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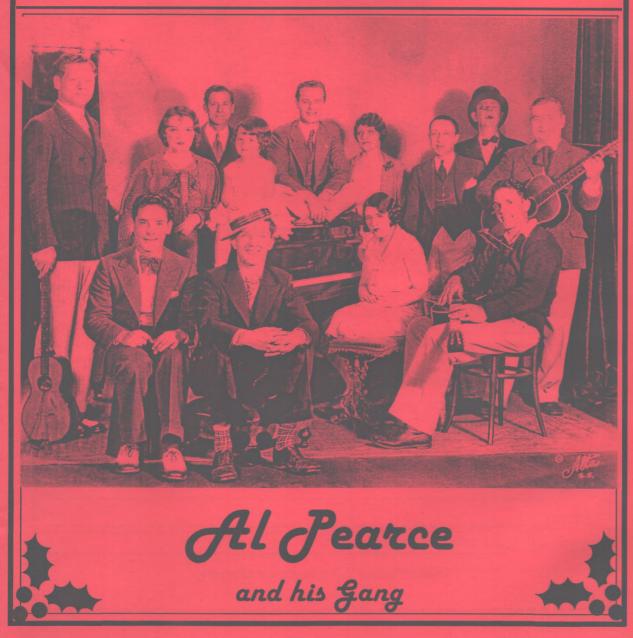
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

Always a gift that keeps on giving is a membership in the Point Richmond History Association. For that hard to please or that someone that has everything, consider the membership. We also have a Wild Bryde ornament of the History Museum for only \$18 for members.

In the coming year think about contributing to this newsletter as everyone has a memory to share. Don't think you can write? Well, give one of us a call and we will help. We need you once a month to volunteer to staff our Museum for two and a half hours. It gives you a time to peruse our history books too.

The Staff of the This Point...in Time newsletter wish our members, your families and

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friends and our readers a joyous and relaxing holiday s e a s o n a t Thanksgiving and Christmas. And, a new year abundant with health and joys.

Richmond City Hall employees during the "49er Pioneer Days". Point Richmond's Mary Casey is in front. from Allan Smith/Mary Jo Giacomelli/0226-AS



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Thank you members for your renewal: Mary Valenzano Bena Bowles Marian Hawkins Evelyn Thill Thomas Kenny Nellie Bisio Pasquini Don Amantite Spiro Cakos

And a warm welcome to the following new members:

Dorie Collard Guy Edward J. McGarvey



THANK YOU! SANTA FE MARKET AND POINT RICHMOND MARKET FOR SELLING "THIS POINT.....IN TIME" FOR US. Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close our history museum on Thursday and Saturday:

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Hey this issue always comes around way to fast!

I thought a lot of folks would enjoy this cover even though it hasn't a lot to do with the Point history. Thanks to all for your quality contributions and sorry about those who didn't, we miss your contribution. As usual I encourage new contributions, you don't have to be a great author and you material does not have to be ancient, I would love to print memories of the '50's, '60's, '70's, '80's and who knows even some memories of the '90's might be interesting.

Also, we have a wonderful new scanner, a short loan of an interesting old picture will put it in our photo archives with you getting perpetual credit for it. I also plan to use the scanner to reproduce an editable new version of Donna Roselius' "This Point in time, an historic view of Point Richmond", volunteers are sought to do help research and update the book. Will give you contact information with the next issue of TPIT.

Happy holidays to you all!

The deadline for the February/March issue is Friday, January 23, 2003.

The November issue assembly crew was:

Jerry Cerkanowicz Gary Shows Mid Dornan Bruce Bartram Ann Bartram Sonja Darling Betty Dornan Bonnie Jo Cullison Pam Wilson

Notice that beautiful poinsettia in the museum? It was a gift from David Vincent, thank you to David for your generous holiday spirit!

The Cover:

Point Richmond people: you have to be an octogenarian or better to remember this radio orchestra from San Francisco. I was knows as the "AI Pearce and his Gang" and heard on radio station KSFO or KLX. The musician on the right with the banjo was known as Haywire Mac. Mac sang railroad songs and he wrote "The Big Rock Candy Mountain" among other popular tunes. Mac was a favorite of us all. The song I always remember that he wrote was "The Little Shirt my Mother Made for Me". Next to Mac is Lord Bilgewater, Winehaven and Point Richmond native. John Toffoli, was an excellent accordionist and he played with AI Pearce Gang at times. AS

A-MID TRIVIA Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: While we know it as the Statue of Liberty, what did its sculptor, Frederio Auguste Barthoedi, name it?

Answer at end of Trivia

Optimist: One who begins a diet on Thanksgiving Day!

Fred Allen always said it was bad to suppress laughter. It goes back down and spreads your hips.

Former Point resident, June Hein, surprised many friends when she appeared at the Methodist Church Annual Country Faire last month. Now living in Florida, June was active in the church while living in the Point and served as their choir director.

Frances Smith and Pat Pearson have returned after a short trip to visit Virginia Cherniak in New Jersey. Upon returning, Pat Pearson flew off to London to spend several weeks with her son, Jim, arriving the same time as President Bush! Jim is teaching at the University of London.

Ever wonder who decides film ratings? Well, they are 13 anonymous people with "parenting experience" who decide if a film gets a G, PG-13, R or NC-17. Can only add some of their parenting 'experiences' need to be modified.



