

THIS POINT... in time

NEWSLETTER

The Point Richmond History Association

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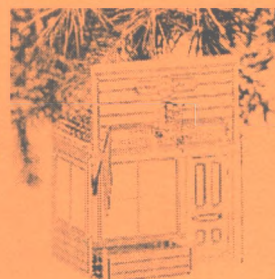
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From The President

Mid Dornan

Summer was over before I knew it began. Hope the rest of 1999 drags on a little slower. Of course, entertaining two teenagers may have played a part of that. It is great that many new residents in the Point are stopping by the Museum and joining. This is great. We need someone to provide oral interviews, do "Years Ago" columns as well as contribute articles. It takes new as well as old members to keep our organization going. We have lots of ideas and need helping hands to accomplish them. Doesn't this interest you?

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

**Edna Hathaway
Rose & Louie Barra
Romilda Burress
Sparta Chiozza
Emile & Edwina Pleau
Al & Gerry Higuera
Tom & Shirley Butt
June Blackburn
Sonja Darling
Kathe Kiehn
Donna Wilson
Josephine Palenchar
Dixie L. Mello**

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Donna Diaz
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Pat & Frank Pearson
Ann and Bruce Bartram
C. F. Hochgesang
Mary P. Stewart
Dody Perry
Hazel Tawney

And a warm welcome to the following new members:

Alphonso Diaz
Richard & Michelle Clements
Kevan Kidd
Toni Cannizzaro

Museum Director Betty Dornan Thanks the Following Volunteers who Staffed the Museum During the Summer

Dody Perry
Avis Blanchette
Bruce Bartram
Ann Bartram
Mid Dornan
Virginia Cherniak

Thank You!

Santa Fe Market

and

Point Richmond Market

for their donated distribution of
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If you can help staff our History Building (2½ hours per month) call museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan at 232-4317.

Museum Hours:

Thursday	11:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday	11:30 - 2:00pm

Gary's Column

Gary Shows

Seems to me that summers go by to fast and winters come too quickly. Anyway, here is your September/October edition of TPIT. This issue's feature article is by Patsy Bill bringing back memories of the Bonecrushers baseball team, thanks Patsy. Although many were quite late with their contributions, on behalf of all members I want to thank you all for quality submissions.

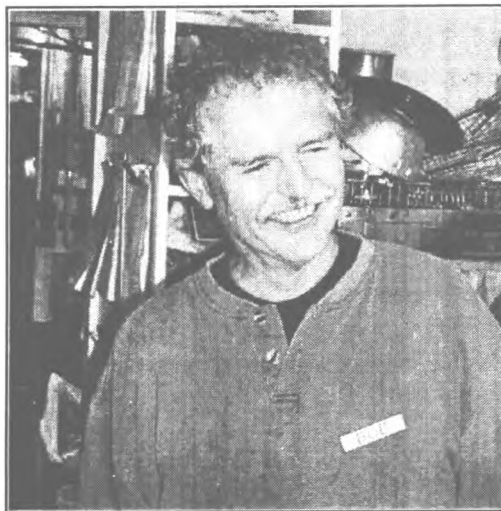
I decided to feature the wig wag on the cover in appreciation to our Richmond City Council for their unanimous vote to keep them. The railroad had wanted to replace them with railroad crossing drop down gates. The wig wags are an historical treasure to Richmond, and should be kept. What can be done now to get the painted black stripes back?

The feature article for November will be by Harold Shawl. He has submitted another fantastic memory piece. You old timers are especially going to like it.

The deadline for the November issue is Friday, October 22nd with an anticipated date of assembly of November 4th.

Thanks to the Summer issue assembly crew:

Pam Wilson
Mid Dornan
Jerry Cerkowicz
Gary Shows
Betty Dornan
Liz McDonald
Sonja Darling
Mary Highfill
Bonnie Jo Cullison



Santa Fe Market's Bob Peckham



The Cover:
The Point Richmond wig wag will continue to greet visitors, thanks to the Richmond City Council.

A-Mid TRIVIA

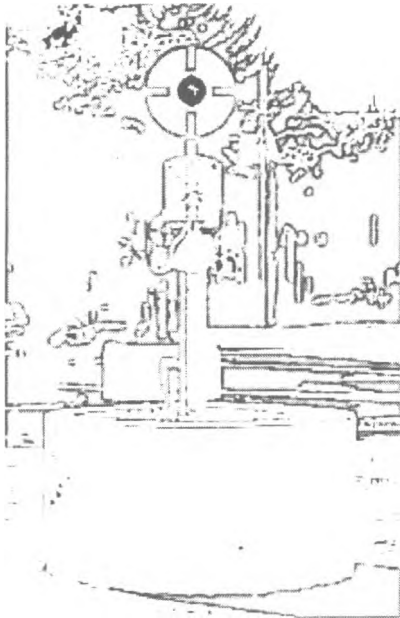
-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: When did Richmond get its first telephone?

Answer at end of Trivia.

Ever wonder where your lost airline suitcase goes? The Unclaimed Baggage Center in Scottsboro, Alabama is the place to check out. It is where all the lost luggage and left-behind personal items found in the country's jets, airports and bus stations are taken and offered for sale.

It's a boy, Alexander Joel Hamilton, born May 14, 1999, 9 lb 13 oz, 22 inches, first child of Michael and Janet Heckman on Bishop Alley.



Anna Osopsky, daughter of Cyndy Forbes and granddaughter of Mary Forbes, graduated on June 18, 1999 from Davis school of Veterinary Medicine with a degree in Small Animal Practice and Exotic Birds. Anna also received the 1999 school of Veterinary Medicine Medal in recognition of outstanding and clinical performance from the Phi Zeta Honor Sorority of Veterinary Medicine, Lambda Chapter of 1999. Anna and her mother drove to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for another year of training. Attending the graduation were her Aunt Debbi Miller from Oklahoma and all the Osopsky families from New York.

