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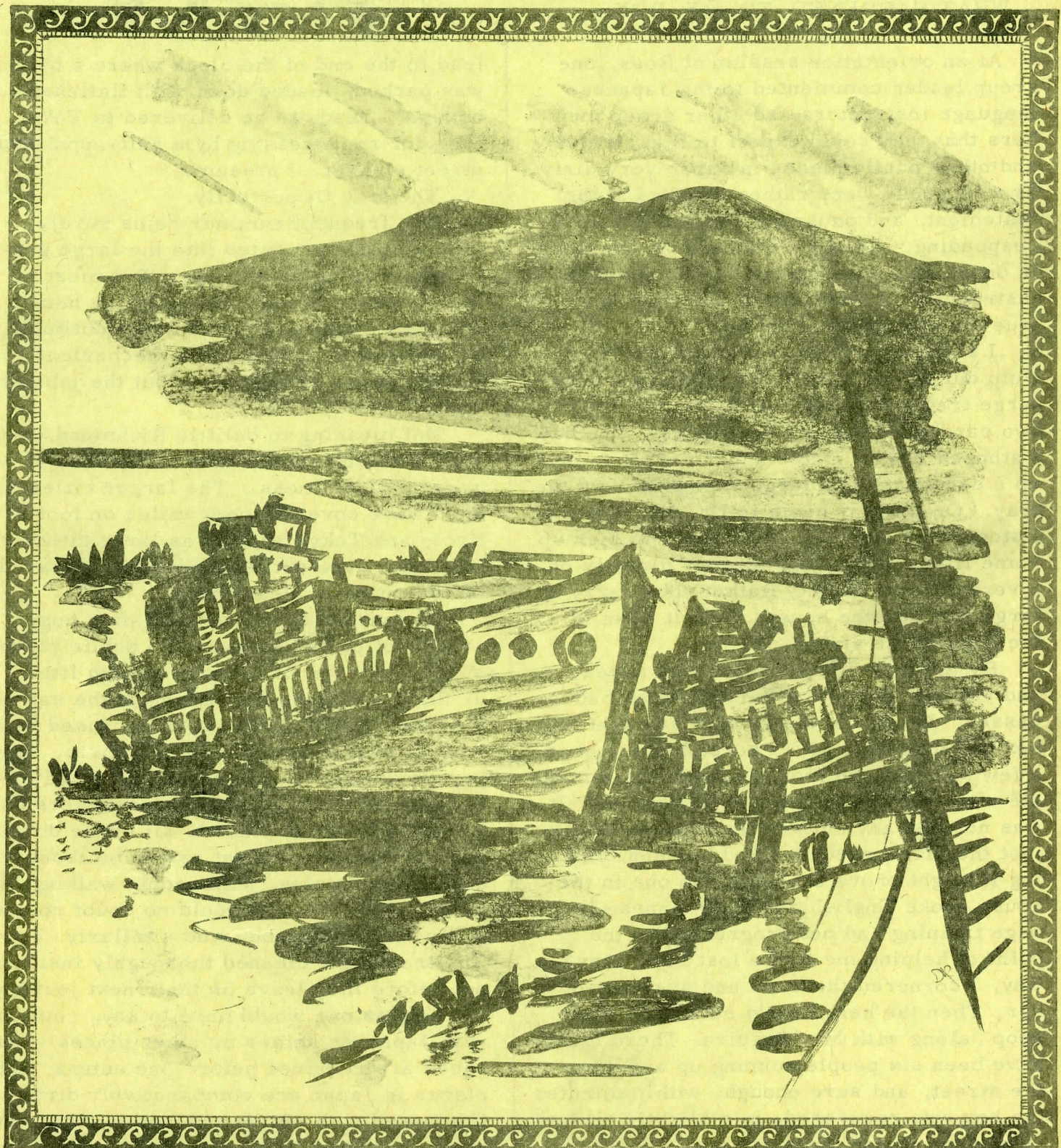
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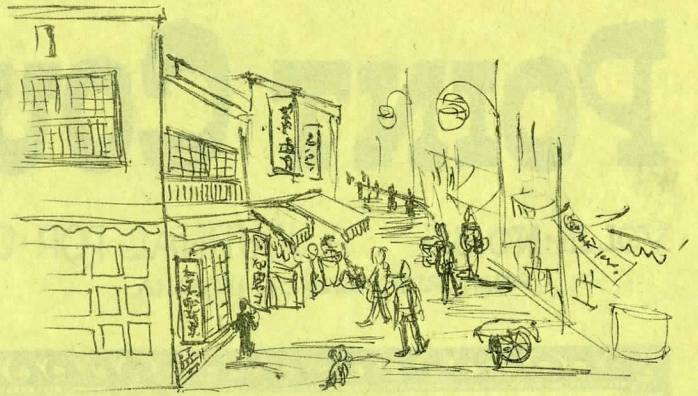


