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History Association Notes

FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY MID DORNAN

"Ways Back" by Andrew H. Young is a delightful paperback book locating and briefly describing historical societies and their resources in Contra Costa County. The black and white illustrations are by Lynn F. Garnica and include drawings of Point Richmond in the early 1900's with the original Indian Statue as well as our History Building. Buscum buffs will find detailed directions to each site and what a fun way to fill a dull day.

Anyone interested may view our copy from Mr. Young in our museum or may order one for \$6.95, Alamo, CA 94507 or call (510)939-9180.

As the year ends we feel good about our accomplishments of 1992 and I thank the Board for the delight they are to work with. While hesitant to single out any one person, editor Gary Shows certainly deserves an extra thanks.

Plan to attend our meeting on Sunday, January 24th.

Joyour Holidays to all!

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members:**

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**Museum Staff Coordinator Betty
Dornan says thank you to the following
volunteers for staffing the History
Museum in November!**

ROY JONES
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**Volunteers are still needed, staffing the
museum is an easy, pleasant way to
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Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

As you will read in her column, it is very unfortunate that Jan Burdick will no longer serve as our enthusiastic, knowing librarian at the West Side Branch of the Richmond Public Library, we will miss her. On the bright side for us, Jan has agreed to continue to serve TPIT as columnist for her "What's New at the Westside" column.

I am happy to report that Jean Reynolds, reporting for the Methodist Church, is back in this issue, so it contains news on both of our local churches.

Dr. Thompson's "Memories of the Second World War concludes with this issue, but I have a surprise for you from Dr. Thompson. I was saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Thompson's wife Dolores.

Not a lot of contribution from readers to our "Authors" section, but I'm trying it again.

Thanks to the person who dropped by the 1909 newspaper, as you can see from this issue, it was appreciated.

I have 1929 picture of the 2nd grade class of Washington School thanks to John Stephens, if I can get a good reproduction for the newsletter, I plan to print it in the next issue.

The deadline for the February issue is January 15, 1993.

The Cover:

1909 Santa Fe Market Ad.

Taken from a wonderfully pristine copy of the 1909 "Richmond Daily Leader" left in our museum mail slot. We would like to acknowledge the donor, if he/she would identify themselves.

The November Issue

Assembly Crew:

Mary Highfill
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Happy Hanukkah

THIS OLD HOUSE...

Muriel C. Clausen

Influences On the Early Homes of Point Richmond

Chapter II Part 3

There were other influences which helped these early home builders establish the kinds of homes they would live in. These were the features that made the home, as it was known in the early 1900's, function.

Sewer and water systems as we know them today were virtually nonexistent at the turn of the century. It is true that by the 1850's the major cities of the East Coast were in the process of building such systems, and by the 1900's these were fairly well established. However, the West Coast was slower in such progress, and the early homes had such amenities as a "dry kitchen" with water carried in. The heavy iron-topped stove with heavy iron cookware was the measure by which cooking was done, and a container could be attached to this stove to heat water. The floors in the kitchens were covered with "painted cloth", a stiffened decorated heavy

fabric, or with wood, which needed much more care. It wasn't until 1907 that linoleum was invented and used for floors in the East. It's use was later here. The kitchen walls were covered in wood with a wood wainscot. Some later kitchens were decorated above the wainscot with wallcoverings. Later, built-in cupboards appeared where separate cabinetlike units stood before, serving the kitchen's various needs.

