

# THIS POINT

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SEPTEMBER 4, 1909 - INDIAN FOUNTAIN DEDICATION DAY  
OCTOBER 20, 1984 - INDIAN STATUE DEDICATION DAY - 10:00 to 4:00  
Photo from the Don Church collection

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**INDIAN STATUE  
DEDICATION DAY ---  
OCTOBER 20**

Invite everyone you know, and come to the Point Triangle from 10:00 to 4:00 on October 20, to see history being made, and repeated. The statue erected 75 years ago is being replaced (after an absence of 41 years) with one that is less a fountain (the original was a fountain with a statue, this will be a statue with a fountain) and more a work of art (this one created by sculptor Kirk St. Maur, the original by J.L.Mott Iron Works).

If you are planning to participate in either the craft fair or the peddlers' fair, be sure to enter your registration immediately. (Call 235-4850 or 235-4222 for details).



**RAFFLE**  
Tickets available Now -  
3:00

**BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT**  
10:00 - 3:00

**UNVEILING & DEDICATION**  
12 Noon

Point Richmond Business Association President David Vincent will host a brief ceremony, with Mayor Tom Corcoran, West Side Improvement Club President Maude Alexander, and Donna Roselius participating.

**POINT TO POINT FUN RUN**  
11:00 - 4:00

Register before 11:00 at the Point Orient Restaurant. The \$10 registration fee includes the commemorative T-shirt, and the offerings of each restaurant or bar along the way. Those having their Fun Run Card validated by all participating establishments will be eligible for a drawing at 4:00.

**ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR  
PEDDLERS' FAIR  
PTA CARNIVAL**

**DISPLAYS**

Community Center -by the Richmond Museum and Point History Association;

West Side Library;

Antique Cars.

Mini tours will be offered by the History Association.

The entire event is sponsored and coordinated by the Point Richmond Business Association.

# HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES

## GOING BACK TO THE POINT OF PRE-HISTORY WITH GEORGE COLES

Here we are, with the foremost authority on Point ancient history in our neighborhood, and, unless we have enrolled in his archaeology course at Contra Costa College, few of us have had the opportunity to listen to him speak on his favorite subject — the cultures that preceded ours in this area.

On Thursday, November 15, at Linsley Hall, 7:30 p.m., the Association will host a meeting featuring George Coles, in an especially informative (and entertaining, because George is) illustrated lecture on archaeology in this area, and what is known so far about pre-historical residents here.

Besides teaching for the past 31 years at Contra Costa College, George has spent much of his own time and money researching (digging up) secrets of our local past. His wife, Corinne, has participated to such an extent that she also qualifies as an expert.

Mark your calendars now — this is one meeting that you, your kids, parents, friends, won't want to miss.



From a photo in the 'Express'  
by Jim Lenger

## THE SEPTEMBER TOUR . . .

Our heartfelt condolences to all of you Pointers, ex and present, who missed our first meeting, especially the Richmond Museum tour. Browsing through the special exhibit of Indian artifacts was impressive enough, but the guided tour through the second floor exhibit of local memorabilia was the high point (excuse the small pun) for

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## MEMBERS . . .

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

<i>The Corbin Family</i>	<i>Hortense G. McGee</i>
<i>Lucretia &amp; Tom Edwards</i>	<i>Frank &amp; Pat Pearson</i>
<i>Jack Elle</i>	<i>Sheila Fostiak</i>
<i>Albert &amp; Alexandra Gautraud</i>	<i>Pauline Valenti</i>

And welcome to the following new members:

<i>Lloyd &amp; Phyllis Bogue</i>	<i>Grace Howe</i>
<i>Anne Booth</i>	<i>Mrs. Clara Jones</i>
<i>Hamilton &amp; Eleanor Boswell</i>	<i>Kathe Kiehn &amp; A. Jensen</i>
<i>Elton Brombacher</i>	<i>Zoanna Kille</i>
<i>Rodger &amp; Melanie Burt</i>	<i>Heinz Lankford</i>
<i>Laura Carey</i>	<i>Lenny Lipton</i>
<i>Judge &amp; Mrs. Geo. Carroll</i>	<i>Frank Lopez</i>
<i>Mrs. Gloria DeWolf</i>	<i>Mrs. Max Mandl</i>
* <i>Carole C. Epstein</i>	<i>Wm. &amp; Ruth Miller</i>
<i>Lloyd &amp; Melba Farley</i>	<i>Molly O'Connell</i>
<i>Barry &amp; Erica Gode</i>	<i>Gary Shows</i>
<i>Alberta &amp; Walter Horn</i>	<i>Stephen Spicer</i>
<i>Bonnie &amp; Malcolm Yuill-Thornton</i>	

Please let us know if we have made any mistakes or omissions in the listings.

A red check mark in this circle is a reminder that your membership has expired, and is due for renewal . . . It will be your only reminder, so please help support the Association's work by sending in your donation now.



Please fill out the form on the last page and send it to Pam Wilson, 521 Western Drive.

## RICHMOND MUSEUM EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### COLLECTORS' TREASURE FAIR . . .

The Richmond Museum, with co-sponsor the Richmond Recreation and Parks Department, is preparing for the Third Annual Collectors' Fair and Raffle on Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11 in the Museum's Seaver Room.

This sale will be a major fund raising event of the year with proceeds from the sale going to support future programs at the Museum — Donations are needed!

White elephants for the sale are being collected now, and all donations are tax deductible. No clothes, please. Call the Museum at 235-7387 for drop off locations.

### LAST DAY FOR EXHIBIT . . .

"Portrait of a Collector", Judith Hilburg's collection of Native American and African art, closes in the Seaver Room on October 7.

most of us, from the large clear photos of the Point in its very early days through a beautifully arranged and authentically furnished kitchen of yesteryear and a display of an old delivery wagon and farm implements of the day.

Docent Helen Pence led us on a most impressive journey through "all our yesterays". Stan Nystrom added to our enjoyment with his recollections of the Nystrom family's part in those halcyon days.

Around the corner yet more memory-joggers in the exhibits of the "old days" of Standard Oil Company and the now defunct Ford Motor Company plant at the western end of what is now Harbour Way. The star of the Ford exhibit was a lovingly restored original Model A — the first off the assembly line in 1931 — driven for many years by early Mayor McVittie. Topping off these two, including again many old photos, was a nautical exhibit which included detailed scale models of some queens of the ocean of grander days, including the Deutschland, the France and the Bremen.

