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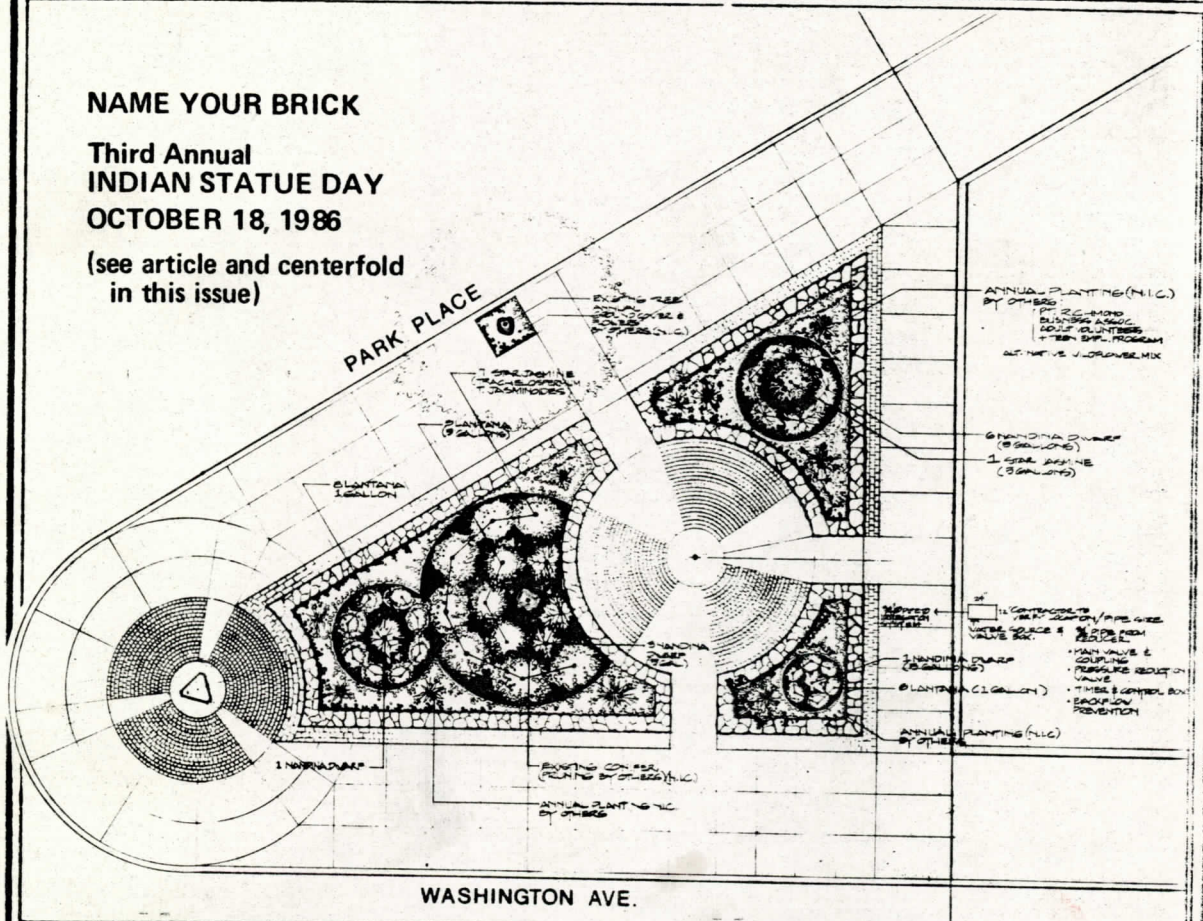
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INDIAN STATUE DAY  
OCTOBER 18, 1986

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# ❖ HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES ❖

## LET'S MEET AT LINSLEY HALL TO START THE YEAR TOGETHER !

—Donna Roselius

Come Thursday, September 25, at 7:30, to welcome our new officers, enjoy a great program, and chat over refreshments.

We will be joined by members of the San Pablo, Richmond, Pinole and El Cerrito History Societies, to hear in a few minutes what their resident experts have spent years learning.

The Castro Family and the life of Governor Alvarado have been researched by Francis Conley of the San Pablo Association. She has written a book about the Castro's, and will give us highlights of the Spanish era of our area's past.

Maps are always fascinating, and Stan Nyström of the Richmond Museum Society has an extensive collection of old maps of this area which tell a story by themselves.

The Martinez family has been George Vincent of Pinole's specialty. He is a teacher, and has been active in setting up the traveling trunk demonstrations for schools.

And all this expertise comes to us free of charge! If that makes you feel guilty, please feel free to bring some snacks for famished speakers (and the rest of us) to enjoy.

## NEW MANAGING EDITOR, and NEW OFFICERS

Taking over the editing of this newsletter means not only editing, but setting the type on an aging IBM Composer that has been increasingly temperamental; and trying to follow a format that only Donna Roselius was accustomed to. So, when Frankie Greenlaw started her 'new job', a few problems were expected in spite of her capabilities and experience. A few problems was not what we got. This composer decided to have a tantrum the moment her hands touched its keys. You may notice that the right hand margin is not justified — except in random areas. The IBM repairman was called out, and he adjusted the balking machine. No sooner did he leave, however, than the left hand margin began to bounce sporadically; then, a day later (on the weekend, to be sure), the original problem reappeared. Many frazzled nerve ends and a few hundred dollars later, we are now hoping for the best, even though the newsletter will be several days late in getting to you.

..... Welcome, Frankie!

Officers for this year are as follows:

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

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*Noontime Recess at Washington School,  
1913. (from the Don Church Collection)*

## INDIAN STATUE PARK – PLAQUE UNVEILING OCTOBER 18

The final list of donors to the Indian Statue park follows. Please note that these are the donors, not necessarily the inscriptions they requested.

Many thanks to those who donated – the goal of \$10,000 was exceeded! What wonderful community participation!

Donors are as follows:

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In Kind contributions: Carl Acquistapace, Steven Burman.

Other donors: Camille Zulpo. Walter and Victoria Scholz.

## THE BAD NEWS: NO MATCHING FUNDS: THE GOOD NEWS: the DO-IT-OURSELVES PARK !

In the Summer Issue, we reported that we had been assured by Lindsay Strout of the City Recreation and Parks Department, that funds for the park would definitely be forthcoming, from the State (Roberti-Zieberg) fund. About a month ago, Mr. Strout told us that those funds had been cancelled this year.

Steve Burman and Ron Gammil had been working on the completion of plans and specs for the park. No one on the committee or in the groups involved was willing to give up on the park at this point.

Since we have a beautiful park plan, and people willing to work, plans for the park are proceeding.

## GREAT IDEAS . . .

One of the best ways for making up for the lack of funding from the state originated with sculptor Joe Hauley, who suggested that the paving bricks in the park be bought by individuals, who could have their names inscribed in "their brick". This idea will be implemented beginning on Indian Statue Day, October 18. On that day you can pick your brick; or if you can't be present for the celebration that day, fill out the form in this issue and send it in with your payment. It is anticipated that the 'adopted' bricks will pay for the remainder of the park not covered by the \$200 donations for the plaque. And, it will certainly be a good way to make the park "OURS".

## MEETING WITH THE CITY, AUGUST 19 . . .

Members of the Park Committee met with City Councilman David MacDiarmid, City Manager James Fales, Parks and Recreation Directors, James Salvato and Lindsay Strout, and Councilwoman Rosemary Corbin.