Doctor to patient: "I have to tell you your check last month came back." Patient: "Well, Doc, let me tell you. So did my arthritis"

Keep those remotes for TV handy. An average hour of prime-time television contains 15 minutes, 44 seconds of advertising last November. One-third of each hour in daytime is taken up by commercials. But no one had to remind you, right?

For the fourth straight year the U.S. Postal Service had a \$550 million surplus at the end of the fiscal year. But, the agency's debt totals \$6.4 billion! They can handle approximately 376,712 items per minute and their high speed sorting machines can read 50 percent of the 3 billion handwritten addresses on cards and

letters sent during the holiday season. Got e-mail

Pat Bill Pearson said she was sorry to miss the Kid's Reunion. She would like to have seen Julio Carrera. "He terrorized me through most of grade school!" Awwwww.

Drive by the corner of Tewksbury and Vacca and see the 'bird' sanctuary!

Sonja Darling accompanied her daughter, Chris Bradshaw and their five small children, Madison, Taylor, Jackson, Regan, and McKinley when they drove back to Fargo, North Dakota in August for a family reunion.

Reba Slagle Downs and children Colin and Julia from Colorado Springs, Colorado spent a week visiting her brother, Larry Slagle. They also spent a few days on the Russian River at the Dornan cabin

Following their wedding in Illinois and honeymoon, Dan Damon and his bride, Eileen, were welcomed by members after church services with an old fashioned 'Pound' party and money tree. Dan is pastor of the historic Point Methodist Church.

Betty Glass Marshall gives Tref Ross's idea for a Point Richmond flag a two thumbs up!

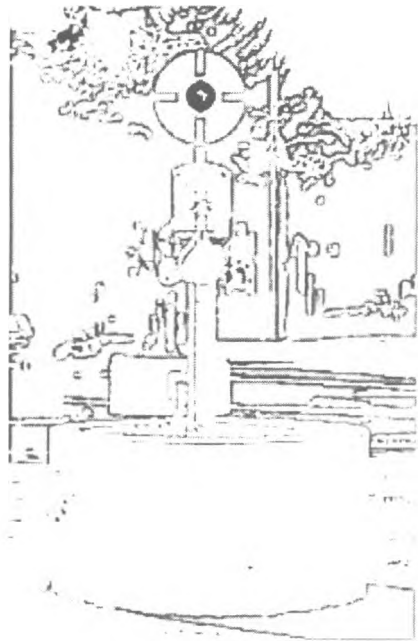
"Your age, please?" asked the census taker. "Well," the woman replied, "let me

figure it out. I was 18 when I was married, and my husband was 30. He is now 60, twice as old as he was then, so I am now 36!"

Cartoon: Man clutching his jaw as he bites into his wife's cake. She remarks, "Nothing in the walnut cake recipe said to open the walnuts."

Remember when you exchanged addresses of summer romances. Today's addresses are e-mail, so who knows where anyone lives!

Bob Peckham, outgoing President of the Point Business Association was honored and given many tributes for his years in the position. Ask Bob to show you his 'trophies' and watch the happy gleam in his eyes. Job well done!



After six weeks with a 12 and 14 year old, yes, there is a teenage culture! Can now reclaim my car radio and stereo.

Thanks to the unanimous vote of the City Council, the quaint old wig-wag warning at the intersection of Railroad Avenue, West Richmond Avenue and Garrard Boulevard will not be replaced with conventional crossing arms, and flashing lights. The wig-wag is a historic part of the Point even though people's wrath is often raised because of the closure at key times of the day.

ANSWER: The first tinkle of the telephone was heard almost as soon as Richmond began as a town. March 1, 1901 the first toll station was established in the Critchett Hotel on the corner of Washington and Richmond Avenues, now Point Richmond Market. In April, two telephones were placed in service for the Santa Fe. On November 9, 1901 the Richmond Exchange, known as East Yard Exchange, was established and by 1903 a new central office was equipped at 30 Washington Avenue with George Topping the first manager.

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All of the above equipment was working the last time it was used several years ago. Interested, call Gary or Jerry at 510-235-1336.

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October 2, 1999**

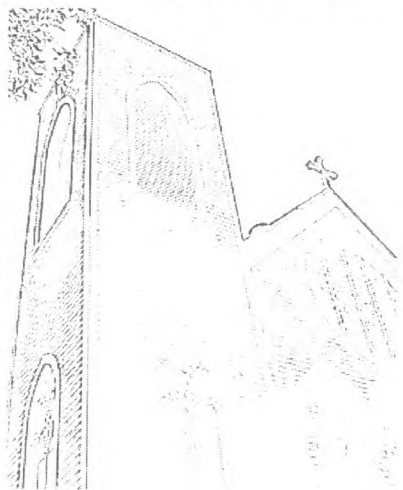
**For More Information on
How You Can Help Call:
510-235-0738**

<http://www.pointrichmond.com/plunge/>



*Who can name this handsome couple?
1939*

Church News



Our Lady of Mercy

Dee Rosier

232-1387

How quickly the time flies in between writings. We have celebrated Memorial Day, Fathers' Day and the Fourth of July. School starts soon which leads us into Labor Day and quickly into the Holiday Season. What happened to Summer???

August is a very busy time in our Parish as we prepare for our annual Parish BBQ. The BBQ is being chaired by Peter and Mary Lespier, and will be held on September 5 from 1-5. Don't forget that on this particular Sunday Mass will be held at Noon. A group recently met and stuffed the envelopes for mailing, and it ran very smoothly. To quote Father Clift, "many hands make less work." Steak and the trimmings will be served and

everyone is invited to attend. It is a great time to visit with friends and renew old acquaintances.