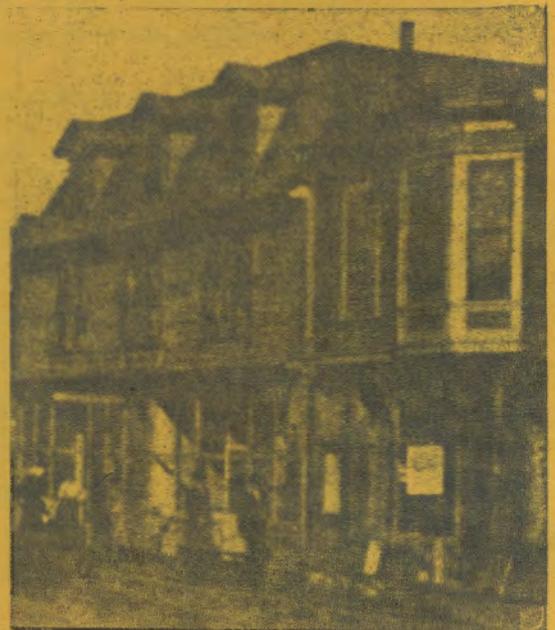
An interesting sidelight was the visit of old time Point Richmonders Mrs. MacWay-Cooke from Santa Clara and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. MacWay from Napa. They were interested in locating the old Macway House on Park Place. Stan Nystrom pointed out the building, which presently houses the Travel Agency and Oscar Lugo's Jewelry Store. Originally, the building had three stories, the upper two housing the Macway Boarding House.

Mrs. MacWay is a noted water color artist who has exhibited in the Bay Area, and is presently illustrating a children's book.

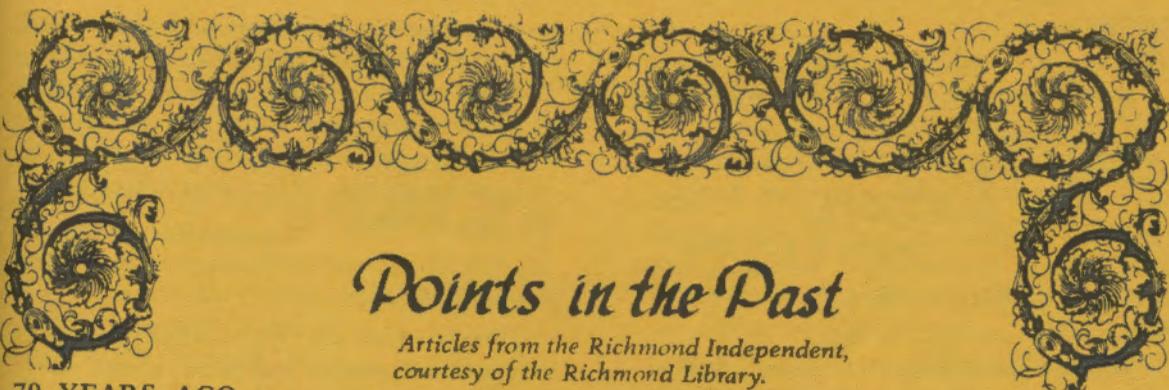
—Frankie Greenlaw



Thanks to Goldy Shrewsbury for some maps of Richmond, dated 1945 and 1949.



MacWay Place on the left, in 1903  
Don Church Collection



## Points in the Past

Articles from the *Richmond Independent*,  
courtesy of the *Richmond Library*.

### 70 YEARS AGO . . .

"Work of remodeling the old Abbott hospital . . . into a modern rooming house of sixty-two rooms will begin today.

"Yesterday Contractor Cofield, of Napa, representing Mrs. Josephine Grau, of that city, who is also the owner of the building, arrived here and immediately let a contract to Charles L. Swartout for the interior decorations."

—October 3, 1914

### FAMOUS AUTHOR AND WIFE GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME

"Jack London, generally recognized as the foremost of American authors and descriptive writers, with Mrs. London were the guests of honor last evening at a reception held at Kozy Kove.

"During the forenoon Mr. and Mrs. London were taken on a sightseeing trip through the Standard Oil refinery and Santa Fe shops following which they were tendered a luncheon by the members of the West Side Women's Improvement Club.

"The afternoon was spent by the couple in entertaining visitors aboard their yacht, "The Roamer", which is anchored just off Kozy Kove amusement park.

"The evening was featured by the serving of a dinner in the moonlight, amid the grove of eucalyptus trees. The characteristic viands of the beach party — clam chowder.

salad, "dogs" and other forms of refreshment were served in abundance."

—October 1 & 2, 1914

### NICHOLL'S PLANS FOR RICHMOND AVENUE . . .

"John Nicholl stated yesterday that he is considering the extension of Richmond avenue entirely around the hill until it will reach the municipal wharves.

"The work of paving the stretch of highway so far completed will be done by the Warswick Street Paving company, which has a \$74,000 contract.

"This terminates up against a cliff and the company is anxious to have the contract for continuing the job. Nicholl stated he intended to make the avenue the most beautiful one in the region of the bay.

"Palms are to be placed in the parkings and these will be surrounded by lawns. When finished it will be a driveway worth traveling miles to go over."

—October 24, 1914

### "OLD" BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED . . .

"Work of tearing down the old structures which have been eye sores to the city was commenced yesterday . . . The building committee has issued instructions to the owners of various places to get them out of the way immediately."

Among those buildings scheduled for

demolition:

Youngman's building on Scenic Avenue  
Wood plumbing shop on Richmond Ave.  
Abbott's barn on Standard Avenue  
Wiebel building on Standard Avenue

*(These "old" buildings may have been  
ten to fourteen years old)*

—October 20 & 24, 1914

#### CITY HALL TEMPORARILY UNMOVED . . .

"The city hall will stay for a while at the present site according to a decision of the city council last evening, when they authorized the mayor to sign a lease for the present site for one year.

"A number of propositions for new locations have been put to the council but the decision of last evening puts an end to any consideration of these until a distant date."

—October 17, 1914

#### MUNICIPAL TUNNEL PROGRESS and HAZARDS

"By the new method the work on the municipal tunnel is being rushed more rapidly than it was at first believed possible and it now looks as if the first of the coming year will see the job done." However, during the month there have been several slight mishaps and injuries. Yesterday, D. Costello suffered slight injuries when he fell into the cement mixer being used by the Shattuck Eddinger company in the work on the municipal tunnel. Fortunately he was able to climb out before the cement hardened.

—October 28, 1914

#### WARM WELCOME for METHODIST MINISTER . . .

"Practically all of the west side and nearly every pastor in the city was present at the First Methodist Episcopal church last evening to give a warm welcome to Reverend P.E. Peterson, the new pastor."

The newly appointed pastor "spoke of

how glad he was to be here and of the work he had mapped out. But of all the things he said the one phrase which gave him instant popularity was 'the west side is the best side'. When he had uttered those words he was given a volume of applause which shook the very building." !!!

—October 31, 1914

#### HALLOWEEN . . .

"Halloween, the night when the small kids gather in groups and prowl about carrying off gates, and any other thing of a moveable nature will be celebrated in elaborate fashion this evening. All of the kids have been preparing for the big time and it is said that wagons, gates and out houses are due to suffer."

—October 31, 1914

#### 60 YEARS AGO . . .

##### BASEBALL . . .

"Washington Senators became the baseball champions . . . this afternoon when they came from behind again and beat the New York Giants 4 to 3, in the seventh game of the world series."