Mr. Fales estimated that the total cost of creating the park could be cut by as much as two-thirds with City assistance. Mr. Salvato agreed, and it was agreed that the plans be reviewed by the city so that it could be determined how much of the work could be done by the city. Councilman MacDiarmid set another meeting for the third week of September, when cost estimates could be made.

So, without the matching state funds, it seems quite likely that the park will be built within the year, with personal involvement from the community, and city involvement as well.



ad from 1910

## DONATIONS

Thanks to Jean Knox, we have a March, 1942, copy of the "Richmond, California News", published by the Chamber of Commerce. On its cover is a photograph view of Point Richmond.

Inside are stories about the shipyards, a history of Richmond's roving City Hall, the acute war-time housing problem and Civilian Defense.

Sue Strayer left with us a hand-crocheted bedspread and pillow cover which originally was left behind at 213 Nicholl. The only other thing we know about it is that it was a group effort. It will be on display at our September 25 meeting, in the hope that someone may recognize it and fill us in on its origins and history.



## Points in the Past

Articles from the Richmond Daily Independent or the Richmond Independent, courtesy of the Richmond Public Library, with the special assistance of the reference librarians.

### 70 YEARS AGO ...

by Dierdre Cerkowicz

Reading old newspapers is much like watching an "ant farm" — you can observe the drama with detached objectivity, knowing how the stories turned out. But some of the news of the past is disturbing, because it reminds you that history often repeats itself.

Articles about prohibition and pictures of the leading suffragettes are featured prominently — women didn't have the right to vote until 1919. Most readers will also be familiar with the Prohibition law, passed in 1920, four years after the first hue and cry.

The 1916 papers are also filled with news of the war in Europe, as America makes herself ready (references to the "Mosquito Fleet").

September 5, 1916 —

WARM SUNSHINE; WATERS  
SPARKLE; A PERFECT DAY...

"Several hundred merry makers spent a perfect day at Kozy Kove yesterday enjoying the Masonic Picnic. The warm sunshine and sparkling waters of the bay tempted many into the surf for a swim which resulted in ravenous appetites and the well prepared lunch suffered accordingly. Coffee and ice cream were served throughout the afternoon. Music for dancing was furnished by the Lenzen McRacken orchestra and the appreciative crowd staid until the closing hour of 6:30."

September 6, 1916 —

EASTERN DENTIST OPENING UP  
ON WEST SIDE...

"Dr. H.D. Rowe, a graduate of the University of Iowa dental college and an expert in his profession has taken the offices at 218 Washington avenue formerly occupied by Dr. Bailey and will be ready for the reception on next Monday. He will have offices adjoining those of Dr. Lucas.

September 11, 1916 —

556 CARS FERRIED BY  
VAN DAMME IN ONE DAY

September 14, 1916 —

MOSQUITO FLEET READY TO  
DIE FOR U. S.

"Fine power boats owned by millionaires of the Atlantic Coast mobilized in Gravesend Bay, New York Harbor to show what they could do to defend the Atlantic coast and New York City, in case of foreign attack. Many well known men have designed their pleasure boats for this kind of work. They maneuvered with aeroplanes and battleships of the American navy to learn the way to keep off an invading fleet.

September 16, 1916 -

**TO RIDE SURF BOARD ON BAY  
FOR THE MOVIES . . .**

*(In case you thought that filming movies in the Point was a recent phenomenon . . .)*

"Surf riding, high diving and fancy swimming will take place at the Richmond-San Rafael ferry slip tomorrow for the benefit of the 'movies'. Wes Chamberlain, Pacific Coast Champion surf board rider will make a round trip to Pt. San Quentin on a three by five surf board towed by the steamer 'VanDamme'. The Launer 'Gimme Two' will carry moving picture photographers who will film the trip and portions of the crowd.

"California's pleasant weather is bound to make surf board riding one of the coast's most popular outdoor sports. In the East it has already become very popular."

September 20, 1916 -

**A Picture entitled "TO PROVE ALL  
SUFRAGISTS ARE NOT SPINISTERS"**

*(the last word may or may not have been a 'typo') - was offered by the National American Woman Suffrage Association, showing "well known women and their children to prove that belief in woman suffrage doesn't make spinsters of women nor tend against motherhood. . ."*

September 22, 1916 -

*(From a large ad placed by "United California Industries :)*

**THE BLUE PERIL . . .**

"There is an element of uncertainty about the 'yellow peril', but there can be none about the BLUE PERIL with which this State is confronted. The BLUE PERIL owes its existence to the spirit of the old blue laws of the Puritans. Its promoters are the members of the Anti Saloon League Puritans of the extreme school two and a half centuries out of date. . ."

**60 YEARS AGO . . .**

*by Dierdre Cerkanowicz*

*Automobiles have overrun the country, increasing the numbers of stories about new roads opening up the land, and about traffic accidents. The promise of cheap gasoline and more automobiles make the auto an accessible part of the 'American Dream'.*

September 4, 1926 . . .

**NEW ROAD OPENED IN  
MARIN COUNTY . . .**

"Motorists desiring to drive between Muir Woods and the Big Lagoon or Willow Camp in Marin County may now use a new road . . . a continuation of the Muir Woods toll road was opened recently. . ."

**NEW YOSEMITE ROAD TO  
OPEN ALL DAY . . .**

September 15, 1986 -

"Effective immediately, the El Portal road within Yosemite National Park will be open to travel 24 hours daily . . . Incoming motorists will be permitted to leave the Arch Rock Ranger Station, 3.4 miles east of El Portal, on the even hours. From this point to Pohono bridge, a distance of 5.6 miles, a one-way control will be maintained. Outgoing motorists will enter the control at Pohono bridge, 5.3 miles west of the new Yosemite Village, on the odd hours and be checked out of the control at the Arch Rock Ranger station."

September 15, 1926 -

**RICHFIELD CO. IS LEADER,  
REST MAY FOLLOW . . .**

"A new gasoline price war throughout the state loomed today following a reduction of three cents by the Richfield Oil Company.

"The reduced price brings gasoline down to 19 cents in the San Francisco district, which included the two cent state tax. . ."

**September 29, 1926 —  
MOTOR FIRM HAS OPTION ON  
62-ACRE TRACT HERE ...**

"Rumors which have been afloat for several weeks concerning industrial activities on the Richmond inner harbor became facts with the statement of Councilman W.W. Scott, who has represented the city government and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce in the negotiations that location in Richmond of the western plant of the Ford company appeared certain. . . "

**50 YEARS AGO ...**

*by Dierdre Cerkanowicz*

**September 6, 1936 —**

**BANDITS ROB LOCAL CAFE ...**

"Approximately \$20 in cash and two bottles of wine were taken by two bandits last night when they entered a West Side sandwich shop at 221 Standard avenue and held up Mrs. Peggy Westman in charge of the establishment. . . "

**September 12, 1936 —**

**BAY BRIDGE APPROACHES NEARLY  
COMPLETED IN S.F. ...**

"With the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to be opened to traffic in the near future, work on the approaches has been rushed until the runways to the gigantic span are almost complete. . . "