VIEWS of SHIMADA

THE CLEAN STREETS OF
SHIMADA,

or

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BOX



At an orientation session at Ross, one group leader commented to the Japanese language instructors and other group members that they could expect to find streets and other public places in Japan very dirty. The Japanese were rather shocked at the statement, and paused a long while before responding. I had read similar statements in books, but sensing the hurt pride of the instructors, I wondered at the time how true the statement could be.

I received a tray as a gift from Tokai Pulp during my visit there. It was a very large tray and would not fit into the first two cardboard boxes I sent home. One day I stopped in Mr. Ono's supermarket to pick up a cardboard box large enough to hold the tray. On the way home to Dr. Hayakawa's, I stopped by Mr. Sugiura's shop to pick up some film. His house borders directly on a very narrow street. Rather than carry a large box into the house, I sat it down at the edge of the street.

By the time I had drunk a cup of tea and visited, perhaps fifteen minutes had passed. Going out the door, I saw that my box had disappeared. I scratched my head a few seconds and looked around the immediate vicinity, but no box was to be found. It was not just any old box; I was sure it was just the size I needed. And besides, finding it might prove amusing. No one in the house spoke English and my Japanese language training had not progressed to the point of helping me find a lost box. Anyway, I cornered the maid and questioned her. Then the help flowed out of the photo shop, along with Mr. Sugiura. There must have been six people running up and down the street, and sure enough, within minutes the box was recovered, in a slightly altered shape; but it was the same box. Now I had to know... "Where did you find it?" I was

lead to the end of the block where a bicycle was parked, loaded down with flattened boxes.... ready to be delivered to Tokai Pulp for reprocessing by a self-appointed street cleaner, I presume.

The tray fit perfectly.

The frequent summer rains surely help to wash any litter into the large gutters bordering the streets. But most of the clean-up is undertaken by the house and shop owners, each of whom dutifully sweeps up his portion. No mechanical monsters are in evidence, but the job gets done.

Not meaning to belittle Richmond, but we don't even come close to Shimada in general cleanliness. The larger cities, too, and I have covered many miles on foot in Kyoto and Tokyo as well as large cities in the U.S., are not second rate compared to our cities in cleanliness.

Of course, it is true that after huge crowds of people have used a public place such as a train, it is covered with litter as the passengers disembark at the end of the line. Some of the litter is caused by the wish of people to be clean, not dirty. Newspapers are laid down in the aisles and between cars so that standing passengers have a relatively clean place to sit or lie down... and they are nonchalant as can be about lying down in the aisles, with people walking over them. A Westerner would no doubt receive a few stares if he behaved similarly, however. The trains are cleaned thoroughly inside and out before they leave on their next journey.

I guess one would have to say, compared with Japanese homes or other places where shoes are removed before one enters, public places in Japan are comparatively dirty. Compared with similar places in other countries, however, they rate quite well, I would say.

--Hagen-san

130,000 PAGES IN ONE WEEK, AND....

All 130,000 pages are now in various stages of assemblage on a dining room table somewhere in Point Richmond.... (The address is 229 Bishop, if you'd care to come and help the crew assemble the remains.)

Better yet, come to the party and see the results. The **PICNIC-IN-THE-POINT-PARK COOK BOOK** will be seen for the first time Sunday, December 8, from 2:00 to 5:00.... at 229 Bishop. Pre-Publication prices will prevail all afternoon - only \$1.50 for a fabulous collection of recipes from some of the Point's finest cooks. Everyone is cordially invited to attend, and if you can't come, DO order a book now, (or several, for Christmas giving), by calling Louise Hammond, 235-6717, Gertrude Harris, 233-5509, or any of the dozens of ladies involved in its production, or call this paper at 233-4999. After Sunday, the books will sell for \$2.00 -- (they're worth far more!)



Sample some of the tasty recipe results on Sunday at the Publication Party, enjoy mulled wine, tea, coffee, or try the bar, listen to the really "hip" music of the Point Richmond Recorder and Giggling Society -- playing way-out dance music of the sixteenth Century, and purchase books to your heart's delight. There are 1,000 copies to choose from! Proceeds will pay for slides, films, pamphlets, and other items involved in working on present and future shoreline parks.