—October 10, 1924

#### NICHOLL SELLS A SMALL TRIANGLE . . .

"Announcement is made by the John Nicholl Co. of the sale of the triangular lot bounded by Oregon street, Richmond avenue, and Garrard boulevard to Charles M. Wiggins, Oakland realtor, for a consideration of \$3,500.

"The lot faces the Municipal Bath House site and is a one quarter portion of the original piece of ground held under option . . . a short while ago by the Park and Playground Commission and recommended by them as a Civic Center Band Stand and Park site for West Richmond."

—October 18, 1924

### READYING WATER for the PLUNGE . . .

"City Engineer E.A. Hoffman is now completing a final test of the semi-artesian well which will supply the water for the municipal natatorium . . . The well at present is pumping water at the rate of 200 gallons a minute, and the pumping will continue until the well is dry. The pump started yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Every twenty-four hours 288,000 gallons is taken from the well and Hoffman believes the results of the test will prove the well production entirely satisfactory for bathhouse purposes."

—October 31, 1924

### HALLOWEEN . . .

"Boys and girls of Richmond are being warned by the police that they will be taken into custody and locked up if they play any destructive Halloween pranks tonight."

—October 31, 1924

### 50 YEARS AGO . . .

#### SHADES OF MOBY DICK . . .

"Cries of 'Thar She Blows!' resounded through the Richmond police station yesterday morning when a frantic telephone call from T.D.C. Johnson, manager of the Point Potrero brickyard, informed officers that a sea monster resembling a cross between a seven legged whootus and Minnie of the Marshes. Contra Costa county's pet sea serpent was disporting itself in the limpid waters off the local beach near the San Francisco ferry.

"Inspector Oliver Wylie and Sergeant John Kinstrey, armed to the teeth with bomb guns, harpoons and all the available sea monster hunting equipment rushed to the scene to find the usually placid waters of the bay being churned into a muddy foam by a horrendous Something with many rows

of gleaming teeth, eyes like a cat and a head like a shovel.

"'Lasso him' shouted the intrepid inspector and lasso him Sergeant Kinstrey did, only to find himself being dragged in the general direction of Honolulu . . . Finally things calmed down enough to allow Wylie to empty his service revolver into the Thing.

"With shouts of applause from the several hundred spectators attracted by the fray, it was dragged gasping onto the beach. Investigation showed it to be a 9 foot, 4 inch man-eating shark, weighing 500 pounds."

—October 1, 1934

### THE BRICKYARD'S HEYDAY . . .

"The Richmond Pressed Brick company near the outer harbor is the scene of great activity now, as this company is furnishing the dressing for the roadway on the new bay bridges. The work has been in progress for several weeks."

—October 5, 1934

### BASEBALL . . .

"The St. Louis Cardinals won the world baseball championship today by overwhelming the Detroit Tigers, 11 to 0, in the seventh and final contest of the [world series]."

—October 9, 1934

—Teresa Albro



The Brickyard, about 1912

## 40 YEARS AGO ...

### WOMEN IN WAR PLAY VITAL PART AT S. O. PLANT

"How women may help man Standard Oil's huge new \$19,500,000, 100-octane aviation gasoline plant at the Standard Oil Refinery was demonstrated recently when a group of newspaper women, escorted by R.K. Rowell, refinery manager, and other Standard Oil officials, visited older units of the refinery and saw patriotic women engaged in tasks similar to those which will be carried on at the new plant.

"The new plant, expected to be in full operation by December 1, will increase the refinery's output of 100 Octane gasoline by gallons a day.

"Towering as high as a 20-story building, elevators used in the catalyst equipment will dominate the skyline. Two hundred men and women will be employed at the plant.

"The plant, built by the government, is practically a complete refinery in itself, the project being composed of three interrelated plants including two Thermoform Catalytic Cracking units, an alkylation and an isomerization plant, the latter being developed by the company's research scientists.

"The term "100 Octane" refers to the degree of anti-knock quality of the gasoline. Of itself, 100 Octane is no more powerful than the regular automotive grades of gasoline. But placed in high compression airplanes, 100 Octane really goes to town in engines especially designed to use the fuel.

"As the party threaded its way through the labyrinth of pipes, boiler, bats and steaming valves, they saw many glamour girls nattily attired in brown suits with hair attractively bound with bandanas, going about their duty with verve and assurance. These included Mrs. Jessie Carpenter, machinist's helper. After 14 months on the job, Mrs.

Carpenter, mother of an 11 year old son, Norman, says, 'I'm just crazy about my work.'

"It's the patriotic motive that keeps Mrs. Dorothy Kirkpatrick, wife of a Navy man, at work in the sampler room. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who tests the gravity and aromatics of samples, says, 'I'm here so my husband can come home sooner.'

"Sentiments of the two women are indicative of all the women who comprise one-third of the employees at the Standard Oil Refinery. Of the 1,090 women now employed, more than 470 are operators, who gauge tanks, operate pumps, draw samples, read gauges, operate stills and operate control instruments.

"All have an unusually high degree of responsibility, being well aware that our service men in the South Pacific won't quit when Germany collapses. San Francisco bay region will then become the main spring board for America's war effort.

"Unless women respond for work at the new 100 Octane aviation gasoline plant, it will mean that the new plant cannot run and our war planes will be deprived of 336,000 gallons of aviation gasoline a day.

"Experience is not necessary and applicants will be paid while being trained. The work is no harder than ordinary house work — and far more interesting — mainly outdoors. Only a grammar school education is necessary and the company arranges for transportation and housing."

—October 4, 1944

### POINT RICHMOND BAPTISTS HAVE A NEW LEADER

"Three Protestant ministers have recently come to Richmond to take over new assignments of church work. Each man will be introduced through this column. This week we extend greetings to Rev. Chester H. Northrop, who was installed as pastor of Point

Richmond Baptist Church, at 304 Washington Avenue, on Sunday, October 1. He follows Rev. Robert Jenkins, now a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. Since July Mr. Northrop has been the interim pastor. He received his B.A. from Gooding College, Gooding, Idaho, and is now a senior at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley. He and Mrs. Northrop were married in 1929, and have an eleven year old son, Robert. Mrs. Northrop is serving as one of the librarians at the seminary, and will have charge of the church's primary department.

"The Point Richmond Baptist Church is responsible for the Baptist constituency in a large area on Richmond's west side. Besides the regular established church group in the Point Richmond residence district, it also serves people in the Canal War apartments, in Esmeralda Court and Richmond Terrace. At the present time, the church is majoring on church-school and youth work. Mr. Dale Cochran was recently installed as church school superintendent, and Mrs. Albert Zang has become counselor for the junior high school youth group. This church is also noted for its large and active group of young adults who meet every Sunday in the attractive balcony parlor, a room that was one of the featured improvements in the church's recent rebuilding and redecorating project.

