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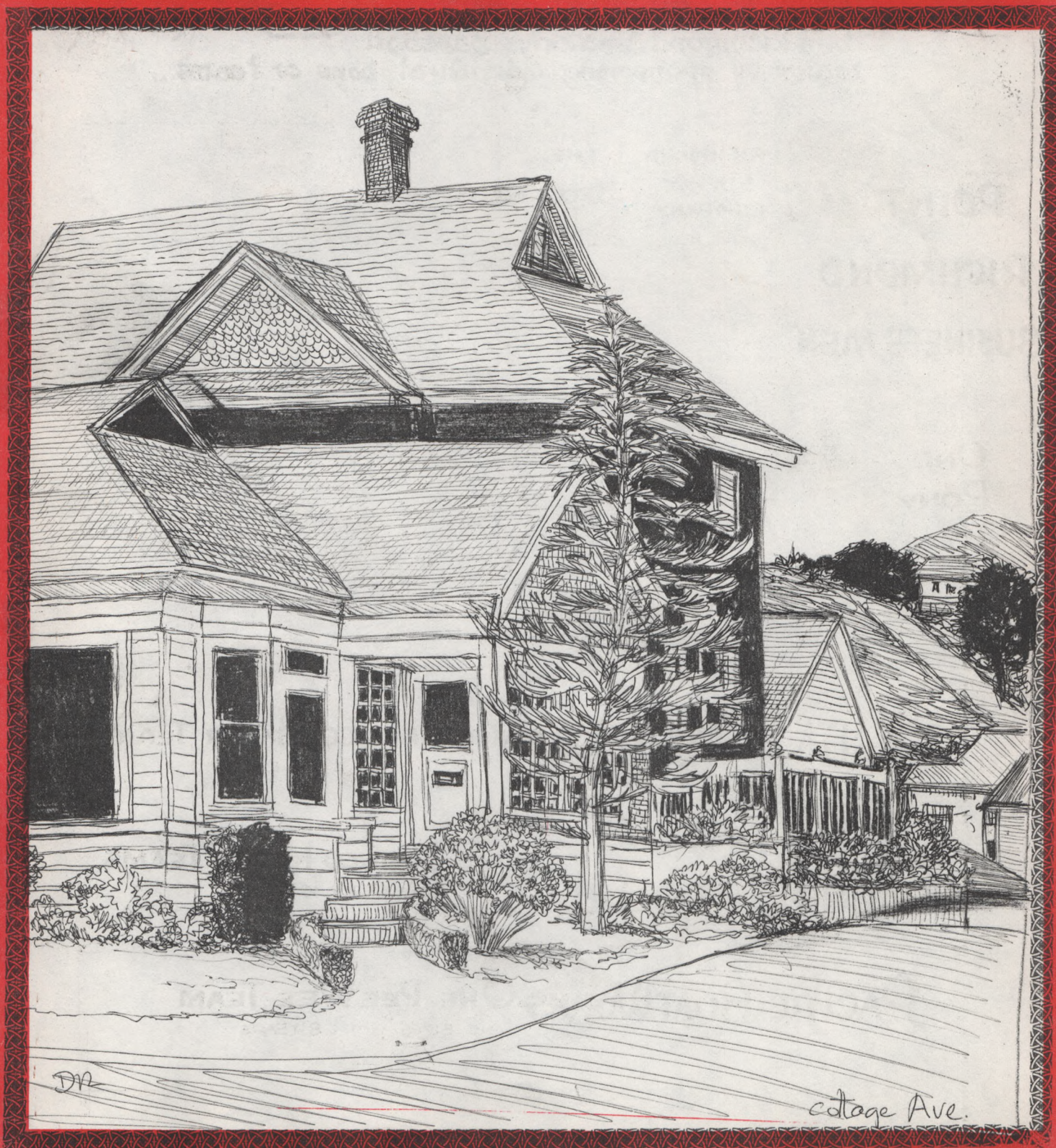
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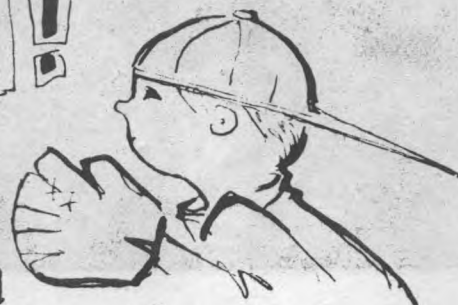
WEEK OF MARCH 20 TO 27, 1970

POINT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA



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Vacation! (FOR SOME)

Easter Vacation begins today for most School children. If that fact hits you a little hard, here are a few delightful diversions for dull days: A visit to the new Oakland Museum (which could take two or three days, especially if junior gets lost in the three-layer complex); swimming and sunbathing in one of the five swimming areas open during vacation from 11 to 6 with lifeguards, at the East Bay Regional Parks (listed on page 15); a tour through the Native Botanic Garden in Tilden Regional Park, featuring during March the barberries, pink currants, manzanitas, alders, willows, hazels, maples, early spring flowers and large blue lupines, as well as providing a miniature tour through the entire state of California, botanically speaking. If you would rather just stay home and enjoy the fact that junior is home for a change, it's okay with us; however, for insurance, keep the above list, and check the Washington School Playground schedule of special events during the Easter Holidays.

HAPPY 200th BIRTHDAY!

There's nothing like beginning a celebration early. Beethoven's 200th birthday is this year, in December. But the Merritt College-Community orchestra will celebrate it this Saturday, March 21, with an all-Beethoven Concert, at the Oakland Auditorium Theater at 8:30 p.m. Some complimentary tickets may still be available at the West Side Library, or they may be obtained by calling 235-4222. The concert includes the Pastoral Symphony, the Overture to Fidelio, and a little-heard triple Concerto for violin, cello, piano and orchestra.



A TRIP



A surprise is in store for those who join the excursioners on Monday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m. The Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee will meet with all interested tour-ists behind the Old Firehouse at the Railroad Avenue Parking lot, bag lunches in hand. The scheduled trip to Los Gatos may have to wait until April, to see the newly-constructed garbage disposal plant in operation. Instead, Monday's journey will lead to a couple of interesting local spots -- wear walking shoes.

INSPIRING MUSIC

If the smooth blend of voices in a fine choir sends chills up and down your spine, the opportunity for a free thrill is coming up Thursday, March 26th, when the well-known Wittenburg University Choir will pause for a concert in Richmond during its tour of the West Coast. The concert begins at 8:15 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 24th and Barrett Avenue. There is no admission charge.