SAVE YOUR MONEY FOR SUNDAY

Sunday is THE day for doing your Christmas buying. Not only can you buy the best cook book in town, but you can attend the Annual Art Center Bazaar at the Richmond Art Center, and select unusual gifts in all the art and craft lines, decorations for the holidays, and "tired treasures". The Bazaar begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Time your day so that you can take in both events. Jewelry, ceramics, lapidary, textiles, prints and Christmas decorations will all be available at the Art Center. It's the perfect place to find "just the thing" for the real problems on your list. Even people who have everything can't possibly have the one-of-a-kind items on sale Sunday.

Proceeds of the Bazaar will provide new equipment for classes and galleries.

CHRISTMAS ARTICLES--stories, poems, art work, etc., are especially welcomed at this time... Don't hesitate to send them to Point Counterpoint!

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ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A HILL...

Last Wednesday night's meeting of the Point Richmond Civic Group provided an opportunity to become "educated" concerning the physical environment of our city, and what changes may take place in it as a result of special interests.

If you ordered some topsoil for your yard, and the company providing it brought so much that your house was buried under a hill of topsoil, you might say that company had gone too far. If you actually gave in and paid for the amount delivered, simply because the company has employees who must be paid, some people might consider you foolish. However, when a company, established long before anyone could foresee the possibility of damage, quarries away a series of hills, going far beyond limits allowed in surrounding cities, Richmond condones the loss of landscape. After all, the company has been in operation for a long time, and it employs many people.

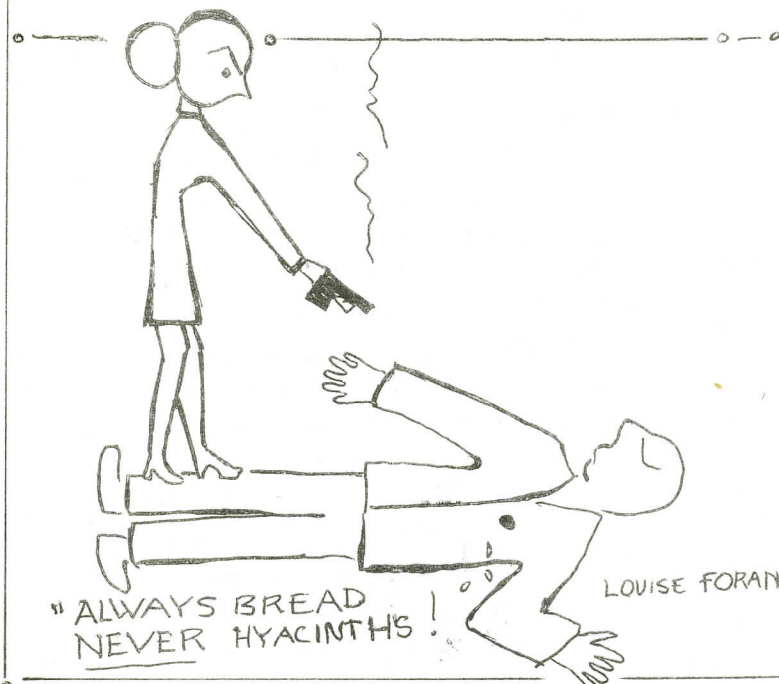
In 1965, people became aware of what drastic changes could take place in their physical surroundings when a plan to level the hillside adjacent to the old Terrace Housing came to light. Visualizing the result of such a plan, citizens caused it to halt. It is much more difficult to visualize on a large scale, and the quarrying operations taking place in Point Richmond may affect only our children--and they can always move.

Mr. Chuck Woodward of the Richmond Planning Department gave a complete background and accurate picture of quarrying operations here, and their eventual result. Also, apparent in the background was the fact that, although attempts have been made to limit the extent of earth removal from hills, ordinances which have been passed have been weak, and not enforced.

People usually react after the damage is done. "Save San Francisco Bay" association began after the disappearance of an entire hill on the bay at Point Isabel. The shock of seeing a hill leveled to the level of the road leading to Pt. Molate may very well create some "Save-the-Hillers"

but it really won't matter, at that point. A few people with vision are now working very hard to see that hills in our city are protected. Do we thank them--do we support them, or do we shake our heads, and stay uninvolved? A courageous woman named Gerrie Kretzmer has attempted to reactivate the many-times begun project of controlling grading. On January 2, the City's Planning Commission will consider whether further controls are needed. Since the city depends upon public pressure to enforce its plans, it is obvious that a great many people should attend the meeting, if they are at all concerned. Will you be there?