**September 23, 1936 —  
INNER HARBOR SITE FAVORED  
FOR PROJECT ...**

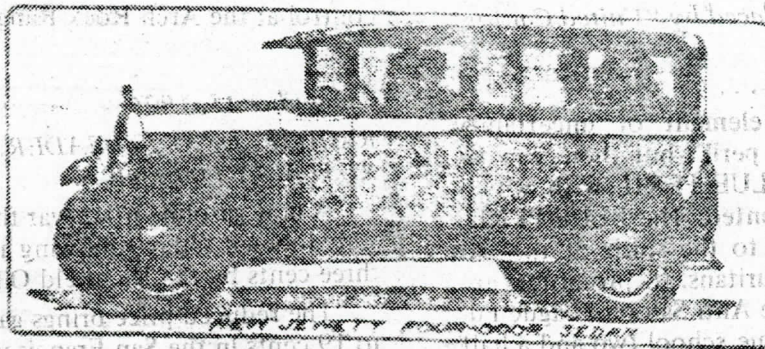
"This city offers the best location in the bay area for the construction of the \$10,000-000 dry dock which will be built in California for use in the Hawaiian Islands according to statements made at the meeting of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce today by Fred Parr and City Manager J. A. McVittie. . . "

**September 26, 1936 —  
WORK SPEEDED ON 1939 S.F. EXPOSITION  
SITE ...**

"San Francisco Bay's man-made island site of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition and future airbase is now one-third completed, according to U.S. Army Engineers in charge of the vast reclamation project. More than 7,000,000 cubic yards of materials have already been deposited on the 400-acre site. Excavation of the \$800,000 administration building, is shown (on the picture accompanying the article). . . "

**September 18, 1936 —  
GOLDEN GATE RUSHING ...**

"With the \$70,000,000 San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge slated to open November 12, several thousand men today are speeding work on the longest suspension bridge in the world — the gigantic span across the Golden



*Ad from the 1926 newspaper, showing the new  
Jewett four-door sedan.*

Gate. It will be completed before the opening of the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939. . . ”

September 30, 1936 –  
INVENTION TO  
CLEAR UP FOG . . . (!)

“Aviation’s biggest foe – fog – has been conquered, it was reported here today.

“This, the most important development in aviation since the invention of the radio beam, was said to have been accomplished in the laboratories of C.R. Pleasant, 44, San Francisco chemist, who spends eight years developing the “nofog” process.

“His invention was tested here over a period of weeks by army engineers and it was claimed that under the most adverse conditions it cleared ground fog on a landing field for a radius of a half a mile and to a minimum altitude of 500 feet.

“The apparatus used is described as being very similar to a small garbage incinerator, which uses secret chemicals that emerge from the flue in the form of a gray, almost odorless gas.

“‘The released heat, absorbed into the air, creates a dry area which attacks and dissipates the fog,’ he said . . . ”

## 40 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

September 12, 1946 –

### STANDARD OIL SEMI-FINALS TENNIS PLAY . . .

“With the 1946 Standard Oil singles tennis tournament in the semi-finals, Bob Trouton, defending champion, may expect a battle all the way from here on out if he would protect his crown . . . ” (Others in the finals were Johnny Stark, Kenny Gengler, and Bill Anderson).

## CARS TO HAVE TWO LICENSE PLATES . . .

“Two license plates for every car in California – for the first time since before the war – was the goal today of the State Department of Motor Vehicles.”

September 20, 1946 –

## HAZEL SALMI . . .

“Mrs. Hazel Salmi this week has been elected president of the Richmond Art Association. Plans and activities of the group will be formulated at future meetings.”

## BLAZE DESTROYS DEWAX PLANT . . .

“Standard Oil officials were still taking stock today of one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the Richmond Refinery that destroyed the dewax number two plant yesterday.

“Miraculously, there was no loss of life, and no injuries, ‘not even a cut finger’.

“The fire broke out at 1:50 p.m. Company firemen at first concentrated their efforts on preventing spread of the blaze, which threatened to engulf the entire lubrication section of the sprawling and fantastically valuable refinery.

“A firefighter force of 200 men was mustered. They worked in relays because of the extreme heat, playing water hoses on tanks containing gasoline and other highly inflammable products . . .

“After a short time, the firemen were able to work at extinguishing the flames by slowly smothering it with foamite. The area around the plant at 5 p.m. when the last lines were withdrawn was covered with foamite two and three feet deep. The firefighters and their equipment were smeared with foam.”

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### 30 YEARS AGO ...

by Pam Wilson

September 1, 1956 -

#### FIRST VEHICLES CROSS SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE ...

"The Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is officially in operation today on a toll-paying basis.

"A Richmond car dealer who slept in his new station wagon to be first in line, a Marin carpenter in a yellow bus that doubles as a home and an Albany motorcyclist who scored a first when the Bay Bridge opened in 1936 took their places in the new span's history today.

"Seconds after the barriers were lifted at 12:01 a.m. today the three were leading hundreds of cars across the spanking new \$68 million structure in the opening night surge.

"For Richmond car dealer Tony Cortese, the privilege of being the first westbound car to clear the plaza took a bit of doing.

"Thursday afternoon (after clearing with every official in sight) Tony drove his station wagon to the plaza prepared to sleep there overnight to insure the No. 1 spot. A wishing well barrel was placed on top of the vehicle with the proceeds going to the Richmond Boys' Club.

"But even the best-laid plans of record-makers can be changed. Bridge officials said the car would interfere with the Friday morning and afternoon activities and Cortese had to drive away." (But by parking on private property nearby, Tony was able to get in line as soon as activities halted.)

#### TALK & TRIVIA - A COPY OF A 100-YEAR-OLD ARTICLE ...

*The story appeared in print for the first time on September 1, 1856, written by Joseph O'Farrell, about the murder of Berryessa and the DeHaro twins ten years earlier.*

"I was at San Rafael when the then Captain Fremont arrived at the Mission with his

troops. The second day after his arrival there was a boat landing with three men at the South of the estero on Point San Pedro (directly across from Pt. San Pablo). As soon as Fremont saw them he sent three men, Kit Carson was one, to meet them. They mounted their horses and after advancing about 100 yards halted and Carson returned to where Fremont was standing on the corridor of the mission in the company of Gillespie, myself and others. Said Carson, 'Captain, shall I take these men prisoners?' In response Fremont waved his hand and said, 'I have no room for prisoners.' They then advanced to within 50 yards of the unfortunate and unarmed Californians, alighted from their horses and deliberately shot them. One of them was an old and respected Californian, Don Jose Berryessa, whose son was alcalde of Sonoma. The two others were twin brothers and young sons of Don Francisco DeHaro, citizens of Pueblo de Yerba Buena. I saw Kit Carson some two years ago and spoke to him of this act and he assured me that then and since he had regretted to be compelled to shoot these men, but Fremont was bloodthirsty enough to order it and it was not the only brutal act he was compelled to commit under his command."

September 6, 1956 -

#### CAB DRIVER HAS HOT TIME IN HOTEL FIRE ...

"... The smoldering fire was discovered at 4:30 a.m. today by E.H. Potter, manager of the Todd Hotel, 3 West Richmond Avenue. He said he smelled smoke coming from Breece's room.

"Potter went in and aroused the sleeping man. Two large holes were burned in the mattress, with Breece apparently oblivious to the fire.

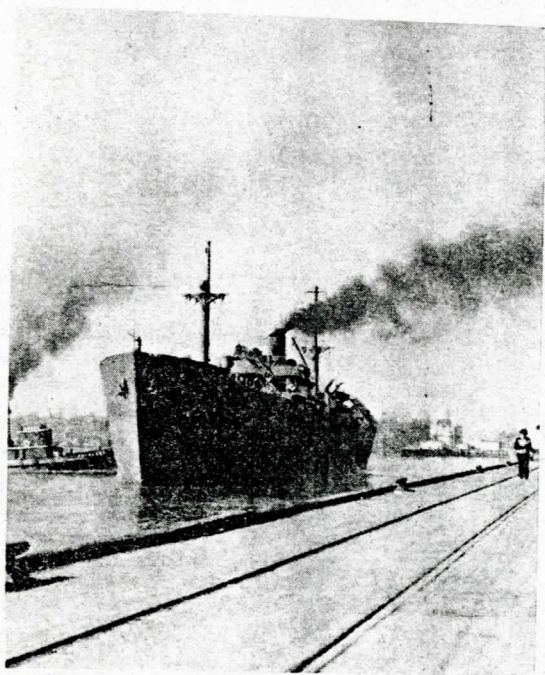
"He said he had awakened earlier, finding that his undershirt and mattress were both on fire. Breece said he doused the flames with water, turned the mattress over and went back to sleep."

