hall died in his Richmond home on May 2, at the age of 62. Bill was a retired letter carrier who served 'the other half' of the Point not covered by Dixie Copeland at the time. He was a member of that vanishing breed of service people who took time to be a part of the community they served. Bill is survived by three sons, William, Frederick and Rodney, and a sister, Rowena, who lives in Missouri. At his request, no services were held.

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Margaret Peterson Nash died on May 8. A native of Oakland, Margaret, wife of the late Lincoln Nash, lived on Crest Avenue with her son Ralph. She is a sister of Ruth Peterson and Tekla Palko, both of the Point, and the late Carl Peterson, Karin Palko and Bertil Peterson. A member of Point Chapter OES 394, Margaret was 83 years old.

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—Mid Dornan

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

At the May 6 meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association, Susan Salstar, a representative of the Santa Fe Company, and Herb Wimmer of Chevron USA, reported on their companies' recent mergers with Southern Pacific and Gulf, respectively.

SANTA FE . . .

Since the December, 1983 ICC approval of the merger of all divisions of the two companies except for the rails, Santa Fe and Southern Pacific have been waiting for the final ICC ruling, which will come no later than October, 1986. The company's assumption is that there will probably be a conditional merger approval.

According to Ms. Salstar, with the merger will come a gradual diminishing of activity on Point railroad tracks. The major Trailer On Flat Car (TOFC) or 'Piggy-Back' facility will be moved from Richmond to Oakland; and the large east-bound trains will also be made up in Oakland instead of Richmond. This comes as good news to Point Richmond drivers who spend untold hours per year counting railroad cars as the minutes creep by, trapped, trying either to enter or leave the Point.

Both the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe yards in Richmond are scheduled to close here eventually, leaving a storage facility plus all rail freight service that is not 'piggy-back', which according to Ms. Salstar, is a substantial amount of freight.

Also accompanying merger approval will be the availability of some of the local Santa Fe lands for development.

CHEVRON USA . . .

Herb Wimmer explained the Chevron-Gulf merger which, though it will not affect the Point in the way that the Santa Fe mer-

ger will, it is still of local interest. Refined growth will level off, which does affect the Point. There has been and is a cut-back in the number of employees in the merged company compared to the number employed by the two companies separately. An early retirement plan has accomplished some of the needed attrition, but the company will be making further manpower cuts.

E. W. CURRY
CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER
Santa Fe Tract, Richmond, Cal.
Plans furnished, estimates given
promptly and all work pushed rapidly to completion.

ad from a 1982 newspaper

THE MASQUERS

For your summer entertainment . . .

HENRY, SWEET HENRY

June 14 through July 20

He's an orchestra leader unlike any other. His favorite pursuit is not music, but ladies - around the bedroom (unbeknownst to husbands); while he is the favorite pursuit of two infatuated teenage ladies (unbeknownst to him). Book by Nunnally Johnson, music by Bob Merrill, laughter and enjoyment by you.

ANGELS FALL

August 23 through September 28

An intriguing play by Lanford Wilson, one of the nation's top playwrights, is about a group of people who take refuge in a small Catholic mission in New Mexico. They enter at first to escape the sun, but are forced to remain by a strange and puzzling accident. It's a drama that will keep you fascinated from beginning to end.

For information, call Ralph Miller at 524-5220 evenings (6 to 7:00) or weekends.

LETTERS . . .

This letter from the Neighborhood Council was sent to the City Council.

Concerning possible changes in zoning regulations for the property bordered by Canal and Cutting Boulevards, informally known as "Frogtown", the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council wishes to express support for the recently recommended CD additive for this area. We also urge the Council to extend the CD designation to adjacent Santa Fe Railroad properties located on the east side of Canal Boulevard and the north side of Cutting Boulevard.

Until all of this property is brought under the safeguards and procedures of Controlled Development, unnecessary controversies are likely to occur. Canal Boulevard industries and the San Pablo Yacht Club are also concerned about the lack of uniform development procedures for these land parcels.

As for the "Frogtown" property specifically, please be advised that members of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and many other Westside citizens have already voiced grave doubts as to the feasibility of developing "Frogtown" for medium or high-density residential dwellings — these concerns will be presented in detail to you and the Planning Commission as zoning changes and development are considered. We do support planned development of the "Frogtown" acreage consistent with city tax-base enhancement, public safety and convenience, environmental protection and enhancement, neighborhood esthetics, and job development possibilities for Richmond citizens.

Meanwhile we encourage your support for the CD additive for the "Frogtown" property and the inclusion of the additional acreage under this designation, as was initially recommended by the Planning Department.

RICHMOND MUSEUM NOTES

The Richmond Museum is interested in expanding its collection of memorabilia, including such items as furniture, rugs, quilts, coverlets, toys, merchandising items, advertising materials, shipyard memorabilia, clothing, jewelry and photos from early Richmond, up to 1950.

On June 22, a new exhibit opens in the Seaver Room for 14 weeks: "Familiar Names, Unfamiliar Faces".

On July 20, the Museum will present an historical Fashion Show in the Museum Patio. Call 235-7387 for information.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS ...must be remembered...

JUNE —

Rosemary Giacomelli	Ed Mitchell
Stacy Spinola	Stephanie Pearson
Dan Weinstein	Ruth Beardsley
Joe Spinola	Joanne Lansing
Cindy Quist	Jan Sprecker
Diane Squires	Andrew Butt
Suzanne Squires	Grace Yank
Anita Brougham	Claude Bisio
Ron Albro	Sue Unser

JULY —

Julius Matteucci	Kathryn Fong
Mary Knox	Frances Smith
Dick Dowell	Amy Rotting
Brian Pease	Clara Perasso
Joe Palenchar	Trannie Dornan —
Josephine Palenchar	a special 90th.

AUGUST —

Terrence Doherty	Alice Thompson
Kelly Darling	Gladys Johnson
Veora Heiney	Nikki Eaton
Jessie Clark	Donna Wilson
Karla Peterson	Mid Dornan
Oretta Eaton	Bea Kenoyer
Gloria Schwab	Joe Darling
Floria Parker	Ruth' Bernie' Bisio

—Mid Dornan (234-5334)

Please fill out and return this form to renew your membership, or to become a member — your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
TELEPHONE NO. _____	
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (CHECK ONE)	
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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 . . .

June . . .

- 4 — West Side Improvement Club Annual Luncheon, Hotel Mac, 12:00.
- 9 — All-church picnic, Methodist Church, at Miller-Knox Park
- 12 — Point Richmond Business Association meeting, noon, Hotel Mac
- 12 — "Cromwell Clan", original play at Washington School, morning
- 13 — Repeat of "Cromwell Clan", 7:30 p.m., Washington School Auditorium
- 13 — Mini Olympics at Washington Playground
- 17 — Award Ceremony, Washington School
- 22 — "Familiar Names, Unfamiliar Faces", new exhibit, Seaver Room, Richmond Museum

June 14 to July 20 — "Henry, Sweet Henry" at the Masquers

July 20 — Historic Fashion Show, Richmond Museum Patio

August 18 — FESTIVAL BY THE BAY at the Richmond Marina Bay, 10 am to 6 pm
 Celebrating the Arts and Heritage of Richmond

SPECIAL SUMMER DAYS . . .

- June 14 — Flag Day - fly one proudly
- June 16 — Fathers Day — make him happy he's your father
- June 19 — End of School Year
- June 21 — Beginning of Summer
- July 4 — Have a happy one.

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