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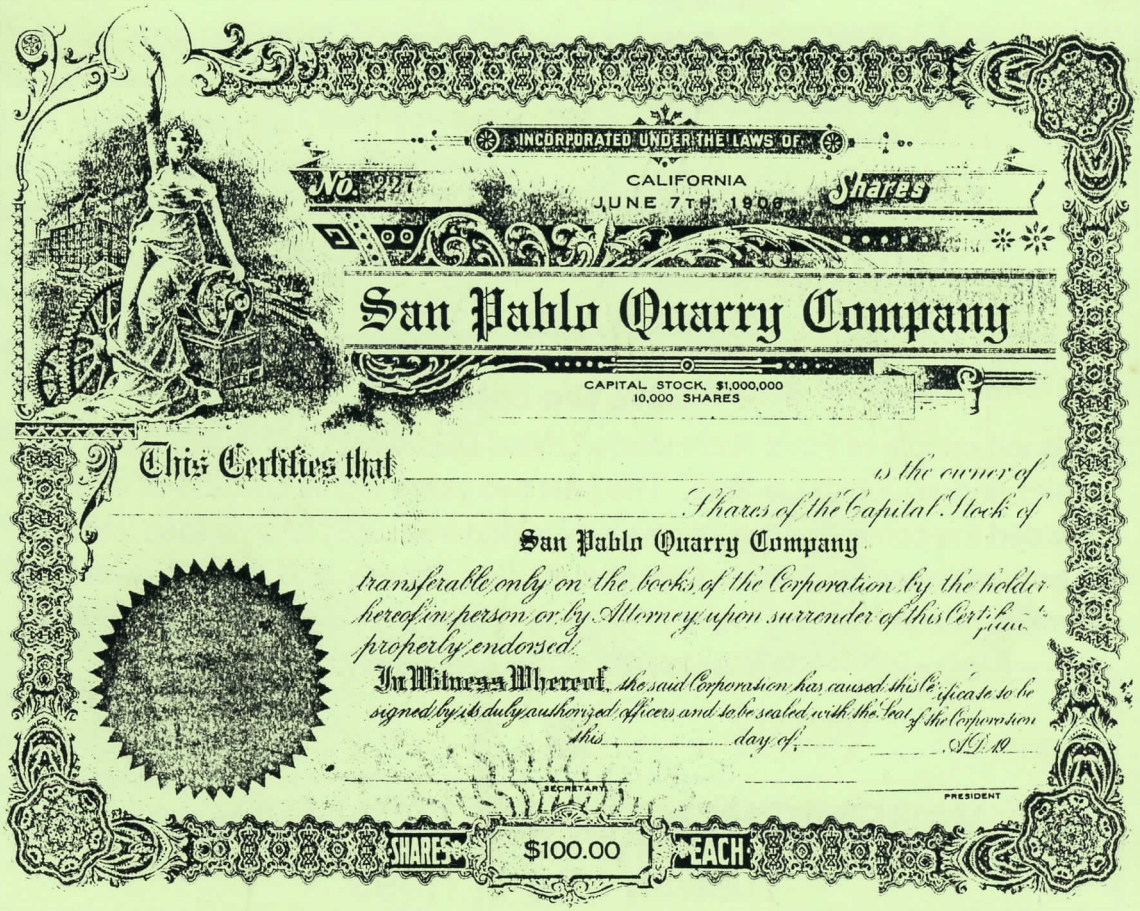

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POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Sunday, May 23, 1993

Point Community Center & PRHA Museum

About 2:00 PM

"The History Of Houses"

Presented by Anne Hanzlik & Muriel Clausen

POINT METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD ANNUAL JUNKTIQUE SALE

Saturday, May 8, 1993

Save the date!

The good people of Point Richmond's United Methodist Church will stage their Third Annual Junktique Sale. The past two years highly successful affairs provided the community an opportunity to find treasures and needed items at rock bottom prices. It provided our beautiful old church, built in 1895, with funds to make needed repairs. And, it was fun.....meeting neighbors and showing strangers a bit of our community.

SENIOR INFORMATION DAY

Tuesday May 11, 1993

9AM to 2PM

Richmond Memorial Auditorium

Information and Services for Seniors

From the President

Mid Dornan

I hope you are planning to attend the Point Richmond History Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 23, 1993. The gathering will happen at about 2 PM at the Point Community Center down on the Point Triangle. Besides our annual report and election of officers we plan an interesting program, PRHA Directors Anne Hanzlik and Muriel Clausen will present a program including slides, on "The History of Houses". Your attendance lets our staff meet you, our members and readers, who often make this a reunion of former friends.

Letters to the editor are a welcome and favorite part of this newsletter and has provided dialogue between readers that is even more delightful. It is your interest that keeps our interest.

A recent visitor from England glanced at the sign on our museum and remarked, "Since 1903...that really isn't very old now is it?

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"From the President" continued.....

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their memberships:

DONNA WILSON
ED GARRARD
HOWARD S. ARNOLD
JEFF & BARBARA WARD FAMILY
CHARLOTTE WOODS
BARNEY & MARIE DIETZ
ROMILDA BURRESS
JOHN & BARBARA VINCENT
GARY SHOWS
ALBERT KOLLAR

And a warm welcome to new members:

THOMAS MERCER HURSH
ROSEMARY NIGHTINGALE

☺

Museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan says thank you to the volunteers who staffed the History Museum in April:

ROY JONES
MID DORNAN
JERRY CERKANOWICZ
MARY HIGHFILL
ELIZABETH MC DONALD
BETTY DORNAN

Volunteers are still needed, staffing the museum is an easy, pleasant way to become involved. You don't need to be a history expert, you just spend a couple of hours now and then watching Point Richmond go by. We want community involvement!

