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MONDAY NIGHT'S FIGHT

Last Monday evening, a large crowd turned out for the City Council meeting. There seemed to be something else going on at the civic center that evening, too, --a television show in the auditorium-- an exorbitant pay tv. show--that was drawing a rather large crowd. The "live" show in the council chambers never came about, and the crowd there went home disappointed; several of the performers were absent, and there was speculation among members of the audience about the possibility of finding the quorum in the Auditorium.

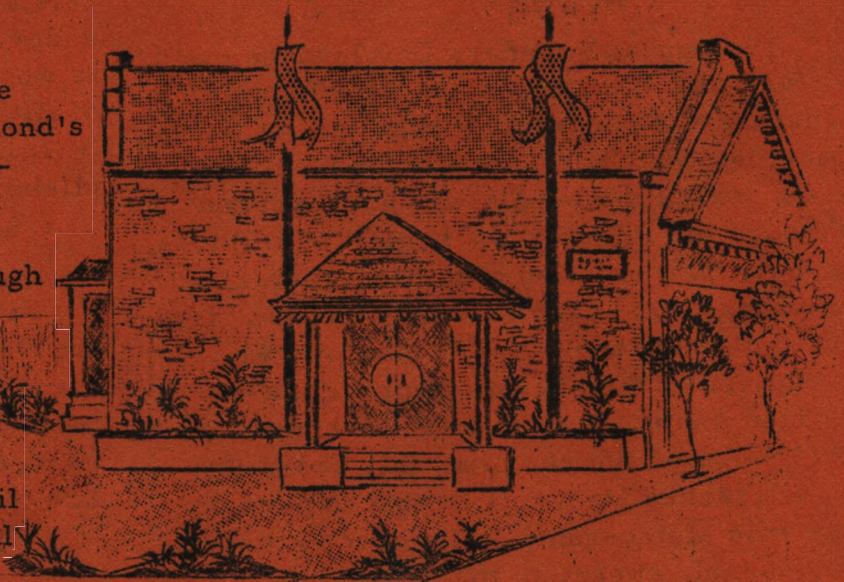
Thus, the Parks Bond issue will be brought up Tuesday, and Point Richmond's protest concerning TOPS will be postponed until February 20. One report concerning the protest states that people are not actively concerned enough about the chemical company to resist what is happening. Do you want a potentially dangerous chemical company or a Regional Park? It is largely up to you. Attend Feb. 20 City Council meeting. More important, call Council members.

URGENT: GET YOUR CAR WASHED !

Members of Cadette Girl Scout Troop are frantically working to earn money for their Snow Trip, February 18, at Downeyville. Have your car washed this weekend, and help them out. They will wash outside and clean the inside for just \$1.00. Call 233-0627 and have an industrious crew sent over to clean your car. They don't have much time left, so call now, or at least as soon as you can get your car dirty.

HAIL THE GRAND OPENING ! by G. E. Haigh, III

Friday, February the 10th is Chinese New Years and the Grand Opening of Point Richmond's new Chinese restaurant on that night promises to be the biggest thing that's happened here since the Martin McGinnis fight way back in 1902. Residents here have been looking forward to the big night for many months, and Point Orient's owners say that the first weekend is booked solid. A small ceremony will take place, with local attorney Doug Lord officiating. Hihg point



of the ceremony will be when guest of honor, Donna Roselius, in the fulfillment of a childhood dream, puts the torch to 20,000 firecrackers all on one string. This reporter hears that original plans called for only 10,000 firecrackers but somehow the firecracker company (located at an undisclosed address in Chinatown) loused up the order, and now there are 20,000 firecrackers; enough to fulfill two childhood dreams. It ought to prove an interesting evening. For those who were unable to get tables for the opening, Dave Lee and Bob Young are extending their personal (continued)

Hail The Grand Opening (continued)

invitation to come on down for the ceremony anyway. The bar will be open and there will be no end of interesting people to talk to. Dinner is set for 8:00 o'clock, and the explosion will immediately precede that.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The winners of the "Name the Restaurant" contest will be guests on opening night; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Friend, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Harcourt, Dr. and Mrs. Albert Greenberg, and Mr. Marshall Collins and his guest.