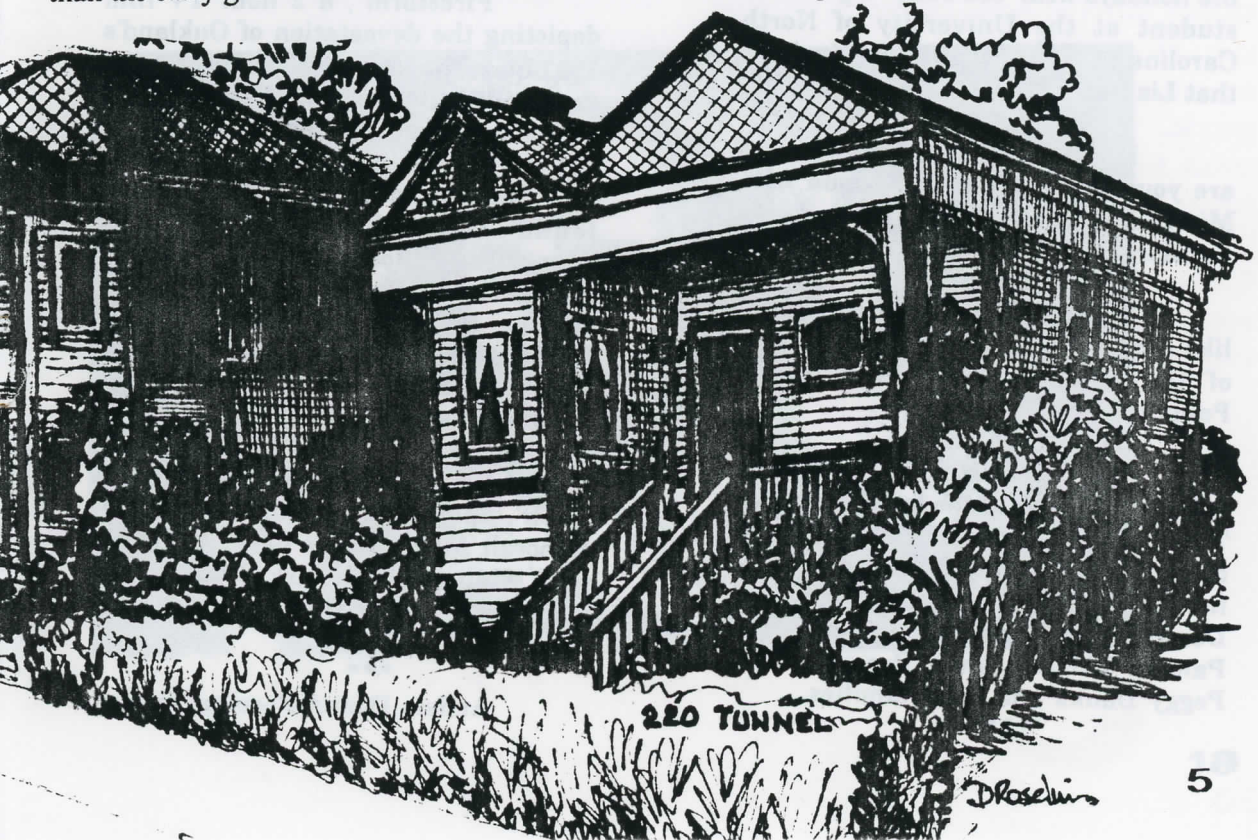
Bathrooms too were behind the times in Point Richmond from those in the East. The East Coast homes had indoor baths with quiet toilets and porcelain fixtures. The tub had ball and claw feet and a shower ring above. There were white tiled walls and floors by the 1900's in the wealthier homes. In Point Richmond the toilets were in outhouses and the homes had a small cabinet with a back-splash carrying a basin and pitcher of water for washing. The zinc "hip tub" was carried to the kitchen for warmth and warm water for bathing.

For house heat the floor "furnace" sufficed where needed while on the East Coast central heat furnaces with a water

heater tapped into it had been developed and established by the 1890's. Electricity was another factor that affected the designs of the homes in Point Richmond. While the first electricity was in use in the East in 1880, it was not yet very reliable and so was used in conjunction with the gaslight. (This combination controlled the design of those early light fixtures recalling the "gaslight" era.) By 1910, when the tungsten vacuum light bulb was invented, electricity was very much in use and very reliable on the East Coast. On the West Coast, however, it was much later for this innovation to appear and gas lighting was the order of the day. The gas used was kerosene, as it burned cleaner and brighter than the early gas. When the electric lines

were finally strung, homes in Point Richmond began slowly to sparkle with light.

Finally, as it gradually became affordable and useable, the automobile had an effect on the design of homes. Early homes were simple and needed no garage as cars were scarce and expensive, and roads were virtually nonexistent. The automobile was in full demand by the early '20's, and garages began to be added to homes, changing their designs quite significantly from the early days. With the increase in automobile use, the early settlers in Point Richmond began to wish they had made their "roads" wider. By this time many homes were nestled closely together on the steep hillsides.



A-MID TRIVIA

- Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Cryptic Greeting

A B C D E F G H I J K M N

O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

(answer at end of Trivia)

Nothing takes the fun out of politics like an election.

Bruce Bartram is doing 'stand up recovery' after surgery in July and hopefully will be staffing the history building soon.

Traditionally Liz McDonald hosts Thanksgiving Dinner for her neighbors, the Doug Corbins. This year when the Corbins decided to spend the holidays with son Jeff, a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Jeff insisted that Liz join them too. Which she did!

If you are 35 years old, chances are your name is John or Linda with Michael and Mary second in popularity!

Wanted: Paul Crum would like some information on the history of the Terrace Apartments in the Point?

Lucinda Dustin, 101 years old, will be the oldest at the four-generation Thanksgiving festivities at the home of her granddaughter, Patrice Verhies in Stockton. Joined by daughter Donna Wilson and granddaughters Pamela Wilson, Paula Ferguson and Peggy Danks and their families.

Katy Gunick, Utah, visited her sister, Shirley Butt, and they were joined by their brother, Jim, who helped them celebrated their November birthdays. Then Tom and Shirley Butt and son Daniel went to Arkansas to spend Thanksgiving with Andrew who is a freshman at the University of Arkansas.

Daniel Butt has earned scouting's highest rank, that of Eagle Scout, and will receive the honor at a ceremony on December 22nd, 7:30 p.m. at Camp Herms. Daniel registered with Troop 111 in Point Richmond on April 29, 1985 and received his Tenderfoot award that year. Later he transferred to Troop 104 in El Cerrito who will confer the award that night.