Recent baptisms welcomed the following new church members: Delaney Erin Pius was baptized on Mothers' Day and is the daughter of John Pitts and Mary White. Dana Lee Marie is the daughter of Terry and Paula Mollica who are from Wisconsin. Dana is a regular at Sunday Mass and has won all of our hearts. Alainna Racquet is the second child of Joseph and Cheryl Salazar's to be baptized at our Parish. Her parents were married at our Parish in 1991.

A number of infants and young children have been attending our Sunday Masses regularly. It offers us renewed hope and it is difficult to keep from touching them. Perhaps I am more in tune to this because I await becoming a Grandmother for the second time.

Even though the weather here has not cooperated, it has not kept our parishioners from traveling. Edwina and Jack Murray ventured to China. Cynthia Young and her family traveled to Puerto Rico where her daughter, Dominic, is working. Chano Forner can tell you all about the heat wave during his visit to Washington, DC. Varsi Lometti attended the college graduation of her granddaughter in Southern California.

Gilbert and Kyla Gerbacio were recently married at our Parish. It is the third generation marriage for the family. The groom's parents and grandparents were also married at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

We are saddened by the recent death of Father Clift's mother, Jeanne. Father traveled to Wisconsin to perform the burial Mass, and was accompanied by Peter Lespier. She was 95 years old and was in a rest home. We will miss the stories that he related to us

concerning his mother. Prior to her death she was the victim of a scam. Two people came into the home and told her that they were from a jewelry store and there to clean her wedding rings. She gave them to them and that was the last she saw of the rings that she had worn for all so many years. The media learned of it and approached her to tell her story on TV. She was delighted because she had always wanted to be on TV. As a result of her media story, she received many cards and letters but not her rings. One generous person sent her a new set of rings, but they would never be the same ones her late husband had placed on her fingers.

Our Parish Assemblies continue once a month after Mass and our continued thanks go to Amelia, Angie and Shirley for supplying the coffee, sweet rolls and table decorations.

Mark your calendars - on December 5-6, Olan Mills will be at our Parish to take pictures for our new Parish directory. Mary Raspier and I are co-chairing the scheduling for the picture sittings. The last directory was made 15 years ago and is somewhat outdated.

Remember all of our Parishioners who are unable to attend mass - Benny Garcia, Louise Banks, Raully Esquivel's mother, Sandra, and others.

In June \$550.00 was donated to the Souper Kitchen. Many of our Parishioners volunteer once a month on Mondays. Tony Ferreria is in charge of the volunteers.

The Maintenance and Repair Fund came in handy recently when some plumbing problems arose in the rectory. Before long we will need a new roof and the Fund will help alleviate some of the cost.

Back to travel - Stanley Toledo and Sara Hawthorne traveled to Portugal.

New member to our Parish is Ron Martinez, whose father owned Ondines in Marin County. Needless to say Ron also has

culinary skills.

A recent speaker at Sunday Mass was Sister Ann Stubbe of the Sisters of Notre Dame. She was born and raised in Marysville and schooled by the Sisters of Notre Dame where she was inspired to follow in their footsteps. She is from the non-teaching order of the Sisters of Notre Dame and her assignments have taken her to the Sudan and Nigeria where aid to the poor is given. Within the continental U.S. aid is given in the way of shelter for poor women and children and healing the needy.

After 40 years as a Priest, Father Carmelo (one of our past Pastors) has retired to Medford, Oregon.

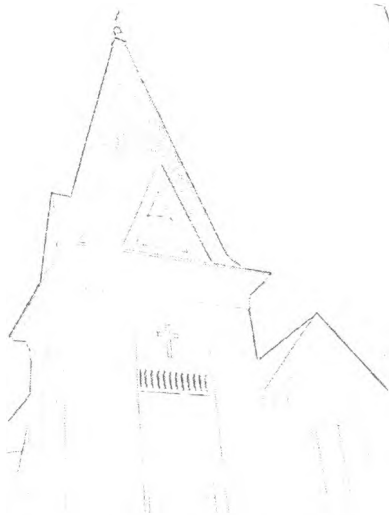
Stanley Toledo continues to gather information from the archives for our centennial book Stanley is a fairly recent Parishioner and has loads of enthusiasm. Let's have more like Stanley!

Claude Bisio recently assisted Father in celebrating Mass. It is always a pleasure to have him present. Claude was born and raised in Point Richmond.

I leave you with these parting words: Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I cannot handle.

See you in church and at the BBQ.





Point Richmond Methodist

Jean Reynolds

235-2988

Pastor Dan and Eileen Johnson are now at home in the parsonage after a July wedding in Chicago, a trip to South Dakota to meet Dan's parents and the Hymn Society Conference in Vancouver, BC. We celebrated their return with a pound-party after church on July 25, and a money tree sprung up to help them with moving expenses. Russ and Kristi Johnson hosted a party at their home in Martinez to honor the newly-weds. The Reverend Ray Pitsker joined us from Colorado to housesit the parsonage and preach two Sundays in July while Pastor Dan was away.

Vacation Bible School was held the first week of August. Linda Brooks coordinated the puppeteers, and we enjoyed performances with Jessica Horton, Heather Damon, Bethany Reynolds, Virginia Cherniak and David Reynolds each morning. Jean Eger taught us how to make paper and a way to bind books. Throughout the week students made a personal coat-of-arms banner and thought about what

their own special gifts and abilities are. The youth made collages. The elementary kids learned the Bible memory verse of the day. Helen Valentine provided refreshments for three days even though she was out of town (she baked before she left and had everything carefully wrapped, labeled and frozen.) Melba Farley made little gingerbread people with friendly faces for another day, and we had a feast on Friday. Pastor Dan opened and closed the days with song. Lorilyn Parmer-Folkes, Jean Eger and Jean Reynolds taught age-level classes. Bethany Reynolds took Quinn Folkes to the park when he needed a break, and taught us a new song. Claudia LeGué took pictures. It was a great week: a lot of people helped make it happen, and the kids who came were enthusiastic and focused.