If you can help

Call Betty at 232-4317.

Museum Hours

Thursday 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

We are grateful to the

SANTA FE MARKET

for distributing this newsletter at no profit for themselves.

Our museum will be open for "The Stroll", drop by!

Attention!

Volunteers are still needed to help "spruce up" our little museum so it can look its best for the "Point Richmond Stroll" If you "know how" to wash windows, sweep, etc., Please call Mid Dornan 234-5334

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

Here is the May issue, thanks to everyone on our staff for the great work!

Highlighting this issue is a new class photo. I have chosen a photo supplied by a member (I'm not going to tell you who, but that member is in the photograph). It is thought to be a 1931 class. If you recognize anyone in the photo please let me know, as even the donor of the photo does not know all of the names. If interest in this little game continues, I am ready as I have another photo lined up and ready!

Look forward to the Annual Meeting on Sunday May 23rd. Anne Hanzlik and Muriel Clausen (*This Old House*) will present a program for us on "The History of Houses". I understand that their presentation will include visual aid. These are two very qualified people to address this subject.

The deadline for the Summer Issue is May 21, 1993. After that issue we will take a much deserved break.

Have a Great Day

Mom

The Cover:

Stock Certificate for Blake Brothers Quarry. Taken from a collection of quarry memorabilia donated to the PRHA by Art Salina.

The April Issue Assembly Crew:

Mary Highfill
Liz McDonald
Pam Wilson
Anne Hanzlik
Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows

Get Well Soon!

Jo Camp

Roy Jones

This Old House

by

Muriel C. Clausen

The fascinating story of housing structures in Point Richmond.

CHAPTER III

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Part Three

Two kinds of small family "housing" shelters are typical of the Coast Miwok. One is the straight branch, tied in the center of the top, "tepee" shape with its outer surface covered with very heavy redwood bark. The earth inside was pounded down and tule mats made up the sleeping pads. These were called the KOTCA, or tepee. The other type had more space, standing room and head room. It was rounded up from the straight branch sides curving over at the top to form a dome shape. These were called the KOLE KOTCA and consisted, as described in Francis Drake's records, as "houses digged round within the earth, bended round clefts of wood set up around the circle joined together at the top, covered watertight with earth. The door is the chimney, with the fire in the center. Rushes strewed on the ground for sleeping." Often the covering of these rounded fuller shaped tepees was tule rushes packed tight so as to be waterproof.

Much information about the Coast Miwok Indians has been obtained from the very vivid descriptions in the Francis Drake records and from studies of their remaining shell mounds, which were located near their villages. In remembrance of these Coast Miwoks and their communcal living, there are four graphic areas where one can "see" re-creations of Coast Miwok Indian environments. The first is a typical re-created Coast Miwok Indian village near the Point Reyes National Seashore Info- rmation Center. This is called Kule Loklo or Bear Valley and is reconstructed near a former Miwok village site with some of the structures described above. The second is at Tomales Bay State Park where there is a nature trail that points out the Coast Miwok's food sources and tule supplies. There are two KOTCAS on Indian Beach there. The third is at Lompall State Historical Park, two and a half miles North of Novato. Long ago this was the major gathering place for Pomo and Coast Miwok Indian communities. It was the home of major chieftans. The oldest residential structure in California can be seen

there, the adobe-covered home of the last surviving Indian chieftan, Camillo Ynita, who died in 1856. The fourth site is the Marin Museum of the American Indian at 2200 Novato Boulevard in Novato. Gathered here are many of the artifacts that help us to know how the Coast Miwok Indians lived.

We have noted that the Coast Miwok Indians lived in communities all up and down the coast of this area as long as 3500 years ago. The next question that comes to mind is, "If they had such a bountiful existence, why did they die out?" From the records, there were at least 3000 Coast Miwok Indians by as early as 1602, but by 1840 there were only about 300 remaining. By the 1860's there were none. They had been silenced by the colonization of the coast. First the Spanish came, then the Mexicans, and finally the Americans all having their impact on these peaceful peoples.

In the 1500's, explorers from Spain and England were scouring the Coast searching for a "Northern Passage", a way around North America that would be shorter and not as brutal as the trip around the southern tip of South America. In 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo anchored off the shore of this area but did not come ashore. However, he claimed then to have discovered this coast for Spain. The English were in direct competition with the Spanish for new lands. Francis Drake was sent by Queen Elizabeth of England to do what he could to counter the effects of the Spanish. Meanwhile the Spanish were also carrying on a galleon trade between the Phillipines and Acapulco. This was very lucrative booty if captured. Drake attacked any Spanish ship that he could contact and sacked the waters off the coast with abandon. In 1579 Drake put into this area for ship repairs, calling the shelter which we now call Drake's Bay, "New Albion". He was landed here for about 5 weeks and was to our knowledge the first white man to go ashore. He made vivid reports of the very friendly "natives" that he found and he found many small communities of the Coast Miwok Indian. He also found gentle sloping grasslands leading up into the scrublands of the foothills and from there up to the oak and redwood-forested ridgetops. (The terrain has not changed much since then. We find the same benign landscape when we make a visit to Kule Loklo at Point Reyes National Seashore). Then in 1602 Spain sent Sebastian Vizcano to the coast to chart it for Spain, making note of the Indian communities, so that, in about 100 years the Coast Miwok Indians had very real, if minor, contact with the outside world.