SWIM PROGRAM

As soon as Easter Vacation ends, several new swimming programs will begin at the Richmond Plunge. Beginning on March 30 are: Family swimming lessons, Mondays at 7 p.m.; Springboard Diving, Mondays at 8 p.m.; Water Safety Instruction, Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; Lifesaving, Junior and Senior, Mondays at 6:30 p.m.; and Handicapped Swim for adults and children, Mondays at 7 p.m.

Further information may be obtained by calling the plunge at 234-8202 or 232-1212, ext. 496.

During Easter week, the schedule for swimming is 12:00-4:00 and 5:00-9:00; On Good Friday, 5:00-9:00. Closed on Easter.

3. 3WOMEN. 1MAN ~ 4 EXHIBITS

Currently on exhibit at the Richmond Art Center (beginning with a reception last night) are "3 One-Man Shows by 3 Women", and a show of recent paintings by Don McGreevy.

Lynn Hershman, one of the "3Women", exhibits a collection of drawings that combine figure, line drawing and transfer type letters and arrows, creating the illusion of ethereal space.

Nancy Genn, widely known in the 50's for her abstract expressionist paintings, changed directions and became deeply involved in sculpture, receiving many commissions, and receiving the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development award for excellence in design. She is exhibiting her latest works-- floor paintings, done on ceramic tile.

An Oakland artist whose works are in collections throughout the U.S., Vredaparis exhibits wall sculptures of vacuum-formed plastics, using the theme of Space, Time and Environment.

Don McGreevy, the lone man at the Art Center this month and through April 19, shows paintings that relate to pop art, depending on line and flat color to carry their message.

SOLOISTS WANTED

Until the end of March, the Richmond Symphony Chorus will audition soloists for the forthcoming fall season, as well as for the chorus' spring concert series this April and May.

For an appointment, call Mrs. Walter Hall, 223-3479, or contact the Richmond Evening School at 234-1766.

LIVE "Wagon Show"

The San Francisco Players Guild, a group of talented actors, have, for twenty-one years, provided live theater of high artistic and educational quality to children in their schools and communities. They have

become a looked-forward to annual event at Washington School, and this year the children will return from their Easter holidays Monday, March 30 to see a performance of "Wagon Show", a story of a farm boy who joins a wagon show. The play is set about a hundred years ago, and besides the sparkling entertainment, the story has historical significance. Adults are cordially invited to performances which will be given in the morning and afternoon. Call 232-1436 for the exact times of performance.

Folk Singer

Another program with adult-appeal will be presented at Washington School on April 3; and adults are cordially invited. A surprise awaits in the auditorium, besides the shows....the very long awaited stage curtains will be up! Other curtains are still in the sewing stage, and will soon appear.

Back to the show -- Stan Wilson, authority on folk music, drama, and creative expression for children, radio and TV entertainer, composer of songs for children will appear at Washington Auditorium April 3 at 1:10 and 2:00!

Mr. Wilson entered the field of folk music for children eight years ago when he made his first appearance in the classroom. Since that time, his interest has increased until he often has refused other important engagements in order to work with young people. He and Mrs. Green (teacher in the first class in which he appeared) have taped several concerts for children throughout the schools in California.

At the present time, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Green are meeting weekly to study Navajo music and to develop material for the NDEA Institute Navajo TESL. It is hoped that not only folk music but drama and creative language experience will result.

Mr. Wilson's presentation sounds like a show you won't want to miss. Put the date and time on your calendar, and join the kids in an afternoon of folk music and fun.

THINGS JAPANESE

A timely slide-lecture will be presented at Contra Costa College on Tuesday, April 7, at noon in the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall. Timely for us, at least, since the lecture concerns the island nation of Japan, and it happens, coincidentally, that this issue contains two articles on Japan -- one by former residents residing in Japan, and one by a resident who just returned from a Japanese tour.

Jon Markham Morrow, geographer and member of the social science faculty of CCC, will demonstrate in his illustrated lecture, the impact of traditionalism versus modernity in the life of Japan. All four major islands are covered in the presentation, from the lush terrain and volcanic vistas of southern Kyushu to the forested expanses and remote villages of the Ainu people of Hokkaido island in the north. Morrow's ability to capture all aspects of social, economic and political realities through his personal interviews and investigation, along with an expert use of the camera has been appreciated by numerous audiences in California.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

THINGS BEING RECTIFIED

There has been tremendous reaction to the mistakenly cut down Plum tree on Washington Avenue. You will get an up-to-date picture from Dan Robertson's story this week, on what is being done to rectify the situation. One thing that would be well to know is that, at the time that last week's story came out, little real communication had taken place, and the situation was in a muddle. In the middle of the muddle was Mr. Salvato, being head of the Parks and Recreation Department. When he received an irate call about the tree, it was the first time he had heard of the situation, and it had to be confirmed within the department, and with the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Spinola. The

situation could have been clarified 4. immediately had the tree cutters reported their own mistake. The situation, caused by poor communication both before and after the incident, delayed direct action until Monday, when the Spinolas and the Department did get together. As with most errors, the final responsibility lies with the head of the department, who had not direct connection with the matter, but is stuck with it.

THINGS MESSY

Speaking of responsibility, the responsibility for the litter in the Point is not indirect, or a result of poor communication.

Much of it comes as a result of unethical use of the trash cans placed on corners in the business district. They become overfilled because of their use by residents and businesses as private garbage cans. This may not be against the law, but it certainly isn't ethical. When they overflow, the litter blows all over the Point, and people who use their own garbage cans, and keep their yards clean are forced to contend with other people's garbage. The corner trash cans are placed there for the purpose of preventing litter. They would have to be bottomless to accomplish that purpose. Saving yourself some money by using publicly owned trash boxes can cause a greater expense for others, who have to help pay for city clean-up and trash pick-up with their tax money. The use of the school's trash box for private garbage is also a direct, irresponsible act.

WEST SIDE LIBRARY

Since there is a dearth of good films and right now and a plethora of new picture books, there will be a children's story hour tomorrow morning instead of movies. Many of these stories are real knee-slappers and all will surely tickle the funny bone. Eleven o'clock is the starting time.

... Mary Burkhard.

RICHMOND

----- FIFTY YEARS AGO -----

(As Seen Through Articles
From Old Richmond News-
Papers).