Tickets may still be available for our dinner/theater fundraiser on Thursday, September 9, at the Masquers' Playhouse and the Hotel Mac. Cost is \$26 and includes dinner and a performance of *The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery*. All proceeds benefit the camp scholarship fund. Call Jean Reynolds (235-2988) by September 7 if you would like to attend.

Sunday School for ages three to adult resumes on September 12 with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. for students and their families. The Sunday School kick-off breakfast is one day a year that people who only attend worship on Sunday morning wish they had come earlier for Sunday School because the good aromas from breakfast are still lingering when they arrive.

Angel Choir rehearsal will begin again on Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Dan leads and accompanies this group of kids who range in age from nine to thirteen years. Children who like to sing are encouraged to

join this group to learn vocal technique and rhythm, and to work on contemporary and traditional music to perform in worship. Younger children are welcome; the ability to read is helpful but not essential.

The Country Fair holiday bazaar will be on October 22 and 23, Friday and Saturday. Hours are Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Holiday crafts, dolls, unique handmade items, baked goods, preserves, and plants will be sold. The women of the church will serve a sit-down luncheon on Friday for \$5.00, and soup, chili and pie-by-the-slice will be available on Saturday. The youth have plans for something fun on Saturday for kids: last year they had a haunted house in the church basement.



Point Methodist Church History

-Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the first Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 39th installment.

Jan 5th, 1926

Social League met in the Church Parlor with Mrs. Burdick and Mrs. Brothers as hostesses. Mrs. Brothers presided in the absence of the President Mrs. Dicely. The meeting was opened by all repeating the Lord's Prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call found 17 members present. These members were reported as ill. Mrs. Stender, Mrs. Henrick and Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, Flowers were ordered sent to them. Mrs. Brothers turned in \$7.75 for goods sold from the Bazaar. Plans for men's dinner were discussed and motion made and carried that the menu would be meat pie, baked potato, cold slaw, pickled beets and apple cake and coffee. The committee to be made up of following ladies; Mesdames Seymour, Brothers, Schmidt, Schofield, Conn, Jones, Owens, Burdick, Dicely and Danner. Meeting Adjourned.

Dorothy Conn

Sec pro tem

silver offering	1.40
forward	30.38
cash on hand	31.78
	7.75
cash on hand	38.53

Women's Westside Improvement Club News

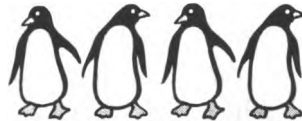
Amelia Drake

Meetings were not held in July or August. Our sessions run from September to December with a break in January; then February through June. We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the First Methodist Church; time, around 11:00 am.

We "brown bag it" with refreshments served by a committee for the month. Our last sessions included various informative programs, bingo, a luncheon in June and a Christmas luncheon in December.

Donations were made to the Many Hands Project and the Richmond Plunge.

Our dues are \$10.00 and payable in September. Because of the Labor Day long weekend, our meeting in September will be the second Tuesday, September 14th. Your officers look forward to seeing our regular and welcoming any new members.



Early photos of recently passed Naomi Huffstetter. Thanks to her son Bob Huffstetter



The Bonecrushers

By Patsy Bill

.....aka Pat Davis Pearson

Here is a picture that I thought might interest some readers of *This Point....in time*. I hope I am correct on the names I remember (I was much younger than the team members—it feels good to say that I was younger than someone).

The team was called THE BONECRUSHERS. They played in the ball park area next to our house on Washoe Street in Point Richmond. (Site of the Ford Parts Department, approximately). The three houses on the “mud flats” were moved out to make way for war housing. Mary Harlow Rudolph lived next to us with Louella and David Bain, Evelyn Harlow and Mr. and Mrs. Harlow. Stewart and Janis Saunders lived around the corner on Virginia Avenue.

The picture was taken in 1936. I remember the year because my brother Donald Bill is in the picture. He died in 1936 at the age of 13.

My father put chicken wire over all the house windows facing the ball diamond. There was also a large chicken wire back stop to keep the balls from going into the

street. There was a dugout and real bases. I don't know where they came from. The base lines were made from lime “borrowed” from the Santa Fe freight cars parked through the tunnel near the rifle range. They let me go along on the caper. I don't know if it was to have someone to blame if we got caught or they needed more help getting the lime home.

My father worked the 4-12 shift at the refinery so he was always at the ball field to hit flys or grounders and generally supervise. The kids came to play until we moved in 1940.

One day the Washington School playground director, Mr. Weston (in the picture) asked my father to send the kids to the school playground. He was afraid he would lose his job because there were no kids at the school. This was in the middle of the depression. I am sure they worked out something to the man could keep his job.

My father had few rules. No fighting and no swearing. He did not hesitate to send an offender home.

My mother made root beer and everyone enjoyed it. She also had a big dinner for all the kids. She made a casserole she called "Italian Delight" with noodles, hamburger, corn and spaghetti sauce. I am sure it was not Italian but everyone was delighted with it.

There were many more boys who played at the field. I don't know how the ones in the picture were chosen. Maybe some of the readers might know. Allan Smith may remember or Spiro Cakos. Spiro was younger than the rest of the kids.

Maybe this group was part of the Easter League that played at Nicholl Park. They may also have played in the summer. My father would drive as many kids as possible to the games in our old 1923 Cleveland that he bought from Mr. Bartram. If no adults were available at Nicholl Park, my father would have to umpire. This upset Herbie very much. But it was either that or no game.

I may have some more pictures of members of the team in my brother's collection. I know his daughter, Joann has some.



Back Row: Frank Moscrop, Treff Ross, Mr. Weston, Andy Cakos, Allan Smith, Ted Ross, Stewart Sanders, unknown.