Welcome back 'home' to the Point Linda and Robert Drake!

Donald Bastian, Richmond native, has just published a history of Richmond entitled, Images of America - Richmond. It can be purchased through the Richmond Museum of History for \$20.

Traditionally the United Methodist Women hold their December meeting at the home of great hostess, Helen Valentine, who lives in Rodeo. This years potluck dinner meeting is no exception. Members bring gifts for all ages to wrap for the Rescue Mission and the joy of 'giving' is evident in the merriment and laughter as each gift is labeled, wrapped and tied.

Honoring her aunt, Betty Dornan, Patricia Dornan hosted an open house for Betty's 85th birthday in November. Among the many guests were her cousins from Elk Grove, El Dorado Hills and Berkeley. as well as a 1937 high school classmate.

Our new colorful twenty dollar bills are reminiscent of European currency. Can you see the color change of the number 20 on the lower left when tilted? The new issue will be followed by a new \$50 note in 2004 and a new \$100 note in 2005. Decisions on new designs for the \$5 and \$10 notes are still under consideration, but a redesign of the \$2 and \$1 note is not planned.

A neighbor revealed a ten year tradition she does at Christmas. She loves garage sales so everyone on her list gets at least one gift from her garage sales addition.

Support our local unique businesses like

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Hydrangea Flowers, The Painted Chair, Center for Integrated Wellness, Guerillimena and the Nova Studio with their do-it-yourself classes in everything from Wall Glazing, to Bath Salts, Aromatherapy, Lip Balm, Candle Making, Paper Crafts 4 Kids, Holiday Card Making and more! Our restaurants are first class too.

It is hoped Stephen Kowalski will share with us some of his trivia on clocks.

The mayor of Flammersfeld, Germany, Friedrich Raiffeisen, in 1848, conceived of the idea for a credit union to help ease the distress of farmers suffering from the famine that had struck his district. Today there are more than 118 million people that belong to 40,200 credit unions around the world.

Congratulations to Daniel Butt on passing the California State Bar Exam -- on his first try! Daniel studied at the University of California at Davis. There are deep smiles, too, on Mom and Dad, Shirley and Tom Butt.

Hope to see you at the Messiah on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m. at the historic Point Methodist church. This is a gift to the community from the choir. Director Eileen Johnson will be accompanied by the Dan Damon Trio with Jane Carnell at the piano. A great entry into the holiday season.

I wish we could interest people to do research again on Point Richmond homes. Recently Merv Kelleghan and some nieces and nephew visited Merv's childhood home at 225 Clarence Street. His family purchased it in 1910 from the Blounts. What fun to learn of the changes and stories over the years. In almost 100 years, only four families have lived here with the last family living here 51 years.

How pleasant life would be if people with

money used it the way people who don't have it would use it if they had it.

Are you ready for the New Year of 2004? Do you have your new calendars?

It was rumored--and I repeat rumored, at the Rosie the Riveter Veterans Day celebration-that the flag flown over Iwo Jima was one that had been placed in a package included inside a tank from the production line in Richmond. (Like that rumor!)

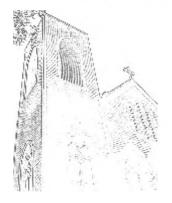
Help! Enough! How many address labels can one household accommodate? Charities could save money with fewer labels in a packet as well. Who has time to send that much correspondence!

CHRISTMAS WARNING....Christmas has been canceled and it is all your fault because you told Santa You had been good this year...and... he died laughing!

ANSWER: Barthoedi named it "Liberty Enlightening the World."



CHURCH NEWS



Our Lady of Mercy Church

By Dee Rosier 510-232-1387

The church begins a new liturgical year and with it comes the anticipation of Christmas. The time of year where we allow ourselves to get caught up in the frenzy of another holiday season. Let's vow to enjoy each and every day in December and take it at a slower pace.

Father Jesus Nieto, from St. Marks, joined us for the November Parish Council meeting. The proceeds from our annual BBQ brightened the future of a much-needed roof. We will be able to weather this rainy season, but it will no doubt be the last. The Council unanimously agreed to a formal thank you for all of the time devoted by Fred Siegmund in identifying the needs concerning buildings and ground. A special committee will be formed and dedicated to buildings and grounds, as well as publication of a manual, which identifies how to work what and how. Food for the needy will be collected during Thanksgiving Mass. A special Mass for children will be held at 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve. Fr. Nieto spoke on Casa Esperanza which is a referral center for people in need and the expense of running such a center. Several parishioners are donating their time to Casa Esperanza. Father O'Rourke will prepare dinner for the BBQ committee. Father recently hosted the Deanery meeting at our Parish.

Our Lay Ministers play a vital part in our faith community and we continue to seek new members. At times their flexibility goes without recognition. Our thanks to all who participate; we count on your presence. Recently Lectors, Bob Peckham and Dennis Amantite had to double up as plate collectors. If you are interested, please come forward. It is not a difficult job and indeed an honor to be on the altar and assist the Priest in the celebration of Mass.

Envelopes for All Souls Day, with the names of deceased family members will sit on the altar until the First Sunday of Advent. Quoting Father O'Rourke, "In the envelopes we place the memories, good and bad, of the people who have made us be who we are and those whose loss has left holes that nothing can fill."