Next week, an official list of luncheon guests, who entered the "Name the Restaurant" contest, will be published. These people may then have lunch as guests of the "Point Orient".

A DESERVED HONOR

The annual Founders Day luncheon was held by the Washington School PTA on Thursday, February 9. Highlight of the meeting, which acts as a "homecoming" meet for all the people who have worked through the PTA for the benefit of children, was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership. Each year this "award" is given to someone in the community who has given of themselves to improve the world around them. Chairman of the committee who selected the recipient this year, Pat Davis, asked Mrs. Bill Dennis to present the Life Membership. His description of a pleasant, cheerful, maternal, helpful person fitted the honoree well, although she was completely surprised by the announcement. Mrs. Raymond (Mary) Giacomelli was a deserving recipient of the honor.

The Founders Day meeting, planned by Louise Genosick, was a great success. Superintendent of Schools, Denzil Widell and Mrs. Lucille Marshall, Elementary Council PTA President were guests, as well as former principal of Washington School, Mr. John Emrich. Guest Speaker, Mr. George Blumenson, presented a most interesting and information-filled speech concerning the coming school bond election.

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Even though the highlights of this meeting are becoming lengthy, mention of the outstanding Glee Club, which performed, under the direction of Mrs. James Eakle is worth a little more space. This group of fifth and sixth graders sang a capella AND in harmony--beautifully. A real accomplishment for grade school singers.

A RUN-OFF ELECTION

For the Hi-Pointers will be held on the 13th and the 17th. Candidate for President is Joel Henwood. Vice president candidates are Maurice Solvang and Gretchen Swerdfeger; Secretary candidates are Hannah Edwards and Jim Ruiz.

NOT TOO LATE

To sign up for the Tahoe Trip; a benefit trip for the Boys Baseball Teams. Reservations for the Bill Cosby show can no longer be made, but the trip is still open to all Point Adults. March 11 is the date, and \$21.00 is the reasonable fee for Transportation, lodging, brunch, etc. Call 232-8819 or 237-4091 for more information and reservations. Do it Soon!

TEENS TO TAHOE, TOO...

For a snow trip that sounds like great fun, and a great bargain, on February 24. Not much time left--make your plans now.

REMINISCING WITH DON CHURCH

Humorous and interesting articles from the files of old Richmond and Point Richmond papers through the courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

THE POINT RICHMOND PROGRESS

Began its existence 34 years ago this week, --the first Point Richmond Weekly.

Prominent on the front page of the issue is a notice of a meeting of the West Side Improvement Association, at Washington School Auditorium, Tues. February 14, at 8 Pm... "Everything Free, Everybody Welcome." The paper urges, "Point Richmond has several desirable locations for all manufacturing businesses such as the ones on Washington Avenue. Point Richmond has four churches, a fine school, and library, many clubs and lodges, fine boys' and girls' groups; think what advantages Point Richmond has, and bring your ideas to the meeting."

THE PROGRESS

includes in its contents a romantic serial, bedtime stories, fashion news, "Mother's Cook Book", and explanation of magic tricks.

SECOND ISSUE of the paper includes prediction:

"Patrolman Charles Hagerdon paid a call on our humble office. Recounting his experiences the first time he came to Point Richmond in 1918, it seems it was three days before he located in a suitable room, so crowded were the conditions then. Never fear, Officer Hagerdon, we'll bet you a thingumbob against a dinglewhiffer that 'them good times' will be back here with us again some day."

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"Mrs. Nellie Adams,

From the INDEPENDENT, of February 18, 1916.....

"It was announced that beginning today John Nicholl will commence taking down the immense rig which he erected at the corner of Richmond and Oregon Avenues to bore for oil, and that the outfit is to be removed to Placer County for a mining operation.

