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1. BUSINESSMEN: take a Note!

All Point Richmond Businessmen -- property owners and merchants -- are urged to attend a meeting, Monday night June 3, at 8 p.m. The Point Orient Restaurant has offered the use of its space for the meeting.

This meeting is important to all business people who are interested in the future progress of the district in general, and their own businesses in particular.

The main topic of this meeting will be Off-Street Parking, lighting, and related problems.

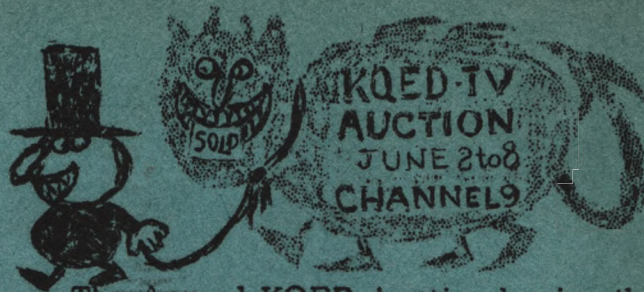
Don't forget--8 p.m. June 3, at the Point Orient Restaurant. (Not a dinner meeting - the restaurant is closed on Monday.)

6 *NEW* BUSINESSES

Several new business - places are opening soon in Point Richmond, to add to the already growing historic area. On West Richmond, a new business has already opened - called the "Eternal Now", operated by Larry and Beverly Sinkowitz, featuring records, gifts, odds and ends. Also on West Richmond, in the 200 block, an Antique Shop - Upholsterette is being planned.

On Park Place, fresh-cut flowers will grace the shop formerly called the Maison de SyMone. In the Old Firehouse, the bakery is planned for opening in mid-June, and an old-fashioned soda parlor is scheduled for July. The bakery will feature everything from breads to delicate pastries; the Soda parlor will feature McCallum's famous ice cream.

Washington Avenue will soon boast a Steak and Lobster Restaurant, at 32 Washington Ave. The large wooden doors already look inviting.



The Annual KQED Auction begins this Sunday, June 2. Considered the leading of the 140 educational TV stations throughout the nation, KQED receives all funds through donations. The Annual Auction which last year raised \$288,000 in one week, provides the station with approximately 18% of its annual operating budget.

This year's auction will be in color, and will begin June 2 and run through June 8. Daily hours are 2 p.m. until about 2 a.m. The great fun and excitement of watching this auction is something no one should miss. Sensational things are auctioned at this fast-moving affair. Bids are made by telephone, and the action rotates from table to table, so that something is being sold all the time.

Point donors to the auction were: The Point Orient Restaurant, with dinner for four; The Shop Upstairs - hand made andirons; Sophies - a dress that shines in the dark; The Ichthus - a sculptured candle; Maison de SyMone, a mustache-cup; and Mr. William Dennis - an oil painting of Albert Schweitzer.

Experimental FILMS

Latest note from the underground: a cinema event, the Avant Garde/Experimental/Underground Film Festival will be held at Contra Costa College this Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall.

Organized by a group of student movie makers, the festival will trace the history and evolution of experimental film production in the U.S. In addition to several short films, the festival will present commercial films, and two produced at San Francisco State College. Admission is \$1, and 75 cents for students.

REMINISCING

10.

WITH DON CHURCH

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

From the Record Herald of May 28, 1915:

"CITY HALL DANCE TONIGHT"

"The time - 8:30 tonight

The place - The New City Hall in the Harbor Center Tract (somewhere around Twentieth St. and Florida Ave.)

"The event - The big dance, the event of the year."

"It is desired to particularly impress on the minds of the citizen of Richmond that everyone is invited.

The affair is free, and there are no charges of any kind

"The new municipal building has been erected specially for the needs of the city, and vaults and every convenience

have been installed by the

builder. . . Richmond will now have a city hall, of which every citizen can well feel proud, and the best feature of the entire proposition is that it is not costing the people of Richmond one cent."

(The city hall was used for one year -- built by Mr. Wall as a service to the community (and to sell his surrounding property) . . . Mr. Nicholl donated the present site of the City hall, which the city accepted the next year; for the same purpose.)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

On May 27, 1933, Iola Sorenson and Chester Stanley were married by the Trinity Episcopal Church minister, Rev. Milton Terry at their home on Gaynor

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From the Richmond Record Herald of May 26, 1915:

"NAKED BOYS OBJECTED TO BY RESIDENTS"

"Reports came in thick and fast to the police station this afternoon from hillside residents whose homes overlook the beaches, asking that something be done to stop several youngsters from sporting about on the beach in a nude condition.