To the happiness of her mother, Shirley, Stacia Clutts is back on U.S. soil after being stationed in Iraq. Shirley went to San Diego to await her arrival. Her cousin, Raquel continues to be stationed in Italy. Raquel's parents will spend Christmas with her.

Condolences to Stanley and Nancy Toledo in the recent death of Nancy's mother, Eleanor Forman, in Kansas City, Mo. Condolences are also extended to Elmer Silva in the recent death of his nephew, Tom, in Baghdad. None of us know when we will be called. We saw Tony Ferreira at Mass on Sunday for the last time. Tony always occupied the last pew in church and was a very unique person. He lived a humble life and was exceptionally generous to those in need. Tony was devoted to the Souper Kitchen and essentially took ownership. You could count on him to remind you of the Monday you were due to assist. Assisted by Father Jesus Nieto, Father Jim Pickett officiated at the funeral Mass. Tony would have been totally satisfied by the attendance and services.

Joni Phillips is busy recruiting musicians for Christmas Eve Mass. We are fortunate in gaining a new parishioner who is a professional harpist. Joni and Rod visited Las Vegas, which proved to be a profitable trip for them.

At the conclusion of Sunday Mass parishioners gather in front of the church and visit. On a recent Sunday a gentleman walked by with his dogs. One of them started up the church steps, but arrived too late for Mass. Pastor Dan's cat is also a frequent visitor.

On November 30, Alexis Gerk, will be baptized during Mass. Parishioners are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the church hall. Alexis is Shirley and John Gerks' great granddaughter and a regular attendee at Sunday Mass.

Thanksgiving trivia: Turkeys are the only breed of poultry native to America.

Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect.

It means you've decided to see beyond the Imperfections.

Happy Holidays. See you in church.

RICHMOND CALIFORNIA



Picture from Don Church Collection.

"A 1915 Point Richmond Bunch at Kozy Kove. Standing: Pete McLaughlin, Hjalmer Westman, Ed Neville and Curley McNeill. Front Row: Claude Craig, Mill McLaughlin, Tim Reardon and Rosie Cardoza.

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POINT RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH

by Jean Reynolds 510-235-2988 jeanormr@pacbell.net

The United Methodist Women started the fall holidays with a Country Fair on October 24 and 25. The Country Fair is more than our small group can handle on our own, but our extended church family made it an enjoyable and successful event. For Saturday, Florence Wilson made her famous minestrone soup and Pat Pearson made chili to remember. Jane Carnall kept the crew in the kitchen smiling with her giant rubber spider. Helen Valentine made thirty or so pies to sell at the bake-booth. Harry Hardwick and Bob Cheney worked crowd control on Friday to keep the bakebooth line safe and orderly. Even the most demure shopper can get a little agitated when Helen's divinity or lemon meringue pie are in limited supply! We offered some handmade craft items and holiday decorations made by members. We

also had items for sale by SERRV: made by women around the world and marketed here to benefit the artisans. The money raised at the Country Fair supports the Rescue Mission, GRIP, Heifer International, Mary Elizabeth Inn, Boy Scouts of America, Fred Finch Youth Home, and other projects selected by the UMW.

The first week of November, Fran Smith and Pat Pearson made a personal delivery to New Jersey. May Cotton took photos at the Country Fair and made an album for Virginia Cherniak, famous Masquer, past choir director and book group member, and forever friend. Pat and Fran found Virginia well cared for and pleased to see her California buddies (the real ones and the photo ones.)

More holiday celebrants attended the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year than ever before! Chuck Wise and the Baltic Restaurant staff have prepared the dinner for eight years of Thanksgiving. This year the food tasted particularly delicious, and the company was exceedingly convivial. We are thankful for the Point Richmond merchants whose generosity provided a feast for about two hundred mouths, and beauty for our eyes: The Baltic, Rosa Maria, Edibles, 25 West, Starbucks, Little Louie's, Santa Fe Market, Hotel Mac, Pt. Richmond Market, Prego's Pizza, and Hydrangea Flowers. Please patronize them and thank them for all the ways they contribute to the community! Thank you to the set-up crew, servers, peelers, kitchen crew and a special thank you to those who cleaned up!

On the Calendar:

December 21, Sunday, 4:00 p.m., Handel's *Messiah*: Eileen Johnson will direct selected choruses and solos. A string quartet will round out the sound of the Joyful Noise Choir. Jane Carnall will accompany on the piano.

December 24, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Jazz Service. This just keeps getting better. The Dan Damon Trio will provide instrumental accompaniment; other musicians will offer surprises. Hear the Christmas Story and other tales of the season.



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 64th installment

April 19, 1927

The meeting of the Social League was called to order by the President in the church parlors. Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Alexander presided as hostesses for the afternoon.

After repeating the Lords' Prayer, 18 members responded to the roll call. The minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Mrs. Dicely and Mrs. Jones gave a report on the dishes in the church and made purchases to the amount of \$7.80. They were also authorized to make further purchases. Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the committee for interest taken Also moved and seconded that the bills of \$7.80 be paid Mrs. Dicelly for purchases of dishes. Mrs. Beulah Jones as chairman of luncheon committee reported that six menus had been submitted to Improvement Club for consideration. One menu was selected and date - May 10th- decided on Improvement Club for luncheon.

Move and seconded that workers be given their luncheon without charge.

