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...AS THE MONTH ENDS

Another week-end of "Barefoot in the Park" is coming up at the Masquers Playhouse on Park Place. The comedy plays each Friday and Saturday evening through May 11. Curtain raises at 8:30 p.m. on the funniest comedy you've seen for a long time. Reservations may be made for the play by calling TH 3-5475 or BE2-3888 after 6 p.m.



Flags will be flying, boats will be decorated, and everyone who sails will be sailing on April 28, beginning of the yachting season, and "Bay Day". Save-the-Bay flags will decorate many boats, and a giant flag will be displayed on the Schooner "Martha".

A SING·IN

Sunday evening, April 28, another "Singspiration" will vibrate the walls of the Point Richmond Baptist Church. With Roy Jones accompanying, everyone is invited to take part in a song-filled evening.

PARK·PUSHING

Sunday afternoon, April 28, at 2 p.m. there will be a meeting at the home of Ethelyn Milton, 875 Ocean Avenue, of persons interested in assisting the effort for creation of a Regional Park in Point Richmond. Slides which will be available for showing to organizations will be presented, along with information to be used

by anyone willing to volunteer for the "Speakers' bureau" which is in formation. There will be a brief tour of Kellers Beach and Nicholl Knob, after which refreshments will be served at Mrs. Milton's home. If you are interested, and able to assist by speaking to groups throughout the county, please come on Sunday, or call 234-2038, for more information.

CINEMA

Monday night, April 29, the "Umbrellas of Cherbourg", a French film set to a moving score by Michel Legrand, will be shown at the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall on the Cortra Costa College campus. The free film will begin at 8 p.m., and the public is invited.

A YEAR BEGINS

The newly-elected Board of the Point Richmond Civic Group will attend their first meeting on Monday night, April 29, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morin, 333 Tunnel Avenue.

Major goals for the coming year will be established. An active and important year is coming up -- so if you have not joined the Civic Group, do so and get on the mailing list. You may send dues of one dollar to treasurer, Jack Healy, at 762 Ocean Avenue.

Committees for dealing with various activities and problems will be established and if you have a special interest, and would like to have a committee working on it, call George Hagen, president, 232-7167, with your suggestions.

CANCER CREW

From April 29 to May 5, volunteers will be calling on you with vital information concerning the latest research on Cancer, its causes and danger signals. Welcome them, and contribute, if you can. (Call 233-5358, if you can help!)

With DON CHURCH

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

April 28, 1921:

THE DREAMS OF A CITY

From the April 27, 1920 Richmond Independent:

"Twenty years ago today was the starting point of what is known as the City of Richmond. It was on April 26, 1900 that the Santa Fe started work on what is now its terminus.

There are but a few in this city today who were here at that time.

Then, where the Santa Fe shops now stand was overflow land and where the balance of the city stands was made up of a number of farms.

In 20 short years the city has grown from nothing to 20,000. The swamp lands have been filled in and sidewalks and streets have been put in all sections.

The Standard Oil Company is spending \$10,000,000 on extensions; Certain-ty just started on an immense paint factory to add to its present plant and the Santa Fe, since its return from the government, will spend millions in betterment; just what will Richmond be in 20 years from now is beyond comprehension.

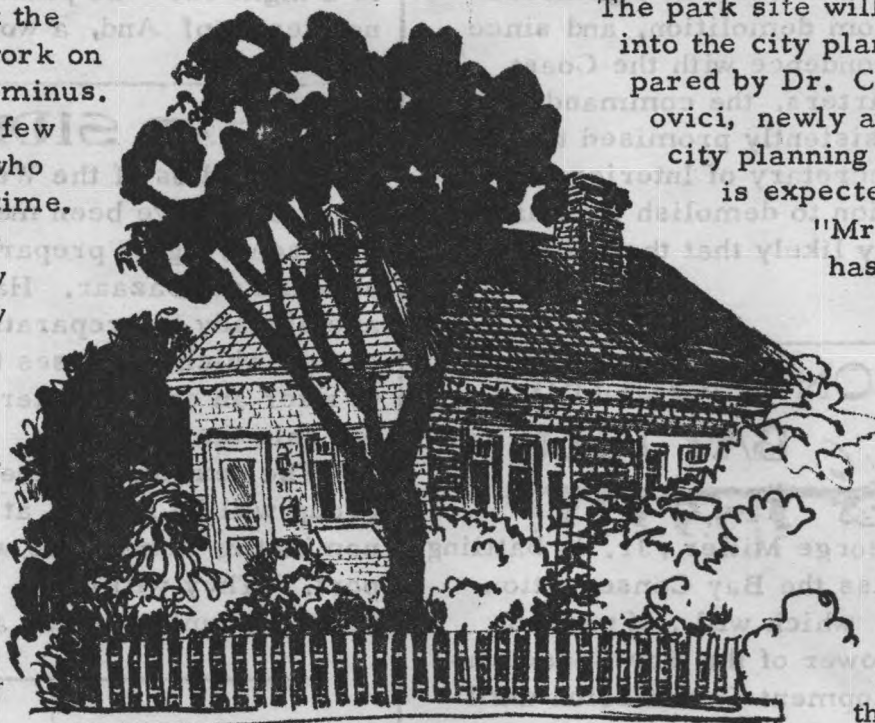
A few years ago the western section of the county was assessed for less than one million; today Richmond alone has over \$20 million in assessable property and if you include El Cerrito, Giant and San Pablo, it will reach \$30 million."