March 20, 1920.....

"INDUSTRIES ARE NEEDED HERE"

"The great Standard Oil Refinery has carried Richmond as far as can be expected, and the city must now do something for itself or remain a "one factory" town with little growth."

March 20, 1920..

"PROSPERITY IN STORE FOR RICHMOND"

"Richmond business men report that business conditions are better than ever before, indications pointing to a more prosperous year than the city has ever known."

March 24, 1920...

"A MILLION OF PEOPLE'S COIN JEOPARDIZED"

"It is almost beyond human belief that any set of public officials, chosen by the people to guard the people's best interests.... could not only sit placidly by, and see the people lose a million dollars, but actually aid in bringing about such a loss-- yet that is exactly the position the city council of Richmond has placed itself in... Monday night City Wharf manager Misner reported that unless drastic steps were taken soon the city stood to lose its immense investment in the municipal harbor, channel and wharf, for the reason that the channel was slowly but surely filling in for lack of being protected by bulkheads and retaining walls."



March 26, 1920.....

"CRIME WAVE SWEEPS ALL RICHMOND"

"Bandits entered the Santa Fe Station but were unable to secure any appreciable amount of loot.... two other holdups and a house burglary occurred on the same night..."

March 25, 1920....

FEDERAL AGENTS RAID THE POINT

"Federal agents with aid of local police raid two places, one at 53 Vine Street at the Point, and found a completely equipped still for making liquor. The bottom of the copper tank was wet, and it is the opinion of the officers that while they were searching one part of the house and before the still was located, the mash was dumped. In addition, 500

gallons of wine were discovered which they sealed up with government stamps."

March 24, 1920....

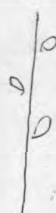
"SUGAR UP AGAIN...."

"The sweetening staple attained new heights yesterday when San Francisco refiners boosted the price another dollar per hundred pounds, effective immediately."

At the Richmond Theater, Anita Stewart starred in "Mind the Paint Girl", a drama about stage life. The ad included the caption: "Young man! Beware of the painted beauties of the stage!"

WASHINGTON PLAYGROUND

NEWS



The Playground will be open from
10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
during Easter Week, except for Friday,
when we will close at 12 noon.



WEDNESDAY: March 25.

Keller's Beach Hike, from 11 a.m. to 2:00
p.m. Bring your lunch. Anyone wishing to
go should come and pick up a permission
slip, which must be returned by Tuesday,
March 24.



THURSDAY, March 26

EASTER EGG HUNT -- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
At Belding School, Eighteenth and Coalinga.
Cost: 15 cents.

There will be games and prizes. Money
must be turned in to Recreation leaders by
4:00 Tuesday, March 24.

Transportation will not be provided, so
anyone who could help out by driving would
be greatly appreciated.



TUESDAY, March 31

The second phase of the YO-YO Contest
will be held at 3:30 p.m.



TUESDAY - April 7

Arts and Crafts will feature KITE Building
and decorating. All materials except kite
string will be provided. The class time is
3:30 to 4:45.

..Judy Davis & Harold Crawford,
Recreation Leaders

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VITTORIO BIANCHIN

A great loss to his family and his many
friends was felt at the death this week of
Vittorio Bianchin. Mr. Bianchin, who lived
here for 44 years after moving here from
Italy, was a retired employee of the Standard
Oil Company. His pleasant face and friendly
words will be missed by Point residents.

Mr. Bianchin is survived by his wife,
Mrs. Antonietta Bianchin, his daughter,
Mrs. Mary Highfill of Crest Avenue, and
a Son Bruno of Santa Clara, and a brother.
He had five grandchildren and one great-
grandson.

TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

Carol Darling
Carol Paasch
Virginia Cherniak
Lillian Bethel
Allan Smith, jr.
Dorothy Selzer
Rick Schuldt
Jean Knox
Lisa Hein
Grandma Ann Keller
Margaret Rogers (we're late!)

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

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March 21 has been proposed as "Earth  
Day" by John McConnel. He wants it to be  
a special day "to remember earth's tender  
seedlings of life and people, a day for plant-  
ing trees and grass and flowers, for cleaning  
streams and wooded glades." A pleasant idea--  
and it puts us all out in this beautiful sunshine.

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Nowadays when you see someone running
down the street you don't know if he is cha-
sing someone, trying to catch the bus, or is
just exercising!

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7. Hospitalized: Hal Burleaud who is at Kaiser in Richmond, and Henrietta Beck, Brookside. Both are very ill.

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"Germe" have kept Dwight Eaton abed and off the job for several weeks. During this time he has discarded his "cigarette crutch" and to him we give the gold star of the month award.

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Pam Poulsen, daughter of the Stanley Poulsen, has made the Dean's list at UC Santa Barbara.

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Lady to Grocer: "I'll have 20 cents worth of potatoes, please."

Grocer: "How about a whole one?"

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When you hear the nightly Helicopter traffic control pass overhead you know it is time you had the dinner menu under control too.

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Easter Vacation and semester breaks bring the college students home to the Point. Good to see you around!

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If you've ever been nine hours without water--during which time lunch AND dinner must be prepared, you know how valuable a commodity water can be. About seven o'clock last Tuesday the gurgling, spurting sounds of the refilling pipes was as welcome to the households along Tewksbury as it must have been to the hungry crew working overtime to accomplish it.

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Coming in April, a MYSTERY DINNER for members and friends of the Women's Society of the Methodist Church to be prepared by Edna Hathaway and Dorothy Selzer?????

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Patrice Wilson leaves Friday for an Easter holiday in Mexico!

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After many hours of compilation by Carol Smith, the new church directory is complete and ready for distribution.

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Anglo Turchie saw a need and filled it! The waxed floors, gleaming brass, sparkling windows, lemon-scented and polished pews, reflected the many hours he spent last Saturday to brighten the inside of the Methodist Church

--and all the members say a grateful "thanks" to him.

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It was standing room only last Sunday afternoon at the Point Methodist Church when Campfire Girls, leaders, former members, and friends in District III held special services to observe the first law of Camp Fire, worship God. In their colorful uniforms and ceremonial jackets and gowns the Bluebirds, Camp Fire Girls, Junior Hi and Horizon Club members participated in the program they had prepared with Rev. Richard Smith. In attendance was Uldine Adams-Nickola, a member of the first group which began at the church in 1915, who became an instant 'celebrity' with one of the little Bluebirds even asking for her autograph!