Kitchen Committee: Mrs. Beulah Jones - chairman, Mrs. Brothers, Daisy Jenkins

Serving Committee: Mrs. Dingle Mrs. Doney Roland, Ida Jones Holbrook, Oehne Campbell Glennie.

Table Decorating: Mrs. Dicely, Mrs. Robbins, Owens.

Pies: Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, Mrs. Osborne.

Matter of picnic discussed. Decided to wait until next meeting for further discussion of plans. Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Owens appointed on entertainment committee for next meeting, May 3. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Redman to act as hostesses on that day.. Moved and seconded that \$10.00 be paid Mrs. Adams for insurance on church payable within next three months.

Recess declared by President for payment of dues. Mrs. Owens made a report relative to the Social League having made an organization of the church which we -(wording unreadable) may to the effect that the Epworth League with its officers and devotional services was the only recourse. It was decided by League to remain an independent organization.

Mrs. Daisy Jenkins	1.80
Silver offering	1.45
Organ Fund	17.00
20.25	
Previous Bal	34.04
	54.29
Check for organ fund	17.00
to Mrs Dicely	7.80
	24.80
	\$54.29
	24.80
	\$29.94

Total

Meeting Adjourned Bess Osborne Secy

Older Than Dirt Quiz: Count all the ones that you remember not the ones you were told about! Ratings at the bottom.

- 1. Blackjack chewing gum
- 2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
- 3. Candy cigarettes
- 4. Soda pop machines that dispensed bottles
- 5. Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes
- 6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
- 7. Party lines
- 8. Newsreels before the movie
- 9. P.F Flyers
- 10. Butch wax
- 11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (Olive-6933)
- 12. Peashooters
- 13. Howdy Doody
- 14. 45 RPM records
- 15. S&H Green Stamps
- 16. Hi-fi's
- 17. Metal ice trays with lever
- 18. Mimeograph paper
- 19. Blue flashbulb
- 20. Packards
- 21. Roller skate keys
- 22. Cork popguns
- 23. Drive-ins
- 24. Studebakers
- 25. Wash tub wringers
- If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age,

If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

I might be older than dirt but those memories are the best part of my life.







1940'S RADIO

proudly presents

By Walton Jones

From WOV radio In New York City, the Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade players present a fun-filled hour of music, humor and nostalgla!

Directed by **Betsy Bell Ringer** Music Direction by Pat King

FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS October 31-December 13, 2003 Sunday Matinees: November 9, 16, 30, December 7

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JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 28

Alan Ayckbourn's Ten Times Table is an hilariously funny comedy about an inept group of villagers trying to organize a commemorative pageant about

the "Massacre of the Pendon Twelve," a tenuous event from the seventeenth century. Left wing and right wing factions clash and the event turns into a violent confrontation between the two extremes with cataclysmic results. Police intervention brings matters to a relatively quiet conclusion. But, already another pageant, Romans vs. Britain, seems an attractive possibility. Director: Angela Mason.

COMING NEXT!

LOCAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, 1913–1932

I have this ring-binder that is full of yellowed original clippings from old newspapers. The hand inscribed front cover says "Local Newspaper Clippings-Richmond – 1913-1932". It has a documenting problem as that most of the clipped articles do not give credit to the source, most however seem to be from the "Richmond Herald-Record". I do not know who put it together. Allan Smith thinks it's the work of Don Church, he is probably correct. They are, however old, hand dated and interesting reading, spelling errors are not corrected here is installment #16. Gary Shows

BUTTED-IN WHEN OFFICER WAS DISCHARGING HIS DUTY February 7, 1919

Judge Roth has set the preliminary examination of Joseph Loro, arrested for interfering with an officer in discharge of his duty, for next Tuesday afternoon. The charge is a high misdemeanor and may involve a fine of \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months, or both.

Joseph Loro and Joseph Jordan, residing at the Point were both drunk. They had been treading the primrose path together and had reached that stage when the strongest brotherly feeling prevailed. Jordan was somewhat boisterous and Charley Mahnke the policeman came along and decided that Jordan would be better off in the lockup. Jordan was fined fifty dollars the next day for his part in the incident and Loro will get his Tuesday. Perhaps it will teach him a lesson.

ITALIAN WOMAN WAKES NEIGHBORS WITH SCREAMS

June 1, 1914

A woman giving her name as Mrs. Joseph Frank and her residence as Berkeley, was arrested early yesterday morning a the Hotel D'Italia on Standard avenue for disturbing the peace.

The woman was half crazed from the use of alcohol of which she had been imbibing all night. She appeared before Police Judge Lindsay this morning and pleaded guilty to the charge for which she was given a ten-day sentence that was later suspended on the grounds that she return to her home in Berkeley.

BIG ELECTRIC SIGN ARRIVES AND TO BE SUSPENDED

July 10, 1920

The huge electric sign bearing the word "Richmond" in letters twenty-four inches high has arrived and will be suspended across San Pablo avenue at Cutting by Fire Chief Lemoin in the next few days.

It is forty feet in length and weighs over six hundred pounds. It will take several days suspending it, but when lights are turned on, the end of the week, it will be one of the greatest advertisements that this city has ever had.