September 8, 1956 —

TALK & TRIVIA —

GREENLAWS LEAVE THE POINT...

"Lifelong roots in Point Richmond were uprooted this week when Bob and Frankie (Gebhart) Greenlaw and their youngsters of 543 West Richmond avenue moved to 2405 Tomar Court, Pinole Valley. As Frankie is one of Our Town's most valuable publicity chairmen for anything she undertakes, we are hoping she will continue her work for the First Methodist church WSCS, Mental Health Society, United Church Women, etc.,etc..."



The Ocean Vanguard, first of the ships to be built at the Todd California shipyard, as it pulled away from Terminal no. 3 in the Inner Harbor, October, 1941.

The picture was published in March, 1942, exclusively by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, who stated, "We can show the picture now because the Vanguard has been reported safe in England with its first cargo of the stuff that will win the war."

(Courtesy of Jean Knox)

# CHURCHES

## POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Quotes and comments

by Roy Jones

Try to remember each morning as you turn up the thermostat that we are "In the Good Old Summertime" in "The Good Old Point", Remember, too, that real summertime gets to the Point in September and October - when our kids can look out the classroom windows on a gorgeous day being wasted!

This time of year reminds me (every time of year reminds old folks of something!) of our annual late summer singing school back home, in another age. Oh, those "Singin' Schools" were fun. And we did learn to read music. They were conducted thusly: Here he'd come in his Model A, the rumble seat full of song books - brand new songs - blackboards, and our songmaster's baton. I imagine those batons are collector's items today - hand-whittled, usually oak. Chalk and erasers, Coleman lanterns among the supplies in the rumble seat (a marvelous invention, that seat, supplying as it did a setting for many and varied pastimes.)

You city folks may believe that if you can read music in Paris, France, you can read music in Paris, Texas. It ain't necessarily so. We were taught to read shaped notes - we hit our pitch by the shape of the note, rather than from the note's position on the lines and spaces. It works:

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do re mi fa sol la ti do

Everyone from pre-schoolers to pensioners sang and we sounded the notes - the sopranos might sing mi, fa, sol; the altos would sound do, re, mi; the tenors, sol,

sol, do; and the basses, do, do, do. However backwoodsy this might seem, it was actually good music and everyone had the joy of knowing they were contributing to an overall glorious sound - rather like the sing-it-yourself Messiah.

All the foregoing by way of plugging the First Sunday Singspels at our church - a free "spot", as it were. Drop by at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, September 7 - we need you and we know you'll enjoy the singing, fellowship and refreshments.

From our history pages, I was amused to read what a previous pastor had expected of his committees:

"Public Worship - Mr. Robert Hamlin, Chairman. The duties of this committee shall be to counsel with the pastor on the type, form, length, etc. of all public services. This committee shall be the approach through which the pastor may work to carry out any new plans agreed upon to improve our public services. This committee shall, in counsel with the pastor, arrange for all pulpit supplies and, in the pastor's absence, pass upon all speakers who appear before our church."

"Membership - Mr. Henry Francis, Chairman. This committee shall, with the pastor, meet all prospective members of the church and counsel with them as to the full meaning of church membership. The committee shall read with the prospects the church covenant....after counseling with the prospect, the committee shall ask them to retire and the committee shall vote upon their acceptability. If favorable action is taken, the chairman shall present the name before the church for action."

"Fellowship - Mr. Burton Ford,

Chairman. The fellowship committee shall give attention to the visitation of the sick and the poor. The relief fund is committed to their responsibility. This committee shall see to it the proper letters of sympathy are written to bereaved members, that flowers are provided for funerals, sick rooms, etc."

There's more of the same - these are from the time when Reverend R. U. Uzzel was pastor.

## OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH . . .

*by Marion Downey*

Baptized in June were Brooke Amanda Buder, daughter of Henry and Judith Buder; Tanya Maryann Williams, daughter of Stanley and Margaret Williams; in July, Ashley Marie Mitchell, daughter of Robert and Meschia Mitchell; and Angelica Raquel Lara, daughter of Jose and Margareta Lara.

Married in June were Emilio Lizarde and Silvia Zamudio; Kathleen Dirkson and Robert Dickson; Elsa Marie Romero and Michael Zadra. On July 6, Mr. and Mrs. James Kenny renewed their marriage vows.

Glenn George Deighton received his First Holy Communion June 29.

On August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother was celebrated.

Father Denis travelled to St. Paul, Minnesota, in July to attend the VI National Encounter for the Spiritual Directors of the Cursilla Movement.

Topping off the summer, parish members enjoyed a church picnic at the Standard Oil Rod and Gun Club on August 17.

Leaving the Parish are Captain Don Dubre, wife, Judy, Fred and wife, Lana, as they have been transferred out of the area. Also departing are William and Elaine Judkins and their two daughters, who will live in

New Mexico. Best wishes to all in their new homes - they will be missed.

This year's barbecue and festival is slated for September 7, in the church hall. As in previous years, steaks, potatoes, salad, paper plates, napkins, etc. will be donated - thanks to Dr. Pina Barbieri for her generosity. Donation for the dinner is \$8.00. For tickets purchased or reservations made in advance, the price is \$7.50. Price for children under 12 is \$2.50. For reservations, call Allan Smith, 234-5149, or Dody Perry, 234-1711. Anna Schwarz will be in charge of raffle tickets. Schmidt-Dixon has provided all tickets at cost. Proceeds from the festival will be used toward construction of a ramp into the church.