The meeting of the Civic Group was excellent, but, probably because pre-holiday activities have us all going in circles, the meeting was not as well attended as it should have been, and the election of officers will be held in January, when people (hopefully) have more time. The excellent film shown that evening, related to the development of a shoreline park might be shown again--if enough people are interested in seeing it.



Reminiscing

WITH DON CHURCH

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

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DECEMBER 9, 1902

## "SCHOOL BOARD WILL BUILD ON THE OLD SITE"

(No sooner had the two-room school, located at the corner of Castro and Standard, been built than it was overcrowded. Plans were then made for the construction of a six-room, two-story school. It was completed in the fall of 1903, or somewhere between October and January 1.

John Nicholl had been quite thrifty until this time, when he offered a plot of land now known as "Fern Park", located in a gully behind the Repose home at the top of Montana Avenue.)

"Indications are that the school board will place the new building on the site belonging to the district on Tewksbury Avenue. Nothing has grown out of the attempt to secure a better and more sightly location, except considerable ill feeling, and as this has about worn off now, it will be well to forget the whole matter and allow the board to place the new structure on the Tewksbury site.

Indeed, excepting the Washington Avenue location, which it now seems cannot be secured, the Record believes this to be the best of any yet proposed and most convenient to the majority of the school patrons. The fact of the school being located in that part of town will have a tendency to keep the moral

atmosphere in the neighborhood pure, and after all it is perhaps wisest to let matters rest where they are. "

DECEMBER 9, 1902

## "BETTER LOAD UP YOUR SHOTGUNS"

(Life on the Wild West Side.....)

"Point Richmond citizens had better load their shot-guns with a good quality of bird shot and turn loose the bull dog, for there's a tough gang of hobos in town, and judging from their appearances they would not hesitate to rob and even murder to secure plunder.

"Today these toughs--there are fifteen or twenty of them--are engaged in begging from everybody about town and tonight they will probably scatter about singly or in pairs to rob and steal from the inhabitants. Better put your valuables in a

safe place until they are fired out of town. "

(If they appeared in town now, you'd hardly notice them!)

## "ANNIVERSARY TEA"

"The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal Church will give their "Anniversary Tea" tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon

at the home of Mrs. Frank Critchett, between the hours of two and five. It will be a very pleasant affair and everybody is invited to attend.





# HISTORY

## IN THE MAKING

by Ethel Kerns

● The exhibit at the Richmond Museum for this month should be of great interest to Point Richmond people. It is a tribute to "Maj" Ivan Hill, one of the first people to build on the water front. He was a greatly beloved recreation director for the Richmond Schools, and his wife Ruby taught school in Berkeley. During the 1920's he had the most wonderful winning football teams in the history of the high school. After his death, last year the museum was given his mineral collection as well as other items of interest, such as pictures of his winning teams, and many awards for his school and civic activities. One of the finest awards is a Japanese doll modelled from the Kabuki theater which was given to Mr. Hill by the Sino-Japanese people for his efforts in their behalf during the war. This exhibit can be seen on any Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30. The museum will be closed however, for the Christmas holidays, December 22 to December 29.

● Don Church, who grew up in Point Richmond and is now retired from the Standard Oil Company, took his usual two months trek to Alaska. He met many other hardy souls who had travelled the Alcan highway and made new friends among new arrivals on their vacations. Don contributes articles on early Richmond to Point Counterpoint, and is also a member of the Richmond Museum Association. At the last meeting of the Museum he showed wonderful pictures of the scenery he traveled through and visited. His pictures of the salmon jumping over barriers on their spawning return to the rivers are spectacular. The close ups show the tremendous size of the fish. It provided an exciting evening for the members who enjoyed the armchair expedition.

● The old landmark, Richmond Women's Club House will soon be gone. The Redevelopment Agency is buying the land, and about next June, the Grand old lady will be no more. Built in 1915 by the Women's Improvement Club, it has served many useful purposes. It was used as a hospital during the "flu" epidemic, with the members of the Richmond Improvement Club and the West Side Improvement Club serving as nurses, kitchen help and janitors. For many years most of the really elegant social affairs were held at the club house. Dances, wedding receptions, church gatherings, card parties and many social functions of the various lodges were held here. Now with the downtown area changing, the building will be torn down, since it is too old, and needs too many innovations to be moved. The women of those days of 1920's and 30's were responsible for many projects benefitting the city. The task of keeping up with the mortgage and making the interest during the depression was a hard job, but names such as Mrs. Carl Alexander, Mrs. Sam Ripley, Mrs. Wm. Smiley, Mrs. E. Paasch, Mrs. T. T. Cramer, are but a few of the hard-working women who were part of this undertaking. The present members offer a real salute to those hardy pioneers.