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A-MID TRIVIA

- Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Q: Who was Anna Reeves Jarvis?
(answer at end of Trivia)

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Sorry about not including the answer to last month's question. The total length of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is 5 1/2 miles (29,045 feet) and the main structure is 4.04 miles (21,343 feet) Apology accepted?

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The first day of May and Christmas Day always fall on the same day of the week, even in Leap years.

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Roy Jones is the first to admit he has a lot of nerve but his Sciatic nerve is one he'd rather was less evident at present. Roy serves as docent at the history museum most Thursdays and little David Reynolds, clutching his Rosemary's Bakery money, was disappointed when Roy wasn't there.

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May 7th is Tax Freedom Day...but in 1994 it won't come until May 10th.

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Rachel Elizabeth Palfini was born in Tuesday, March 30, 1993 at 9:26 a.m. weighing 8 lbs and was 21 inches. Happy parents are Roberta and Richard Palfini. Rachel is their first child. Beaming Grandmother is Mid Dornan who was there for two weeks to welcome her.

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Suzanne and Rich Wilson are parents of Sarah Lindsay, born February 16, 1993. Sarah weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and was 20 inches and is the first grandchild for Bruce and Ann Bartram.

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In the days before credit cards, the "layaway plan" was offered by most large department stores. Clothing, furniture and household items were purchased this way. You made a down payment on an article you wished to purchase and the friendly clerk put it in the back of the store 'laying it away' for you. Each week or so you made a regular payment. Anticipation and the thrill of the final payment made the article appreciated. Today by the time the bill finally comes you barely remember buying the item.

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Does anyone remember the seamless and reversible Olson Rug? They could be purchased for half price with wool credit. The poundage of wool from clothing or old rugs was credited toward the rug cost.

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Condolences to Roy Jones who recently fell and broke his leg and is recuperating at Kaiser Hospital. Roy has become our favorite Thursday museum staffer and will be missed, so Roy hurry up and get well! gs

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Do you know where the only pay phone is in the business district of the Point? Could you find one in a late night emergency?

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Alicia Powers is visiting her parents, Tom and Donna Powers, while on leave waiting her husbands arrival from Hawaii. Her ship spent time in the Persian Gulf...but fortunately after the concentrated attack.

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Cal Trans has the drip system in place along the freeway so does that mean we can expect planting soon.

What doesn't appear is the replacement of the grove of trees removed from the Clarence/Marine Street area along Tewksbury. Freeway noise needs to be deflected in some manner.

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Speaking of trees, the airy, lacy, new lime green colored leaves of the trees on Washington Avenue gracefully shield the walkway in front of the History Museum.

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If you have never viewed Race Day from the East Brothers Lighhouse Station make reservations now. For only $35 you are provided a boat ride to and from the lighthouse, receive a gourmet box lunch,, are given a lighthouse tour including the foghorn demonstration and your unparalleled experience will benefit the lighthouse. Call 233-2385.

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Thanks to good Samaritans Leonard Miller and Doc Mills for helping a 'lady in distress'. Returning from a day of sailing, they saw the car stalled in an undesirable area with a slashed tire so stayed to change it for the alone woman. Passing Officer #25 from the Richmond Police Department arranged a telephone call as there wasn't any phones visible. The 'anon' lady was appreciative.

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Nancy Transue is welcomed back to the Point Branch of the Mechanics Bank.

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Dody Perry suggests you use Macadamia nuts in your carrot cake.

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Saturday, May 8th is Spring Clean-up day for the Point when the Richmond Sanitary will pick up extra brush and prunings in bundles put curbside.

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The VSP Award (very special person) was given a surprised Patricia Dornan by the Juan Crespi Junior High PTA during their Back-to-school Open House in April. She was recognized for her work with student activities which included the school beautification, the training of student leaders, being advisor to the Student Council, etc. Patricia teaches ESL classes at Crespi.

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TIP: Post these emergency broadcast station call letters and numbers in your home and set one of your car radio channels to one of these stations. KCBS -AM 740 KKIS-AM 990 KNBR-AM 810 KGO-AM 810 or Cable TV KCRT-Channel 49

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Remember when an "organ donor" was the rich guy in church who paid for the new Baldwin?

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Fay and Marian Hawkins will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 29th with a reception given by their children Sandra, Stan and Dale Hawkins in Friendship Hall at the Point Methodist Church. Fay and Marian were married in this church during the war years. She worked in the Richmond Shipyards and Fay was with the Navy Intelligence stationed in San Francisco. Both are lifelong Richmond residents; Marian is a native of the Point and her father, Jesse George founded the first Boy scout troop in Richmond which met at the church.

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Cartoon: Man in supermarket to wife, "No need for a cart. I've only got fifty bucks"

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MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL. Honor and remember her more than one day a year.