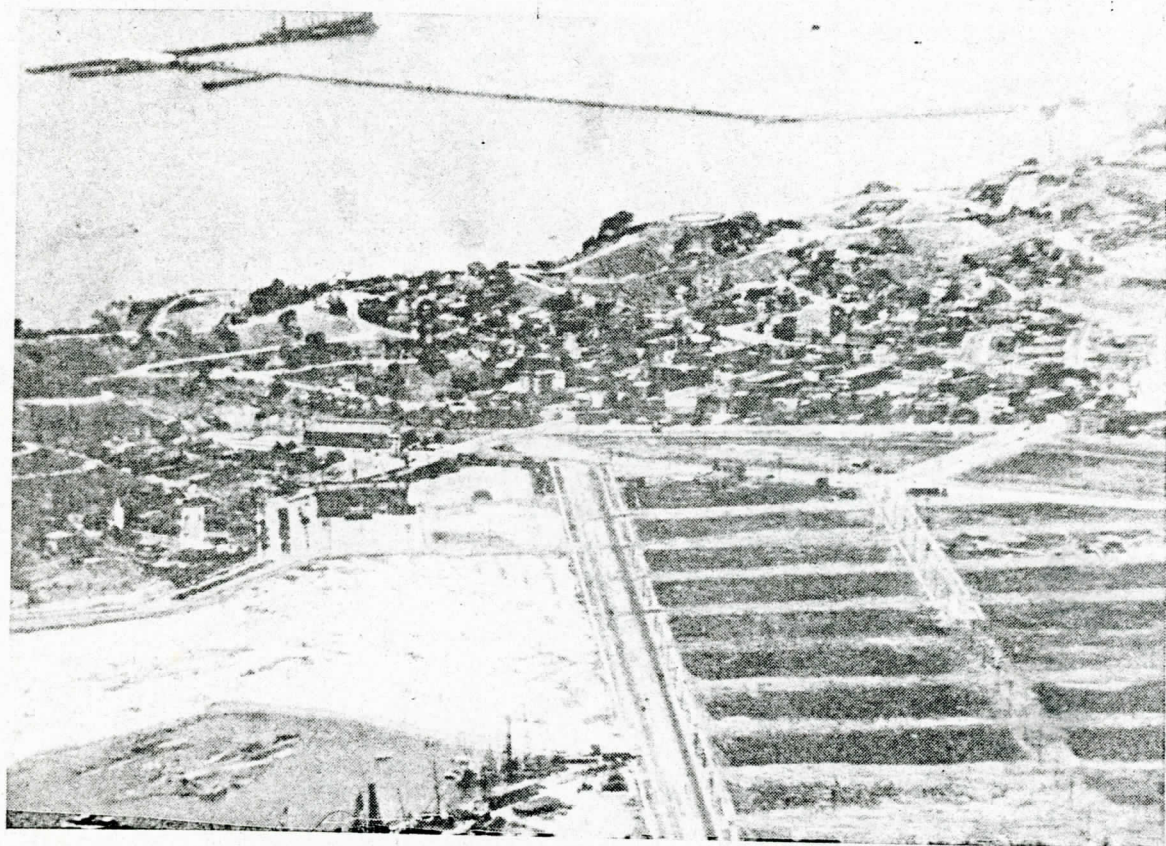
## IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

*courtesy of Stan Nystrom*

### QUESTION:

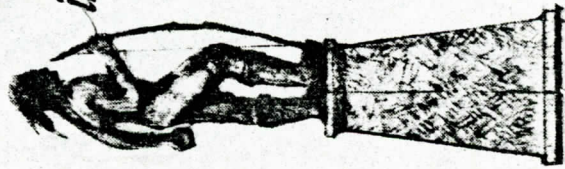
What is the farthest point on earth from Richmond?  
(Or, to put it in another way, if you dug a hole straight down into the earth from Richmond, and never stopped until you got to the opposite side of the world, where would you be?)

(answer next month)

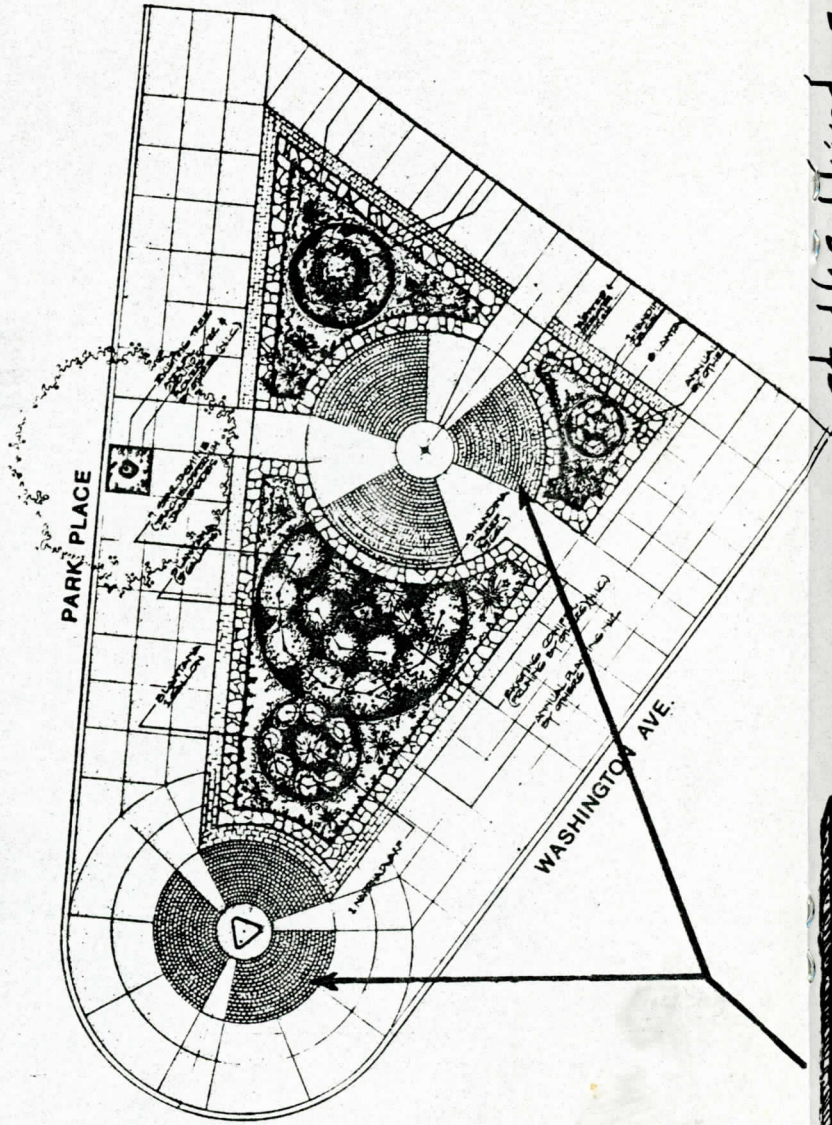


*Looking down Cutting Boulevard toward the Point around 1926, after the Inner Harbor had been filled and dredged, from the Don Church Collection, courtesy Chevron USA.*

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## CAMP FIRE MEMORIES

by Mid Dornan

*Maude Wood, a Camp Fire leader in the 1930's, has expressed her love of Camp Fire through a contribution to the Indian Statue Park fund so the Camp Fire name can be listed on the bronze plaque. Her letter follows:*

"After reading "This Point", I've been thinking that the words "Camp Fire Girls" should be on the plaque.

They are a bit of history at the Point. In fact much of it is founded on Indian lore. They make bead headbands like the Indians do and they sew their many colored honor beads on their ceremonial gowns etc. About forty years ago I rented a small store at the Point and started Camp Fire Girls again there. The younger ones at the store part and the older ones used the upstairs.

They were lovely groups of girls. They had slumber parties upstairs.

There was an old fashioned huge wood stove. Once the girls cooked foreign dishes on it. Each girl had a foreign country.

The toilet was old fashioned too - of the early days of Point Richmond - you pulled it by a long chain.

The girls earned swimming honors and had fun at the Natatorium swimming pool.

They had fun skating through the tunnel, jumping the tracks and once my skate caught on the track and broke my arm.

Thank goodness it wasn't one of the girls!

We had a little fire at Kozy Kove, sat around, had our program with giving out honor beads, etc. and sang Camp Fire songs."

*Note: While doing research on the Camp Fire History in Richmond a few years ago, the "Diary of the Pikida Wakan Camp Fire Group", years 1932 and 1933,*

*was contributed by Betty Dornan, a member of Maude Wood's group. It is complete with photos, names and activities and is so interesting, it bears sharing. Members of the group were: Betty Williams, Eva Garloff, Beatrice Beasley, Dorothy Paasch, Edna Wickersheim, Helen Raffanelli, Betty Dornan, Jean Williams, and Clara Udy.*

*Following are excerpts from the diary:*

"December 20, 1932 - First Meeting.

