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YOU CAN'T TELL THE CANDIDATES WITHOUT A PROGRAM!

And a program is being presented for your enlightenment, Wednesday night, April 26. The public is invited to come to Washington School Auditorium at 8:00 PM, to hear the six candidates for Richmond City Council, and to ask them questions. The program, sponsored by the Point Richmond Civic Group, is important for everyone who intends to vote in the Council Elections on May 9. Come and bring your questions.

A THREE - DIMENSIONAL PROGRAM

If anyone ever gives awards to PTA's for interesting informative meetings, Washington School should surely win.

Last night's program was packed with facts about Huscicon, Park Bonds, and DeFacto Segregation.

Ken Thollaug, President of the Board of Directors of Huscicon (Humanities, Science, Conservation) explained the aim of Huscicon: to develop a program of outdoor education permitting the child to discover that he is a part of nature.

The group is endeavoring to create an outdoor education center in this county similar to Asilomar, so that students can attend a camp, to live with nature.

While this is a long range plan, there is a possibility that in the fall of 1967, sixth grade students may be able to attend a camp close to St. Helena. He invited any interested parents to accompany him on an inspection trip of the camp. A special invitation to visit the Tri-County School Camp in the Santa Cruz mountains on April 20 to 21 is issued by Mr. Thollaug for anyone interested in an educational outing. For details call Mr. Thollaug at 235-6347.

Tom Wilson, director of Parks and Recreation, and George Day, commissioner, explained the Park Bond Proposal for the May 9 election.

Fifty per cent of Richmond's present



parks were built between 1922 and 1925, when the population was 17,000, and when 94 out of 100 lots were vacant.

Today, the city population is 80,000, and 2 out of 100 lots are vacant. Studies have been made by two commissions and one consultant, and all agree: Richmond needs more parks, and parks have been planned. Not just kiddie parks, or ball parks, but parks for everyone.

Three swim centers to be built on school grounds will be used by the school during the day, and by the community after schools. Also in the plan are: a boat launch ramp and 2 beach parks; playlots and neighborhood parks; community centers for teens and adults; district parks with playfields and picnic areas.

It was emphasized that it would be cheaper to purchase land now and pay interest than to wait (continued, P. 2)

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and pay increased land and construction costs later. (It should be noted that some sites are already owned by the city, but cannot be developed because funds are not available.)

The campaign for bringing Richmond parks up-to-date is being financed through the sale of buttons and bumper stickers. Anyone can join the Parks Club for \$1.00.

Larry Coleman, Chairman, and Jean Knox, member of the DeFacto Segregation Committee tried to present the 145 page report in 45 minutes. Slides were shown, and questions were answered.

It was impossible to cover every item in the report; however, the discussion dispelled many fears that mass bussing would take place, and that the recommendations were made simply to integrate schools. Every recommendation in the report is made in the interest of improving education for all children.

Read the report -- it's fascinating.

Attend the School Board meetings.

by Frances Smith.

TEENS--NOTE

The first meeting of high school age youth will be held at 6:30 Sunday, April 16, at the Methodist Church, with William Farmer. All boys and girls in the age group of ninth thru twelfth graders are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Another dinner will be held at the First Methodist Church, April 21--public invited.

VOTE FAUERSO

VOTE HATTER

Richmond Schools need the high quality leadership necessary to provide our children with a comprehensive educational program. Continue stable and objective leadership with your votes on TUESDAY, APRIL 18,

WALT FAUERSO

and TERRY HATTER

for SCHOOL BOARD!

--friends for Fauerso and Hatter

A PLACE TO PLAY ---

A TIME TO HELP!

If you are interested in helping Richmond get more parks, there is a way that you can help. Workers are needed to make sure that communication concerning the Park Bond Proposal is available to all voters. A meeting has been scheduled for anyone willing to help, Wednesday evening, April 19, at Harry Ells High School, room 400. Precinct co-chairmen, Gerrie Larson and Carol Ingham have called the meeting, which will include an informative talk, with slides. Anyone interested in attending, or helping, please call 235-4222.

FIRST ANNUAL

The first "Annual Issue" of Point Counterpoint, consisting of pictures of historic houses, and their histories, will soon be available. The purpose of the issue, besides presenting the individual sketches and stories of Point Richmond homes, is to provide this newspaper with more up-to-date equipment. Paper carriers will be selling the special issue next week. If you want to order a paper, call 235-4222.

SINGING POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the monthly 7 PM singspiration at the Point Richmond Baptist Church has been cancelled this month. Follow this paper for announcements of future "sings" --Eunie Morin

The Masquers PLAYHOUSE INC.

present *"Nude with Violin"*

BY NOEL COWARD

"a fast and funny show"

CURTAIN: 8:30 P.M. ADMISSION: \$2.00

RESERVATIONS: TH 3-5475 BE 2-3888

FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS

APRIL 14 thru MAY 13

J. MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

105 PARK PLACE

REMINISCING WITH DON CHURCH

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

KOZY KOVE in 1915

From the Richmond Independent:

April 7, 1915: "KOZY KOVE IS BUT A MEMORY--LAST THINGS GONE"

"C. M. Brewer, manager of the Western States Gas and Electric Co., purchased the entire furnishings of Kozy Kove at auction yesterday. The creditors will receive fifteen cents on the dollar. However, this will be cut when the attorney's fee is deducted. Pound Master Smith was also present and it was understood he was bidding on the swim suits for his dogs, when they desired to take a dip in the briny. However, discretion was the better part of charity in this case, and Smith refrained from digging into his jeans for the necessary shekles."