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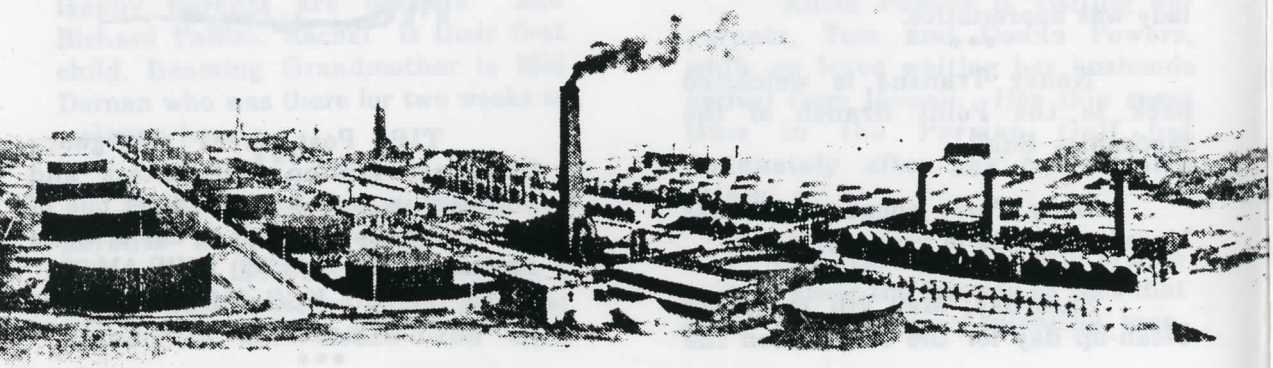
See you at the ANNUAL POINT HISTORY MEETING on Sunday, May 23rd, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in the Point Community Center.

ANSWER: Anna Jarvis persuaded the church to hold a Mother' Day service in 1907 to mark the second anniversary of her mother's death. She provided 500 carnations--her mother's favorite flower--for the mothers in the congregation that day. In 1910 West Virginia Gov. William Glascock issued the first Mother's Day proclamation and state after state joined the movement. On May 19, 1913, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution requesting all officials of the federal government wear white flowers in observation of Mother's Day. In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a new Mothers' Day proclamation, reasserting the principles in President Wilson's' original 1914 document. Today some people wear a colored carnation to indicate their mother is still alive vs the white carnation.

CORRECTION: Anna Gaumer informs us the San Pablo Blume House and Alvarado Adobe and Barn will be open only on the Third Sunday each month, from 12 - 4 p.m. It is hoped more docents will volunteer enabling them to be open more often.



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Churches

Our Lady of Mercy

Allan Smith

The Masses at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday were very well attended by parishioners and friends. On Easter Sunday, the Filipino Choir from Hercules sang for the Solemn Easter Mass. Pastor Jim Clift prepared the high altar beautifully decorated with Easter lilies.

Preparing for Holy Week liturgies, there were Lenten interparish communal penance services offered by St. John's of El Cerrito and St. Cornelius of Richmond along with Our Lady of Mercy.

At the Good Friday Services, Father Jim used a cross that has been in the parish since 1902.

A parish assembly and breakfast was held on Sunday, April 18. Also, two new members were elected to our Parish Council at the assembly meeting.

congratulations to Lucretia Edwards We are proud of you!

Point Methodist

Jean Reynolds

The best Easter Egg Hunt ever, was orchestrated by Linda Pereira after the Easter morning worship on April 11th. First the youngest hunters were allowed five minutes of searching, then they were lead to safety as the next age categories each got five minute chances (with time out for hiding a few more eggs in all of the hardest places).

Sunday, April 18th, worship was a wonderful musical experience as we hosted the Kairos youth choir directed by Laura Kakis. Kairos is sponsored by the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and our own Cami Gates has been a member for three years. Cami and Julia Serper were both soloists as part of the special music.

Stan and Linda Hawkins were guests of honor at t party in Friendship Hall on April 3 to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Stan's parents, Fay and Marian Hawkins, will follow on their heels; they will celebrate their fiftieth wedding

anniversary on May 29th.

The Annual Juntique Sale (don't forget the lunch items) will be May 8th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the church at the corner of Martina and West Richmond Avenue. Donations are still welcome. Bring good used items to the church or call 236-0527 to arrange a pick-up.

Tickets are available to attend the Masquer's/Hotel Mac dinner theatre production of the play "I Hate Hamlet" on June 17th. Proceeds benefit our summer camp scholarship fund. Call Jean Reynolds at 235-2988 for tickets or call the church with a message at 236-0527.

Memorial Day, 1993

POINT METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

-Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups in the early 1900's was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church whose history is reflected in their minutes, printed below and taken from the stiff cardboard covered notebook purchased from "Shoen's Pharmacy in the Point". The minutes are printed as written. This is the 68th installment.

Apr 1919

The Woman's Home Missionary Society met at the parsonage. Meeting was opened with prayer by the President. Minutes read and approved. Treasurer report read and accepted. Motion was made and carried that the Society serve Ice Cream and cake at the Entertainment & Mite box opening on Friday Apr 25.

It was decided to try & attend the meeting of Beulah Rest home in a body and as a Society to take something for the Linen Shower. Mrs. Huntsberger name as a member was brought in by Mrs. Finley,

Dues was received from Mrs. Gillette 50¢

Lenten T. Offering 1.00
" 5.05 Mrs Gibbons
" .45 Mrs Bradley
" 1.00 " Grover
" .50 " Finley

Donation for Home Guards .25

Tea offering 25 + .40 $9.15

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Nettie Grover, Sec

Happy Mother's Day

Sports Memories

Allan Smith

Whatever happened to the Little League baseball teams and players we used to have in Point Richmond?

Many young boys learned their baseball playing on Point teams at Washington and Kenny parks. Santa Fe Market always sponsored a team made of Point players. Rich Amantite of the Point was a manager of teams for several years.

Watching a local high school baseball team recently, I saw a Point baseball player who should become a great athleteif he takes after his late grandfather. His name is Mike Cheshareck of Point Richmond. Mike's grandfather was the late Frank Shock who came to the Point after his Saint Mary's College days. Frank was a natural athlete who excelled in all sports. Mike plays for the Salesian High School J.V. baseball team.

The University of California's baseball team this year has a second baseman named Mainini who lived in the Point for a short time. He now resides in Richmond.