"FOUR ACRE PARK AT POINT OFFERED FREE TO CITY BY JAMES FORMAN"

"James Forman of San Francisco through the city Planning Commission has tendered four acres in Marine View Terrace, to be improved for party and recreation purposes. This property is ideally located for the purpose, and affords a wonderful view of the Bay Region. It will be Richmond's First City Park.

The park site will be worked into the city plan to be prepared by Dr. Carol Aronovici, newly appointed city planning expert, it is expected.

"Mr. Forman has also authorized A. C. Powers to clean up all the unsold lots in Marine View Terrace at prices from 50 to 75% less than the lots have



heretofore sold for. It seems incredible that lots can be picked up in Marine View Terrace as low as Fifty dollars."

(And the land planned for Richmond's First City Park never was used, and now, 47 years later, it is part of the area being planned for a Regional Park....)

April 28, 1921: "Harbor work to be delayed 'till October 1. Actual dredging for the deepening and widening of the channel and basin of Richmond Harbor will begin Oct. 1; it is planned to increase the width of the outer harbor from 200 to 600 feet...."

The Light House... **A REPRIEVE?**

The East Brothers Light House comes back into focus this week, with a statement from city Recreation and Parks Director, Tom Wilson, who informed us that the Light House is "as good as saved"!

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 authorized the Secretary of Interior to expand a program for the preservation of historic properties. Mr. Wilson's office contacted the liaison officer for the State of California, and succeeded in having the East Brothers Light-house placed on their list of historic sites to be saved. It is now more a matter of "When", than "if" the lighthouse will be kept from demolition, and since in the correspondence with the Coast Guard headquarters, the commandant's office has consistently promised to confer with the Secretary of Interior before taking any action to demolish the buildings, it is very likely that the buildings will be saved!



Senator George Miller, Jr. is battling valiantly to pass the Bay Conservation Bill, S.B. 231, which will, if passed, continue the power of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission until a Regional control can be established to keep the bay from being indiscriminately filled. Naturally, there are several lobbyists fighting the bill, since there are many industries waiting to fill the Bay. Therefore, public pressure is also needed, to counteract the interests which, collectively, could fill enough of the Bay to reduce it to a river. Send a wire, or a letter to Senator Miller, or to the chairman of the Governmental Efficiency Committee, Senator Richard J. Dolwig, State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal. stating your support for the bill and the control it will maintain.

What's Cookin'? **Spaghetti**

Looking for an inexpensive night out of the kitchen? The Richmond Exchange Club sponsors an annual Spaghetti dinner at the Richmond Auditorium as a benefit for the Camp Fire Girls who hope to soon be able to build a dining hall at their resident Camp Seabow a Laytonville.

Contact any Bluebird or Camp Fire Girl for tickets, which are only 75 cents. (Children under five free). Or--call 234-5334 to find out who your nearest Camp Fire member may be.

Remember -- Thursday, May 2 is a night out --no planning, no dishes, no clean-up! And, a worthy cause.

WEST SIDE *Activities*

The ladies of the West Side Improvement Club have been meeting every Thursday, again preparing for their annual Fall Bazaar. Hand crafted items are already in preparation for the yearly event, which promises to be bigger and to offer an even greater variety of items for sale than before.

The next official meeting of the group will be May 2, at which time, the nominating committee will give its report. They will meet, as usual, in the Community Center at noon.

A PARTY to WORK

Saturday work parties are becoming a happy tradition, and bringing exciting results, at the Methodist Church.

Volunteers (this is an ecumenical movement!) are always welcomed. This Saturday there'll be a variety of projects underway.

Heavy emphasis by the men and strong boys will be on digging trenches in the basement. The women and girls will be concentrating on cleaning the kitchen, and generally preparing for their "Fleur Tea" on Wednesday. Come one, come all! Everyone is welcome.