*Front Row: Earl Kelleghan, unknown, Keith Heinz, unknown, Herbie Bill, Donald Bill
(ed. Allan Smith also has this picture, he will fill in the unknowns next issue.)*

Tref Ross' Mystery Photo

Who Can Identify this Boy?

I took this picture about, holy mackerel, some 65 years ago! It was about 1934 when ????? And I were 12 years old. It was taken at the intersection of Tewksbury and Castro next to our sandlot baseball field. Was taken during a lull in one of our games. It's odd but the only other person I remember that day is Fred Beesley. Notice the wooden sidewalk.

Tref Ross



SHHH!

By Biblio Tek

Westside Branch Library News

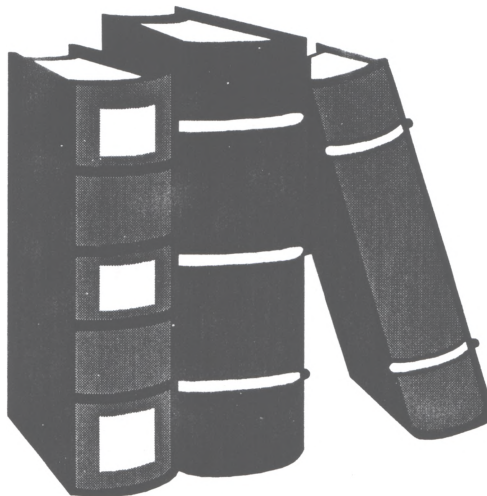
The Summer Reading Game is coming to the end of its yellow brick road. We had several wonderful events that appealed to all ages. Particularly noteworthy was the Word for Word theatrical group which performed for 103 rapt patrons, including children from the Masquer's theater camp. The Final Spectacular of the summer will be the hilarious Flying Calamari Brothers who will blow into town at the Community Center on September 17. All are invited to be mystified and amused.

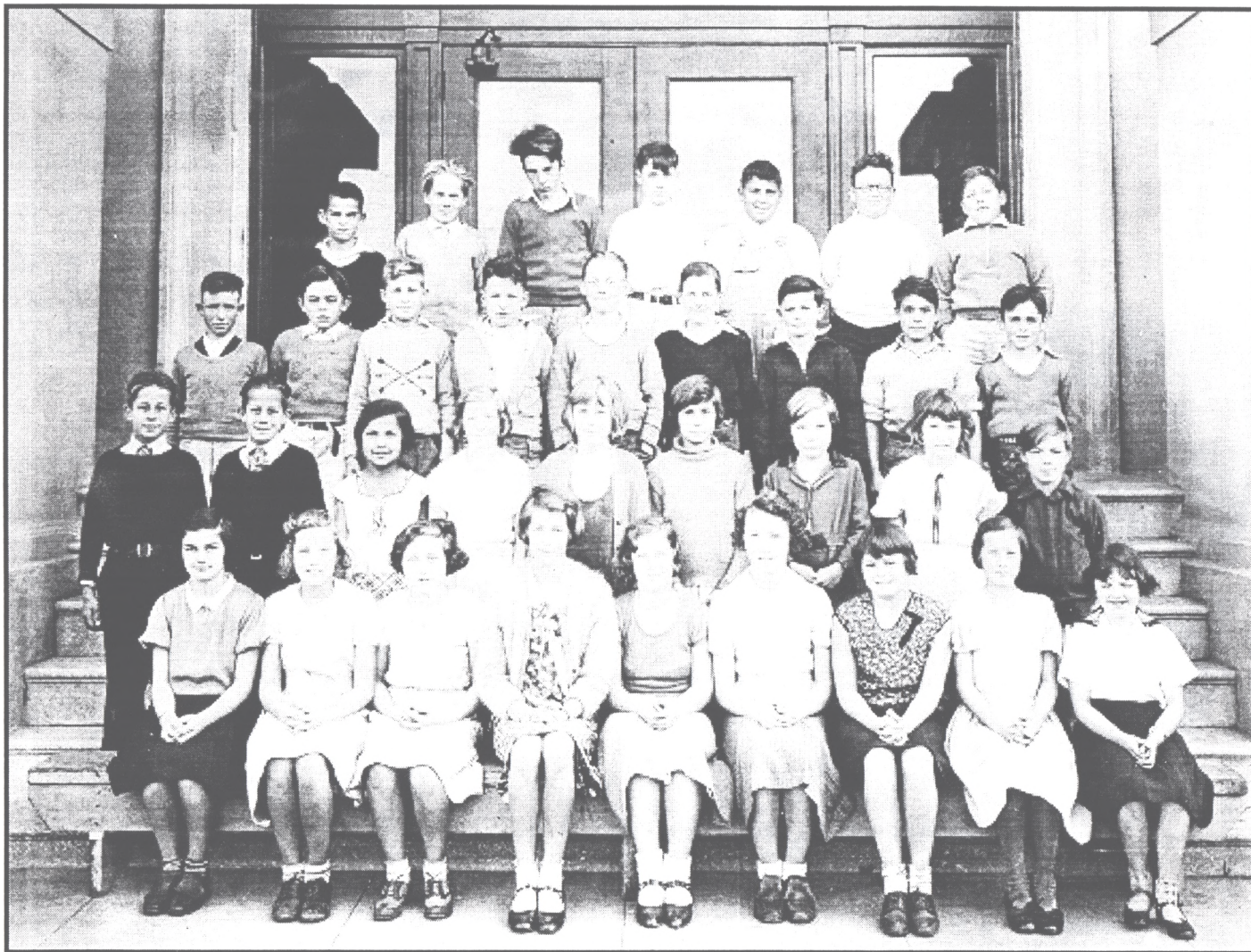
Beginning in January 2000, Richmond Public Library will be offering Internet access to the public. The hardware is starting to arrive, and Lynn the Librarian will be attending her first Internet workshop on September 2. The Library will be looking for volunteers from the community who have Internet skills they are able to share with others at either the Main Library or at the branches. It is anticipated that there

will be opportunities to conduct training-sessions for the public on a monthly basis. There will also be spots for regular docents. Speak to Lynn if you would like to lend a hand.