LOUIS J. BERNARDI

by Allan Smith

Louis J. "Louie" Bernardi, a member of Our Lady of Mercy Chruch for 85 years died recently. He was raised in Pt. Richmond and the family home is still standing. It is located at the West End of the tunnel on Posey Avenue and Dornan Drive adjacent to the Miller-Knox Park.

Louie was the person who donated the Palm Trees planted next to the rectory 10 years ago and have been used each year for our Palm Sunday festivities except for this year when they were removed because of damage.

Louie often talked of his younger days in the Point remembering when he used to cut hay on Cutting Boulevard when it was divided. His father had cows and a farm on the family property. Louie helped build the San Pablo Dam years ago. Later he worked for the Ford Motor Company plant in Richmond working on the assembly line. During World War Two he was associated with the Moore drydock and Shipbuilding Company in Oakland as a "boilermaker". His hobby was raising rabbits that were of prize winning quality. The rabbit hutches are still standing. Louie Bernardi---a real native Point Richmonder!

More Memories of Old Point Richmond

East Richmond Avenue

Wm. L. Thompson

William L. Thompson, often called Louis by his friends, was born in Point Richmond on February 17, 1909, lived on Scenic Avenue, graduated from Richmond Union High School and was the first native Richmondite to go through medical school. Dr. Thompson began his practice in 1940 at 9th & Macdonald later moving to 32nd & Macdonald until that building was sold at which time he moved to an office on Broadway. In 1979, at age 70 and after 39 years, he retired officially from medical practice. However, his many loyal, local patients continue to call him for advice.

Thanks to Dr. Thompson for his valuable contributions for our written archives.

Here is our sixth series from Dr. Thompson. In this series he remembers the neighborhood and friends where he grew up, East Richmond Avenue.

PART FOUR

Mrs. George Coon lived in a small Smokey-Row-type house on East Richmond Avenue across from the Washington School. George Coon came to Richmond in 1904 and his family joined him later in about 1905 or 1906. Originally they had lived on Tewksbury Avenue. They had one son, James, and a daughter, Arrietta, who married my brother Chester and became my sister-in-law. They lived for a long time in the Point and Arrietta worked in the banks in Point Richmond and in Richmond.

The John Feudner family lived on lower Alvarado Avenue for many years. They had a son and a daughter. Also in the same general area were the McCann family and the home of J.P. Arnold. Arnold was a very early chief of police in Richmond when the station was on Park Place. Very high on the east side of Alvarado was the home of Dick Spiersch, who with his brother Frederick were the pioneer plumbers in the region. Spiersch had a rather large house with a large backyard with numerous trees and shrubs which extended up almost to Scenic Avenue. The Wake family lived for years in a small house across Alvarado Avenue from the Spiersch home.