I was standing by the window reading a sign about the Camp Fire Girls when up drove an old green ford and out jumped Miss Wood which we later learned was her name. Miss Wood and I were talking about Camp Fire when in walked Betty Williams, Dorothy Paasch and Helen Raffanelli. They were all introduced and then Miss Wood told us about Camp Fire and showed us some craft work.

She was in the middle of a very interesting story when Helen's grandmother and brother came to get her. The story was then finished and then we went home, after choosing Pikida Wakan, meaning "gay spirit" for our name. (signed) Wapo Moma"

"January 13, 1933 - Election of Officers.

President - Betty Williams

Secretary - Eva Garloff

Treasurer - Beatrice Beasley

Scribe - Dorothy Paasch

Song Leader - Edna Wickersheim

Sport Leader - Helen Raffanelli

We talked about names and symbols for headbands. We took down the words of the Camp Fire song "Camp Newana". (signed) Secretary, Eva Garloff"

insert after first meeting

(In the book is a picture of the four girls standing beside a window displaying a banner reading "Camp Fire Girls" with a flame and logs symbol of Camp Fire, under which were the letters IAQUA.)

## **POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATED YOUTH**

P.R.A.Y. announces the opening of a youth-oriented recreation center at the Washington Fieldhouse. The newly-formed group feel it is time for the youth of the community to get off the streets and become productive members of the community.

Help is being sought from both youth and adult members of the Point community to carry out plans for formation of a youth job network, offering services to the community, planning trips and classes for all local young people.

To date, the founders have gained the support of the Point Richmond Business Association, the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, Bill Goldsmith of the Masquers and Audrey Sheeley of the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department.

Presently, members are making plans to participate in the Indian Statue Day celebration, October 18.

### **COMMUNITY POTLUCK AND BARBECUE**

To acquaint local residents, young and old, with the organization, P.R.A.Y. will hold a Community Potluck and Barbecue on September 13 at the Washington Fieldhouse. Volleyball and entertainment will be included in the activities of the day. Those who can sing or play an instrument will be especially welcome to come and participate in the festivities.

For information on bringing food and the day's schedule, contact Jennifer Pryne, 236-1599, or Michele Patereau, 235-9378.

## **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

*by Georgia Haley*

### **JUNE MEETING**

Mr. Bernard Schnitzer of SCORE was the guest speaker. SCORE is Service Corps of Retired Executives. It is sponsored by the Small Business Administration and was formed to help small businesses through a "skills bank" of volunteers with extensive business backgrounds. Small businesses may request counseling from SCORE members. Mr. Schnitzer, a retired advertising executive, lectured on ways to improve business in Point Richmond, through advertising effectively and selective kinds of promotions. An outline of Mr. Schnitzer's advice was written into the minutes and is available to interested Point business people on request.

### **JULY MEETING**

### **HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

Plans have begun for making the first Saturday after Thanksgiving a festive celebration, as well as a day to adorn the large tree in the triangle with holiday lights. Suggestions included carol singing, selling hot mulled wine, and involving other Point organizations in the merry-making.

### **INDIAN STATUE DAY**

October 18 was the date decided upon for Indian Statue Day (see separate article in this issue).

### **CLEANUP DAY**

Cleanup day in the Point involved only two volunteers - David Vincent and Tom Butt. Two truckloads of trash were hauled away by the work alternative workers. Mr. Vincent indicated that more volunteers would be needed for this work in future. The opportunity to clean up areas of

*Point Richmond Associated Youth  
Board of Directors:*

**Jennifer Pryne, President**

**Don Jansen, Vice-president**

**Dave MacDiarmid, Vice-president**

**Michele Patereau, Secretary-Treasurer**

Point Richmond that are on public land and have become overgrown or trash-laden certainly should interest more residents.

## AUGUST MEETING

Special guest at the August meeting was executive vice-president Dan Greene, who spoke about the Chamber's active efforts in changing Richmond's image. Noting that a strong Chamber of Commerce is vital to all of Richmond, he urged all business people to join. He noted that, although Richmond is perceived as having only a few large industries, 67% of the 345 companies holding Chamber membership are those employing 25 or fewer employees.

Applications and dues schedules were left with the Business Association.

## FESTIVAL BY THE BAY

John Wunder spoke for Peggy Young, administrative assistant to the Mayor, regarding the Festival, which will take place at Marina Bay on September 7. Over one hundred vendors are scheduled to participate in the festival which is expected to draw some 40,000 people this year.

Entertainment will go non-stop from two bandstands. A classic boat show will be among the exhibits this year. Fine art and photography as well as arts and crafts will be on display as well as exhibits and demonstrations visualizing the cultural heritage of this city.

Motorized "cable cars" will be on hand to shuttle visitors among the various exhibit areas, and a side-wheel steam launch will provide mini-tours of the Bay.

## A PLAN

The need for a specific plan for Point Richmond is becoming more apparent as development increases, John Wunder pointed out to the Association. He suggested stronger guidelines would help to avoid a "patchwork" effect in the area.

## TEENTALK UPDATE

Bill Goldsmith of the Masquers reported on the teen meeting that resulted in formation of a teen committee to plan organization and future activities. Steve Burman reported on the plan to hire youths for planting and monitoring the projected Indian Statue Park. Proceeds from this year's Indian Statue Day will be divided equally between the Business Association and the Masquers, with 20% of each portion earmarked for youth programs in the Point.

tion earmarked for youth programs in the Point. The rest of the Business Association's share will be used to replace trees in the downtown area.

## INDIAN STATUE DAY

Plans for the October 18 (third annual) celebration appear elsewhere in this issue. Plans are being made for a raffle, an antique car show, food booths, arts and crafts, a dunk tank and much more.

## POLICE HELP

Officer Fletcher spoke concerning the problems during Friday night Plunge activities. He stressed that the police should be called as soon as problems occur or if problems are anticipated. He emphasized that Point residents should ask for him or Officer Corr.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

The American Association for State and Local History is holding its 46th Annual Meeting at the Oakland Hyatt on September 30 to October 3. Volunteers are needed to prepare conference rooms. In return they will be able to attend sessions free of charge. If you are interested in assisting, call Gail Angelo at 652-4515.

## POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

by Linda Andrew

During the summer, the Neighborhood Council conducted two board meetings and one quarterly general meeting. Rather than give a chronological account, we will report on subjects discussed and acted upon. . .

### ATCHISON VILLAGE

It was reported that Ivy Lewis of the Citizens for Neighborhood Participation advised that Atchison Village cannot become part of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, as they are already a member of the Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council and a Homeowners' Association, as well.

### PROPOSED BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

A five to six unit building is planned for Summit Place and High Street, by Richard Vila. Underground parking, recreation area and a private deck for each two-level, 1000 square foot unit is planned.

Jeff White and Pam Strayer are working with Berkeley architect Jim Orjala on a project at Piedmont Place and Santa Fe avenue, consisting of nine units on a half-acre site. They will use a circular design with and open plaza in the center, keeping available a path for public use up the hill to the bay view. They also will be remodeling their old house on that site.

### RECREATION FACILITIES

Audrey Sheeley of the Parks and Recreation Department and some of her staff members attended the July meeting. Kathy Myers is the resident director of the Washington Field House. They reported on summer activities available for children and teens. The interest in facilities to house activities for teenagers resulted in a meeting of teens, which is reported elsewhere in this issue.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS

A tree-trimming party for the large tree in Indian Statue Park is scheduled for the Saturday following Thanksgiving, November 29, accompanied by other festivities, including the crowning of a Holiday Queen. The festivities planned are aimed at paying for the holiday lights. Although some donations have been received, further donations will be needed to meet the approximate cost of \$800 to decorate the tree. Individual donations totaling \$115 had been received as of the July meeting. The Business Association, which has donated \$100, and the Neighborhood Council, which has donated \$50, are co-sponsoring the tree-trimming festival.