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Horizon Club members thank Jean Doellstedt and Jean Allyn (and the PCP for the advertising) for the clorox type bottles which they used to convert into clever duck Easter Baskets to be filled and delivered on Monday to the Hilltop Children's Development Center for the Mentally Handicapped. While there, they will tour the facility and learn about the summer teenage volunteer program.

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Cindy Forbes and Larry Osofsky will repeat their marriage vows Friday evening from atop Nicholl Nob.

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Pamela Thompson and Ronald Everhart will be married on Saturday at the Trinity Episcopal Church, followed by a reception and luncheon at the Holiday Inn. Pam is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Thompson. Dr. Thompson lived on Scenic Ave. while he was growing up in the Point.

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Another wedding of interest on Saturday is that of Stephanie Fox and Russell Greenlaw who will be married at Northbrae Community Church. Russell is the son of Bob and Francis Greenlaw, who now live in San Carlos.

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Parents must remember that no matter what they tell their child, it is their own behavior pattern he will follow.

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OF Man and Nature

The Oakland Museum is offering a series of illustrated lectures at the Museum Theater, at no charge. One of the lectures has already passed, but there are two more: Make a note.

On Tuesday, April 14, at 8 p.m., Dr. Nathan Cohen, director of the Department of Letters and Sciences, UC Extension Services, will present a superb collection of slides, developed over the past 20 years, to accompany his informative lecture on "Amphibians and Reptiles of California and the World." By avocation, Dr. Cohen is a naturalist, herpetologist and photographer of renown.

On Tuesday, May 12, at 8 p.m., samples of Indian foods, dyes and fibers will supplement the discussion of how these things were made and how they were used, when Wayne Roderick, Senior Horticulturist for the UC Botanical Garden lectures on "Indian Uses of California Plants." Mr. Roderick has thoroughly researched his topic and his presentation is unique. (Invite a group -- or a class to attend these lectures!)



THE Snake Race!

Thousands of lunch time thrill seekers converged on Zellerbach Plaza in San Francisco on Tuesday, March 17 to watch 70 reptilian racers slither in the annual KABL St. Patrick's Day snake race.

Among the entrants was KQED, sponsored by East Bay supporters of the KQED-TV Auction. Despite the urging of his trainer Mrs. Janet Welch of Oakland, (a Stanford graduate in Biology) and the raucous rooting of his fans, Kqued failed to capture any laurels. Radio Station KABL awards cash prizes as well as advertising time to the group sponsoring the winner.

Kqued's rooting section included several local residents: Mrs. William MacFaden, Richmond-El Cerrito area publicity chairman, for the KQED Auction; Mrs. David M. Rogge; Mrs. Bruce Beyaert; Mrs. Rudolph Daniel, who heads the solicitation committee; Miss Mary Alice Lee, and Mrs. Gary L. Steyaert.

The Solano Pet Shop of Berkeley donated Kqued.

The Annual KQED Auction will be held at the Palace of Fine Arts from May 22 to May 31 this year, and will be broadcast on Channel 9 on evenings and weekends, when most people can enjoy the excitement of this entertaining affair.



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Point Teens

by Arthea Senger

Along with all the fine things happening at the Point, we are suffering a great loss. Gregg Cook, Senior Recreation Leader and long time friend to Point Richmond youths is leaving us tonight. He is being sent by the Pacific Telephone Company for a special 3-month management training in New York and then will be transferred to their San Francisco office. Good luck Gregg, but we'll miss you.

Thank you Central Pool Hall for putting new tips on our pool cues. They are really lasting, thanks to your excellent workmanship.

Thanks also to Mrs. Butler who is letting us use her back lots for a vegetable garden. We will be starting work at 10 a.m. Friday. Can we have volunteers to pull weeds?

If you have seen a change in our Friday night dances, it has been due to parent participation. Four parents have been taking over duty patrolling the outside while teen leaders are inside. Tonight we will be having two bands, "The Bus" and the "East Side Coalition."

Point residents, be looking out for special pins titled "Have you Smiled at a Teenager Today?" Doris LeDonne and Lucretia Edwards will be distributing them .. a wonderful idea. Thank you Lucretia!

CAMP FIRE *Girls*

The YoTa Ni Camp Fire Girls went to visit the Doll House at Port Costa on Wednesday. She had so many dolls. She had an old-fashioned desk with dolls at it. There were boy dolls, papier maché dolls, wooden dolls, paper dolls, so many dolls. There were paper dolls with silk clothes from Korea. It was really amazing.

Our group also had charge of the flag ceremony at the PTA meeting this month.

.....Sandra Kinter.



the Plum Tree

(A SAGA IN THREE PARTS)

PART II

by Dan Robertson

Ah, you effective devils out there!

With you people on the job, the world cannot go too far wrong.

Thanks to you, we are in Part Two of the Plum Tree Saga. Part Two is the Response and Promise. Part Three, will be , hopefully, the Delivery.

The response by people of the Point and surrounding communities to the news that the City had chopped down a huge flowering plum tree was immediate, dynamic and effective.

You called, wrote letters, and offered cash and services.

Some of you, I know by name: Jerry, Judy, Donna, Millie, Carol, Pat, Ed, Dick, Bill one, Bill two, Bill three, Jack and Mrs. Jack, Janet, George, Joe, Elsie, Rebecca, Doug, Jim and others.

Some of you, I have seen but don't know: The man who beeped his horn as he drove by on Washington Avenue, waved an envelope out the window and shouted: "Here's my letter!"

The lady who paused in front of the place where the plum tree was and said, "It's a damn shame, but don't worry. I've written four letters already, and I'll call everybody at city hall on Monday!"

Some of you, I don't know by name and have never seen, but you know who you are. You are all part of the Plum Tree Saga.

In these times of vast and complex world problems, it is stunning to realize how many people are willing to fight for the return of a single plum tree on a single street in a small community. It is joyful experience to discover how many people, of every age and every political persuasion, are willing to write letters, make phone calls, and appear before City Councils to petition for justice in the face of a wrong that does not even measure on the world or national scales of injustice. (cont. p.17)

Election Highlights

STUDENT COUNCIL CAMPAIGN ASSEMBLY HELD AT WASHINGTON SCHOOL

On Wednesday, March 11, the students running for office in the Student Council gave their campaign speeches in the auditorium. Their supporters also presented skits to further their candidacy. The following people were running for President of the Student Council:

Bruce Benjamin, Jimmy Comer, Pamela Johnson, and Michael Trowbridge.

