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## IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT DORNAN

Born: County Downs, North Ireland ---- Died: Point Richmond, California  
December 6, 1882 April 24, 1966

A man who will live on in the hearts of many Richmonders and in the history of Richmond, Mr. Robert Dornan lived 83 admirable years. Testimony to his influence in this area were the people who attended his memorial service; very young to very old, from all parts of Richmond, from every part of society. Because of the deep admiration that so many people feel for a truly fine man, a brief picture of his life will help remind us of his continuing influence in Point Richmond:

In 1906 Bob Dornan came to Richmond to visit his brother, who was ill. He then did what many of us did also; he liked the area so well that he stayed.

Being an ambitious and enterprising Irishman, he went into business for himself in 1913--- the Richmond Supply Company, selling coal, wood, hay and grain. He had a strong team of horses and a wagon, which bore Wagon License #2.

He supplied the brick for the historic First Methodist Church, of which he was a member for 53 years.

The second truck in Richmond was owned by Mr. Dornan. His first office was at 139 W. Richmond Ave., the present site of the Point Richmond Real Estate. The present location of the Richmond Supply Company was the site of the first movie house in Richmond--a nickelodeon. Later, half of it became a Japanese shoe repair shop and the other half became a cleaning establishment.

He was believed to have been the last surviving member of the Point Richmond Volunteer Fire Department #1.

The joy of having known this honest, industrious, affable man belongs to many Richmonders; he was an active member of the Masons, and an active member of the community generally.

The family of Mr. Dornan is a fine testimonial in itself. His wife Trannie helped him in his business, and together they raised a son and daughter. Their son, Bob, joined his father in his business, and the mother-father-son trio had one of the finest businesses in Richmond.

"Young Bob" has carried on the family tradition of industry and honesty. He is very well known and well liked throughout Richmond. He has always found time for Boy Scouts, and recently received the highest award in scouting.

A leader in the community, Mr. Robert Dornan gave birth to a family of leaders---from Bob and his wife Mid, to their daughters - Pat, Kathy and Roberta. This was a man that Point Richmond will never forget.

A fantastic sculpture exhibit is in its final days at the University of California. Take your children and enjoy the creeping, crashing, jumping waving works of art. There are 41 pieces from 15 artists, representing areas of the United States and Europe. The children will want to go through twice, so allow enough time to enjoy it.

The fascinating exhibit of Kinetic Sculpture will end Sunday, May 1. It is located at the University Art Gallery, just to the right of Sather Gate on the campus. The red brick building is open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M.

### TEEN NEWS

Catherine Burchell, one of the Point's dedicated teachers, has a Book Club which meets each week at Roosevelt Jr. High, after school. This week her group was visited by an authoress, Mrs. Pohlman, who talked about writing books, and answered questions about the subject. Mrs. Pohlman has written several fascinating books., two of which are at the Point Library: Myrtle Albertina's Secret, and Calypso Holiday. Soon to be available is her new book, Love Can Say No.

Mrs. Burchell will be serving Roosevelt as PTA President next year, besides her other duties as a teacher.

### GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scout Troop 2151 attended the Oakland Flower and Garden show last Thursday. It was a beautiful sight on a beautiful day, although two small members of a Brownie Troop, who attended with them, noticed mostly the wishing wells, full of "millions of pennies".

### RICHMOND SYMPHONY FANFARE

The Richmond Symphony Association has developed plans to launch something new -- a REPERTORY ORCHESTRA.

The Repertory Orchestra will offer 40 weeks of standard classics (plus some new music) to instrumentalists of all ages and levels of attainment who want the experience of reading through and discussing basic musical literature. The repertoire will be repeated annually, beginning each September. Guest conductors and soloists will find opportunities to learn and teach. No public performances are scheduled, but the public may attend workshop sessions.

Mid-September will mark the Repertory Orchestra's opening session if the public and City of Richmond will help a little. LET YOUR COUNCILMEN KNOW. Not even private music conservatories offer a standard symphonic repertoire, and this project will be a REAL FIRST in U.S. community cultural planning.