"Firestorm", a 2 hour TV film depicting the devastation of Oakland's 1991 blaze, has been filmed in the same Oakland hills neighborhood and is created with special effects to make the fire hills look real. Some residents feel this is insensitive and others found it frightening and with memories. Philosophically, the movie should contribute \$1.5 million through funds to the police security, firefighters, equipment rentals, wood from lumberyards and wardrobes from local shops.

Point Arts Guild 'Holiday Art Show', sponsored by businesswoman, Deborah Alley, will be held in the old Fire House, 145 Park Place until December 5th and features 10 local artists.

Artists Donna Roselius invites

friends to the Annual Home Show of artists that takes place at the home of Sharon Wheat, 1360 Neilson Street in Berkeley December 4 - 6. One never ceases to marvel at the numerous art media in which Donna excels. For more information, (510) 525-4034.

No matter how hard you try, there is always one more friend or so you should have sent a card to.

On December 21st, tell someone they are doing a good job!

Grandma Porihas is giving money this year as Christmas presents because "it is the cheapest thing she can find."

Enterprising 13-year-old Ian Martin, set up a table outside the Santa Fe Market with a sign: " HELP ME I'm, trying to raise \$1100 so I can travel to the nation's capital with my 8th grade class to study our national history. " A 'boombox' and camera were being raffled for the trip that is scheduled for February during the holiday week.

Sylvia Smith, reporter for British Broadcasting System public radio, interviewed students of Pat Dornan's ESL class (English as a Second Language), Crespi Junior High. It aired locally on KQED radio on Monday, November 23rd.

How can you make a difference in your community? Make a difference in youth attitudes? Attend a program, Wednesday, January 20th, 7:30 p.m., Methodist church, 201 Martina St., when Dorothy Berndt will discuss the Washington School Many Hands project.

Good news in 1993 for those superstitious about Friday the 13th..there is only one, in August.

It is painful to travel down Garrard Boulevard near Atchison Village and see all those beautiful trees being destroyed only to be replaced with concrete walls for the Richmond Parkway!

The old historic Ford plant was damaged by the Loma Prieta

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WOMEN'S CLUB ENTERTAINS AND INSTRUCTS

The banquet given last night by the Richmond Women's Improvement Club was one of the most brilliant social functions of the year. It was more than a mere social affair.

A good number of the features of a private musical service were

ADMINISTRATOR FOR ESTATE OF MR. WILLIAMS

The local Blacksmith's Union, of which the late John Williams was a member, interested itself last night and this morning in the arrangements which had been made to hold

the funeral of the late John Williams

ODD FELLOWS IN LIMELIGHT TOMORROW

The following from the Examiner this morning tells in few words the plans of the Odd Fellows for tomorrow.

"Arrangements have been completed for the facing of the casket

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LOOK AT YOUR SHOES



earthquake and the city is asking for a \$10.7 million federal grant. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has already funded \$375,000 worth of engineering and architectural studies for the building which was saved from the wrecking ball in the early 1980's and named to the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1932 and designed by Albert Kahn, bricks were delivered by the Richmond Supply Company.

Al and Helene Frosini are hardly are the image of a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary! They celebrated their anniversary with a Caribbean cruise on which their daughter, Valerie, married Jerry Gutierrez serving as their attendants. Married in 1942 in Reno, the Al and Helene owned and operated Al's Fountain in the Point on Tewksbury for 32 years and both hardly look 50 themselves.

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WEAK MEN



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Although medical science has conquered many childhood ills, youngsters seem to be afflicted as much as ever with whatever it is that wakes them up at 5 a.m on Christmas morning.

For a bit of childhood Christmas spirit, attend the Christmas program on Sunday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Point Methodist Church. Everyone is invited.

Hope you didn't miss the Point's Annual Tree Lighting and Community caroling. arranged by David Vincent and Anna Schwartz.

Nobody seems to make New Year's resolutions anymore but why not give yourself a few goals like:

- learn to read food labels
- cultivate a new hobby or outside activity
- never kill the urge to be silly
- write more (especially to This Point in time)

HAPPY 1993 !

Answer: No L...it's Christmas!

Peace

OLD VALENTINES

We will have a display of old valentines in February at our museum to show how the form has changed over the years. If you have any old valentines in your attic or memoirs and would like to loan them to us for the month, please call either (510) 235-1336 or 234-5334.

Churches

Our Lady of Mercy

Allan Smith

The Ladies Sodality had their quarterly meeting last week led by Amelia (Giacomelli) Drake. A very well attended meeting and luncheon in which the men of the parish were invited. Due to a new Diocesan insurance specification, the church hall use by private organizations may be curtailed. Using the hall now for a very low maintenance donation are the West Side Improvement Club, the Alcoholics Anonymous Organization, the Third and Fourth Degrees of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters group and several others.

Also, this new order will apply to the church's parking lot which a various times is used by unauthorized persons in spite of the "private parking" sign.

The Historical Committee of the church is looking for items or photos of Our Lady of Mercy Church that can be used for recording the church's history. Any such donation will be returned after reproduction.