April 14, 1915:

ALIVE AGAIN

"A new company has leased the Kozy Kove property and E. Jansing and Mr. and Mrs. Benson will overhaul and rejuvenate the West Side Seaside resort and open it about June first. The new company has had plenty of experience in resorts. With proper management Kozy Kove could be made one of the most popular playgrounds in this section."

April 12, 1915:

THE METHODIST PARSONAGE

"A Parsonage will be erected by the congregation of the First Methodist Church. It will be located next to the church on Nicholl Avenue. Church officials have arranged for a loan of \$1,600

from the Bank of Richmond. Considerable material is on hand from the original church which was dismantled several years ago."

April 14, 1915:

"THEY WENT AND SAW BUT DIDN'T CARE TO REMAIN"

"Quite a number of Richmonders visited the San Quentin prison yesterday. Included were Earl McCann, Joe and John Casey, Robert Kennedy, Milton Lipp, Thomas Kennedy and J. Hughes and others. The visitors were shown about the prison by guards. While much impressed with the place, none showed any great desire to remain for any lengthy period. The prison has some 2300 prisoners, eighteen of whom are women. There are five men condemned to death row.

TWO YEARS EARLIER

April 9, 1913:

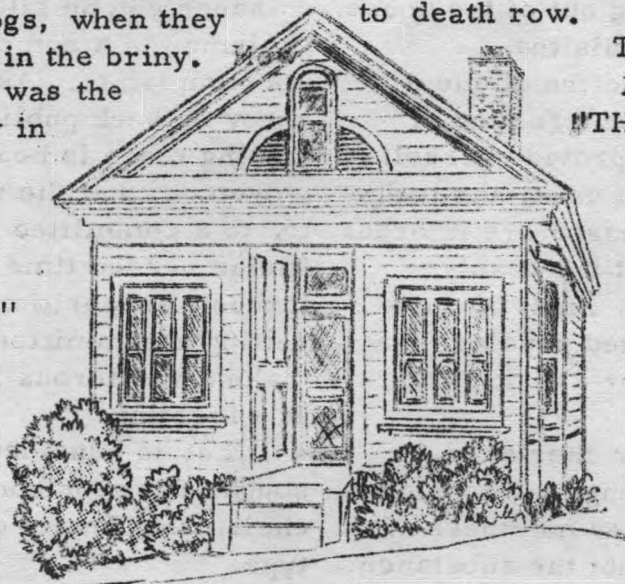
"THE WEST SIDE IS GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS"

"No section of the city is growing faster than the business section of the West Side. The Gerlach Building is already under construction at the Santa Fe Crossing and Richmond Ave. (Todd Hotel)

"R. Tcherassy has plans for a modern business block at the corner of Park Place and Richmond Avenue.

"The Eagles Building, having frontage on both Washington Avenue and Park Place is being entirely remodelled and will have the upper floor fitted to a modern rooming house. (This building was torn down for the new library and firehouse.)

"A large number of streets of the residence section are being improved. The Anderson building, a 3 story brick, is under construction." (The building next to the Santa Fe Market)



THE POINT'S POETIC CYNIC

Curtis Beresford

THE COMMITTEE WOMAN

An ever-present element of our era is the committee woman.

In general, this type of woman falls into two broad categories. The more prevalent type is the woman of small capabilities who seeks membership on a committee for its perquisites and self-aggrandizement. The rarer type is the capable woman who is sought after and who thoughtfully weighs the matter before accepting an assignment.

The first type is usually a young married woman with small children. She will eagerly accept a committee assignment. To her logic it is a justifiable means to getting out of the house. She cherishes the perquisites.

These perquisites, often of questionable value, give her a feeling of importance. She will provide herself with an expensive brief case, the badge of the office. New dresses are in order as is a working over at the beauty parlor. Unfortunately, most of these women have such limited physical charms that the beauty operator can do little but a cleanup job.

There are two other cherished perquisites. One is lengthy telephone conversations with other members of the committee. It is not the substance of the conversation that delights the committee woman but its gleeful atmosphere. That is much giggling, trivial talk. The committee's assignment is rarely mentioned. The second, and most valued perquisite, is the fiction of being busy. She may come across an acquaintance--one who may want to avoid her--but she beats him to the punch.

"Can't stop to talk. Late for my committee meeting. Very busy."

The frequent meetings of the committee may be best described as a getting together of the girls. If they do get around to business their decisions and conclusions are astounding to sensible persons. There is the banal statement of a committee functioning that, while it is used frequently, must be repeated as it is the best summary extant--"A camel is the result when a committee tries to build a horse."

So the exhilarated little woman returns home, another day of triumph. Her husband has returned from the office, long since paid off the babysitter, read the note left on the phone, and dined on the beans left in the pan.

Committee assignments are a powerful tool in the hands of the politician or the chairman. An annoying nuisance can be silenced by being made chairman of a committee to explore his complaints. As his purpose is to annoy or seek publicity, but not work, nothing more is heard. Referring a movement that the politician is opposed to, to a committee will give the politician needed time to consolidate his forces of opposition. A sure way of getting a committee assignment is to make a vociferous and dramatic oration at a meeting.

Let us consider a woman who is sought after for committees, usually as chairman. She is of the empty nest type.

When her children were young they were her pleasure and full-time occupation. She knew that there is no better soothing and healing balsam for children than their mother. Her children were well disciplined, a pleasure to the neighbors. She saw instances of mothers who hustled around as committee women. Their children were not well disciplined, avoided by neighbors--briefly, brats. She has a wide circle of friends, is the center of her family, adored by her husband who sees her as perfection. He could think of only flaw in her judgement: she married him.

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