The best read of the summer for children (and enchanted adults) has been two books from England: *Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone* and *Harry Potter And The Chamber of Secrets*. Eleven year old Harry attends Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry where he learns about his mysterious heritage and destiny. The settings of fantasy, the engaging characters, and the classic struggles between good and evil combine to make these books compelling page-turners.

The Colony of Unrequited Dreams by Wayne Johnston is more that a history of Newfoundland. It is a romantic novel in the tradition of David Copperfield, a vivid and sharp account of rough politics and rough country. Highly recommended.





I know nothing about this class photo, other than the fact that it is from the Andy Cakos estate, and it is a good photo that I am sure features some of our members and their friends.....Gary

Allan Smith's Point

Moe Warith and his wife Sheba have been after me for a year to have the months of their birthdays listed along with Sophia and Naida their daughters. It is hard to realize that Moe and Sheba have owned and operated the historical Point Richmond Market for the last 15 years. Has Ron, the previous owner, been gone that long?

It appears Moe and Sheba are going to stay another 15 years as they have added more new shelving to their store. Sophia Warith and Naida Warith were both born in the month of September and Sheba in March and Moe celebrating in December.

I enjoy the chaise lounge that Bob and Marie Peckham have in front of their Santa Fe Market store. Noticed Bob taking a snoring nooze on it. It is very inviting and appealing but is not for their employees. Be sure and notice the oil paintings of buildings and areas of Point Richmond that they have hanging in their butcher shop area. Another interesting collection they have is the ends of apple boxes that are hanging from the walls. Bob and Marie's store inventory has just about any item you want, but I bet they do not have Gravenstein apples when they are in season during July and August. We had to travel to the apple fair in Sebastopol to purchase enough for many apple pies.

One of our TPIT contributors has passed away. Ed Garrard died last month. I knew Ed in high school and remember him as a fun loving guy and one you like to associate with. His father, Ed Garrard called the first meeting to order of the City of Richmond Trustees in 1905

in the office of the Critchett Hotel, one of the first buildings built in Point Richmond and was the first City Hall. E.J. Garrard then served as Mayor of Richmond twice, 1914-1917 and 1921-1923. He died in 1927. He was a pioneer city councilman and public leader and received full credit for his leadership in the development of our modern port facilities. I wish some Point people that knew Ed Garrard in our time 1930-1940 would contribute some information.

Another Point native passed on, William "Bill" Ellis. Bill came from a pioneer Point family and was student body president at Richmond Union High School when he was there in the middle thirties. His brother Bob lives in Nevada.

Sam Diphillips, also known as Salvatore Defilippo died in August. He was well known in Point Richmond, residing many years on Tremont Avenue with his wife, the late Mary Canepa. Sam was very helpful to his church, Our Lady of Mercy. Much of his carpenter work is still visible. Sam later remarried and moved to Napa with his wife Sylvia 20 years ago.

In 1944, Stege School with over 3500 students was considered to be the largest elementary school in the United States. It was placed on quadruple sessions. Our Washington School experienced double sessions during the WWII years. I wonder if a Lottery would have helped them? I don't see it doing any good here at the present time. We ought to get Ken Starr to investigate baseball home runs and the California State Lottery.

Sports Memories

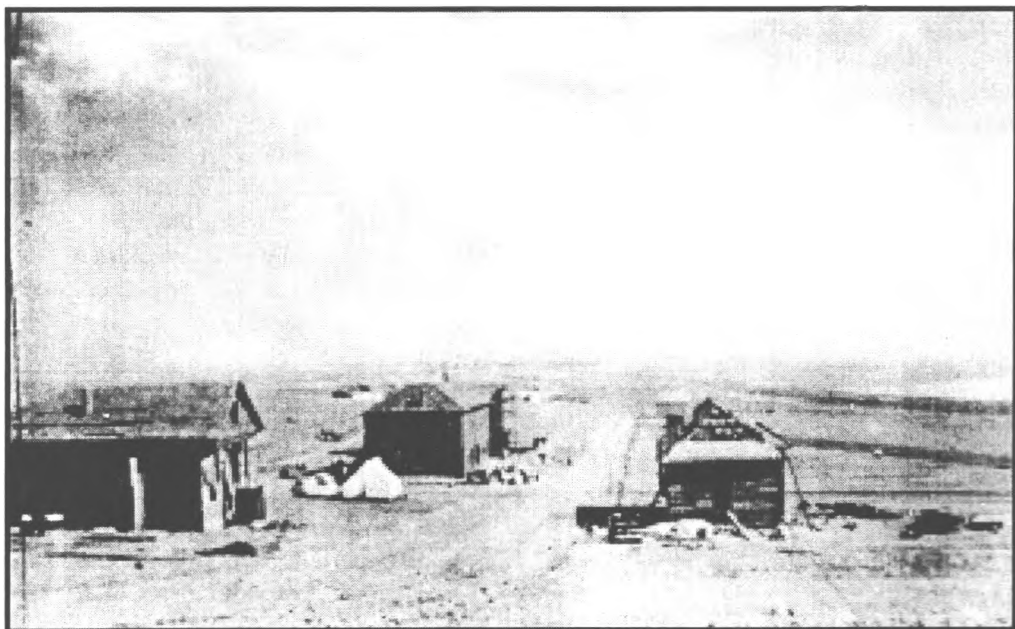
by Allan Smith

Major League baseball and the numerous home runs that are being produced are driving me crazy. Imagine, nine home runs in a single nine inning game. I remember when baseballs were made in Haiti, the poorest country in our time. Where do they come from now? I have one pro ball that was made in China. Rawlings, the big sport conglomerate gets their baseballs from China. Baseball experts say that the players are all stronger and in better shape by

working out all winter but better pitching has a lot to be desired.