For Vice President the candidates were: Garry Collins, Lawrence Hopkins, Reynold Javellana, and Dwayne Williams.

These people were running for Secretary:

Angela dela Torre, Diana Mertle, Elwood Mitchell and Debbie Smith.

The following people were elected:
President: Pamela Johnson
Vice President: Dwayne Williams
Secretary: Angela de la Torre

The Student Council meets every Tuesday at 12:20 p. m. in Room 4.

....Shelly Amantite



An Old Irish Verse 10

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

courtesy Victoria Peterson

F.D.R.

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11.



The first sign of the Zodiac is Aries (March 21 to April 19). Aries stands for action. You are the pioneer, always seeking new fields of endeavor; competent, confident, you have the power to rise above adversity. Mars, your ruling planet, gives you a vast amount of energy. You are a human dynamo. As an Aries native, you are starting a new cycle of existence, of experience, and if you so desire, advancement toward the ultimate goal of perfection. You are in a hurry to get on with it. Development is mental, physical and emotional. Aries have become pioneers in numerous educational and entertainment fields. You desire knowledge for its value, not for display. . Imaginative and enthusiastic, you will step boldly into areas where angels fear to tread. Because you envision a project as a reality, you are apt to become bored with the idea long before completion. To fulfill the portents of your sign, you would do well to practice patience and perseverance. Only then will you enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done. Physical exercise is important to counteract nervous tension and resulting digestive upsets. You have excellent recuperative powers-- you have only to use moderation in all activities.

THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA was a great success. There was a very nice crowd, and many old acquaintances were renewed.

Winners of the door prizes were Kathryn Head, Pat Davis and Mrs. Ceremoney. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Lt. Col. Allen Downey spent a few days here with his mother, Marion Downey of Crest Avenue, on his way to Viet Nam for a year. This is his second tour of duty in Vietnam. His wife and six children will remain in Kentucky during his absence.

Just returned from a delightful tour of Japan are Mr. and Mrs. William Kretzmer of Western Drive.

Bill Tullock removed his barbecue pit as a smog control device -- that's really sacrificing!

Friday, March 20th, the Vernal Equinox will occur at 4 p.m. P.S.T.; This is midnight, GMT.

The Central Pool Hall celebrated the St. Patrick Birthday Party for : Katherine Rushing, Elmer Chandler, Nancy Peres, Glen Stevenson, Bill Bedwell, Lloyd Crague, Gabe Gulart, Sylvia Jones, Al Pittman, Joe Navarini, Bill Dawkins, Hank Maple and George Meadows Jr. Bob Lutz of the Galloping Valliants played the music for the party.

EXPO'70

by Gerrie Kretzmer

On March 14th Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako officially opened the Fair. On March 15th, Jufita Tours provided us with two cars and a guide in Tokyo, and the promised day at Expo '70. What they had neglected to mention to us was that the guide had not been to Expo'70 yet, though he was a personable, knowledgeable, English-speaking student, and also that our "day" would end at 1 p.m. at the Osaka Airport with a plane for Tokyo and home. So in typical American tourist style, we bought a map and boarded a Monorail which is crowded but free and circles the entire 815 acres of the Fair. It provides rapid transit to any point on the perimeter. Next we climbed into a six-passenger Skyride -- a rainbow bubble that floats through the center of the Fair. In quiet comfort we looked down on a parade of drum majorettes and police of all nations. For a closer view, we walked onto the moving sidewalk -- "Trottoirs Roulants." The efficient Japanese have also provided other

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Notes from Japan

(Mr. and Mrs. Richard Egusa and son Sean are living in Japan while Richard is stationed there with the Marine Corps. The following excerpts were taken from a letter from Susan, who misses the Point, but seems to be enjoying Japan, too.)

We took a trip to Tokyo a few weeks ago. Sean was absolutely thrilled. He got to ride on an airplane and all kinds of trains--including that gorgeous new Bullet that travels between Tokyo and Osada at about 80 m.p.h. Unfortunately, the train stops at Osaka and you have to transfer to a creaky old train that is crowded, hot, and the food is worse than tasteless. Very few people eat in the dining car anyway. Instead you buy a small wooden box packed with cold rice, fish and octopus, then buy a bottle of beer, sake or tea and munch away. We visited friends up there and Richard's relatives by marriage, ate toriyaki (chicken shish-kebab), saw the kabuki theater and walked through the Ginza.

Richard's work does not really allow a very satisfactory home life. On his free days we try to get out and see some of the country. We finally purchased a small blue station wagon, after six months of bicycling (which is very good exercise, a lot of fun and very cold when it's 30 degrees with a stiff wind.) The other day we took an intriguing looking road and followed it till we crossed onto an island and the road ran out. En route we stopped at a restaurant for fried noodles (yakisoba) and met about six young men who were drinking beer, playing those machine games, and generally having a rousing good time. They played with Sean and tried to talk to us. As you can imagine, we do cause some comment. When they see Rick and find he can't speak Japanese they get confused or think he's Hawaiian or something. Usually they just assume he speaks Japanese and rattle off a long string of conversation. This can be a real disadvantage -- especially when we are lost and are seeking directions. We found this



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out when we tried to go to Kammura-kogi to ski. We got on the wrong bus and everytime we tried to get directions people assumed Richard had understood when he didn't. We finally went into a kissaten (coffee house) and got the proprietor to draw us a map and call the bus company. Then we had no trouble.

After visiting the Tokyo area I am quite pleased to be in Iwakuni. It's crowded and very Westernized (in a sort of synthetic way). Down here you can hop a bike and be in the country in a few minutes. The osoba (hot noodles in broth) and hot sweet potato vendors still push their little oven-carts down the streets and you can flag one down and buy a bowl of noodles or a sweet potato -- really a warming treat on a cold, grey day. You see men in kimono and geta (wooden shoes) clomping down the road and women in kimono carrying their children in a backpack. I have never seen a baby crying who was being carried this way. They are either looking around, little heads bobbing away, or are fast asleep.

You see all kinds of conveyances here. The farm people attach wheels to almost anything and use these strange looking contraptions to carry enormous loads around. You frequently see very old, tiny women shuffling along, wheeling a cart, wheelbarrow or child in a buggy. They are bent almost double from years of hard work in the rice paddies.

The river that runs through town is full of fishermen, boats, and, at low tide, clam diggers. The Japanese are always drying something on racks -- persimmons or fish seaweed.