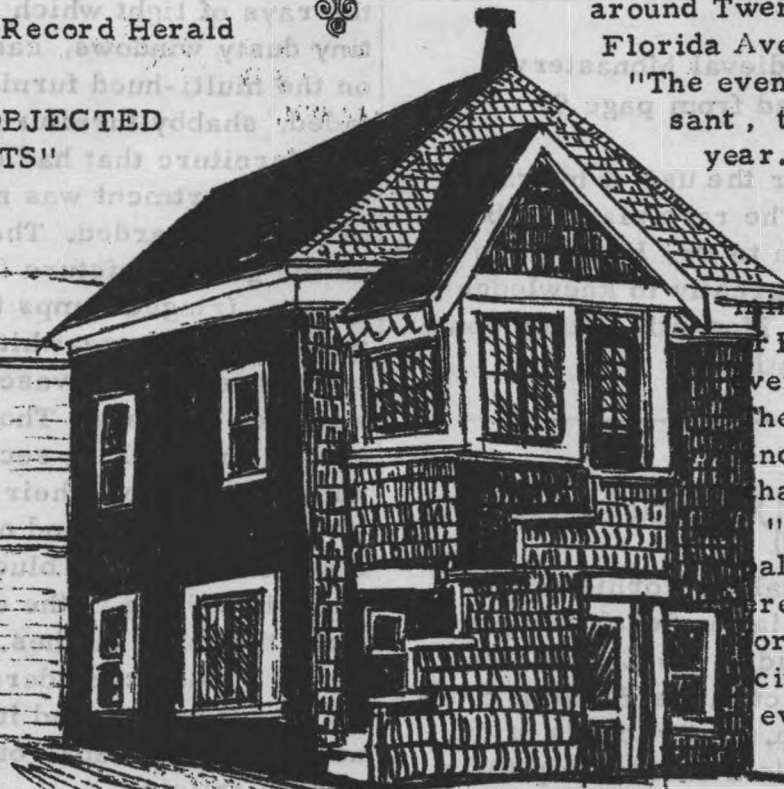
"The little 'brats' wearing nothing but a huge grin on their sunburned faces raced from the hot sand into the cool bay waters and out again to the hot sand where they would bask in the sun, unmindful of the commotion they were causing.

"Policeman Kreamer, together with Sergeant Barry tramped around the children's quarrel.

"Chief of police Walker said to arrest any found minus a bathing suit, but their efforts were in vain.

"The police intend to keep a strict watch over the beaches in the future."

(Did someone say that times have changed???)



Avenue. Mr. Stanley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. George, West Side residents.

On May 30, 1943, Marian George (sister of Chester Stanley) and Fay Hawkins were married at the First Methodist Church in Point Richmond. Leslie Stanley, a brother, was best man at both weddings.

(Life in a Medieval Monastery - continued from page 9)

Western World for the use of hydraulic trip-hammers. The rare plan has been of special concern to Dr. Horn since 1950, and he has added greatly to knowledge both of the Plan and of Monastic life by considering its implications.

Scholarship DINNER

The third annual California School Employees Association Scholarship Fund Dinner will be held in the Contra Costa College Student Activities Building Saturday, June 8 at 6 p.m. Proceeds of the dinner will provide a scholarship for a deserving CCC student. The scholarship is given on the basis of need, full-time enrollment, involvement in community activities, and Scholarship.

Tickets for the dinner are \$1, fifty cents for children under 10. They are available through Mrs. Coudyser at the college, 235-7800, ext. 208.

TUTORIAL Program

Contra Costa College's student-initiated tutoring program received national recognition this month. It was described as "a revolutionary approach to solving the problem of remedial programs." The program began in 1966, and now has a staff of 18, and is supervised by counselor John Kelleher.

THE

Antique Shoppe

by Nanci Griffith

I felt a tinge of sadness as I opened the door of Clyde and Barnes, Ltd. It was as if I had walked from today into yesterday just by opening a door. The musty smell that permeated the air added to the gloom. The shop was dark, except for the rays of light which shone through the tiny dusty windows, casting strange lights on the multi-hued furniture. Oh, that faded, shabby furniture that once was new. The furniture that had once found use in a first apartment was now old, unwanted, unused, discarded. The dust lay heavily on the gilded picture frames and the ornate, fringed lamps that once adorned a home. The once-white cherubs that clung to the green china vase were cracked and grey with age. The rear of the shop housed the clothing section. Garments hung limply from their metal hangers. Yet, something stood out from everything else. It was a pale blue crepe woman's suit which hung at the end, separated from the other clothes. Dust had settled on the padded shoulders of the tailored jacket. It had served its purpose and had now joined the ranks of all other old, unwanted articles.

As I walked from the shop, I had a strange feeling of precognition. I, too, will someday become old and unwanted. What will become of me?

The HOUSES in today's issue :

The cover picture is a home on Cottage Avenue, the house inside is located on the corner of West Richmond and Martina.

PLEASE send in information about homes in the Point, their histories, etc.

Genevieve Dress Shop
2029 Macdonald Ave.

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& DRESS DESIGN