A new Richmond baseball player has appeared in the Big Leagues by the name of Singleton and he plays for the Chicago White Sox on a regular basis. I hope he will have a good and successful career as did former Richmond Big League players.

I am glad to see that Dale Sveum is back in the "big" playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates.



Point Richmond about 1900. The tent in the foreground is at intersection of present Washington and Richmond Avenues. Chritchett Hotel next to tent.

CARDS & LETTERS

Dear Gary:

Sunday May 16, was the greatest get-together we have had yet. We saw new faces with familiar names. Food was excellent. There are some terrific cooks in the crowd. Spiro Cakos gave us a nice walk through years past.

What's new and wonderful is the addition to the Richmond Museum "Red Oak Victory" ship, WWII vintage, currently tied up at Richmond Terminal No. 1. The term "victory" is a result of being an improved faster cargo vessel that was developed late in the war. The record construction time was 87 days. It has a steam turbine engine. Just imagine that refurbishing is currently taking place. Volunteer manpower is being utilized in a labor of love. The end product will be quite an accomplishment! It will go on excursions around the bay and provide an educational facility for teaching history to everyone.

Mid Dornan, Mary Rudolph and I took a tour aboard the ship and just enjoyed it. Mary and I took a traditional splash in the "Nat" Plunge also. The weather cooperated for all activities and my joy is full.

Sincerely,
Betty Glass Marshall
Grants Pass, OR



Dear Ms. Dornan'

Thank you so much for sharing yourself and your materials for our project.

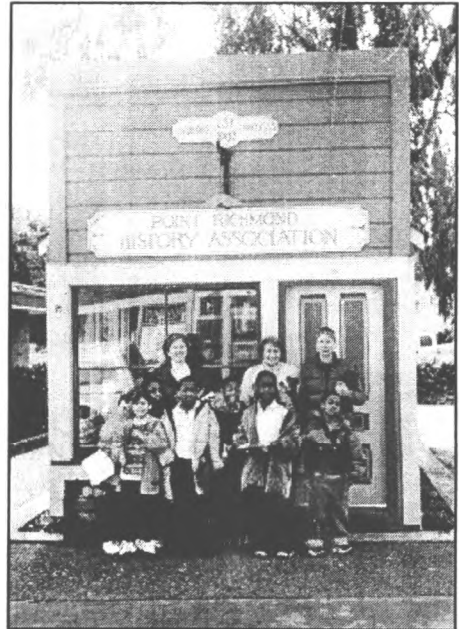
You can see the final product if you go to: www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/washington and go into the hall, then Ms. Cucek's room. We did one on your building. The kids loved coming.

Sincerely,
Ms. Cucek

Dear Mrs. Dornan:

Thanks for telling us about history. It's cool that you collected stuff so that people who weren't there can still learn about it. I did a report on the Washington School but I didn't know about the new school. Thank you for the snacks.

Sincerely,
Emerald and Lakeena





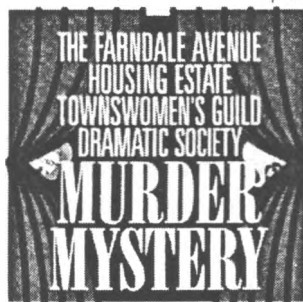
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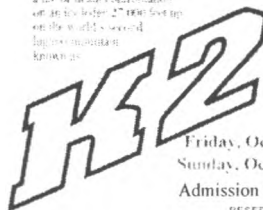


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Deaths....

Edward J. Garrard, Jr., 82, of Sonoma, died July 31, 1999, in Sonoma. Mr. Garrard was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II. He was a training manager for 30 years with Atlantic Richfield Co., and was a volunteer for the Chamber of Commerce for many years. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Temple Lodge of F&AM #14 of Sonoma, Santa Rosa Scottish Rite Bodies, the Atlantic Richfield Retirees Club and the Point Richmond History Association, and a member of a Richmond pioneer family. A few years ago Ed was the speaker at our annual meeting telling us stories of Point Richmond and what it was like growing up here. Another pioneer will be missed. Mr. Garrard was the husband of Elizabeth Sternes Garrard for 22 years. A private committal service was held with internment at Sunset Mausoleum in El Cerrito.

Bernard Engram Christiansen, on June 30, 1999, age 75. A Montana native, he lived in the Point 71 of those years. Private burial services were held but a Memorial was held at the Point Methodist Church on July 24th. The church sanctuary overflowed as his friends paid tribute to him referring to him as easy-going, charming, fun-loving, loyal, devoted to his family, persistent and faithful. He was an accomplished dancer and it seems he went in to take ten dance lessons, then stayed on for 25 years! His two granddaughters shared loving experiences and expressed how they will miss his every Wednesday visits. Bernard retired after 38 years with Chevron Refinery as director of human resources. He was a member of the Galileo Club and Chevron Retirees Club. He was a regular and faithful docent at the Point Richmond Museum. In tribute, the Museum was closed during the Memorial with a bouquet of flowers in his name on the desk. He is survived by his wife, Anita, they were married 53 years ago in the Point Methodist Church, a son Steven of Danville two brothers, and two granddaughters.

Naomi Huffstetter died in Fresno August 13, 1999 at age 96 due to a sudden illness. She was an adventurer, and parent, and a civic minded person. Naomi came to California in 1923 with her husband Fred Huffstetter from Texas (see picture, pg. 20). They stayed for a while with her sister and brother-in-law in Watsonville, then in San Jose, then came to Point Richmond where Fred went to work for Standard Oil. She bore three children: Nellie, Dale, and Bob. During W.W.II Naomi worked at the Richmond Housing Authority. Then she went through the chairs in Eastern Star. She and Fred retired to Westwood California, then moved to Sacramento. After Fred died in '72, she came back to the Bay area and lived in Concord for a while.