"Nicholl spent about \$20,000 in his quest and found excellent water but no oil. (The steel plate located on the right as you enter the Natatorium covers the well head.. The fresh water is used to mix with the salt water of the bay for the Natatorium.)

February 10, 1915 Independent noted traffic

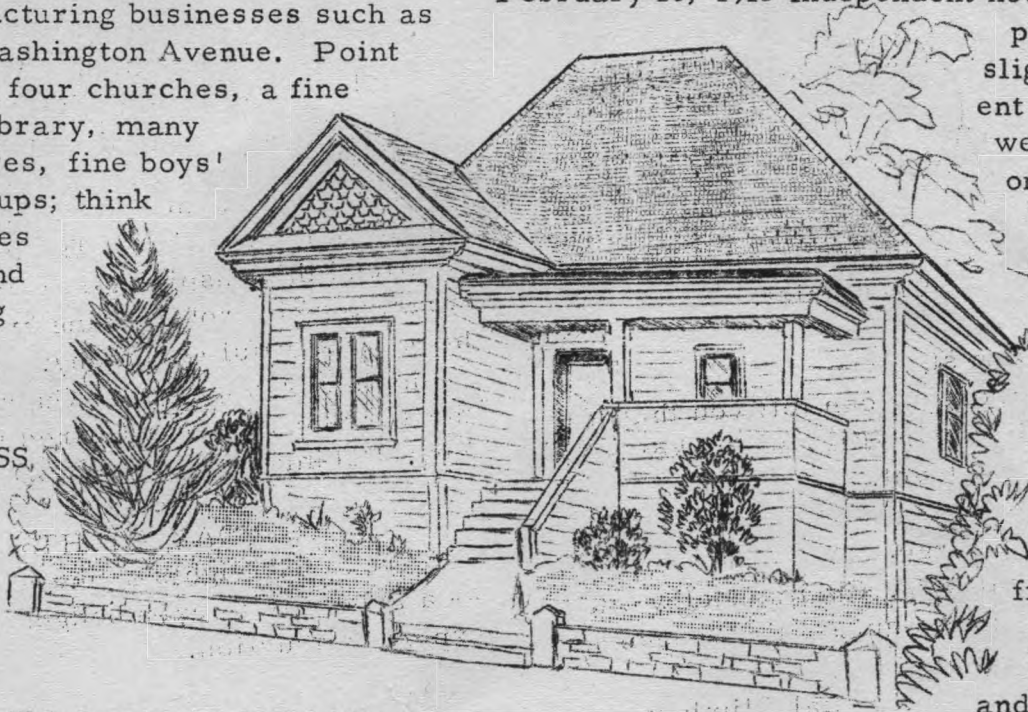
problems, slightly different from those we now have on Scenic Ave:

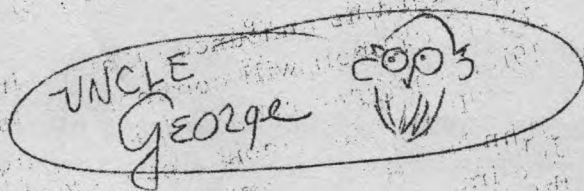
"Albert Hall, driver of the Richmond Home Laundry Wagon had as narrow an escape from death as a man can have and still live

to tell about, while driving on Scenic Ave. at the Point. A strong gust of wind blew the wagon, horse and driver off from the slippery edge of the road down the hill.

The wagon was damaged, but outside of a few minor bruises, Hall was able to pick himself up and walk away. It was necessary to get help to separate the horse from the wagon and on its feet again."

February 11, 1915..... "Work is going full blast at both ends of the new Richmond-San Rafael ferry. The ferry steamer Ellen has been secured at Vallejo and is being reconditioned for service.





Dear Uncle George,

My wife is not logical. Are all women illogical?

W. Mitty

Dear Mitty;

Women are always logical except on the first seven days of the week.

Dear Uncle George,

I would like to have a wealthy wife. How do I go about this?