We regret to announce the death of William "Bill" Hinckley. Services were held at the church and burial was in San Pablo. Bill lived in Atchison Village for over thirty years. He was a veteran of World War Two, serving four years in the

U.S. Army. Relatives came from Alaska for the funeral.



Point Methodist

Jean Reynolds

I have stood silent for too long and there is a lot to tell about the Point Methodist Church in this issue!

Our Sunday School students and teachers continue to add a real sparkle to Sunday mornings. Alice Thompson (on guitar) and Pastor Gates (on banjo) lead the morning music as we gather. After some picken' and grinnin', classes meet for ages three years through eighth grade. An adult class lead by Pastor Bill Gates is a new offering

The fifth grade class, taught by Bill and Alice Thompson made the October display for the church "window" that faces West Richmond Avenue. It reflected what they were studying, the journey of Moses and the Hebrew slaves through the desert to the promised land, and how that story applies to life-journeys we all must take. Students Aja Range, Taylor McClure and Cami Gates each hung one of their own "footprints" in the window as part of the display.

Preparations are being made for the Sunday School Christmas program to be held on December 20 at 7:00pm at the church. Students will put on a play, sing some special music and the congregation will watch, listen and sing carols. Afterward will be a time of fellowship and a chance to win our special door prize: a deluxe gingerbread house built by Paula Ferguson. It will be a time for young and old alike; a time to focus on the true spirit of Christmas.

Pastor Bill Gates includes a special children's time in the worship service that is enjoyed by all ages. We all wonder what will be in his trademark brown paper bag each see! Child care is provided for the younger children during the remainder of the service.

We welcome the Westside Improvement Club which will be meeting in Friendship Hall for their regular meetings. It is an honor to be able to sponsor this community-oriented group.

Please join us for a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30pm. It will be a chance to reflect on the "reason for the season", sing some carols and enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary by candlelight.

Looking ahead to January... a member of

the Many Hands Project, a community support group for Washington Elementary School, will come to inform us about what kinds of things people can do to help the school. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th at 7:30pm at the church. The speaker will be Dorothy Berndt and anyone interested in this worthwhile project is welcome to attend.



What's Been Going On

The Annual Country Faire was held on October 23rd and 24th and was a big success thanks to the dedicated, talented hands of our crafts people and bakers and all the others who work the week of the bazaar to setup, prepare, serve, well and cleanup. It is a big effort with big results: proceeds fund all of the service and missions projects of the United Methodist Women's Group for the year.

The Harmony Walk for Hunger, sponsored by the Greater Richmond Interfaith Project (GRIP), was an event that raised more than twenty thousand dollars to help hungry people. The walk was held on October 17th and proceeds were designated to the Richmond and San Pablo Food Pantries, the Richmond Souper Center and for overseas food relief efforts. Six members of our congregation walked, but many more pledged as sponsors, supplied cookies and supported the walkers with their prayers.



POINT METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

-Mid Dornan

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 "Shoen's Pharmacy in the Point". The minutes are printed as written. This is the 68th installment.

December 1918

The Woman's Home Missionary Society met at the Parsonage. The meeting was opened by the Vice President Mrs. Gibbons in the absence of the President. The members joined in repeating the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's prayer. Communication from Dr. Cramer of Sinuk Mission at Nome Alaska was read thanking the Society for the boxes of school supplies and gifts sent. As the President Mrs.

Adams had moved out of the city it was in order at this time to elect a President to fill out the rest of the term and the Vice President was unanimously elected as president and Mrs. Owens elected as Vice President for the term.

A motion was made & carried to send \$1 for Literature for another year. Motion made & carried to pay \$5.00 on Kindergarten Scholarship.

Dues were paid by

Mrs. Grover .50

Mrs. Gibbons .50

Mrs. Gillette .30

Thank offering received \$5.00

The meeting in January will be Mite Box opening. The Mite Box Secretary to arrange for same.

Refreshments were served by the hostess. Thank offering 50¢. Total receipts \$6.80.

No further business meeting closed.

Nettie Grover



MEMORIES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN THE RICHMOND AREA

Wm. L. Thompson

William L. Thompson, often called Louis by his friends, was born in Point Richmond on February 17, 1909, lived on Scenic Avenue, graduated from Richmond Union High School and was the first native Richmondite to go through medical school. Dr. Thompson began his practice in 1940 at 9th & Macdonald later moving to 32nd & Macdonald until that building was sold at which time he moved to an office on Broadway. In 1979, at age 70 and after 39 years, he retired officially from medical practice. However, his many loyal, local patients continue to call him for advice.

Thanks to Dr. Thompson for his valuable contributions for our written archives.

Here is our fifth series from Dr. Thompson. In this series he remembers what life was like in Richmond during World War Two and how very much that war effected Richmond.

PART SIX

(Conclusion)

During the war, I was asked to do the industrial work for the J.D. Proctor Company, that did the diving work connected with the shipyards. All launchings had to be inspected underwater before the launch. Also many pipes and

other connections were under water. I had to set up safety rules for the diving.