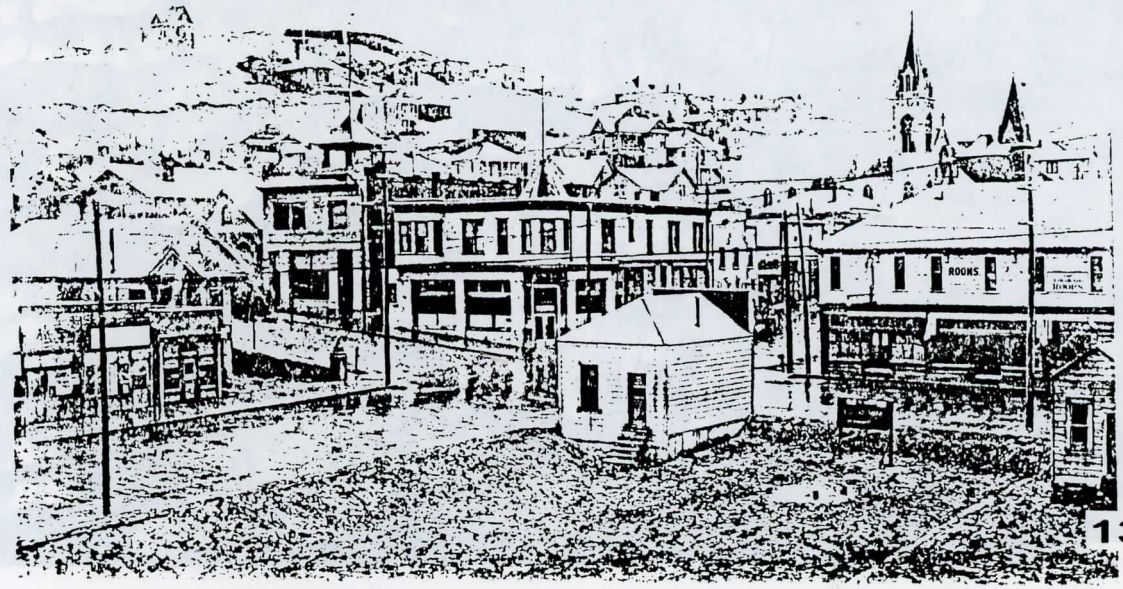
Near the end of the regular residential

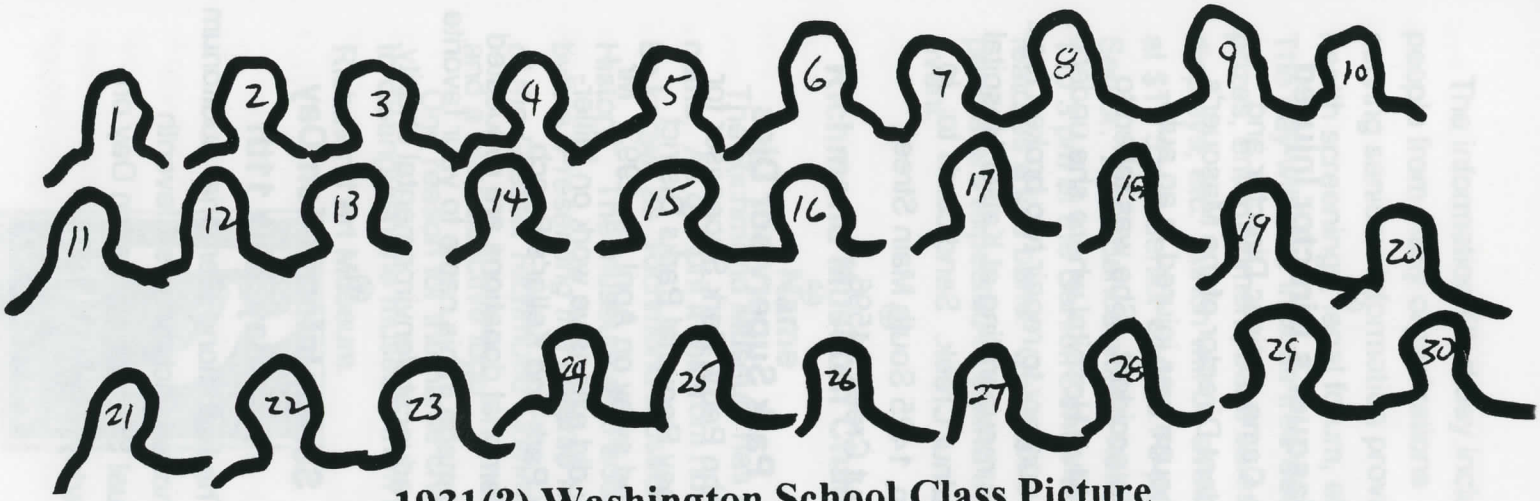
area along Richmond Avenue was a large two-story brick building which was originally occupied by Clarence Allen who at one time was manager of the Bank of Richmond in Point Richmond. Many others have occupied this residence since then, among them Jim and Inga Morrison.

Across from the Allen home and just past the Washington School was an old swamp area that had been filled in. During the war the government constructed a housing project here. This was a group of rather nice one-story buildings not unlike the earlier-built Atchison Village. Both of these projects were much superior to the later two-story apartments. If I remember correctly, this was called Esmeralda Village and was torn down at the end of the War. It should have been retained as Atchison Village was.

Past this area on the right is the ugly quarried hillside that was excavated to provide fill for an extension of the Standard Oil Company. Just past this in old times there had been an old dwelling with a tree-filled yard. I recall this as being the residence of the Actis family but I believe that another family had resided there before. Charles Actis was a classmate of mine in the old Washington School. He later became a professional boxer. Pete was the younger of the two Actis boys, and he was my brother's classmate.

As a small child, I recall looking down on this dwelling from a trail high on the hill above and watching the original inhabitants of this housemaking wine in their back yard. They had a long shallow vat and crushed the grapes by treading and stomping on them with their bare feet. This old residence originally stood on the site where the Richmond sewage disposal plant now stands. *ds*





1931(?) Washington School Class Picture

This class photo was supplied by one of our members (I'm not saying who, but that person is in the picture). Can you name these good looking children? Fill in the names and I'll print the results in the next issue (donor....keep quiet!). Fill in the blanks and send to: TPIT Class Photo, 229 Golden Gate Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801.

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MISC. STUFF

Richmond Parks Renamed

Two Point Richmond citizens have had parks named in their honor. Washington Park here in the Point will be renamed "Lucretia Edwards Park" to honor our own PRHA member. Lucretia is an avowed environmentalist and has been an advocate for local parks, including Miller-Knox Park and several others.

Also, North Richmond Park will be renamed "George Carroll Park" in honor of the long time Point resident and retired Municipal Court Judge. Judge Carroll has served as Richmond City Councilman and Mayor of Richmond. He was appointed to the court by then Governor Edward Brown in 1965.

Railroad Buff Cancels

PRHA Programs Director Anne Hanzlik regrets to announce that railroad buff and author David DeBoer has canceled his plans to address our May Annual Meeting. Mr. DeBoer cited conflicting personal schedules. Anne is preparing a new program for the event.

Masquer's Director Injured

Jo Camp, Artistic Director and Resident Director of the Masquer's Playhouse was injured in an automobile accident. She was taken to John Muir Hospital where she underwent surgery to repair two broken legs. She is recuperating at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek. Send cards to: Jo Camp, 1425 South Main Street, Walnut Creek 94596.

Park Supervisor Dies

John Perry, Park Supervisor for Eastbay Regional Parks District passed away on April 19, 1993. Mr. Perry did extensive work on Miller-Knox Park and Kellar's Beach.

Memorial donations are requested to be made in his name to your favorite park advocate/environmental charity.

Senior Information Day Tuesday, May 11th

The Richmond Memorial Auditorium will house Richmond's Eleventh Annual Senior Information Day on Tuesday, May, 11, 1993.

The information filled day includes people from many organizations serving seniors: information providers, health screenings, legal forum, etc. The day will also include free door prizes, entertainment, bake sales, craft displays, etc. Lunch will be available at $1.75 per Senior and $3.75 per non Senior. A tea dance will be held from 1 to 3 pm at the Senior Center and it features a live band. Over 3000 people are expected to attend this event.

Richmond Museum Changes Name

The Richmond Museum has a new name. As of April it will from now on be known as "Richmond Museum of History". The museum also adopted a byline, *Preserving the Diverse Heritage of the Greater Richmond Community*, and a new distictive logo.