—October 21, 1944

### 30 YEARS AGO . . .

#### BAZAAR SLATED BY SEWING CLUB

"Plans for the annual bazaar of Point Sewing Club were completed recently. The affair will be held Saturday, October 23, in the banquet room of Point Masonic Temple and the public is invited to attend.

—October 4, 1954

### SWIMMING CLASSES BEING OFFERED AT PLUNGE

"Women interested in swimming can gain valuable information from instructor Roger Chung at the Richmond Plunge. The swimming classes are for women over the age of 18 residing in the Richmond Union High School district. The purpose of the classes is to teach swimming and, if nothing else, help the women lose their fear of the water. The beginners and intermediate classes are being offered by the city's recreation department.

—October 1, 1954

### 20 YEARS AGO . . .

#### QUESTION MARK COLUMN

"Point Richmond's Ted Hein, he is a planning and research consultant, has received word of a commendation by the National Safety Council for his research in accident prevention. Sponsor of the competition is the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. The award is for his work on the effects of rumble strips on traffic and driver behavior.

"In case you wondered what a rumble strip is, you can feel the effect every time you take the left hand lane to Richmond from the freeway at Albany. The idea of a rumble strip is to give a warning to drivers of a dangerous change in the road conditions ahead and that they should pay close attention to their driving. It works by instinct. Right now Ted will be handling the award with finger tips since he picked up a case of poison oak in Wildcat Canyon over the weekend. His nurse neighbor, Alyce Williamson, suggests the next research project should be a rumble strip to warn people who are getting too close to poison oak.

October 26, 1964

—Pam Wilson

## CORK TREES OF POINT RICHMOND

Few walkers or joggers along Ocean Avenue notice the gnarled bark of the cork oak trees. For over forty years these trees have resisted the wind and chilling fogs and adapted to life in Point Richmond.

In the summer before Pearl Harbor panic swept the wineries in the Napa Valley. The vintners depended on cork from Spain and Portugal to seal their wine bottles. War raged in Europe and seemed imminent for the United States.

On a warm, sunny afternoon in the summer of 194, , John and Monica Haley visited Beringer's Winery in the Napa Valley. After their tour the guide offered them containers of cork oak saplings. By offering free plantings, Beringer hoped to assure themselves a source of corks in California. Professor Haley scooped up six containers and brought the seedlings to the Point.

At that time the Haley's new home was located at the end of Ocean Avenue near a treeless vacant area — the perfect spot to plant the six young trees. John and Monica carefully spread the trees out to give them maximum room for growth. During the ensuing war years while John was away in the Navy, Monica and her mother tended the growing trees with buckets of water in the hot summer.

Beringer's Winery never called for a harvest of cork from the trees. Even today the bulk of cork production continues to center in the Mediterranean area. For the first 20 years cork trees yield an insufficient amount of cork bark. At 50 years the yield is about 100 pounds, but the octogenarians produce close to 500 pounds of cork.

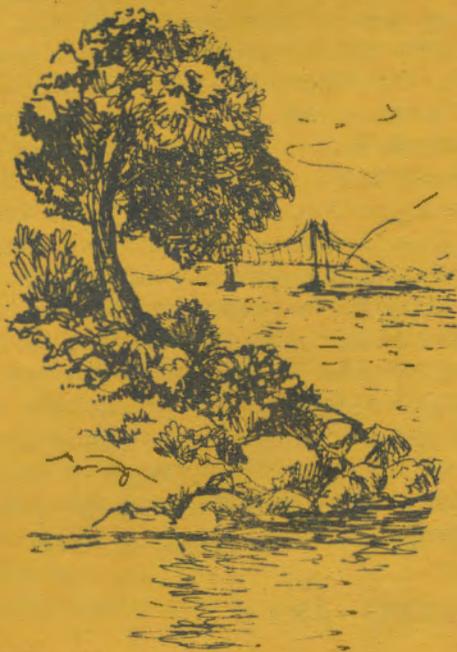
Only three of the six trees remain. A neighborhood boy with an imaginary rifle tore up three saplings as he dispatched them

with his unseen bullets.

But the three cork oak trees seem small for their forty-three years. John attributes this to the alkaline soil of the ancient Indian midden or shell mound that covers the area. A few years ago an infestation of moths threatened the trees but John sprayed them and they continue to grow and produce their characteristic cork layer.

These hardy natives of the Mediterranean Sea who were known to the ancient Greeks remain in Point Richmond as reminders of the past and a symbol of a preparedness that was never needed.

—*Alexandra A. Gautraud*



## LETTERS...

Not a letter, but a response to one which appeared last month, from a man in England, came via Marie Wilson Dietz and Clara Page, who informed the former Elizabeth Whitney (now Mrs. Karl Drexel) of her former pen friend's wish to correspond with her. Mrs. Drexel, now of Concord, has written to her acquaintance of years ago.

## POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The quarterly meeting of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 1984, 7:45 p.m. at the Point Richmond Community Center. October is National Crime Prevention month and this meeting of the Council will focus on crime prevention in our community.

Although the crime rate in the Point is lower than in most of the City of Richmond, we have our share of vandalism, burglaries and robberies. Many of these crimes can be prevented, but crime prevention has to be a joint responsibility of both the police and citizens. The City of Richmond has a unique crime prevention program that is a cooperative effort between the Police Department, City Manager's Office, Department of Housing and Community Development and concerned citizens from neighborhoods throughout the city. Speakers from the program will share a number of suggestions and a lot of information about crime prevention at our October meeting, so plan on attending.

The City of Richmond's Crime Prevention Task Force is also sponsoring a Crime Prevention Fair on October 13, 1984, at the Richmond Auditorium. Everyone is invited; there will be a broad range of information about crime prevention for businesses and citizens. For more information call 231-3952.

*-Janet Lyons*

### DEATHS

Peter Matthew Horn was cruelly slain in his thirty-first year, on September 14. His wife, Teri, son Matthew, parents Walter and Alberta Horn, brother Michael and sister Rebecca are and shall be inconsolable.

Peter Horn left a legacy of love and respect. All who knew him were made to feel special in his eyes. He will be sorely missed and long remembered.

*-Sheila Fostiak*

Mary Aguiar died June 21 in a San Pablo rest home. A native of Richmond, Mary attended the old Point Richmond schools and lived at the Richmond Brick Company. She worked for many years at Penney's when it was located on Eighth Street. She is survived by brothers Frank of San Pablo and Antoine of Grass Valley.

Lester Skow, 84, was a native of Oakland. He moved to this area as an infant and always considered himself 'a pioneer of the valley'. He was co-owner of the Richmond Farm Creamery for 50 years before selling the business to Foremost Dairies. Many people will remember the 'home deliveries' of milk products.

During the peak years, the creamery had 250 cows. The farm, founded by his father in 1915, was located where the San Pablo Reservoir is now. Les was active in the Odd-fellows and Zephyr Rebekah Lodges in the Point. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, and sons, Donald of Nigeria and Richard of New York.