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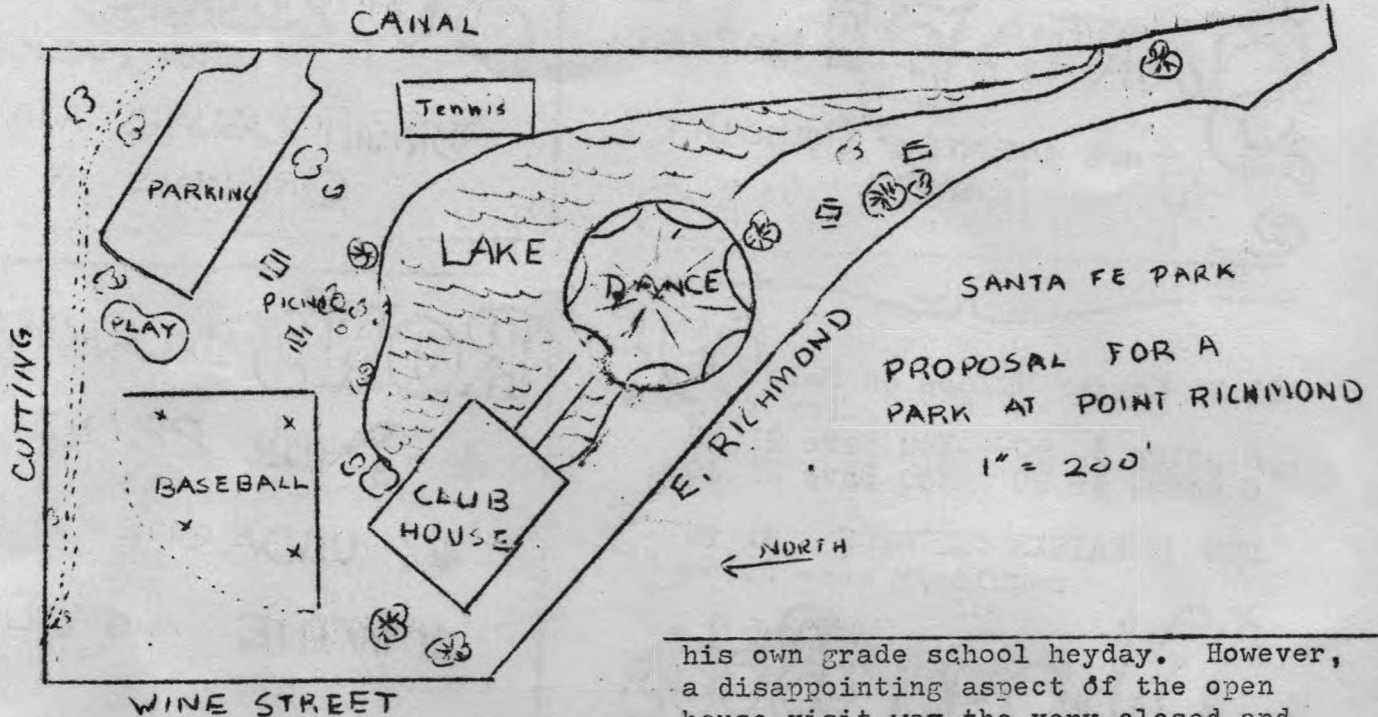
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PARK, ANYONE ?



This is a very rough sketch of a park proposal for the area across from our Washington Grade School. There has been a tremendous interest shown on the part of many residents, in this proposal.

The likelihood of obtaining some teen-age help in working on the park is good, and the need for such a place is very obvious.

Interest in the park has been great; yet, we now stand a chance to lose this vacant land to industry. Hence, interest is not enough. Then too, our city councils complain that always they are second guessing as to what we want. Action is simple; it is also easy and cheap. Let the City know that you too are interested in your immediate environment. Fulfill your duty. Write or phone: Ernest Henderson, Planning Department, City Hall, Richmond. 232-1212

SPOT QUOTE: "Maybe if we try real hard, we can start importing garbage from Japan!"

#### COLORFUL OPEN HOUSE

Washington School open house was the scene of a very quiet demonstration of terrific educational strides within the last ten years. Any adult with open attitude of comparing the students' wares with his own former youthful output observes a striking difference in the colorfulness of exhibits. Also, he discovers the introduction of much more sophisticated concepts than appeared in

his own grade school heyday. However, a disappointing aspect of the open house visit was the very closed and very locked door of the library -- as if reading was off limits. Yet, the most colorful aspect of all knowledge is what exists in the mind's eye, subject to stimulation from the quiet imagination that resounds through books.

LONG-HAIRED MUSIC, ON THE 4TH? Which kind of long-haired?

Seems that Richmond contains only one pyrotechnician. A fireman at that.

#### R C P A DEBUT A SUCCESS

That the Richmond Citizens Planning Association debut last night was a success is really a rather a sad note: the audience contained City Councilmen, Planning Commissioners, the mayor, and State Assemblyman Knox on its program; also, enough audience to fill two civic meeting rooms; all this despite no coverage or mention of the meeting in the local newspaper. Is a paper for people?

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lost its suit to deny membership to Wm.  
D. Martin, El Cerrito broker, who does  
business in Richmond. Martin is the  
first Negro broker to gain admittance  
to the WCC Board among a number who have  
applied. Long ago, the Berkeley Board  
adopted an open-door policy to qualified  
brokers.

## CIVIC CALENDAR

April 28-29 --Masquer's Theatre - "Nature's Way"; 8:30 PM; Masquer's Playhouse;  
Run ends May 14.

April 30 -----Freedom Festival. Berkeley H.S. Auditorium; 2 PM-Children; 8 PM-  
Adults.

May 1 -----KINETIC SCULPTURE; Last day; University of California; Art Gallery  
to right of Sather Gate; 12 noon to 8 PM daily. Free.

May 12 -----Washington School PTA meeting; 10:00 AM.

May 21 -----Richmond Symphony Concert with Ballet Group; Part of Festival of  
Arts Program; Civic Auditorium; 8:15 PM; FREE.

May 22 -----Point Richmond Recorder Society Picnic.

July 4 -----Renaissance Dances?; American Field Service Carnival.

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