Fortunately there were almost no descents below 30 or 40 feet so there was little risk. The divers made more money salvaging tools and other objects dropped in the water than their salaries.

Point Richmond had a small isolation hospitalization constructed near the intersection of Cutting and Garrard Boulevards. This was for people with infectious diseases who could not be hospitalized in the Richmond Hospital. It was demolished after the war. I remember hospitalizing a boy with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever that was contracted from a tick bite in Tilden Park.

Dr. C.L. Abbott was county coroner during the war and for many years before and after. I acted as his forensic pathologist, having had experience in Kern County and in Chicago. We investigated quite a few homicides but most were run-of-the-mill types. I attended a meeting of a service club of which I was a member, and some of the group were quizzing Captain Bengly. Bengly was chief of detectives of the Richmond Police and was to some extent defending himself. I heard him say that in the preceding period Richmond had had 9 homicides and had obtained 8 convictions.

One wise guy sitting at the table asked rather disparagingly, "What happened to the other one"? Bengly looked at him with a rather pitying expression and answered, "One guy did two murders". That closed the subject.

With the huge influx of people during the war, the Richmond Police force was greatly overworked. They had to enlarge the force quickly and regular patrolmen had to be promoted to sergeants and lieutenants, often with little experience. However, they studied and worked hard and did a very creditable job. I worked often with the police and sheriffs on homicides and accidental deaths. The new lieutenant in charge of homicide consulted with me often and borrowed books to study. I recall him returning one book and saying "Geez, Doc, that's a good book but it sure has some big woids in it". They all did well in a very committees and Brookside Hospital soon became a reality.

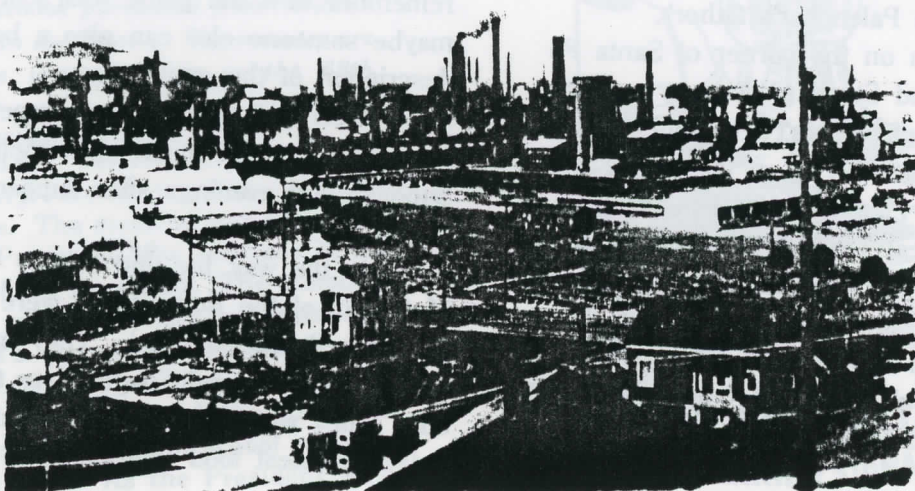
An adequate staff of nursing personnel

was difficult to establish. First, there was a general shortage of nurses, and secondly, Eden Township Hospital in the Hayward area in Castro Valley opened just a few weeks before Brookside was to open and siphoned off many of the available nurses. However, this problem was eventually overcome and Brookside has continued to improve ever since.

Richmond, Point Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole, and El Cerrito struggled through this emergency and played their parts well. They emerged quite successfully but much changed. During this time, El Sobrante was born and all have continued to prosper in various ways. ds

This concludes our "Memories of the Second World War in the Richmond Area" series. We do have a new series from Dr. Thompson ready to go. Thank you so much Dr. Thompson, also thanks to Dennis and Ellen Schaefer for editing assistance.

Gary



BERNES IS BACK!

Hotels in the Old Point

by Bernard Bernes

It's always great to hear from Bernard. His memories of the old Point always seem to jog the memories of the other 'old timers'. There will be more in the next issue.

Gary

Hotels in the Old Point

There were four Italian hotels on Standard Avenue between Washington and Santa Fe Avenues, and one on Railroad Avenue.

The first near Washington was the Lombard Hotel, owned by the Rinaldi family. Next was the Colombo Hotel operated by Ben Brignone and his brother-in-law Mr. Santini. Next was the Roma Hotel owned by Joe Matteucci (Josephine Palenchar's father).

Then on the corner of Santa Fe Avenue and Standard Avenue was the Hotel D'Italia, I can't remember the owner.

The Piemonte Hotel on Railroad Avenue near Richmond Avenue was owned by the Mighetti family. They had two boys Mario and Louie.

Each of the hotels had its own saloon, pool table and dining room. They also had a Bocci Ball court in the backyard.

Bocci Ball was a very exciting game for the Italians. It is similar to the game of "horseshoes" and is played on a smooth dirt court, approximately 6 feet by 30 feet.