CONGRESSMAN CURRY VISITS CITY, SEES HARBOR AND IS BANQUETED October 25, 1913

Congressman Curry arrived in this city last evening for the purpose of looking over the proposed inner harbor. A committee composed of Mayor Ludewig, J. Brooks, M.J. Beaumont, Frank Hull, Senator J. C. Owens, Councilmen Follett and Carrard, Postmaster S.F. Jenkins, Manager Chares Crary of the First National Bank and Major D.W. McLaughlin, met Congressman Curry on his arrival in this city and after a short trip about the harbor whisked him to Winehaven, where an informal banquet was served.

Curry expressed himself on his trip about the harbor as being creatly pleased with Richmond's undying efforts to secure the government's promised to aid the people of this city in every was that he could. Those who spoke at the evening's banquet were Congressman Charles F. Curry, Mayor O.R. Ludewig, Engineer Haviland, Major D.W. McLaughlin and Senator J.C. Owens. Curry also completed the arrangements for the coming of the Congressman Kettner of the Rivers and Harbors committee to this city, which will be some time during the first week in November.

At a late hour last evening Congressman Curry was escorted as far as Oakland by the Richmond boosters, from which place he boarded the boat for San Francisco, where he is remaining during his stay on the coast.

OPENING NIGHT OF WEST SIDE FAIR DRAWS CROWDS Lady of Mercy Catholic Bazaar Entertains With a Delightful Program; Beautiful Booths Appeal to Taste and Purses of Partrons October 28, 1914

A program of more than passing interest marked the opening evening of the bazaar given last evening under the auspices of the Lady of Mercy Catholic church. The crowd that attended was highly pleased with the entertainment afforded and all were loud in their praises of the efforts that were put forth by the ladies of the church who had the affair in hand.

One of the striking features of the display was the fancy booth in which the handicraft of the moving spirits of the Fair appealed to the aesthetic tastes as well as the pocket books of the patrons.

During the course of the evening an excellent program was rendered in which the young people of the church took part.

The ladies in charge of the enterprise are: Mrs. L. Chittenden, Mrs. G.A. McCann, Mrs. J. Pope, Mrs. J. Kenny, Mrs. J.A. Hartnett, Mrs. J. Garvin, Miss M. Mcnally, Mrs. A. Gianella, Mrs. P.F. Johnson, Miss M. Casey, Mrs. G. Woods, Mrs. W.A. Payne, Mrs. S. Hounsell, Miss L. Kenny, Mrs. T. Waite, Mrs. J. McGrath, Mrs. C. Mitchell, Miss J. Sugrue, Miss E. Kenny, Mrs. H. Cornell, Miss Mary Dineen, Mrs. R.E. O'Connor, Mrs. P.M. Dean and Mrs. Mary Neu.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TONIGHT AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

December 23, 1915

A Christmas program is to be held tonight by the members of the First Methodist church in the assembly hall of that edifice, corner of Richmond and Martina streets.

The program as arranged for the evening by a committee composed of Mrs. Jenmie Totten and Mrs. A.B. Adams follows:

Song, School - "Sing me the Story." Prayer, Dr. Calfee.

Address, Dudley Kirkpatrick, supt. Duet, Mrs. C.E. Adams and Verna Peterson.

Welcome, Glenn Green.

Recitation. Dorries Shaw.

Song Mildred Wollet.

Christmas, The little Tots.

The Story of Old, Rita Conley.

Christmas Story, Corine Ward.

Christmas Today, Marjorie Donnerworth.

Song, School - "Sunbeams".

Dialogue, Hazel and Elizabeth Bagley.

Violin Duet, Willhelmina Lahnewery and Albert Willes.

Our Christmas, Irene Donnerworth.

Good News, Elizabeth Bagley.

Sond, Mildred Wollet.

Glad Tidings, Ten Boys.

Jesus Loves Me, School.

Can't Fool Me, Clair Donnerworth.

Royal Xmas, Undine Adams.

Song, Rita Conley.

The Xmas Story, Maud Henry.

Song, Class No. 7, Solo, Mrs. J.M. Totten.

Christ is Born, James Clark.

Song, Rita Conley and Jennie Wilhamson.

Arrival of Santa Claus.

ALLAN'S POINT

Ellen Schaefer wrote in the November, 2003 issue of TPIT about her experiences and memories of the Castro Point Railroad Museum which was located in the Point Molate beach area. Incidentally, why is that beach closed to the public? Getting back to the Castro Point Railroad museum, it is now known as the Niles Canyon Railroad Company located in the town of Sunol. Sunol is located about 30 miles from Richmond near the town of Pleasanton. When you visit the Museum, which is rated as excellent, you will be given a ride through the renowned Niles Canyon to the Niles Depot and return. On the trip you will be passing the home and area where my dad was born and raised. The family house was the former home of the superintendent of the Vallejo Flour Mill, which is a National Monument and can still be visited at the original site. How well I remember the Southern Pacific passenger trains racing down the Canyon and the "Silk" trains hurrying to get to the East Coast before silk prices changed. We lost the property to Alabeda County who 'stole' the historical area with the law of 'eminent domain'. Be careful of those two words! Before the sale of the property there was a fire and among the antiques I saved was an Edison Cylinder Phonograph player. I used to play the records by the hour up in my room in the second story when I staved there with my grandparents during summer vacation. Here is a bit of information that our Pt. Richmond Boxing teacher Al Frosini will be interested in: My dad's brother, Uncle Steve was known as the "Pride of Niles". Uncle Steve was an excellent middle weight prize fighter. His gym was on the property where I spent a lot of time. Steve later came to Richmond to work at the refinery and was part owner of the California Hotel which was once located on 16th and Macdonald Avenues.