### TISCORNIA PROPERTY

The building moratorium on the property has been extended to October, 1986. Hearings by the City Council and Planning Commission will be held before that date, and interested citizens should watch for legal notices of the agendas published in the West County Times. From 25 to 35 houses are planned for the site, with the Planning Department tending to think in terms of the higher limit. A copy of the E.I.R. is available at the Library's Main Branch, or it can be purchased for \$5 at the City Planning Department.

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## INDUSTRIAL ZONING

Two acres near Frogtown, on Canal Boulevard near the sewage plant, were zoned M3 at a Planning Commission meeting August 7. M3, heavy industrial, would not enhance the adjacent area, which is zoned residential. Thompson Painting Contractors own the land. The Council Board voted to file an appeal with the City, opposing heavy industrial zoning in that area.

## SEA SCOUTS

Two boats have been donated for the Richmond Sea Scouts, who now are in need of a berthing place. The boats presently are docked at a private home in Brickyard Cove. The Scouts meet at the Baptist Church in Point Richmond, led by Dan Ogle and Dan Seifers. The Board voted to send a letter to the Mayor, supporting Sea Scout activities and recommending that the City add its support, including free berthing at Marina Bay for the boats.

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## TEEN MEETING

Thirty Point teens met with representatives from the Business Association August 9, to discuss organizing activities that will meet their needs and wishes, as members of the community. A steering committee of four was named to formulate ideas and report back to the Business Association.

### BOARD MEMBERS AND AREA REPRESENTATIVES

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## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In a letter thanking the Point History Association for donating copies of "This Point in Time" and "Brief Unofficial History of Point Richmond" for their archives, Contra Costa County Historical Society president, Andrew H. Young, asked for names of anyone here who might be interested in representing the Pt. in activities of CCCHS. Call Donna Roselius, 235-4222, for information.

## A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan (234-5334)

Hollywood came to Point Richmond in early August with the filming of a movie called "Wildfire". "Stardom comes in strange ways," remarked local attorney David Vincent as he prepared for his film debut wearing the outfit he had worn to Ginger Espinoza's wedding three months earlier.

"Wildfire", an eight million dollar movie being produced in Los Angeles, is a story of lovers reunited after one had been jailed for eight years. Three scenes were shot in Richmond: one at Hotel Mac, another at a lumberyard, and a third at a diner adjacent to the Greyhound depot on Twenty-third Street.

The increasing number of films shot here has caused concern about traffic tie-ups and loss of revenue to nearby businesses.

During the summer, several groups of senior citizens met at the Plunge to start a history-oriented guided tour of the Point. The History Association sponsors such tours, usually led by Donna Roselius, who would be delighted to give "on the job training" to anyone interested in leading similar tours. She says it's one of the more rewarding and enjoyable results of being informed about Point history. Call her if you'd like to accompany her on one of the tours, so that you can be called upon as a history guide. at 235-4222.

Fire in June charred over 75 acres on Hills above Miller-Knox Regional Park, necessitating assistance from four neighboring fire departments before it was contained. Several homes were threatened, and smoke traveled into nearby houses. Early afternoon commuters slowed to watch, increasing traffic congestion. All the trees in Dornan Memorial Grove, planted in 1981 by Scouts of

Troop 111, were burned. The Point Troop is making plans to replace the trees, with the assistance of anyone willing to donate money to help purchase new trees. They plan to plant them in late October, before the first rains. Call Ben Woodson, 223-5648, to help.

The blackened hills are already showing signs of reviving, leaving only one fatality — Jim Chesharek's frog, who died of smoke inhalation.

Judge Dave and Mary Helen Calfee welcomed a new grandson, Eric Allen, son of daughter Laura and husband Byron Marlowe. The Calfees have moved to Auburn.

The United Methodist Women met regularly during the summer, every other Wednesday for craft workshops, as they prepared for the annual Country Faire, scheduled for October 24. Anyone in the community is invited to join them at 7:30 in Friendship Hall, where a great deal is accomplished, in spite of chatter, laughter and coffee breaks.

Whether it's the speakers or the microphones, the sound system in the City Council chambers gives a blurred impression of anything the council members have to say. Citizens interested enough to attend often have to ask Council members to repeat their statements; they respond by leaning toward their microphones, and the message comes through as a loud mumble. Besides this, the podium microphone screeches and cracks if touched, or its height is adjusted. Since public awareness is important, something should be done to make it possible for us to understand what's being said.

While on the subject of City representatives, City Council and Planning Commission members should be commended for promotion of beautification projects. Ridding the



## WEST SIDE LIBRARY

West Side has had a full summer schedule of events for children. Some of the evidence of their art work will remain on display so others can view the results of their creative endeavors.

Additions to West Side's holdings continue to arrive so check the new book area. Suggestions for possible titles will always be considered.

Each month, a list of books borrowed from the Main Library on temporary loan is posted on the library's front door. New books are loaned for 2 months while items from the regular shelves remain at West Side for six months. The most recently borrowed books in a subject area are those from the 800s/LITERATURE.

These books are not listed in the card catalogue so let the posted list be your guide. At any time, ask for assistance if the card catalog doesn't show a book you want.

The computer terminal can display titles from the collection of the Richmond Public Library, i.e. the Main Library, West Side and Bayview branches. Not only is lending done within our own system, but we can borrow from many cooperating libraries.

As our West Side bookmark says, "The library is bigger than you think."

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## HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

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Debbie Newcomer	Susan Armstrong
Nicole Bradshaw	Sara Warren
Mary Forbes	Hattie Belle Potts
Phillip Rotting	Al Frosini
Joann Busby	Shane Eastman
Roxanne Trudeau	Roberta Wilson
Donna Roselius	

A belated Happy August birthday to Goldy Shrewsbury, her 86th!

## TROOP 111 AT WOLFEBORO

by Todd Cort

August 3-9, local Boy Scout Troop 111 took their annual summer camping trip, led by newly-volunteered scout master, Dan Stallworth. However, this year's trip was slightly different.

In previous years, the scouts would brave the wilderness in mountain backpacking trips. This year, due to popular support in the troop, they retired their backpacks and dehydrated food for a bit of the "high life".

Wolfeboro is an organized camp in the southern Sierra Nevada's which attracts troops from throughout the Mt. Diablo Council (central California). In addition to other things, the camp offers an opportunity for scouts to advance in rank. A scout can simply ask one of the camp's many counselors to assist him with any award offered at Wolfeboro. With Dan's unrelenting guidance, all of the scouts received an award of achievement. "Merit Badges" at Wolfeboro ranged from Fish-ing to Lifesaving to Pioneering, giving the Troop 111 scouts an opportunity not available elsewhere.

The boys also participated in organized competitions. With the help of Dan's oldest son, Dwayne, the locals took second place in the annual Highland Games which have become fiercely competitive. The troop took first place in three of the five events but received second place, overall, due to failure on the archery range.

Although the scouts had fun at Wolfeboro, there were some things about organized camp life that the troop was not prepared for. It had been 20 years since members of Troop 111 had attended Camp Wolfeboro and this group found that regulations and camp laws not necessary on wilderness trips were totally unfamiliar to them - cleaning the latrine each day, to name one!