A small wooden ball is used as the target, there are four players, two partners, one at each end of the court, kind of like shuffle board. The small wooden ball is thrown to the opposite end of the court, then larger balls are thrown at the small target ball. The object of the game is to get nearest to the small ball. The larger balls were rolled or lobbed to the target. The skill of the game is to knock your opponents ball away from the target ball. I can't remember how the game was scored, maybe someone else can give a better description of the game.

Bocci Ball was a very competitive game that created much excitement on Sundays and evenings after supper.

By the way Joe and Nellie Matteucci of the Roma Hotel were the first to sell take-out food. They made terrific Raviolies and Spaghetti to take out. They were pioneers in one of todays greatest food industries.

Sports Memories

Allan Smith

The Fall 1992 Special Issue of Sports Illustrated contained an extensive article about Edward P. "Slip" Madigan, famous and controversial football coach of St. Mary's College in Moraga. Playing football for St. Mary's Slip Madigan were two well known Point Richmond students, Frank Shock and Bob Hartnyk, Sr. The highlight of their successful 1938 football season was when St. Mary's won over Santa Clara in the Little Big Game and by this victory received the bid for the 1939 New Year's Day Cotton Bowl classic. They won the Cotton Bowl by beating Texas Tech 20-13. The beautiful four foot Cotton Bowl trophy is on display at the Moraga campus.

Frank Shock and Bob Harnyk were not Point Richmond natives but settled in the Point after their college careers and were both involved in business here for many years until their deaths. Jim Cheshareck, grandson of Frank Shock lives in Point Richmond with his family as does Bob Hartnyk, Jr. with his wife and mother. Pat Brown, resident of the St. James Hotel in the Point, was a personal friend of Slip Madigan and can tell you many items of interest about the coach that were not mentioned in the magazine article.

Misc. Stuff

Richmond/Marin Bus Service Delayed

Long awaited transbay bus service has been delayed again for probably several more months. Original plans were to begin this long overdue service on December, 1991 but political disputes delayed the first bus again and again. The latest delayed inaugural date was January 3, 1993 and is because bids from private bus operators came in at almost three times available funds.

Plans call for the service to run from El Cerrito Del Norte BART station to the downtown San Rafael Transit Center from Monday through Friday. Fares would be \$2 each way with riders able to transfer free to local AC Transit and Golden Gate buses.



JANUARY 16, 1993

**MARTIN
LUTHER
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BIRTHDAY



THE MASQUERS



Fiddler on the Roof

A Review from

Anne Hanzlik

The enduring qualities of *The Fiddler On The Roof* are a tribute to its appeal on many levels. First of all it is good entertainment because of its perennially popular songs and also its ethnic humor.

The problems of racial prejudice and oppression experienced by Tevye and Golde, their family and fellow villagers in Anatevka are as alive today as when the original story was written in 1905 and even before that.

They have been brought home to those of us at the Point as well as the rest of the Bay Area by the excellent production of the Masquers which has been "on the boards" since October 30th and will play until December 19th.

Rhoda Plymack as director has skillfully managed a large and capable cast as well as the five members of the orchestra who add immeasurably to the play's ambience, despite the constraints of the size

of the Masquer's stage. The design and construction of the sets, reminiscent of Marc Chagall's paintings of the same area and era are wonderfully evocative, particularly the opening scene with Tim Hart as the inimitable Fiddler on the Roof.

It is a tribute to Jerry Bock's musical score and Sheldon Harvick's lyrics that have an enduring appeal and popularity. Many people can hum Tevye's "If I Were A Rich Man", as well as the long list of other songs made famous by this musical

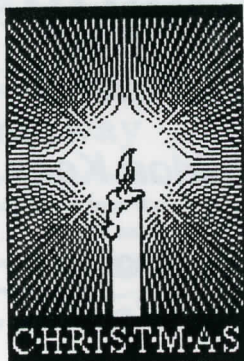
such as "Matchmaker, Matchmaker", "Now I Have Everything", "Sunrise-Sunset" and lastly, "Do You Love Me?".

Jewish humor is justly famous and Fiddler has plenty of that, ironic and self deprecatory but with an indomitable spirit of gaiety.

There is a long list of famous names associated with the numerous productions of Fiddler in this country as well as in Europe, Zero Mostel as Tevye, Bea Arthur as Yente, the matchmaker, Boris Aronson, scenic designer, Jerome Robbins, choreographer and Harold Prince as producer. Our own cast and staff should be deservedly proud to add their contribution to such an important musical.

The themes of Fiddler are just as poignant today as then they were written in 1964 and even before that then Sholem Aleichem's original stories were published in 1905.

If you haven't already enjoyed this Masquer's production, try not to miss it before it closes on December 19th.



THE MASQUERS

Playhouse, Inc.

105 Park Place, Point Richmond

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"A MUSICAL FOR ALL TIMES"



Fiddler on the Roof

Book: Joseph Stein

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Lyrics: Sheldon Harnick

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RHODA PLYMACK

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DINNER & THEATRE benefit for our building fund at HOTEL MAC, Thursday evening, December 17. Dinner and ticket to "Fiddler on the Roof" for only \$25.00. To reserve, CALL: (510) 236-4988.