One reason for the name change is to distinguish the museum from the Richmond Art Museum.

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

THE MASQUERS Playhouse, Inc.

105 Park Place, Point Richmond

PROUDLY PRESENTS

By: Morland Cary

Directed by: DON McCUNN

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Susanne Bagnio	Bill Coolidge	Al Schmiedeke
Deborah Banks	Carol Daly	Tom Stimson
Dorena Barnes	Joyce Hughes	Marie Wedell
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Linda Woody-Wood

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DINNER & THEATRE benefit for our building fund at HOTEL MAC, Thursday evening, May 13. Dinner and ticket to "LOVE RIDES THE RAILS" for only $25.00. To reserve, CALL: (510) 236-4988.

COMING: "I HATE HAMLET", a bright modern comedy, opening June 11, 1993.

For Your Information

West Side Library

Alan Bern

What's New at the Westside

WHERE YOU ONCE BELONGED: A NOVEL

Kent Haruf

(author also of The Tie That Binds).

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This book is a heartbreaker. Jack Burdette, who is the All-American hero of the little town of Holt, Colorado, is idolized by the men of the town for his football prowess and adored by the women, especially by Wanda Jo Evans, who does his laundry for seven years and waits for him to settle down with her.

Jack not only does her wrong, but the rest of the town as well, including the out-of-towner he chooses for his wife, the mysterious Jessie, and the narrator who later falls in love with her, Pat Arbuckle, the editor of the *Holt Mercury*. Jack seems fated, wedded to his mean and brutal nature, and the entire town is punished by his deeds. What attracts so many to his kind of brutal strength? It is a question that I believe we may be afraid to answer. Haruf does pose the question for us.

BASEBALL: THE PERFECT GAME

Photographs by Dannielle Weil

Text by David Halberstam and Peter Richmond

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"It begins the way it has always begun—not with a raucous burst of sound, but, fittingly enough for a pastoral pastime, with a sudden hush, the diminishing of the buzz of the crowd as the pitcher goes into his first windup." (p. 69)

So writes Peter Richmond beneath a gorgeous black-and-gray duo tone reproduction of a photograph of a diamond from, we assume, years gone by. Yet all these timeless gray-framed photos are from the past several years. We can see this in the uniforms of the players and in the clothes the crowds are wearing, and yet the black-and-gray create an odd antiquity in the scenes as do the camera angles: we rarely see the faces of the players. Baseball seems to bring out sentiment in many Americans, and this beautiful, slightly oblong

book brings us baseball, both of today and of the past. As Halberstam writes in his introduction (p.11):

"In baseball, more than in anything I know, today is not merely today, it is yesterday as well."

BILLIE DYER AND OTHER STORIES

William Maxwell
©1992

Novelist and short-story writer William Maxwell was a fiction editor at the *New Yorker* for forty years; he has been awarded many prizes and distinctions for his writing, all of them much deserved. This is a wonderful writer. From the long title story "Billie Dyer" to the brief scene "Love," Maxwell's perfect ear captures characters in a few words and his clear images place them in pure, stingingly memorable settings.

MY LIFE

Earvin "Magic" Johnson with
William Novak
©1992

This is Magic's third autobiographical work. He has my vote for the greatest basketball player ever although the book is my no means up to his playing standards. What is valuable about the work are the chapters on the activities that led to his getting AIDS and his "Message for Black Teenager" at the end of the book. Somehow through all his worry and pain about being HIV-positive, Magic has remained basically optimistic, living life fully each day and continuing to smile into the next: who knows, he may play again next year with the Lakers, coming out of his most recent retirement and shooting a lead pass impossibly between three defenders to an open James Worthy under the basket for two on a layup.

WEST SIDE BULLETIN BOARD

›Story Hour continues every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM at the West Side Branch; tumbling and crafts follow in the Rec Center next door.

›Donations are welcome at the Library. This includes: books, videos, audiotapes, records, and *some* magazines. Questions? Call 620-6567.

›Volunteers are still welcome for Homework Help, Wednesdays 3-5 PM in the Recreation Center next to the Library.

AUTHORS

Point Richmond has been the home of a number of famous authors. With the help of our readers we have compiled a comprehensive list of past (and present) Point Richmond authors. We are happy to add a new name to our list.

POINT RICHMOND AUTHORS

1. Bertha Damon
2. Harold Davis
3. Eugene Burdic
4. Bob Reid
5. Weldon Kees
6. Walter Horn
7. Gertrude Harris
8. George Coles
9. Kathleen Vande Kieft
10. Alexandra Gautraud
11. Beulah Parker
12. Donna Roselius

New Author this month:

13. Thomas Mercer Hursh, Ph.D.

Dr. Hursh lives on Piedmont Place, his academic work has been widley published, they include:

>"Multivariate Analysis of Allometry in Crania", Yearbook of Physical Anthropology. 1978.

>"The Study of Cranial Form: Measurement Techniques and Analytical Techniques" The Measures of Man, 1776.

>Mendelian Genetics: A Problem-Solving Approach, 1979, co-author.

>Population Growth: A Problem-Solving Approach, 1979, co-author.

>"Was I Right? Testing Observations Against Predictions in Mendelian Genetics" American Biology Teacher, 1979.

>"The Truth About Tribbles: An Introduction to the Scientific Method", co-author. Conduit, 1980.

>"GENIE: A Computer-Simulated Laboratory in Genetics", Conduit, 1980.

>"POPGROW: A Computer-Simulated Laboratory in Population Dynamics", Conduit, 1980.