The troop agrees that the camp was

well worth it. In fact, the two senior scouts, Todd Cort (Senior Patrol Leader) and Seth Fenton (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader), have signed up on the Wolfeboro register to work at the camp for eight weeks next summer.

### **RICHMOND WOMENS CITY CLUB**

A trip to Dunsmuir House, including luncheon is planned for September 15. If you would like to join the tour of this spectacular and historic estate, call Ruby Mock, 235-1775 or Elsie Pedersen, 232-6894, as soon as possible.

### **RICHMOND LIBRARY BOOK SALE**

Friends of the Richmond Library will hold their annual book sale and raffle on October 11. Note that date on your calendar now.

### **SAN PABLO HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM SOCIETY**

On Sunday, September 14, 1986, the San Pablo historical group plans to "relive the 1840's of Alta California" from 11 a.m. to 6 at the Alvarado Adobe in San Pablo. Participants in the free celebration are asked to come in costumes of "old Mexico", including senors and senoritas, vaqueros, soldados de presidio, neophytes (Indian workers), "loafers" or Hudson Bay Co. trappers. Also welcome are craftspersons in carpentry, weaving, spinning, cooking, blacksmithing, candlemaking, basketry, adobe brickmaking, cooking or any crafts of the 1840's. If you don't fit any of the above, just come and enjoy watching. For information and participant signups, call Marco Gonzalez, 235-7845.

### **DEATHS**

**WILLIAM P. McCLOSKEY** died July 26, 1986, in a Walnut Creek hospital at age 71, following a long illness. He had lived in the Point on Lobos Court for many years, and had been an area resident since 1918.

Although his published obituary listed Mr. McCloskey as a retired private investigator, Sheila Fostiak reminds us that most who knew him well will remember Bill best as a veteran newspaperman, first with the long-defunct Post Enquirer in Oakland, and later on the Richmond Independent, now also "just a memory".

Sheila also notes that, until his retirement several years ago, Bill was active in social and service organizations and had lately become interested in the Point Richmond History Association.

A public spirited Point neighbor, Bill is survived by his wife, Bertha May McCloskey; two daughters, Gloria Nicholson, Greely, Colorado, and Linda Colgrove, Washington, D.C.; and two grandchildren. At his request, no funeral services were held.

**ELIZABETH GILBERT ANDERSON** died Wednesday, June 25, 1986, at her Point Richmond home on Western Drive. A native of Alameda, Mrs. Anderson was a forty-year Richmond resident.

A long-time member of Richmond law firm of Bernheim, Sugarman and Gilbert, Mrs. Anderson was the first woman to serve as president of the Richmond Bar Association. She was a life-long member and past president of Soroptimist International of Richmond; member of YWCA board of directors; and Advisory Board member of the Richmond Corps of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband, R.J. "Andy" Anderson, Jr., of the Point; a brother and a stepdaughter, Robin Content of Connecticut.

At her request, Mrs. Anderson's ashes were scattered in the Pacific Ocean.

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VERNON McWHORTER, 67, died Wednesday, June 18, 1986, in a Pinole hospital. Born in England, Arkansas, he lived in the Point for many years in the home he built at the corner of Washington and Scenic Avenues.

Mr. McWhorter was a driver and salesman for 30 years, retiring after seven years with Royal Jersey Milk Company. He was a member of Local 302 of the Milk Drivers Union, the Central Assembly of God, and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Reba, and daughter, Joann Ruggiero of Hercules; sons, Dennis and Tim McWhorter of Rodeo; three sisters, a brother and four grandchildren.

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CLARE O. BRYANT, long-time resident of Point Richmond, passed away June 18, 1986, after a short illness. A retired employee of Chevron Corp., Mr. Bryant was active in community affairs including many years of deep involvement in Richmond Art Center activities. He was a member of S.I.R.S. and McKinley Chapter, Masonic Lodge.

Preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, Mr. Bryant is survived by his niece, Dixie Lee Drew, two grandnieces and a great-grandnephew.

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ETHEL GRIFFINS KERNS died August 2, 1986, in a Walnut Creek hospital at age 92. A native of Saticoy, California, she had resided in Richmond for 85 years.

A retired reference librarian of the Richmond Public Library, Mrs. Kerns devoted many years of tireless energy to her compelling interest in preservation of Richmond's history. A founder and past president of the Richmond Museum, she was a prime mover in convincing the city council to subsidize

and rebuild the Carnegie Library at 4th and Nevin as a museum.

Mrs. Kerns often expressed her pride in local history to hundreds of latterday school children and adults in lectures documenting Richmond's early history and its progress over the years. She claimed her devotion to the museum project and carrying "the Richmond story" to the public kept her young beyond her years.

Local historian Stan Nystrom notes that a copy of the library budget for 1915-16 included a salary for Ms. Griffins of \$359.25 for the year with a proposed increase to \$570 for the year 1916-17. (The entire budget for the library was \$13,401.02.) Stan also cited a news item of 1917 describing a proposed trip to Southern California by a group of four young ladies, including Ethel Griffins, her sister, Virginia, Joy Cushing and Dolly Marshall, all in their early twenties. It was noted that Ethel Griffins preferred to drive her own car to take the party off on the long trip South. (Stan adds that a flat tire a day was not unusual in those days!)

Mrs. Kerns was also a member of Richmond Women's City Club and First Presbyterian Church, Richmond. She is survived by a daughter, June Wode of Orinda, a grandson and two great-grandchildren.

## WOMEN'S FORUM OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The Women's Forum will meet for lunch Friday, September 19, from 11:30 to 1 at the Rubicon Garden Cafe, 33rd street and Macdonald avenue, Richmond. Speaker will be Betty Mayers, discussing "Color Analysis: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You". Fee for the luncheon is \$1.75 to \$4.00. Interested women should call 222-0677.

The group's steering committee will meet on Wednesday, September 24, noon to 1:30, at the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is open to all members.

Please fill out and return this form to renew your membership, or to become a member of the Point Richmond History Association, a non-profit corporation. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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#### POINTS IN THE PAST . . .

##### SEPTEMBER:

- 9, 1850 — California admitted as 31st state in the Union
- 9, 1776 — Continental Congress changed the title "United Colonies" to "United States" as the name of the government-to-be
- 16, 1620 — 101 Pilgrims left Plymouth, England, in the Mayflower to sail for America
- 19, 1957 — First underground nuclear explosion detonated in Nevada
- 25, 1690 — First American newspaper, "Publick Occurances", published in Boston
- 25, 1926 — Ford Motor Company put its workers on an 8-hour day and 5-day week.

#### POINTS IN THE FUTURE . .

- SEPTEMBER 1 — Labor Day (legal holiday)
- SEPTEMBER 2 — West Side Improvement Club meeting
- SEPTEMBER 3 — School classes reconvene (minimum day)
- SEPTEMBER 7 — FESTIVAL BY THE BAY
- SEPTEMBER 9 — Admission Day (holiday for some)
- SEPTEMBER 10 — Point Richmond Business Association. 12 noon - Hotel Mac
- SEPTEMBER 13 — Point Richmond Youth Association - 11 a.m. Barbecue - Washington Fieldhouse
- SEPTEMBER 24 — BSA Troop 111 starts meeting each Monday at 7 p.m. at First Methodist Church All boys invited.
- SEPTEMBER 25 — POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION meeting - 7:30 p.m. Linsley Hall. Joint meeting with San Pablo - El Cerrito - Pinole - Richmond Societies.
- OCTOBER 9 — Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting. 8 p.m. - Community Center