Juanita Edmonds died August 29 at the age of 72. A Point resident for most of her life, Juanita was born in Field's Landing in Humboldt County. She attended Washington School, and later taught at Roosevelt, Helms and Kennedy High School. Juanita was interviewed for the May newsletter. She is survived by her husband Donald in the Point, and sons Allen Gregg and Ralph Edmonds. A private interment was held.

*-Mid Dornan*



## ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIRE

It is time again for the Annual Country Faire at the First Methodist Church, Martina Street at West Richmond in the Point on Friday, October 26, 12 noon until 3:30 p.m. The Faire is the only fund raiser of the United Methodist Women. Each year the dedicated group of women is assisted by friends in the community. Many former members and friends return from other areas also to assist on this day.

The capable and personable president, Oretta Eaton, is chairman of the luncheon. Reservations may be made by phoning her at 234-0780. Those on a limited lunch hour should note this when making reservations.

Funds are being raised for the continuing repair and restoration of this historic church. The tall steeple is being re-roofed for the third time in its history. The original and past re-roofing was done by Les Jenks and his father. The eaves and gutters along with the painting of all the outside trim is costing over \$26,000 with more than \$10,000 of it going for the scaffolding alone.

The stained glass windows in Friendship Hall have been releaded and repaired, and a new brass top is being designed for the peak of the steeple to replace the one that was recently blown off.

Stuffed cloth pumpkins and witches will decorate the luncheon tables and also be for sale. Booths will include the famous homemade baked pastries and breads, aprons, cards, miscellaneous and Christmas items as well as the plant area to again be staffed by the oldest member of the church, 89 year-young Trannie Dornan.

For more information or if you want to assist that day or attend the craft meetings preparing for the faire on Wednesdays, call 234-0780.

## POINT CHURCH HISTORY

*Church history is rich with contributions of women. It is true that men usually spent long hours working, but the women were not idle at home. One of the church groups was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church, whose history is reflected in the minutes which are printed below from the stiff cardboard-covered notebook which was purchased from "Schoen's Pharmacy in the Point. This is the second installment.*

Point Richmond, Calif. Feb. 22, 1907

The Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. McWhorters. The meeting was opened by the President Mrs. Head. The first was a song by the society, then all reading the 1st Psalm. Business in order. A report given by Mrs. Younglove on the distribution of gowns and other apparel which was very encouraging. Then the question of mite boxes was considered. Mrs. Gnaga was appointed to procure the Mite Boxes. Then the discussion of having a tea on the 22 of March but there was no decision.

The treasurer gave her report of \$3.65 in Treasury. Mrs. G. Gerard paid bill on Jan. 25 for Mrs. Johnson for groceries to the amount of \$1.00 for which she gave as dues. The program first was a reading by Mrs. Haynes which was very interesting. Next was a reading by Mrs. Conry.

Mrs. Lake gave a very interesting talk on her travels in Australia and Zeland (sic).

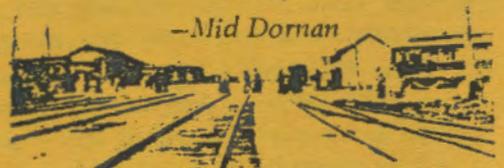
Dues: Mrs. Head paid	10 cts
Mrs. Schoen "	20
L.C. Pritchard	1.10
Mrs. G. Gerard	1.10 and bill
	-----\$1.00

\$2.40

(Note: it doesn't add up)

L.C. Pritchard, sect.

-Mid Dornan



## WHAT IS THE POINT OF BUSINESS

### FIREBALL . . .

The Point Richmond Business Association was a co-sponsor of the 1984 Fireball World Championship Races hosted by the Richmond Yacht Club from August 13 to August 24, 1984.

Approximately 60 teams from a dozen countries participated in the event which has been held yearly since the first world championship in England in 1966.

The Fireball class is a 16', 2" open hull racer which is raced in 56 countries around the world. This year's winning team, like the America's Cup holder, came from Australia.

Lynn Huntley was the Chairperson for the event which was publicized by a very impressive brochure featuring not only rare information but a two-page, illustrated layout on Point Richmond.

### THE RICHMOND YACHT CLUB . . .

The Richmond Yacht Club brings a lot of people into and through our community. If the amount of business generated by Yacht Club members and their guests could be quantified, we believe it would be a substantial amount.

The 1984 Fireball World Championship brochure included an interesting but concise history of the Yacht Club written by Doris Klein which appears below:

*Since its founding in 1932 by 12 young men who had a love for sailing, Richmond has been a sailing club, racing club, a family club. As its informal motto says, "This Club was Built for Fun." Involvement is the most fun of all, and many of the now 700-plus members are active, either in racing and cruising their boats, in the training of our Juniors, or socializing. Many take part in*

*semi-annual work parties for ordinary club maintenance, like painting, yard work, minor dock carpentry . . . for to many members, the club is an extension of their homes, and they take pride in the extended family they feel other fellow sailors to be.*

*Initially, the purchase of the property and improvements were largely self-funded by members, and they also did a lot of the construction themselves. With much personal dedication, members between 1961-63 negotiated the purchase of the site, completed the harbor in 1965, with the clubhouse being built soon after, at this, the third site of this 52 year old club. Other, smaller headquarters had been surrendered during World War II for the shipyards down the channel, or leased, on a temporary basis. But by the 60s, the growing membership wanted a home of its own. They pioneered the site here, dredging and filling for harbor and shore facilities, and the new homes and marine businesses just to leeward followed in a few years, helping create the pleasant, sailing-orientea neighborhood.*

*Thanks to member involvement during all the 52 years, the marina and all the property within our fences is club-owned and mortgage-free. This is our home, and we welcome you to be our new friends, and to take home memories of splendid sailing in the waters off our club . . . and happy memories of friendships found here.*

### MORE ON TRAINS

Concern about blockage of streets by Santa Fe trains is once again growing. Both Jay Ward of The Point and David Lee of the Point Orient have publicly and privately expressed their displeasure with the noon and late afternoon rail operations on West Richmond Avenue which block the crossing up to 15 minutes or more at a time. This causes considerable inconvenience to people com-

ing in or going from Point Richmond during the heavy lunch hour crush. It is thought that these blockages have an inhibiting effect on patrons of local restaurants and therefore a real, negative economic impact on the Point Richmond business community. The Business Association has once again agreed to contact officials of both Santa Fe and the City of Richmond to seek relief.

### *RAILROAD AVENUE PARKING*

Public Works Director Larry Loder and Recreation and Parks Director Joe Salvato have proposed a landscape repair and maintenance program for the Railroad Avenue parking project that would have an initial cost of \$3,000 and an ongoing maintenance cost of \$1,500 per year.