The bathroom facilities are a bit hard to get used to. Being very practical-minded, they can see no good reason for having segregated facilities. So as you come charging out of a booth, it's not unusual to run right into a man who is relieving himself at one of the open urinals in the same room. I guess if you are an American man it's equally disconcerting to be so engaged and have several females walk in on you on their way to the booths. Of course, if you are a man or a small child, you don't need to use these facilities. You must use the nearest free space, and I do mean the nearest. I



have often seen men standing on a busy corner, urinating. At least they do turn their backs. But no one laughs or points and their attitude seems so healthy.

We are living in a trailer-turned-house. It was about the only thing large enough to receive all of our shipment. Japanese houses are charming, but small and with paper - thin walls. Hard to heat and hard to hook up for a clothes dryer -- almost a necessity when you have a baby and it rains for days and days during the monsoons. Here there are no such things as a convenient corner laundromat. So we reluctantly decided to live American. One advantage is that we are buying the trailer and because it is built on government property, there is no property tax.

There are many travel opportunities here. The base runs a free Hong Kong flight about once a month, and we're taking an inexpensive base-sponsored tour to Expo 70 next month.

I've been keeping very busy, taking lessons on how to make my own patterns, on flower arranging, and brush painting. In addition I've started subbing at the base schools. High school is great--there are only 6 to 10 in each class. But the elementary classes are full. I also teach English to four Japanese men each Friday evening. They read English very well but cannot understand spoken English.

.....Susan Egusa

Recipe



HEARTY PORTUGUESE SOUP

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This recipe was donated by Hazel Heater, whose excellent baked goods keep the "Point Richmond Recorder and Giggling Society" fat and happy.

1 pound pinto beans
1 medium size onions
dash cinnamon (Turn over for other half)
1 ring Linguica

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- 2 cans tomato sauce
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 cubed potato

Wash and soak beans over night. Drain water and use to cover beans and tomato sauce, minced onion, slices garlic, cinnamon, and 1/2" slices of Linguica. Simmer 2 1/2 hours. Add potato cubes and cook until potatoes are done. Add more seasoning if necessary. Serves 6-8.

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Lagoonistics

Easter week schedule for all but one of the East Bay Regional Park's swim facilities will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Don Castro Recreation Area will not be open for swimming until about May 1. The swim lagoon there has been drained to resurface the bottom to eliminate cloudy water conditions.

Lake Anza in Tilden Regional Park, Lake Temescal in North Oakland, Roberts Recreational Area on Oakland's Skyline Boulevard, and Contra Loma Regional Park near Antioch will all be open during Easter Week, and thereafter, until June 12, the 11 to 6 schedule will be retained on weekends and holidays.

*L*E*T*E*R*~

The reactions caused by the cutting down of the plum tree on Washington Avenue were great in number. Among letters sent to the city was one from Mr. Anderson of Western Drive, who also goes on to comment...

"I had a similar experience several years ago although on a much smaller scale. The city street department under the guise of painting a barricade (which didn't need painting) tore out two of my marguerite plants and threw them into the gutter of my neighbor across the street. A city street department official who listened to my complaint brought out the then head of the parks department and they promised to replace the plants "at the proper season." That was the last I ever heard of the matter and eventually I replaced them myself.

On the other hand, this new-fangled plaything with which the parks department boys are having so much fun reducing everything to sawdust might well be loaned out to the fire department when the latter cleans out the brush around the fire hydrants this spring. For years the firemen have been coming out to this area, doing this job and then heaving the brush, etc., into vacant lots, (if handy) or into nearby gutters leaving an eyesore for months to come. "

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Dear Editor,

Because there is in many of us a great concern and a sense of outrage over the tragic destruction of the beautiful plum tree that lived for 45 years on Washington Avenue, I am sending instead of one of mine, an exquisite poem by Joyce Kilmer written in 1914.

I have always considered it one of the loveliest poems I have ever read and I hope you will print it in Memorium to the Plum Tree.

Ethelyn Milton.

TREES

by Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast.

A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair,

Upon whose bosom snow has lain
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.



THE PLUM TREE,

cont. from page 9

Here are some citizens, members of the Plum Tree Saga:

. The young son of Ed and Pat Hoiland, who, upon discovering that the plum tree was gone, cried.

. A little girl, name unknown, who knocked on the door and said, "Hey, where is you guy's ig tree at?"

. A platinum-haired lady at the plunge who topped me in the hall and said, "Do you live ere?" When I nodded, she pulled out a Point Counterpoint and said, "Then would you sign his petition. Look here, we've got to get one f these trees back!"

. Twenty-three citizens who called to insist that the Plum Tree go on the City Council agenda this coming Monday and who promised

to appear in council chambers themselves. (One man said he could guarantee 150 citizens in those chambers, and peaceful ones at that.)

. A poetess. A photographer. A newspaperman. A mailman.

. A neighbor who came running over, shouting, "What the hell is the matter with you people over here? How come you cut down that tree you had out here!" When he heard we didn't cut it down, that the city did, by accident, I feared for the safety of those responsible.

. Four people who called up and offered funds to hire an attorney. (We turned them down. "Nah, we'd just spend it at the race track anyway," I told them. One of them wanted to know, in that case, did I have any hot tips for the Wednesday races.)

. One thin man, who said, "Those idiots, those knotheads, those nitwits, they're all like that in those city offices!" Would he send in a letter? "I can't," he said. Why not? "I work for the city," he said.

. And others, to the number of some hundreds.

Did all this response, did all this anger, did all this gentle and not-so-gentle concern do any good? What did the City say?

"We are going to bring you another plum tree," said Mr. Joe Salvato of the Parks department.

"We are looking for a suitable tree right now," said Mr. Nunes, the gentleman in charge of street trees in Richmond.

"Mr. Nunes is one of the best street tree men in America," said Mr. Salvato.

We believe them. Mr. Salvato called on Monday, after the story and petition appeared in the Point Counterpoint. Mr. Nunes came out Monday noon, personally, to find out the exact species of the tree that was cut down.

Mr. Nunes called again on Wednesday to assure us that he was still looking for a suitable tree. We have every faith that he will find one.

Mr. Nunes said that Joe and Elsei could go look at the tree the city finds, to approve it before the city brings it over

to replace the one chopped down. Mr. Nunes even said that if Joe and Elsie are unable to go personally to see the new tree, the City will bring them a picture of it for approval.