## In Case You're Wondering

SUGGESTIONS (some as forceful as demands) have been heard all through the downtown section of Point Richmond, on the color Sherry and Bob should have painted their store, at Washington and West Richmond. To those who have simply asked, "Is that really the color they're going to paint the store?", the answer is, "No." It is the primer coat, and when the final color is applied to the entire building, it really should look pretty snappy. Not as sedate as the old bank it once was, perhaps, but attractive.... so hold off judgment till then.



# A WINNING TRIO OF NEW BOOKS AT THE WEST SIDE

by Mary Burkhard

THE SENATOR by Drew Pearson centers on the career of Senator Benjamin Hannaford, richest man in the Senate, whose quest for power illuminates the strategies and maneuvers, the privileges and prerogatives of the one-hundred men who control the destiny of the nation. One-hundred men whose goals are subjected to the stress and strain of their individual strengths and weaknesses. Here, too, are the conflicts and deals, the blackmail and bribes, the hopes and fears affecting the public and private lives of the ambitious men and women who make Washington the world's most important city. It's quite a story.

THE NAKED SWORD by Frank Kenyon is a novel of the life and times of Lucretia Borgia. She is drawn with the full color and richly voluptuous splendor of the period of which she is the epitome, and the characters grouped around her are equally vital; her father, the Borgia pope, not altogether without nobility in his character; her intriguing, unscrupulous brother, instigator of the evil acts which threatened to overwhelm her life; her three husbands, strongly contrasted in personality; and Giulia Garnese, at once her lady of honor and her father's mistress. Their intertwined story is played out in scenes as sharp in their etching as the symbolic sword held naked above Lucretia's head at her wedding, signifying faithfulness... or death.

THE BEATLES: THE AUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY by Hunter Davies is a mature biographical assessment of the four most famous young men in the world. By illuminating the facts, from John and Paul's personalities to the creation of their present-day songs, Hunter Davies makes the reasons for their success

apparent. For the first time, the events leading up to the death of Brian Epstein are made public. This is not a fan book, though the author digs the Beatles; it is a social document of our times.

HAPPY READING !!



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# 7. TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan

USED STAMPS are needed to send to Veterans' Hospital, where they are used in therapy. Being collected by the Richmond Junior Women's Club, the stamps must be left with at least an inch border around them, and can be left at the Richmond Supply Company on West Richmond Avenue, or call 234-5334 for pick-up. With the heavy holiday mail, remember to save your stamps for a good cause.


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DAVID VALENTINE is home from the navy on a thirty-day Christmas leave.

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The best cosmetic in the world is an active mind, always finding something new.

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And, speaking of cosmetics, have you seen the color of eyes GERTRUDE PAASCH has had since her fall last Tuesday in her home!

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Where is GERTRUDE BERRY? Hopefully, not ill.

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CLARENCE Street East welcomes a very pleasant and entertaining newcomer to the neighborhood--a friendly red squirrel.

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While enjoying ten days in Arizona, with her sister, Hattie Belle Potts, TRANNIE DORNAN still finds the Point the best place to live.

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FUNERAL services were held on Tuesday for Henry Neu of 763 Ocean Avenue, who died last Friday while on a hunting trip near Dixon. A retired Standard Oil employee, he had



lived here for the past 63 years. Henry is survived by his sister, Julia Berger of the Point, and Mrs. Margaret Wright of Paradise, and two brothers, Fred and Edward of Richmond.

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A movie goer standing in line for nearly an hour finally reached the box office. "That'll be \$1.85," said the ticket seller. Glancing over the box office, the customer grumbled, "You call \$1.85 a popular price?" "Well," replied the girl sweetly, "we like it."

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When the WOMEN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of the Methodist Church holds their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 11 at the Pinole home of Dorothy Selzer, they are asked not only to bring a \$1 exchange gift, but also a sample of their favorite Christmas cookie, which will be boxed and sent to servicemen from the church, who are away from home at this time.

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The GARY SMITHS have moved into a home on one of our favorite spots in the Point.... 424 High Street is like a private estate, in our mind!

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Mutt: "Did you hear about the young couple that had a baby boy and they named it after the boy's grandfather?"

Jeff: "You mean they named him Grandpa?"