The repairs would include additional irrigation system emitters, replacement of Star Jasmine plants, and planting of gopher weed on the back (Santa Fe side) of the fence. The city officials maintain that gophers were as much a factor as lack of water in killing many of the Jasmine plants. Apparently gopher weed acts as a deterrent to the little rascals.

Loder and Salvato intend to recommend to the City Council that an assessment district be instituted to pay the cost of annual maintenance. Funds would come from a combination of assessments on new building projects and from tax levies on property owners.

Apparently there are only two parking areas in the City that are maintained by the City: Hilltop and Railroad Avenue. The difference is that Railroad Avenue has not really been maintained, and Hilltop depends on an assessment of the shopping center owner for some of the maintenance cost.

A written proposal will be submitted by Loder and Salvato for consideration by the Business Association in the near future.

Meanwhile, at least the weeding and trash removal is still being done periodically by Work Alternative people assigned on weekends through the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office and the City of Richmond City Manager's Office. Last weekend, Walter Connolly and Tom Butt supervised the cleanup.

### *CASTRO POINT RAILWAY*

A local institution appears to be on the verge of leaving the Point Richmond area. Informed sources report that the U.S. Navy has given the Pacific Locomotive Association the heave-ho from their trackage at the Point Molate Fuel Depot.

The organization is hoping to find a new home on some abandoned Southern Pacific trackage at Niles Canyon, but this depends on cooperation with the East Bay Regional Park District and plenty of money to lay new trackage.

Reasons for the eviction are not clear, but a Naval edict from higher up to "use it or lose it" may have triggered the action.

### *INDIAN STATUE DEDICATION*

Raffle tickets with a voluminous and exciting array of prizes went on sale beginning September 20. The price is \$1.00 per ticket, and proceeds are going to directly benefit The Masquers.

The Business Association virtually bankrupted its treasury to purchase a large banner in a final push to publicize the event scheduled for October 20.

*-Tom Butt*

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## A-MID TRIVIA

October is popcorn month. Moisture is the key ingredient in good popcorn. If stored in a jar or airtight container it doesn't lose moisture; don't keep it in a plastic container.

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Richard Wilson of Western Drive has been in Brookside Hospital Intensive Care Unit, with the exception of a few days, since August 16. After a lung removal he contracted an infection that has kept him in the unit. It's time you get out, get those muscles intact and get back to the Point, Richard. You are missed.

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Returning to revive old memories were Carol (Charlesworth) and her husband Hershell Epstein of Chicago. Carol, who lived in the Point in the area of Our Lady of Mercy Church about 53 years ago, spent September 19 in the Point. Her memories of the French Bakery on the corner of Santa Fe and West Richmond Avenue were so vivid that she could remember the smell of bread baking. After wandering into the Library, she was referred to Trannie's store. It was here Carol spotted "This Point in Time" and purchased the book and all past issues of the newsletter immediately. Also, she decided to join the History Association, so we welcome the Epsteins as *History Preservers!* We invite Carol to write and share some memories and perhaps changes she noted after 53 years.

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Foxes ... in Point Richmond! Two were observed September 13 about 11 p.m. wandering casually in the open space between 212 and 220 Bishop Alley/Avenue. Did anyone else see them? The Humane Society was alerted.

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ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN  
THE NOVEMBER ELECTION?

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The hale and hearty lap swimmers and other users of the Richmond Natatorium in the Point had to wait a little longer for the pool to open after being closed for repairs since June 11. It seems the 60 year-old swimming facility received an extensive overhaul in its sewer and drainage system as well as its locker rooms. But, when the time came to reopen in September, the massive boilers which have heated the pool since 1929, seemed to resent being overlooked, and malfunctioned. The 350,000 gallons of water pumped into the pool were not heated. Now all is corrected and the Plunge is open.

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There's good news and bad news ... good news is that government statistics show Americans are living longer, with average life expectancy for women 77.9, compared to 70.4 for men. Bad news is, for those of us 'getting up there' that we may be average!

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Point Chapter of Eastern Star, no. 394, honored several members in September at a dinner with over 100 in attendance at their hall on Washington Avenue. Recognized for 25 years of membership were Sybil Kelly (past Matron) Alma Heath, Brenda Miller, and Charlotte Sossamon. The Rob Morris Award for continuing service to the Point chapter was presented to Hazel Bigham. A 50 year membership pin was presented to Trannie Dornan by Diann Allyn Lawrence, who told of her association with the Dornan family, as both families are old-time Point Richmonders.

Trannie laughingly recalled her initiation in 1930 - the Conductress fainted! When she served as Treasurer during World War I, the dues were paid in Silver Dollars. She would carry the heavy bag of dollars home at night without a fear - one of the reasons they're called 'the good old days'.

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Gust Allyn, former mayor and postmaster of Richmond, was honored and presented a plaque by Mayor Thomas Corcoran for his 60 years in business in the city. Allyn has operated his men's shop on Washington Avenue here in the Point with his sons Mickey and Hank.

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Some pet owners walk their dogs or cats, but on Washington Avenue, someone was seen walking a pet *duck!*

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'They always come back to the Point' applies to Trefrey and Nellie (Huffstetter) Ross, both of whom grew up in the Point, attended Washington, Roosevelt and Richmond High Schools. They married and have lived in many places including the Point, but now they're back, living at 28 Montana. Welcome back!

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It's good news (that's why it won't make national headlines) that "Boy's Life", the scouters' magazine with its wholesome articles and corny jokes outsells Hustler magazine.

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Emily and Allen Jones, recently visiting their daughter Ellen Baritot, paid us a visit, hoping to take back to their home in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania information that would be helpful to their newly formed historical commission.

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Relatively full was Arthur Boie's recent visit with son-in-law and daughter Rosy and Donna Roselius. Included in relatives he was able to spend time with were his sister, two granddaughters, a great grandson, two cousins and two daughters of another cousin. An active 85 year-old, his only complaint was that he wasn't kept busy enough.

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From time to time readers tell us about pictures and clippings they have from the early 1900's. As a suggestion, would those

of you possessing these irreplaceable mementos just attach a note to them to notify any heirs that they contact the History Association before they destroy any documents they might not want. Our treasures are often someone else's castaways.

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Several million dollars' worth of candies and other goodies will exchange hands between adults and children on Halloween. One of the alternatives to sweets are the packages of 'stickers' so popular with kids.

One of the paradoxes of Halloween is that the name which conjures up scary, evil things literally means "holy evening."

-Mid Dornan  
(234-5334, eves.)

## REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

### THIS YEAR'S STAFF...

Teachers this year at Washington Elementary School are: Mrs. Hayes (K), Miss Johnson (K,1), Mrs. Politeau (1,2), Mrs. Pryde, new to Washington this year (2,3), Mrs. Bogy (3,4), Mrs. Berg (4,5), Mr. Wagenheim (5,6) and Mrs. Demorest (6). Mr. Nino Petroni is the principal, and Mrs. Phyllis Stone, school secretary.