September Birthdays

SUSAN ARMSTRONG
MARIE PECKHAM
IVAR ELLE
DANIEL BUTT
SARA WARREN SMITH
JOANN BUSBY
EMILY ANNE BARNES
AL FROSINI
FRANK CHRISTOPHER
ROBERTA WILSON
SHANE EASTMAN

BERNARD DIETZ
MARY FORBES
STEPHEN BERMAN
INGVAR ELLE
GAYLE KAUFMAN
ROXANNE TRUDEAU
JOHN HADREAS
DAVID REYNOLDS
DONNA ROSELIUS
JOHN T. KNOX
JERRY CERKANOWICZ

KENNETH DOLAN
THERESA DANIEL
JAN FEAGLEY
JUNE KUNKLE
BLACKBURN
LORIN BUHLER
WILLARD SPIERCH (91)
ISOSBEL SHAW
SOPHIA WARITH
NAIDA WARITH

October Birthdays

TERRY WYNNE
KATE LORD
FLORENCE WILSON
LIZ McDONALD
JEAN MOYLE SPIERSCH
MARIA SHAW
MARGUERITE CLUTTS
LINDA PEREIRA
ROSY ROSELIUS
TIMOTHY DOHERTY
JODI BAGLEY

JEFF WARD
JUSTIN KAUFMAN
VERN VALENTINE
TODD CORT
MARIAN TEDRICK
BRIAN TEDRICK
NATHAN BERMAN
RICH WEIRICK
CHARLIE DUTROW
CHRIS WARD
HELEN FROSINI

CHAD FEAGLEY
ISOBEL 'BOO' SHAW
JERRY DANIEL
GRACE CERKANOWICZ
*OTTO BARNI
NELLIE BISIO PASQUINI
BETTY GLASS
MARSHALL
MARIA INCHAUSPE
SMITH
ABIGAIL MUNOZ RIVERA

OVER 90 CLUB MEMBERS

NAOMI HUFFSTETTER
MAE MANDL
RUTH WOOD LOUISA BANKS
BERNARD BERNES
WILLARD SPEIRCH

WILLIAM KOLLAR
LOUIS SHAW
MARY LEWIS CORNELIOUS
PINA BARBIERI
HAROLD SHAWL

Calendar of Events

Alphabetical by Group

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

August 27 to October 2

"The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomens Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery"; \$10. Fri-Sat, 8:00, with some Sunday matinees, 2:30, reservations 232-4031.

Oct. 8, 9, 10, 15

"K2"; Envision Program Production. Two climbers descend the second highest mountain (21 thousand feet) and confront life, death and friendship. Adult language. Oct. 8, 9, at 8:00 P.M.; Oct. 10 (2:30 P.M. Matinee), & Oct. 15 at 8:00 P.M.

Nov. 5 to Dec. 18

20th Century Follies (100 years of Songs & Laughter); \$12. Fri-Sat, 8:00 P.M., with some Sunday Matinees at 2:30 P.M.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

First Monday each month, 12:00; info: Lora Bartlett 273-9959. P.O. Box 70852, Richmond 94807. Newsletter: "Preambulators"

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11, Contact: Paula Asmus. O.D. . 235-5228.

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Fall activities. 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Meets twice a year, none in this period. Contact; Mid Dornan, President 234-5334. "This Point.....in time" newsletter deadline for articles in the November, issue is October 22, 1999.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets Last Wednesday each month, Pt. Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M. Contact: Ron Satre, President 232-5059.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact: Linda Hutcherson, Principal or Miss Jones, Secretary 232-1436. Kay Burnside is now Regional Superintendent, with Ann Blackman, Area Director (includes Washington)

Sept. 1, First day of School.

Sept. 14, 6 P.M. School Sight/Advisory Council (Parents & Staff); 7 P.M. PTA, Daniel Stallworth, President. (Meets 2nd Tuesday each month).

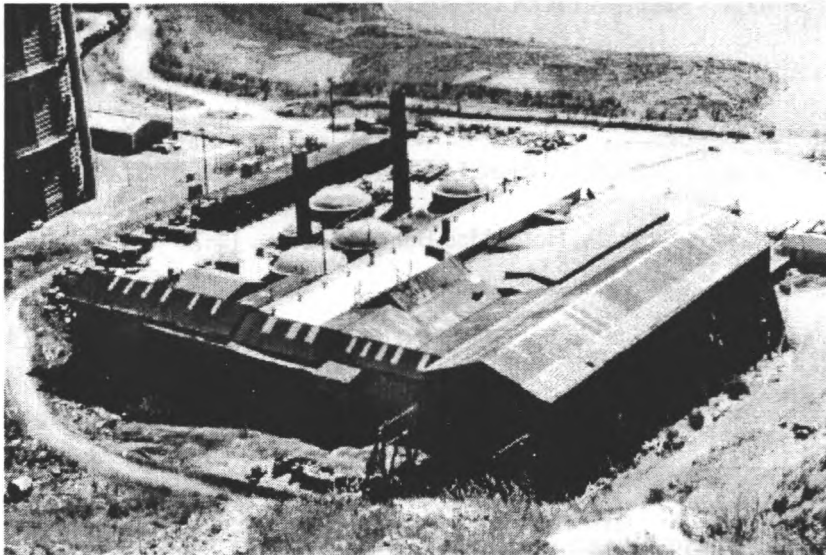
Sept. 16, 6 P.M. Back to School Night

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2; Methodist Church community room, gather 11:00 A.M., Brownbag 12:00 with refreshments. Program & contact: Amelia Drake, President at 284-8031.

For comments, corrections or additions to the TPIT Calendar of Events contact:

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*Photo of brickyard at Brickyard Cove
Thanks to Harry McDonald*

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