Stringsaver

Dear Stringsaver,

Work hard, and make her wealthy.

Dear Uncle George,

I have been told that sometimes our battle tactics are questionable. Can this be so?

Chauvinist.

Dear Chauvinist,

Any school-boy can tell you that the battles of San Juan Hill and Bunker Hill were not on the level.

Dear Uncle George,

I read that Mrs. Cholmondeley will have twelve house-guests this weekend. Is she entertaining?

Social Climber

Dear S. C.,

Not Very.

Dear Uncle George,

Will you tell me how I can get a good husband?

Willing.

Dear Willing,

Good husbands are not available. If they're any good their wives won't give them

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SNOWY WEEKEND

Boy Scout troop 111 is going on a snow trip accompanied by their fathers this week end, to Peddler Hill.

THIS Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday.

A TOUR

Campfire Girls Pa Ka Nena and Elu Ta-Nah took a tour, last Wednesday, of the Santa Fe yards.

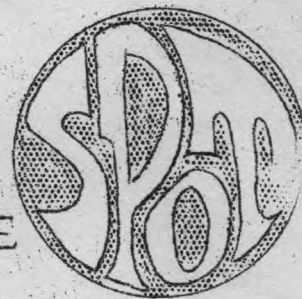
JOBS DAUGHTERS

Jobs Daughters, Bethel 319, will be in attendance at the 10:45 worship service at the Point Richmond Baptist Church, this Sunday, to present their Ritual, and participate in the service. The public is invited to attend this inspiring service. The girls, wearing white robes, sing hymns, and have a beautiful ceremony. Ceil Colburn is the honored queen. Guest speaker at the service will be a retired missionary, Rev. Feldman.

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Are Scout Nights at the Richmond Plunge, -- a good way to earn badges, and get expert instruction.

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With Don Church

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Interesting and sometimes amusing articles from old Richmond and Point Richmond newspapers, courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

January 30, 1913...

TRICKY MAGICIAN FOUND A WAY TO BEAT THE RAP...

"A magician of unusual talent and cleverness was discovered in the City jail yesterday afternoon. F.P. Arnold entertained Judge Lindsey, Chief Arnold (no relation) Sgt. Ruiz, Joseph Munday and many others for two hours in the Chief's office, with various tricks.

"Arnold was picked up a few days ago as he was recovering the effects of a rather prolonged spree, and has been in the jail since, until he could regain his usual composure. He wanted to secure enough money to get back to Napa and his job. So the Chief arranged the show for his friends. The hat was passed following the performance. One trick struck the fancy of the Judge, and he is still wondering how it worked. The man is now on his way home."

January 30, 1913...

"THE WOODPILE IS DECREASING RAPIDLY"

"For the past three days, the prisoners in the city jail have been kept busy sawing up the five-foot ties (removed from the Washington and Park

Place tracks) into stove lengths and by the time another week has rolled around Chief Arnold expects to have his wood pile completed. At the rate they are sawing there will soon be enough wood for distribution among the poor and needy families of the city."

February 1, 1913...

BROWN FOUND ANOTHER WAY OUT OF THE JAILHOUSE...