COMING: A thought-provoking drama, "AMADEUS", opening January 22, 1993.



AUTHORS

Point Richmond has been the home of a number of famous authors. We thought it might be both fun and interesting to compile a comprehensive list of past (and present) Point Richmond authors and are asking for your help. If you know of any famous or not so famous Point Richmond residents let us know their names, where they live or lived and what notable text they wrote. We will add your information to our list. Send all information to :

TPIT/Authors
Attn: Gary Shows
229 Golden Gate Avenue
Point Richmond, CA 94801

Thanks to one of our members for the concept of this article.

Here is a third expanded article, it includes more authors, descriptions have been deleted from previous lists. If you are a published author or know one, please let me know. Your participation in this little project is very important.

FAMOUS POINT RICHMOND AUTHORS

1. Bertha Damon

- ☛ A Sense of Humus
- ☛ Gramma Called it Carnal.

2. Harold Davis

- ☛ Honey in the Horn
- ☛ Beulah Land

3. Eugene Burdick

- ☛ Ugly American
- ☛ Ninth Wave
- ☛ Fail Safe

4. Bob Reid

- ☛ The Underground Gourmet

5. Weldon Kees

- ☛ The Last Man
- ☛ The Fall of the Magicians

6. *Walter Horn*

- ☞ The Barns of the Abbey of Beaulieu
- ☞ The Plan of St. Gall
- ☞ The Forgotten Hermitage of Skellig Michael

7. *Gertrude Harris*

- ☞ Pots and Pans
- ☞ Pasta International
- ☞ Manna—Foods of the Pioneers

8. *George Coles*

Several of his articles on Indians native to our area.

9. *Kathleen Vande Kieft*

- ☞ Innersource

10. *Alexandra Gautraud*

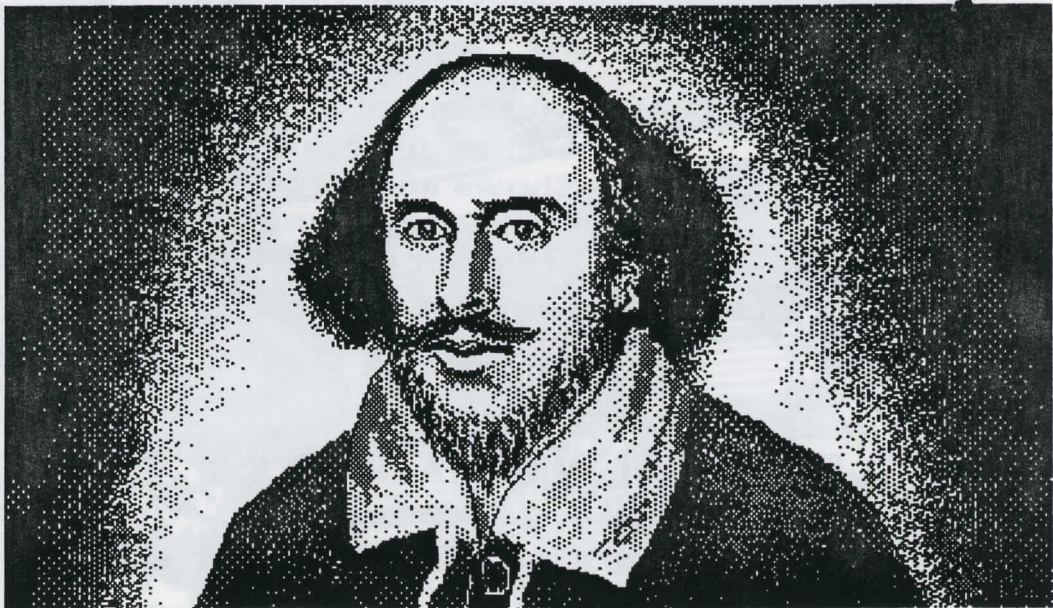
- ☞ San Mateo: A Sketchbook Tour of the San Francisco Peninsula's Past

New Author this month:

11. *Beulah Parker*

Dr. Parker is a retired psychiatrist who lives on Western Drive.

- ☞ Mingled Yarn
- ☞ My Language Is Me
- ☞ The Evolution of a Psychiatrist



Point Treelighting a Big Success

Jerry Cerknowicz

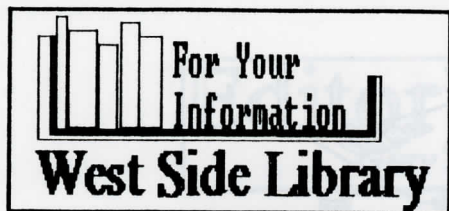
The 1992 holiday season began in The Point on Saturday November 28th with the annual Point Tree Lighting Ceremony. As the sun was setting a large crowd of children, parents, grandparents and other citizens of The Point gathered at the Indian Statue Park. All helped to prepare the luminarias, some folding the bags, others putting sand in them while still others lit the candles and placed them around the rock wall of the park. Unlike last year, it was not windy so no paper bags caught on fire.

At about 5:15 Santa Claus arrived at the gathering and began handing out candy canes to one and all.!