By Allan Smith

He didn't even say goodbye! Jim Hurley, native son, has moved to Wenatche, Washington to live with his daughter and family. "Old" Jim was a quiet man and very interested in maritime activities around the City of Richmond and Point Richmond. I could never get him to join the Point Richmond History Association as he said he was not a joiner. Hurley was a good athlete especially playing tennis as he was a California State Champion in his age category. Also, he was a very good baseball player. Jim Hurley served in the United States Maritime Service during World War Two sailing on Liberty Ships and Sea Going Tug Boats. I remember Him working in his younger days at the Mare Island Shipyard and later for the Naval Supply Depot in Oakland. He retired from the Richmond Unified School District. He mentioned to me once that he lived in a home located in the area of Whitesides Grocery which is now the Santa Fe Market. Jim Hurley was a great friend of James Kenny, Point native, now living in El Cerrito. I took Hurley several times to see Kenny but did not bring my tape recorder so I missed out on early Kenny and Hurley Point Richmond history. Jim Hurley was active in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church serving as President of the Holy Name Society and later as Chairman of the monthly parish meetings before we had a Parish Council.

Jim lived for many years in the former John Garvin home on Idaho and Buena Vista Avenues. His sister lived across the street that was once the Woods home, I believe.

Several times I took Jim to visit the S/S Red Oak Victory, located at Ferry Point and I would forget to turn off my headlights as required to be on when you drove through the tunnel. Needless to say, my car battery would be dead. Remember those times, Jim?

Jim, this must sound like an obit to you but far from it. Keep in touch!

KOWALSKI CLOCKWORKS

Have you peeked through the windows of the former Bradley Garage on West Richmond and Tunnel? Does that cathedral like form in the window pique your curiosity? Inside are large backdrops for Hollywood films, antiques and clockworks galore.

Owner Stephen and Patti Kowalski recently moved to their Western Drive home. Stephen is a trained graphic designer with a long fascination with mechanical things. This artist combines his mechanical knowledge and design training to produce functional clock sculptures unlike anything you've seen before. He said he collects components for his clocks in flea markets and antique shops from the US to Europe, South America, Asia and Africa.

Kowalski's unusual clocks have been exhibited in galleries from coast to coasts, and have been featured in national and international design publications and newspapers. His Kowalski Clockworks is located at 2225 Fifth Street in Berkeley.

Mid Dornan



A Bit More from Mr. Smith.....

From the June 18, 1918 Richmond Independent: "LAUNCH HITS THE CHICKEN ROCKS AND SINKS"

This is the first I ever seen the "Chicken Rocks" in print. The study of the Richmond Bridge Harbor Survey is interested in the "Chicken Rocks." One of the Lewis brothers told me at the last reunion of the Point Natives that he knows of the Chicken Rocks.

Do you realize that Point Richmond does not have an automobile repair garage? This is the first time in 80 years that we do not have this service.

Do you remember the excellent mechanic Ed Wendell and Ken Koht when they had their garages?

100 YEARS AGO

(from old Richmond newspapers and books. This Point...in time, newsletter Vol I., No. 5 Dec 1982).

Oh, the good old days? The December 9, 1902 issue of the Daily Record warned the local citizens to "load their shot-guns with a good quality of bird shot and turn loose the bulldog, for there's a tough gang of hobos in town, and judging from their appearance they would not hesitate to rob and even murder to secure plunder. Today these toughs - there are fifteen or twenty of them - are engaged in begging from everybody about town and tonight they will probably scatter about, singly or in pairs to rob and steal from the inhabitants. Better put your valuables in a safe place until they are fired out of town."

90 YEARS AGO

"Washington Street hill, in front of the City Hall, has been a favorite stomping ground for the 'Coaster Kiddies' since the recent visit of Kris Kringle. "The local children, on their new coasters, fly down the hillside street. Recently a five year old Standard Avenue boy suffered a fractured shoulder blade while playing with a group of children in this area. It is a dangerous sport and there have been numerous complaints to the police department. "Chief of police Arnold decided that he would have to either arrest the juveniles or place an officer stationary on the corner. The last course was adopted."

(Richmond Daily Independent, Dec.27, 1912).

Mid Dornan

VETERANS DAY, NOV 11, 2003

We can be grateful to the Ford Motor Company, the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation for honoring the Contributions of Rosies on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2003 at the Ford Assembly Building in Richmond. Twelve Rosies were honored and brought here from Texas, Maryland, Kansas as well as Fairfax, San Jose, Martinez and Richmond, California.

The program included Judy Hart, Superintendent of the Rosie the Riveter, World War II Home Front National Historical Park; Jon Jarvis, Regional Director, National Park Service; the Honorable George Miller; Mayor Irma Anderson, Jim Maddy, President, National Park Foundation; Jan Valentic, Vice President Global Marketing, Ford Motor Company and Vickie Croston, daughter of Rose Will Monroe, the original Rosie the Riveter.

A tour of the old Ford Building was led by Rod Satre, Project Manager, Ford Assembly Building, City of Richmond. Festive balloons, refreshments and expenses were provided by the Ford Foundation which also paid tribute to Richmond's World War II Home Front National Historical Park in a recent four page advertisement in Time Magazine.