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SOME RECIPES in the new "Picnic in the Point Park CookBook" had to be left out--the book doubled in size as work progressed, and reached its absolute capacity. There were many fine recipes that were regretfully omitted, and we hope to be able to publish them in Point Counterpoint. (cut them out & paste them in!)

Fishing AT THE BAY

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A poem submitted by Marlys Revnold's reading class at Washington School.....

I like to catch fish
It makes a good dish.
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And fish all day.
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by Johnny Holmes
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... SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

We've all forgot SIR FRANCIS DRAKE
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In this here space the paper grancis.

He lived to rove the Seven Seas,
Depending on the Ocean breas,
To fill the sails of his fine boat,
And carry him to spots remoat.

A handsome chap, his suave decorum
Had all the ladies going forum.
In fact, QUEEN BESS, in regal fashion,
Found DRAKE could wake her royal passion.

About this time in BESSIES reign
The BRITISH had a war with SPEIGN.
The SPANIARDS sent a thousand frigates
To conquer all those BRITISH bigates.

But to the rescue FRANCIS raced
And sank those frigates in all haced.
So for his valor BESSIE thanked him,
One evening in her inner sanked him.

DRAKE spent some happy-go-lucky years,
Harassing foreign buccanears.
He loved to seek those vile marauders
And chase them from the ocean wauders.

A lot of places he explored
And one time, of his own accorded,
He sailed up California's coast
And found our Frisco Bay --almost.

The trouble was the Japan current
Was flowing south, and FRANCIS wurrent.
And poor old Drake, not realizin,
Sailed off across the far horizin.

This story teaches us a lesson:
 "You're seldom right if you're just gesson!"
 And as for DRAKE, now who can blame us,
 For wondering how the guy got fame us?

*Robert C. Friend.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS

A PET SHOW IS COMING....

to the Point Richmond Methodist Church. The Elu Ta Nah Sixth grade Camp Fire Girls have invited several other groups to their meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 3:45 to be with them. They have a "special" show that they will present. Peggy Wilson made all the invitations to the other girls.

On Thursday, the Pa Ka Nena Camp Fire Girls made Candle Holders. We Stained glass jars with different colors, and decorated them with gold and silver braid and small jewels. After adding a candle, we'll use them for Christmas decorations.

-- Roberta Dornan

GIRL SCOUTS

TROOP 2151....

The Cadette Girl Scout Troop met Wednesday evening at the home of their leader, Alyce Williamson. Meetings are tentatively set for Wednesdays, at 7:30. Girls present were Wendy Wirth, Debbie Anderson, Jean Morin, Carol Wyrick and Nina Williamson. They chose the name "Road Runner."

Their big projects for badge requirements will begin after the holidays. Perhaps there is someone who would like to assist the girls with special (cont. P. 11)

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projects, like sewing, or knitting....or especially the first aid badge. This type of work could be done after school or on Saturdays; not necessarily at the Wednesday meetings.

Willing helpers may call Mrs. Williamson (234-6167) or Mrs. Morin (233-5358).

HOLIDAY Specials

✿ Among the several performances of "The Messiah", at Christmas time will be the performance this Sunday, December 8 at 8 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, at Broadway between 26th and 27th Streets. It is their fifty-fifth annual performance of the Handel masterpiece.

✿ A HOLIDAY CONCERT will be given twice by the Richmond Symphony Chorus, accompanied by a small chamber orchestra. ♪

Their first performance will be December 15 at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, at 8 p.m.

The second performance, a benefit concert for the Community Music Center, will be presented at Grace Lutheran Church, 24th Street and Barrett Avenue, Richmond, December 21 (a Saturday evening) at 8 p.m. Included in the concert will be Vivaldi's "Gloria". The public is cordially invited.

SPECIAL MUSIC will be presented by the Washington School Glee Club December 18, Wednesday evening, at 7:30 p.m., at a meeting of the Washington P.T.A. Special speaker for the evening is Mr. Thomas Wilson, of the city's Recreation and Parks Department, who will give an explanation and clarification of the improvements planned for Washington School Park.

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BOOK REVIEW

Editors note: The following rambline "book review" was found on my garbage can lid, scribbled on a rumpled piece of butcher paper from the Santa Fe Market. It was unsigned.

It all began when Miss Smith, the Roselius' poodle, said to me, "It is up to you, dear boy."

"What is up to me?" I countered, "You know that Wednesday night is the one night in the week I'm especially busy!"