Those of you who have talked to Mr. Salvato and Mr. Nunes have been, apparently without exception, impressed with the sincerity of these men, and their concern about the matter. These men have assured us that it was not really the intention of the city to forget about the matter. The fact that nobody from the city contacted the owners of the tree and nobody promised to replace it until after phone calls were made, until after the Point Counterpoint story and petition were published and until after, presumably, the mail was delivered at City offices on Monday, was sheer coincidence and should not reflect upon the city.

Well....! Okay.

We believe. We are calm and trusting and hopeful citizens. We are patient. There is no tree yet to replace the tree cut down, but we are patient. We are only in Part Two of the Plum Tree Saga. We have responded and we have been given the promise. We citizens are waiting, patiently, and with understanding, for the conclusion, for Part Three, for the Delivery of the new tree. We realize that plum trees of such beauty as the one chopped down are not easy to find, so we are willing to wait until a suitable one is located. We are waiting with high expectations and happy feelings for the arrival and planting of the new tree.

We, dear City, are waiting.

EXPO '70 (continued from p.11)

transportation--a 5-passenger family car, and 6-passenger taxis similar to elephant train cars but more versatile.

From a distance we gazed at the Tower of the Sun - 198' high topped with a gold disc in the shape of a face, and lower on the white front, another face--in 'early Picasso-Rivera' style. The most spectacular pavilion was the gigantic curve of the Russian's--white on the outside, red inside, soaring upwards to a hammer and sickle. There were many beautiful waterfalls -- the Indian pavilion combined blue arches with tumbling water. Water is

everywhere -- in fountains and ponds 18. surrounding pavilions--one with clusters of gold minarets. The fair is dedicated to peace and harmony but the architecture is far from harmonious. It is a huge conglomeration of eye-appealing, emotion-producing geometric and organic shapes. Heavy industry is represented by two garish, brightly colored vinyl sex symbols. The U.S. pavilion, described elsewhere as a 'soggy waffle' resembles also the traditional Japanese comforter--a futon with a white quilted silk oval in the center, and a surrounding tan rectangle. There are many geodesic globes. The Japanese Pavilion has produced much comment. From the air, it's a five petal cherry blossom. From the ground, it's simply five huge gas tanks.

A beautiful permanent Japanese Garden lies all along one side of the Fair. It is quiet and restful and very beautiful with water running from one end to the other in many shapes; waterfalls, ponds, pools and streams. Because it is winter still, and the snow has been falling in the country, many of the trees are bare, and the grass is brown. But an occasional small tree with scarlet flowers blooms brightly and the shape of the gardens are plainly seen, and the powder puff pines are all around. (The trees are dressed in coats of rice straw to catch the Spring larva, which are then burned.) Inside a tea house, we watched a tea ceremony, were served thick, foamy, strong green tea by pretty girls with delicate gestures, dressed in kimono and obi; then paused to admire the pottery bowl in which it had been served.

The Museum of Fine Arts was close by, so we took a whirlwind tour. The theme is "Mankind is linked by heart" ... and his arts. We saw Japanese Haniwa figures, Bodhisattava statues from India, medieval art from Europe, Japanese screens--one showing "Perry's black ships" and Westerners with big noses. The Greeks, Romans and Assyrians were represented and French Impressionists, including five Cezannes. Contemporary art included sculptures by Arp, Claes Oldenburg (giant cigar butts!) and Henry Moore, and many, many paintings by Japanese artists.

Well, perhaps three hours is enough of that kind of rushing around. So we stopped for noodle

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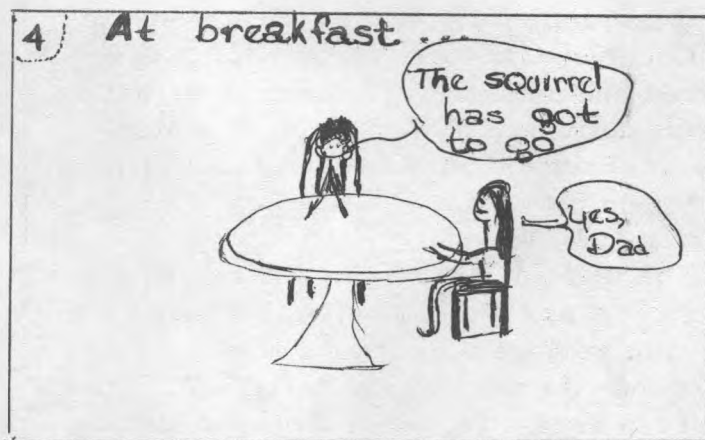
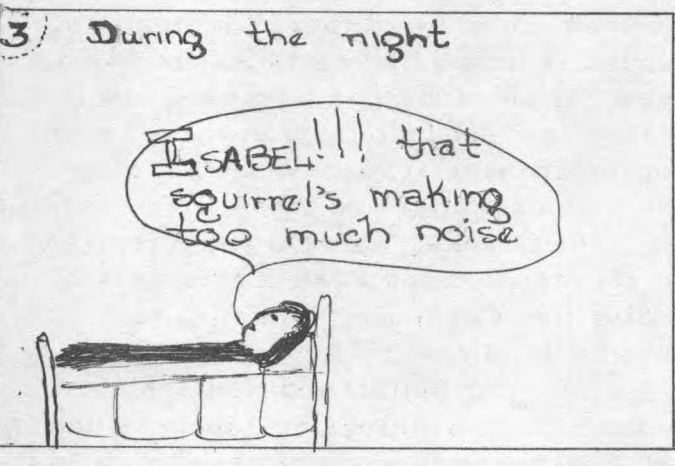
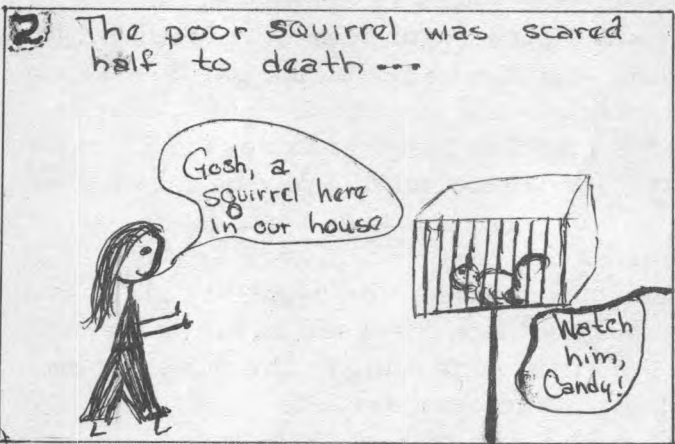
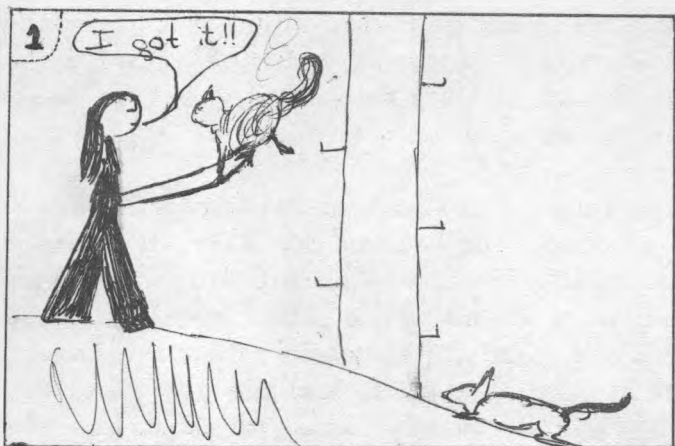