The United States Park Police Horse Mounted Unit added dignity and excitement to the day. Mid

SPORTS MEMORIES

Football season is now in full swing and there have been many Point Richmond natives who played the game. Several played in high school, college and post season bowl games such as the Rose Bowl. Cotton Bowl, and the East-West Shrine Game. I'll have to do research again to provide their names. In my time, the early 1930's, football players from the Point were the following that I can remember: Andy and Spiro Cakos, Ed. Jim and Bob McAfee, Bob Gragg, Rudy Annelini and Jim Wilson. J.D. Vincent, Point Native, was a member of the Richmond High School football team that won the Alameda, Contra Costa County Athletic league. They were undefeated throughout the whole season. Vincent played in the backfield as a half-back. Two excellent college football players who lived in the Point during and after their St. Mary's College days were Frank Schock and Bob Hartnyk. They played in the Cotton Bowl for the championship and also in New York against Fordham University. The legendary Slip Madigan was their football coach.

By Allan Smith

Later, when my kids played high school football for the St. Mary's High School they played against the Point Richmond Giacomelli brothers, Mark, Ray and David. The brothers played for the Salesian High School and later in college.

They are bringing back the old grammar school sport game of kickball. This is for the adults. Everyone in school was able to participate in kickball, boys and girls, as all you had to do was kick the ball when it was rolled to you from the 'pitcher's mound'. A baseball diamond and rules were observed. There were some good kicker in the old Washington School.

Speaking of St. Mary's College, I'm sad to report that this was their worst football season ever. They only won a single game. It appears that they may have to consider dropping the sport like Santa Clara and the University of San Francisco did a few years ago. The enrollment is to small and football scholarships are not available.

Holiday Tree Lighting, November 29, 2003

The Tree Lighting was a fun event as usual with Santa, carols, luminaries, children all the good stuff. Afterward in the community center refreshments were served by Washington Pre School parents and PRAM. The Point Business Association served an old English drink known as "wassail". The sprit of Christmas lives.



Thank you to Miller/Thompson Construction for putting new lights in the Point's big tree in Indian Statue Park. Special thanks to Diane Miller and her Forman Frank Crutz, also to Tyrone Washington and Bre East. Also thanks to Kyle Bangert the driver of the flatbed truck from Crisco Equipment.

POINT RICHMOND - 1963

Listen, kind people, and you shall hear Of the times in Point Richmond in the year 1-9-3-3 when Progress came to town And West Side became known for miles around. Due to the boosting of our local stores Thirty years accomplished more and more Of growth and wealth in our fine city Where men are men - and girls are pretty!

Gathered tonight in Old Washington School We review the march of the Golden Rule Thirty years have passed - our city is large. New goods come by steamship -in old days, by barge. and all because Point fold came to know That "Buy in Point Richmond" is "all the go!" The minute our people started to buy All of their goods here, depression passed by. Local-owned stores, Standard Ave., Park Place, As well as on Washington turned right about face. Their prices were right, and folk came to see That "money spent with YOU comes right back to ME.

So Grocery stores prepared, and churches grew, too. And bakeries and laundries had all they could do! Whitesides and Mazza, Cerdono, Chasseur, Bernes and Martens, Sid Gnaga, Dupret, Nick Brario, Gust Allyn, and Thomas Ken-nay!! The moral of my poem is very plain to note: Buy in Point Richmond And don't knock the boat!

This poem is from the Friday March 17, 1933 Richmond Progress and was submitted by Allan Smith Just as valid 30 years later, 70 years later, and probably 150 years later.

WWIC ACTIVITIES

Alyce Williamson

The Women's Westside Improvement Club met on Nov 4, 2003 at the Pt Richmond Methodist Church with 20 members present.

President, Margaret Morkowski, introduced the guest speaker, Lori Nova, founder of The Nova Studio Do It Yourself Classes. Lori took us thru a history of events leading up to her founding of The Nova Studio in Pt Richmond. She was first introduced to Pt Richmond when her husband acquired ownership of Rosemaria's at Washington & Pk Place. Lori's passion was always designing hence the founding of The Nova Studio on West Richmond Avenue. The Nova Studio is "do it yourself" classes in a wide variety of crafts. Some being: wall glazing, soap making, decoupage containers, holiday card making, paper crafts 4 kids and many many more too numerous to name here. A schedule of classes can be obtained from the studio at 24 West Richmnd Ave. Lori brought samples of many of the products that she makes and sells. We welcome Lori & The Nova Studio to Pt. Richmond and thank her for her interesting presentation.

Margaret called the meeting to order at 12:15PM. She thanked the hostesses, Dorothy Hernandez, Mary Highfil, Carol Paasch & Anita Christiansen.

Margaret noted the opening of the First Church of Christ Scientist- Christian Science Church and Reading Room in Pt Richmond. Our member, Anita Christensen an active member of the church mentioned that the opening will sometime in Janury 2004.

Margaret announced the Methodist Chrurch annual Thanksgiving Day nondenominational service followed by free Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 27th ; the closing of the fire station in January and the reduction of library hours from 36 to 12 hrs. A meeting was to be held on Nov 5 at the City Hall re these items.

There was one Nov birthday, Betty Doran. Happy Birthday Betty1

We were delighted to see Rosemary Corbin at the meeting. It has been a long time and we hope her travel schedule will allow her to attend meetings again. Guest Marjorie Moore became a new member Welcome to the fold, Marjorie.