People accompanied by Anna Schwarz on the accordion, sang Christmas carols. With much cheering the tree lights were turned on by David Vincent. The children were very excited by Santa and the candy canes and posed for photographs with Santa. Refreshments were served in the Community Center.

Thanks go out to David Vincent of the Business Association (sponsor of the event), Anna Schwarz, Santa Claus, Marsha Ward, Lisa McMann of the Community Center, photographer Lance Shows and all of the fine people who came to celebrate our community and the season.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY
Christmas



Jan Burdick

My vacation last month extended into a longer and permanent one when I decided to take early retirement on November 13th.

As you must be aware the city of Richmond is have to face a financial adjustment due to cessation of funds to cities and counties by the state. At this point, no one knows how the library may be affected. In the event that changes might occur at the branch level, I decided I didn't want to be part of that change. My years at West Side, since 1983, have been so great, I wanted to go out with fond memories ...and they are indeed fond..... A significant contribution to those years as a branch librarian is because of you, the patrons. I

have made many friends who I met when they came through the door, to check out books, etc., ask for information, or spend some time browsing while their clothes were being laundered across the street. I will miss you all.

This might be the time, if you haven't done so already, to contact members of the Richmond City Council to let them know your concern about the library and possible cuts to its role in the community. They need to have your input to make fair decisions.

I can't stay away completely, so I will continue the column in a "This Point in Time" to let you know what's new at the West Side!

Goodbye and thank you for nine wonderful years.

Deaths...

Dolores O. Thompson, a retired medical thecnologist for the Richmond Hospital, on Saturday, October 24, 1992 after a long illness. She was 69.

Dolores was born in Butte, Montana but lived in Richmond for 49 years. She was a leader of Camp Fire Girls and served on their board; member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Order of Eastern Star, Retired

Nurses Association of Richmond, Founder of 20/21 Club of Richmond Hospital and Woodrow Wilson PTA.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. William L. Thompson and daughters, Pamela Everhart of Arizona and Pat Thompson of Moraga as well as five grandchildren.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Holy Trinity Memorial Fund, 555 37th Street, Richmond, 94805.



Dear Pam:

First of all I'd like to thank you personally for serving as membership director for so long. I appreciate your efforts.

The enclosed chekc is for renewal of Alice's (Alice Mahon) magazine subscription. I can't afford it for myself, but it is her birthday present each year, this year I'm late and if you have a copy of September I'd appreciate if you could send her one. Her birthday is actually in July, but I lost my purse in July and it took a long time to get my finances squared away so I could write checks again. The bank's new printer misprinted and I thought I'd ruin my credit record I had so much trouble getting everything squared away. Things are fine now, but I'm still playing catch-up with a few forgotten items, like this one. Thanks for whatever you can do.

Sincerely,
Pat Behrens
Pt. Richmond



Dear Gary:

I am sending my dues for the coming year.

I found Allan Smith's October article on Richmond Union High School in 1936 very interesting as I was in school at that time and remember many of the individuals.

I noticed that the article had a picture of the old high school. The 1936 class was in the newer facility further north on 23rd Street.

With the construction of the new Richmond High School (I believe that was in 1931 or 1932), the old facility was turned into Longfellow Junior High School with my father Herbert L. Hunn as its Principal. In naming the school after the poet Longfellow, my father was influenced by my grandfather Herbert C. Hunn who was a great admirer of Longfellow.

My father was also a Manuel Training teacher at the old Washington School in 1920 where some of the Point's old-timers remember building boats and wagons under his training.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Herbert (Pete) Hunn
Clarksburg, CA

*Thank you Mr. Hunn for the very
informative letter, please keep in touch.*

Gary

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*"A folk singer is a person who gets rich singing about how
wonderful it is to be poor"*

-George Viola

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Please mail articles and items of interest to:

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Calendar

December / January

December 1
Tuesday

**Point Richmond Holiday Food Drive begins,
Be Generous!**

**Women's Westside Improvement Club Christmas luncheon,
11:30 AM, Our Lady of Mercy Church**

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,
7:30 PM, Point Community Center**

December 6
Sunday

**Richmond Art Center Holiday Arts Festival & Silent Art Auction,
Richmond Art Center 1:00 - 5:30 PM**

December 9
Wednesday

**Point Richmond Business Association Christmas
Meeting, 4:00 PM, Hotel Mac**

December 20
Sunday

First Day of Hanukkah

December 25
Friday

Christmas Day

January 1
Friday

New Year's Day, have a great 1993!

January 5
Tuesday

**Women's Westside Improvement Club Meeting,
11:30 AM, Point Methodist Church**

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,
7:30 PM, Point Community Center**

January 13
Wednesday

**Point Richmond Business Association Meeting,
Noon, Hotel Mac**

January 15
Friday

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE, TPIT

January 18
Monday

Martin Luther King's Birthday

January 22
Friday

***Amadeus* opens at the Masquers Playhouse**

January 24
Sunday

**Point Richmond History Association General Meeting
Point Community Center**

Happy New Year