Paging the Younger Generation

MY PET, BLACKIE

by Isabel Austria

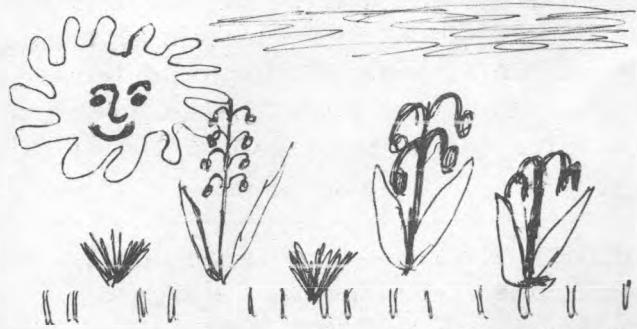
Part VI



to be continued....

Letters to Louise

The following letters were sent to Louise and Vel Hammond from their young relatives



Jessica Vaughan

DEAR LOUISE AND VEIL,
I SENT YOU SOME PICTURES.
HEIDI AND I BUILT A BIRD
FEEDING STATION. WE FEED
THE BIRDS SUET, BACON
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JESSICA VAUGHAN

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The winter is cold but nice,
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sledding, Ice Skating and
and ski Dooring. The Dog
Likes IT Too. I Made
an Igloo. We Have A River

Near Us. It Gets Down Below °0.

Thank you, Louise, for sharing these delightful pictures and letters with us. - Linda



The fifth letter of the alphabet is E. The small letter looks like this: e. The word elephant begins with e. Can you think of anything else than begins with e.

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter... next Sunday. The day is called Palm Sunday because it is the day to celebrate Christ's last entry into Jerusalem before his Passion, where palm branches were thrown in his path by the people. In some Churches, palm are used as decorations, and parts of the palm branches are given to each of the people.

Chlorals
Palm



La Jolla,
Calif

21. EXPO'70(cont.from p.18)
soup and sushi (rice cakes wrapped in seaweed). Noodle soup is not the easiest thing to eat with chopsticks, but we said, "sumi-ma-san" -- "Excuse me!" and slurped it up. And took a big plane back from the Land of Oz to reality.

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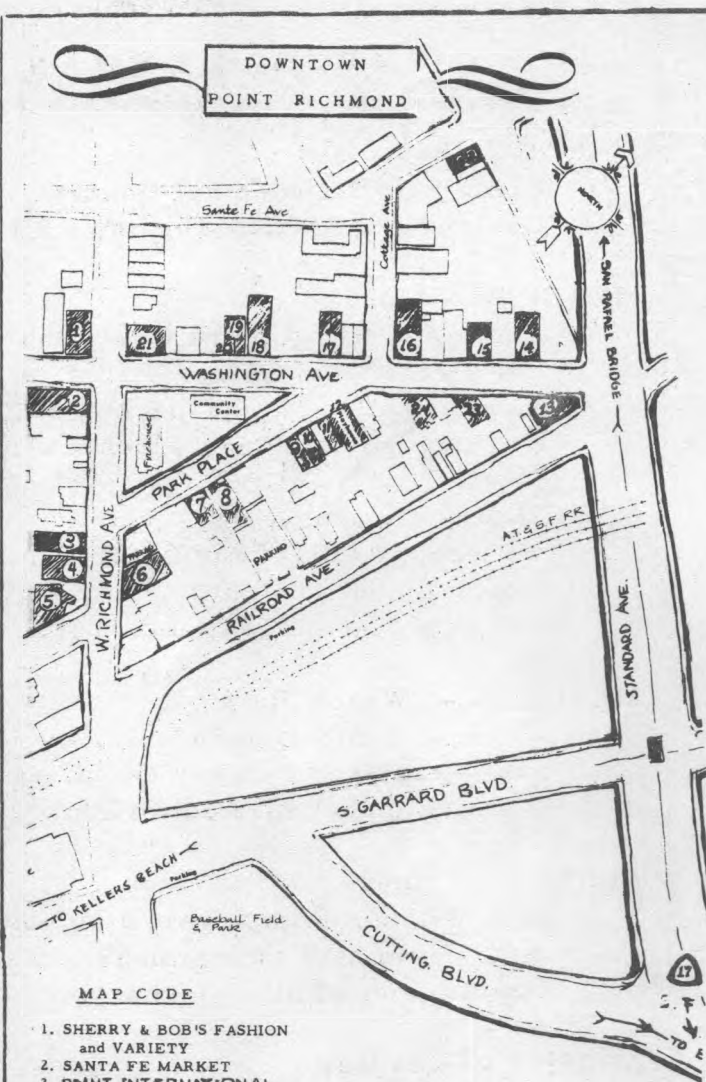
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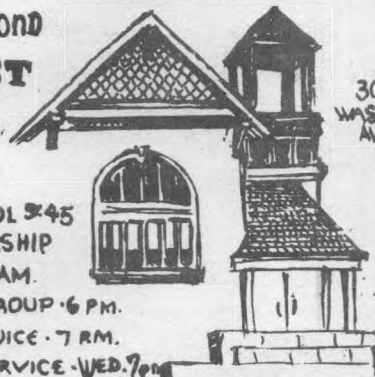
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