>"ENZYME-SEQUEN: Computer-Simulated Laboratory", Conduit, 1980.

Dr. Hursh has authored or co-authored articles on computer issues for the *Bay Area Business Journal* and co-authored a privately printed pamphlet called "The 20 Common Pitfalls of Business Computer Buying ...and How to Avoid Them".

Also, he has presented a number of papers to the American Anthropological Association, American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Uniforum, Unix Expo, and has been a featured speaker at the National Computer Conference in Columbia, SA.

Welcome to AUTHORS!

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6th Annual Easter Egg Coloring and Basket Making Contest Winners

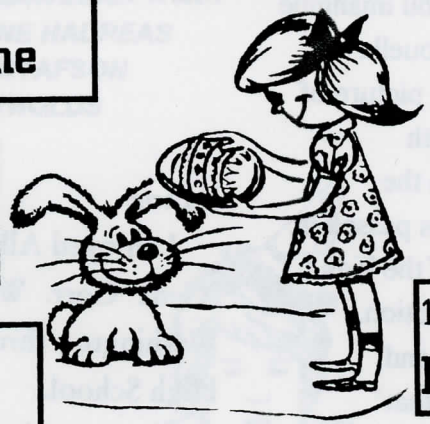
Preschool
Erick Urback

Kindergarden
Michele Lander
Jennifer Gardener

1st Grade
Arbyn Eakle

3rd Grade
Claudia Luby
Anthony Haros

4th Grade
Luke Raszane



6th Grade
Sophia McGee
Lacy Grisham

9th Grade
Katie Hughes

1st Place Adult
Lee Gardiner

8th Grade
Janea Davis

2nd Place Adult (tie)
Gwen Frezque

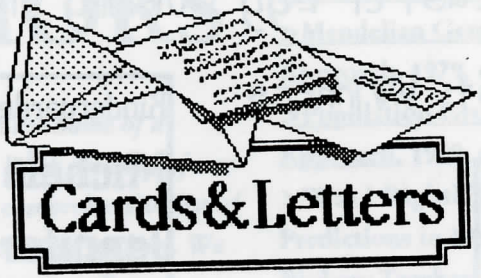
2nd Place Adult (tie)
Roy Price

Joel Beck & Adele Chase Hollander, Judges

Sponsored by the Point Richmond Business Association, Community Center

Cookie dough courtesy of Santa Fe Market

and Marsha Ward (baker), David Vincent (Frosting Maker, Egg Boiler), Jerry Cerkanowicz (Crowd Control), Claudia Beall (Clean-up Supervisor).



Dear Gary:

The sky was crying in a pouring rain welcomed because of the seven year drought.

We embraced and exchanged pleasentries over lunch. Can you imangine the thrill when my classmate Louella (Bains) Wilcox unrolled a long picture of the entire group of students with Washington School looming in the background? Faces and Names passed in review as Luella knew most of the kids which triggered a nostalgic emotion.

It was fun seeing her again and marvelous to have preserved "that" picture. It will not be the only time we meet now that we have each others address. Our roots go back and the bonding created is the same as family.

What a delight to meet after all this time, thanks to Mary Highfill and TPIT!.

Lovingly,
Betty (Glass) Marshall
Los Angeles

Good hearing from you again Betty!
....Gary

Dear Pam:

I just realized it was time for my renewal of "This Point". I really enjoy reading of my friends. Say hello to Marie Dietz for me.

Kathryn Johnson Coad
Magalia, CA

Editor:

I enjoyed Allen Smith's write up on "Gene" Corr. We were class mates from Washington through Richmond Union High School.

He ran against me for senior class president and won....57 years ago. He was a winner and a nice guy.

Ed Garrard
Sonoma, CA

Congratulations to Judge George Carroll

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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PATRICIA DORNAN
DOUGLAS CORBIN
DIANA CORBIN
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"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother."

-Los Angeles Times Syndicate

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Type of membership (check one)

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Pam Wilson
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Point Richmond, CA 94801

If you would like to have birthdays noted in the newsletter, please include names and dates.

Tribute Fund

Enclosed is my check payable to the Point Richmond History Association in the amount of:

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Articles for each month's issue are due on or before the deadline published in the calendar section.
Please mail articles and items of interest to:

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Calendar

May, 1993

May 1 & 2 *Saturday & Sunday*	**Golden State Model Railroad Museum** **Spring Show, 1:00pm - 5:00pm, 900 Doman Drive**
May 4 *Tuesday*	**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,** **7:30PM, Community Center**
	Women's Westside Improvement Club Meeting **11:30AM, Point Richmond Methodist Church**
May 5 *Wednesday*	**Point Richmond Business Association/Point Richmond History Association night at the Hotel Mac**
May 8 *Saturday*	**Point Methodist Church, Third Annual Junktique Sale at the church, AKA "Classy Junque Sale"**
May 9 *Sunday*	**Mother's Day**
May 11 *Tuesday*	**Richmond's Eleventh Annual Senior Information Day** **9am to 2pm at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium**
May 12 *Wednesday*	**Point Richmond Business Association Meeting,** **Noon, Hotel Mac**
May 13 *Thursday*	**Point Richmond Stroll, on "The Triangle"** **5pm to 7pm, PRHA Museum Open, stop by!**
May 21 *Friday*	**DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER ISSUE OF TPIT**
May 23 *Sunday*	**Point Richmond History Association** **General Membership Meeting**
May 31 *Monday*	**Memorial Day Holiday**
June 1 *Tuesday*	**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,** **7:30PM, Community Center**
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