"This Wednesday you'll have to forego some of your weekly pleasures and write a book review of the 'Picnic-in-the-Point-Park Cook Book'. All the regular reporters are up to their necks in pink paper, collating and binding the book; and after all, no one else is so absolutely an authority on the cuisine of Point Richmond cooks, and that, my dear, is what this book is all about."

She dropped a stack of rumpled pink sheets of paper at my feet and left.

She is a dainty minx, and as I looked over the papers I had to admit that she was right, for here, in some confusion, were the pages of a book written about my favorite subject...food. Point Richmond food, at that.

At this point, I must explain why it is necessary for me to remain anonymous. My habit of dining out is a source of pain to my beloved family, who much prefer I stay quietly at home eating the meals they generously provide. However, I cannot resist the temptations of dining out, especially on Wednesdays, as Thursday morning the garbage man comes to Point Richmond and removes all the tempting tidbits. (I can't call them leftovers!) from the neighborhood garbage cans. Also, a few cans are somehow tipped over, and I happily feast. I know it is a terrible habit, but I have become addicted to it, and as a result, there is no one who knows more about Point cooking than I.

On first examining the papers Miss Smith brought me, I felt some confusion. Here indeed, was a great treasure of wonderful familiar recipes...Lois Harcourt's Tamale Pie, the potato salad from the Horn family, Mash rooms in Burgundy from Maxine Stoddard, Gertrude Paasch's "Sailor Boy Cake", Gerrit Kretzner's tempura all heavenly; and much, much more. However, Miss Smith had somehow mixed the papers so that they were not in order; but I came across the table of contents and here I found the promise of a great book.

Not only were there picnic recipes, but also delightful reminiscences of picnics past.

Not all the great Point cooks are represented, but fifty-one contributors is no small number. Some are "honorary Point Richmonders" and I long to sample Naroff's gazpacho!

Miss Smith returned a while later to see if I had indeed written a review. "My dear, you didn't mention the absolutely stunning color scheme of scarlet, pale pink, magenta and hot pink of the book!" She sniffed after looking over my review.

"Irrelevant, to a true gourmet." I replied, though I have to admit the color scheme is appetizing, the illustrations charming, and the price, \$2.00 very reasonable. This is indeed a fine book of recipes and should be in the collection of all who eat!

Sorry that this review is not more extensive, but parts of Picnic-in-the-Point Park Cookbook made me so hungry, that I must be off to dine out again!

Art Show

The patients and staff of the Rehabilitation Center, Contra Costa County Medical Services, are sponsoring an Art Show at the Sun Valley Shopping Center in Concord. It will be held December 11, 12, and 13, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. This will be an indoor exhibit, and should make an enjoyable Holiday tour for the family.

For TEENS only

GIRLS CLUB is meeting on Monday, December 9, to plan its first excursion. The meeting will be at 3:30 in the Community Center. Shirley Calvin, Wendy Wirth and Becky Horn have been recruiting new members and the club is getting off to a good start. Plan to attend the next meeting, on Monday.

The new ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS started Tuesday. The project this week requires old Christmas cards. Don't forget--Tuesday, 3:30, for the new arts and crafts class.

The Community Center is open for drop-in on Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Seventh, eighth and ninth graders may participate on Fridays.

The sixteenth annual SNOW-BALL Dance is December 20. Buy your tickets early, at school.

Successful Exhibit... but ...

In the first week of the monumental exhibit of Afro-American Art and History at the "Y", over 2,000 people in Richmond have come to view it. The exhibit, which has toured the U.S., is an exceptional one for Richmond, and everyone should make use of the opportunity to see it while it is here. The cost of transporting the huge ten-foot Mahogany mural has been great... and the informational brochures were not free. Therefore, a plea is being sent out for funds. If you visit the exhibit, you may contribute at the time. Or, send a check to the Afro-American Art and History Exhibit, in care of the Parks and Recreation Department, Civic Center, Richmond. Donations will be greatly appreciated!



We are sorry to hear that Mr. Ovid D. Sevigny, who was attending his granddaughter's wedding, passed away of a heart attack in Moxee City, Washington, Sunday. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons, eighteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Mr. Sevigny was born in Canada, lived in Dakota for a time, and has been a Point Richmond resident for many years.

Mrs. M.C. Ramos, or "Mamo" as she is known to the Squires family, was surprised by a Birthday Party given for her on the last day of her visit here with the Squires family. Her sixty-ninth birthday was celebrated on the top floor of the Lakeshore Apartments, where Frank Ramos, Mrs. Squires' brother, resides. The children, grand children and great-grand children of Mrs. Ramos gathered in the big party room and greeted her with a beautiful felt money-tree, plus a banquet to which each member brought a dish. Mrs. Ramos has thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren, almost all of whom were able to be present.