### PTA and the OCTOBER 20 CELEBRATION...

Except for Linda Drake, treasurer, officers for this year have not yet been elected. The first meeting was chaired by Mr. Petroni and Linda Mitchell.

Seven of the eight teachers attended the PTA meeting, as well as a small but enthusiastic group of fifteen parents.

This year's carnival will be held in conjunction with the Indian Statue Dedication Day October 20 from 10:00 to 4:00. Clay Bernard donated space between Savoir Faire

and the former Zebra building on Washington Avenue for our use.

Everyone seems willing to work, so we are expecting to add a great deal to the food and festivities of the day.

Each teacher will be responsible for her class's game booth, with games geared to their grade level. John and Vicki Coots are finding the suitable games; Don and Margarita Hain are in charge of game prizes, pumpkins for carving and possibly turkeys to raffle. Sue Strayer will man (or woman) the PTA membership booth, and Omera Johnson and Pam Bash are the food committee, assuring the supply of hot dogs and beverages.

Recent alumni are being scouted by Mike and Georgia Haley for lot clean-up before and after the festival.

Debby Ally will provide prizes for the pumpkin carving contest, and Judy and Van Bray. Donald Cosper, Marco and Amy Rotting, Susan and Steven Burman and Debby and David Ally will serve as multi-purpose resources, and Barbara Gerk has offered her pony, on which children may pose for pictures!

To sum up the PTA's activities for the Festival: There will be eight carnival games, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Face Painting, Balloons, Drawings for Delicious Cakes, a Pumpkin Carving Contest, possibly Pony Photos, and, last but not least, we will probably have a DUNK TANK, provided some of our local notables can be talked into being the 'Dunkees'!

All activities are reasonably priced, with proceeds going to this year's projects at the school, with a percentage going to the Business Association, in gratitude for their past support. A PTA membership booth will be available for those wishing to contribute.

Participants are most welcome – please call Linda Mitchell at 234-6159 if you can

assist in any way. (between 5 - 8 p.m.)

### FUTURE PROJECTS . . .

In the next issue, we will report on the use of project funds last year, and how the budget is proposed to be used this year; Washington's Resource Teachers, and how they coordinate with regular classroom programs; and a Teacher Proposal for class-swapping for special projects, as science labs, art and music.

—Linda Mitchell

### WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

A reminder to library patrons – *Start bringing your library card with you!* When the computer is operational, it will be necessary to physically use your card to check out books, etc. (A light pen will scan the zebra label attached to the back of the card.) Labels will be issued to those not having them. Special days for this will be announced so watch the library door for times.

Pardon our bare shelves. Books have been temporarily removed, as books are also being zebra labeled.

Those of you 'do it yourselfers' might be interested in the following titles published by Nolo Press and recently acquired by West Side: *How to do Your Own Divorce in California; Plan Your Estate – Wills, Probate Avoidance, Trusts and Taxes; How to Form Your Own California Corporation; After the Divorce; Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court.* Along these lines is another added title: *The Family Legal Advisor: A Clear, Reliable, and Up-To-Date Guide to Your Rights and Remedies Under the Law.*

West Side will be open on Saturday, October 20, 1984, from 12:00 to 4:00 as a participant in the Indian Statue Dedication Day. Hope to see you there.

—Jan Burdick

**RECENT HISTORY –  
THE MILLER-KNOX  
REGIONAL SHORELINE PARK  
PART X**

The consultant chosen to prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Petromark expansion proposal was Environmental Science Associates (ESA), a Foster City firm headed by Dr. Richard Cole. ESA was known to the city from work done by the firm on the preparation of the Chevron USA Lube Oil Modernization EIR and the Seacliff Estates EIR. Conversely, because of these completed past projects ESA was familiar with the guidelines and policies of the City of Richmond.

On April 10, 1984, a Community Scoping meeting on the Petromark proposal was held at the Pt. Richmond Community Center attended by Richmond Planning Department staff, ESA staff, representatives from Petromark and more than forty Brickyard Cove and Point Richmond residents.

Following a description of the proposed project and a brief summarization of the EIR process, the meeting was opened for public comments. They were forthcoming. Having been offered the opportunity to say what they would like to see covered by the EIR, (i.e., the *scope* of the report) the concerned citizens poured out questions, comments and specific lists of topics they hoped the consultants would include in their research. Key points included the following:

1] Economic and Fiscal Aspects

Petromark's financial position and the economic benefits or costs to Richmond of continuing or expanding operations.

The city's liability as lessor of the Santa Fe land, and liability in the event of damage, contamination and clean-up.

Employment potential: Fiscal impacts (a) in terms of necessary public improve-

ments and (b) on surrounding property values.

2] Health and Safety

Site analysis to determine existing soil contamination, potential contamination and assurance of clean-up of site in the event of the discontinuance of the project.

Examination of the integrity of existing operations and maintenance procedures.

Chemicals: The full range that may be stored at the expansion site.

Hazardous materials carried on ships off-loading at the site even though safe materials are being off-loaded.

The potential for release of hazardous materials.

Effects of spills, fire and toxic fumes on people, bay and marine habitats, soil, and future use of the site.

Risk analysis – truck, rail and ship traffic.

Commitment from Petromark not to store certain materials.

Size of tanks – distance from residential areas.

Structural safety of Garrard Tunnel in terms of greatly increased truck traffic.

3] Land Use and Planning

Analysis of short and long term effects of proposed land use on the whole area. Project proposal considered in economic terms relative to 'highest and best use' of the site. Land uses to be encouraged or precluded in area. Impact effects on residents and recreationists (current and planned activities).

If proposed expansion is not considered an appropriate use, possibility of changing the zone (re-zoning).

4] Visual and Aesthetic and Public Access

Site analyzed in terms of its prominent land and water location.

Analysis of visual impact on the park, es-

pecially hill and ridge trails.

Public access to the Bay. Effect of proposed security on public access.

Landscaping and screening. Careful plans for tree types and sizes, planting schedule and automatic irrigation.

### 5] Traffic

Updated and complete study of existing and future rail and truck traffic (including implications of the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroad mergers and consequent possible abandonment of rail line). Impact of increased truck traffic (hazards and congestion) on the tunnel, the elementary school, the residential communities, and Point Richmond business center.

Rail traffic and the present and future potential for blocking roadways.

Access for emergency vehicles.

Extension of Brickyard Cove Road to Canal Boulevard.

### 6] Air Quality

Potential health effects to residents downwind from site.

Potential health effect to area of toxic emissions.

Emission analyzed relative to public nuisance, not just comparison with standards of Bay Area Quality Management District.

### 7] Noise

Rail and truck; Construction; Day and night.

8] Alternatives (in addition to the usual ones).

Relocation; Mixed uses.

Effect on existing operation of 'no project' alternative. Would operations there be closed down?

Increased capacity on existing site.

### 9] Other Concerns.

Sources of information, other than applicant.

Sources of information, information that

could not be found, means of finding information.