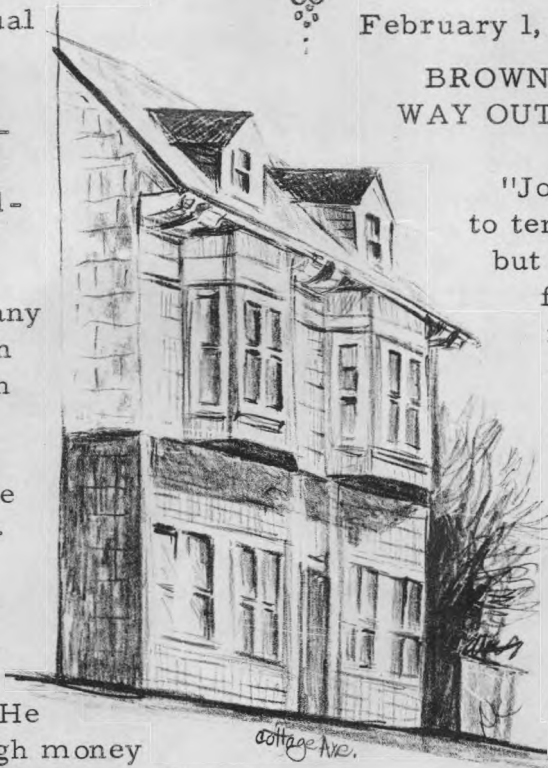
"John Brown was sentenced to ten days by Judge Lindsey, but will not have to put in the full time. A kind samaritan named William Crowley, a sewer contractor, needed a man yesterday to dig trenches and knowing Brown as a reliable man, went to Pullman to find him, and was told where he would be found.

"On inquiry as to how much it would take to get him out it was found he had served four days of his ten. So at \$1.00 per day it would take six dollars.

"Well, that was easier than I thought," exclaimed the latter. 'Here's your six dollars. Brown is worth three dollars per day to me and he can easily pay me back in a week's time.' So Brown was brought forth and under Crowley's wing left the jail. 'No more jail for me', was his parting shot. 'I don't mind the wood pile; that was fun. But the jail don't look good to me.' "

January 31, 1916....

"Judge William Lindsey retires today after serving as police judge for many years... after an active and busy life of 77 years."



7. (Trivia, continued)

New red hymnals have been presented to the First Methodist Church by the Memorials Committee and the Rev. Richard Smith will dedicate them this Sunday during the morning worship service.

Each book contains a name in whose honor or memory the book has been placed. The specially designed book plates depict the historic church steeple.

New hymnals are only printed every 20 or 25 years. Extra hymnals are available to anyone who would like to place one in his family name or in the name of a friend.

Anyone that has contributed to the Memorial Fund is invited to attend the dedication at 11:00 a.m. Edna Hathaway will give a resume of the Memorials Committee's activities.



When I see a hippie dressed in some outdated, faded satins and crushed velvets, the fat, thick heeled shoes that lace, the evening beaded bags, etc, it reminds me of children playing dress-up with the uncoordinated, unmatched treasures we used to love to wear and feel and were such fun. BUT...their influence on fashion is remarkable. And, where are the little girls that used to parade in mother's finery and high heels, these days?

Noted sculptor

Richmond is honored to have a new sculpture studio in its Industrial village. Hans Rawinsky has moved here from New York with his exciting collection of metal sculptures. His compositions are studies in the tension between organic and mechanical subjects -- they reach upward and are close to nature.

On Sunday, February 16, Mr. and Mrs. William Kretzmer will open their home for a sale of Rawinsky sculptures, 1:00 p.m. to dusk. Interested people are cordially invited to attend.

Stamps for Orphans

As small a thing as a cancelled stamp can help orphans...A project being carried on by the Women's Missionary Society of the Point Baptist Church was begun by the German Baptist Assembly, which helps orphaned children. Through this program two orphanages are maintained and many children placed in foster homes.

If anyone would like to help in the project, cancelled stamps may be mailed or brought to the church at 304 Washington Ave., or call Eunie Morin (233-5358) or Margaret Howard (223-8006).

Instructions for preparing stamps: All types of cancelled stamps can be used, if they are not damaged. If possible, a one-inch margin should be left around each stamp.

The stamps should be packed into small boxes, the total weight of each wrapped box not to be over two pounds. (Duty must be paid on boxes over two pounds).

School Lament

Rain, rain, go away.
The kids at Washington School won't
go outside and play...
In the rooms, too much noise
Is coming from the girls and boys.
A voice from Mr. Hill's intercom
Says, "Be calm."
"Wait for the ring of the bell
Then sock it to 'em with a yell."
Happy are the teachers, and yard
teachers
At the end of the day
When they, too, can go home, and
Watch a TV Play.

J. M. Palenchar.