Sad news reached the Ben Bray family that Mr. Brays father, Glenn H. Bray of Grosse Point, Michigan, died of a heart attack.

Reverend R. Smith and family are now at home in their newly decorated parsonage. Many thanks to the workers who helped ready the house for them. Mrs. Carol Smith said that they don't know yet where some of their things are, but cheerily resolved to get things ship-shape soon.

The Ladies Sodality of Our Lady of Mercy Church will sell home-made cakes and cookies after the 8:00 and the 10:00 mass Sunday, December 8. This will be a fund-raising project for the children's Christmas party.

Sherry Hardwick, one of the Blue Birds, took part in the Mathilda Meyer Dance program last week, that was presented to the Camp Fire Girls.

A group of friends gathered at the Hardwick home to congratulate Harry for being first on the Captain's examination, in the Richmond Fire Department.

Jokey

by Wendy Wirth

Substitute teacher: "Are you chewing gum?"

Pupil: "No, I am John Anderson."

Waiter: "May I take your order?"

Patron: "Yes, Lambchops - number 3, but make them lean."

Waiter: "Which way?"

Tom: "Do you know what the cleanest state is?"

Mary: "Of course. Wash ington."

Jack: "Who flew first at Kitty Hawk: Orville or Wilbur?"

Jill: "Idon't know, but either one is Wright."

Mama: "Eat your spinach. It will put color in your cheeks."

Baby: "Who wants green cheeks?"

Art

Beginning December 12, a new exhibit will be shown at the Richmond Art Center. Richard Diebenkorn, with drawings, John Kalamaras' paintings, and Helen Nestor's photos will be shown.

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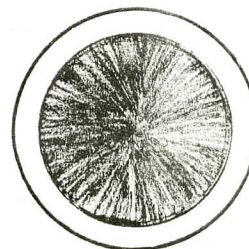
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Regional Park News

Monday morning, at 8 a.m. members of various civic groups met with officials from the East Bay Regional Park District, and City Council Members, at an informal breakfast at the Holiday Inn. Present from the City Manager's office was Mr. David Higgins, and from East Bay Regional Park District, Mr. Walter Tony. Mr. Tony clarified policies and intents of the Regional Park District, in its wish to make Kellers Beach a part of the total park. Since the savings to the city would be great if they did so (maintenance costs would no longer come from city funds) the proposal makes a great deal of sense. However, some councilmen have stated objections to "giving up" Keller's Beach. In reality, what we would be "giving up" would be payments for maintenance. The park would hardly be closed to Richmond residents. The park already receives Regional usage -- it seems logical that the entire region pay maintenance costs.

Councilmen Walter Weyman, Al Silva and Stanley Grydyk attended, along with Walter Fati, Ethel Kerns, Louise Hammond, Ivy Lewis, David Calfee, Ronald Roselius, Henry Dishroom, and Donna Roselius. In discussing the matter, there seemed to be a general recognition of the logic of transferring Kellers Beach to the Regional Parks.

WE had saved this space for a poem by Ethelyn Milton. It won't quite fit, so it will appear next week.

UNDER Girl Scout News, we omitted the fact that, in troop 2181, the group elected Wendy Wirth treasurer and Debbie Anderson as Troop Scribe.

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DEC. 7, 8, 13 and 14: "Once In A Life-Time" Stagedoor Guild, Contra Costa College

DEC: 8 - Publication Party, 2 to 5 p.m.
229 Bishop Avenue. Refreshments food and Cook Books - and music. Everyone welcome.

DEC. 8 - Richmond Art Center Annual Bazaar. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DEC. 9 - Girls' Club Meeting at Community Center. 3:30.

DEC. 10 - Arts and Crafts Class - Teens. Community Center. 3:30.

DEC. 15 - Richmond Symphony Chorus Concert Northbrae Community Church. 8 p.m. Berkeley

DEC. 16 - City Council discussing Regional Parks. 8 p.m.

DEC. 18 - Washington PTA meeting 7:30 p.m.

DEC. 19 - Reception for artists, Richmond Art Center.

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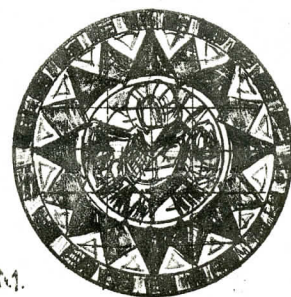
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