Bessie Squires has moved and mail sent to her old address will be forwarded to her. We will miss her as she has been a long time member. Secty, Marion Kent, will be sending Bessie a "Good Luck" note from all of us.

Anna Schwartz is leaving on a cruise to Mexico and Avis Blanchette is going to Hawaii where she will embark on a cruise of the Islands and return home on a cruise ship. Happy sailing Anna and Avis1

The donation to Washington School was made on Oct 16, 2003 and will be used to support the tutorial program at the school.

The Christmas lunch will be held on Dec 2, 2003 at the Baltic Resturant. There will be no formal meeting in Dec or Jan.

Margaret prepared a chart of Pt Richmond businesswomen who have been proposed as guest speakers for the remainder of the year. Members were asked to cast there votes before leaving. Results will be reported next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned with inspirational note by Anita Christiansen. Since it is Thanksgiving season Anita ask each member to tell something that they are thankful for. When we stop to think it is amazing how much we all have to be thankful for and it was nice to hear them voiced.

See you at the Christmas Luncheon Dec.

2, 2003. Bring a guest and or a new member. Next formal meeting will be Feb. 3, 2004. Julie Vantilburg, a Certified Financial Planner will be our guest speaker.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Do you remember?

- Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.
- Ignition switches on the dashboard.
- Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall.
- Real ice boxes.
- Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.
- Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.
- Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.

PRHA Drops

We have learned that memberships are dropped not by choice, but through the members oversight, so we are now publishing the names of members whose membership is about to be dropped, we hope that if you see your name you will be reminded to renew and receive the next issue:

Claudia Beall Lorilyn & Alle Folks Thelma Harvey Robert Larsen Dorothy Ruthnick Jean Spiersch Joe & Judy Travis Wilma Winter Don & Carole Woodrow



CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

Dear Gary:

This letter is to add to Leroy Williams letter re the "Mud Flats".

My family: father Herb Bill, mother Julia, brothers Donald and Herbie and I, moved there in 1934. We lived in the house on Washoe Street next to the ball park. The home of the Bonecrushers. My father put chicken wire on all the windows facing the park to protect them from foul balls.

Next to us were the Harlow's: Bert and Evelyn with his children Grace and Mary Harlow (Rudolph), her children David and Louella Bain (Wilcox) and their daughter "baby" Evelyn.

Facing Virginia street were the Saunders. Ed and Mrs. Saunders, children, Stewart and Janis (Henry).

It was a wonderful place to live. There were sidewalks and streets all over. But no other homes. The lots were below the sidewalk about three feet and filled with water in the winter and sometimes at high tide. We skated on the sidewalks, "sailed" on home made rafts in the winter and played Kick the Can at night in the streets without worrying about traffic. There was I light in front of Harlows house so we could play games at night. We had a lot of kids from "town" to play with all year long.

In 1940 my family moved to Cottage Avenue to be near my Grandmother Waite after my grandfather died. I believe Fred Rich and his family moved into our house. When the war started the houses were moved out to make way for multiple housing units. I know one was moved to 21st and Barrett. I don't know where the others were placed.

Re paper routes: My brother Herb, Bruce Bartram and Frank Moscrop also had routes. That is another story.

I appreciate all the work you do on the news letter. I look forward to each issue.

Sincerely, Pat (Patsy Bill) Pearson Point Richmond You are welcome! It is letters like this that make the newsletter worth it. Gary



From Mary Jo Giacomelli High and Low 6th Grade at Washington School. Not sure of the year, the only person Allan Smith recognizes is the Principal Mrs. Peters.

This Point in time

DEATHS.....

Phyllis Roos Barusch died in her home in Point Richmond, October 15, 2003. Phyllis was a Research Associate at the Institute of Governmental Studies at U.C. Berkeley and authored several publications. She had been active in Washington PTA. Phyllis is survived by her husband of 60 years, Maurice; two sons, Lawrence of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Ronald of Arlington, Virginia; five grandchildren and her brother Jacques Roos.



From Don Church Collection "A New Years Eve gathering; Back Row; John Bell, Ora McFarland Palmer, Frank Palmer, Gertrude Spiersch, Dick Spiersch, Flora Adams, George Adams, and Earl Morgan. Front Row: Kate Margan, Irma Bell and Jennie Alstrom. The year is 1916.

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December

January

Jean Allyn Seth Fenton Hazel Paasch Edna Hathaway Bob Burdick Debbie Seaburg Christine Hayes Luciano Forner Marian Hawkins Jeff Corbin Mike Turner Lauren Nason Marilyn Darling Linda Mertle

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Thomas Mercer Hursh Jerry Feagley Inez A. Pestana William S. Kollar Elana Dolberg Kayla Dolberg

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Ruth Wood Mullen	Anne Hanzlik	exclusive club.
Mark Gebhart	Dulcie Johnson	100 YEAR OLDS:
Bernard Bernes Anna Schwarz	Lupe Padilla Lopez Louise Hammond	Bonnie Kirkman
Romilda Burress Jim Kenny	Goldie Mobley	Have we missed anyone?

CALENDAR

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

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Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Information on meetings call 273-9959.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11. Contact: Paula Aasmus, O.D. 510-235-5228.

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact: Miss Jones, Secretary 510-232-1436.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Contact: Margaret Morkowski, President.

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