Verification of applicant's information by consultant.

Consultant access to Petromark's books to show incremental spin-off from existing operation.

Quantitative worst case analysis.

Means whereby Petromark could be made to commit to legally enforceable mitigation measures and limitations.

Analysis of cumulative impacts.

In summary, people of the community wanted the *widest* possible scope in the report, and a full study of alternate uses for the expansion site.

## portion of the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT on the PROPOSED PETROMARK EXPANSION PROJECT

"The project sponsor, Petromark, Inc., proposes to construct a 300,000 barrel for-hire bulk liquid storage terminal on an unimproved 8.1 acre site on Ferry Point in Point Richmond. The facility would consist of a total of 50 5,000-barrel steel tanks, three 20,000-barrel tanks, a small operations and storage building, two 970 foot six-inch-diameter pipeline and vault connecting the facility with a dock at the Port of Richmond's Terminal No. 1, 460 feet of railroad siding and a truck loading rack. All tanks and loading areas would be surrounded by concrete containment structures. This facility would be operated jointly with Petromark's existing terminal, located on a 14-acre site immediately east of the Dornan Drive extension opposite the project site."



Ferry slip, 1913  
courtesy Richmond Museum

Dr. Richard Cole, Associate-in-charge of this project for ESA, warned that not all the residents' concerns fell within the legal framework of the report, especially complaints about the company's current operation. This somewhat dashed the hopes of those who had taken literally the request for community suggestions. However, when a summary of notes taken by ESA of the Scoping meeting was made available along with an even more detailed letter from Dr. Cole to the Richmond Planning Director, outlining his company's methodology and scope of work, the community was surprised and gratified at what seemed to be a comprehensive frame of reference within which the EIR was to be prepared. Since the long-term and philosophical implications of this report were seen to be broader than the proposal itself, it was hoped that ESA would carry through with a thorough and professional job of in-depth evaluation. Accordingly, residents prepared themselves for a long wait for a technically detailed EIR.

This complacency was shaken at the beginning of August, shortly before the EIR was due, by information that Petromark had requested approval to extend two rail lines in its yard at the end of Dornan Drive and to build two tanks at its present site.

Old alarms flared anew, with good reason. Under the city's M-3 (heavy industry) zoning, an industry can do very much as it pleases on its property. On-site matters are handled as administrative decisions which do not go through the Planning Commission but are dealt with by staff, in this case the Port Director, Sal Bose. This matter had been brought to the City Council's attention for 'information only', not scheduled for their agenda.

According to Petromark's lease with the city, any major fixtures or additions at the site may proceed if the city receives no written objection within two weeks of its re-

quest. Technically it was similar to eight other requests (since 1974) which had been handled by staff without council approval. Petromark's young lawyer, Keith Howard, explained that while this was clearly an administrative matter, "the current environment" made it necessary that the Council be apprised of the action. This righteous attitude was somewhat soiled by the timing and handling of the request for tank and rail expansion. Petromark President Grosvenor Bryant's requests were dated July 19, 1984, making the two week period for objections end on August 2. But the matter was not brought to City Council study committees until August 1 and 2; too late for placement on the August 6 Council agenda. And so, predictably, the matter was taken care of as an 'administrative decision' without full public discussion.

It was precisely this type of duplicitous action which marked and soured the relationship of Petromark and its residential neighbors, going back to the 1974 anhydrous ammonia incident. Not unnaturally disillusioned residents felt that should Petromark receive permission to expand, numerous 'administrative decisions' could be quietly carried out, as the eight 'modification requests' had been, between 1974 and 1984.

During the tempest accompanying the administrative decision brouhaha, mention was made of current lease negotiations between Petromark and the city, to extend the lease which is now set to end in 2003, to coincide with the expansion proposal, set to run to the year 2013. While no catastrophic spills, fires or explosions have occurred thus far at the Petromark facility, a number of factors make the idea of gambling with community lives and health for nineteen or twenty nine more years frightening to the captive residential neighbors: Extensive proposed expansion; New, exotic and dangerous chemical products which, along with

innocuous vegetable oils, will be brought to, stored at and shipped out from the site; growing public awareness of dangers of hazardous materials; and the ever-present danger of human error in the handling of a lethal number of toxic products, many not previously stored at the Petromark plant.

The long awaited EIR on the Petromark expansion was released by the Richmond Planning Director for review and comment on August 17, 1984, and did little to alleviate neighborhood anxieties. The cover letter said that oral comments on the EIR could be presented at a public hearing of the Richmond EIR Panel on September 19, and that written comments would be received through October 4, for consideration in developing the Final EIR. The Richmond Panel is made up of the Planning Director, the Director of Public Works, a staff member from the Redevelopment Agency and one from the Port Department. This is not a decision making panel. Its purpose is to hear comments on the EIR, and to certify (or not) its completion in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and State of California guidelines. The Draft EIR with an appendix of significant comments and staff responses, constitutes the Final EIR, which is then reviewed by the City Council prior to making a decision.

While ESA's Environmental Impact Report was far more professional, thorough and sophisticated than the slovenly, biased EIR that had been prepared for Petromark's anhydrous ammonia tanks, it was a crushing disappointment in that many areas of particular importance to the community were treated in a superficial manner or not mentioned at all.

Those who had attended the Scope meeting expressed their dissatisfaction with the lack of in-depth documentation at the September 19 Panel hearing. The speakers, mostly from adjoining neighborhoods, pointed

out that requests made for coverage at the Scope meeting, and made note of by ESA, were either ignored or treated shallowly in the EIR. Health and safety, economic impacts, responsibility for liability in case of a disastrous accident, visual impacts and mitigations were covered casually. The section on Alternatives was particularly unsatisfactory, because the report did not provide full disclosure of them. In all, the EIR was neither as dispassionate or thorough as the community had hoped.

Perhaps concerned citizens were naive in hoping for an EIR that would be substantive. Some were new to the EIR process, but even experienced (perhaps cynical) EIR-watchers had hoped for more. Certainly Dr. Cole had pointed out that not all material requested fell within the legal framework of the report, and certainly, had all subjects brought to the Scope meeting been fully developed the EIR would have taken years and hundreds of pages to prepare. But because it is a report on the impact of a project on the environment, it is a *significant* report. And since the impact in this case would be extreme and have far-reaching implications on the neighborhoods, the park, the city's image, and the city's future, it follows that those who are concerned about these elements will continue to fight against Petromark and its expansion.

—Lucretia Edwards



THE MASQUERS —  
COMMUNITY DRAMA WORKSHOPS

On Thursdays, from October 4 to December 15, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a special Creative Dramatics Workshop for young people, 8 through 18, co-sponsored by the Masquers and the Recreation and Parks Department of Richmond, and directed by Shirlee Mannheimer. For information call 235-0857 or 232-3888.

Another workshop, for adults, "Onstage Games Offstage", will be directed by Chris Forest, and will be held Tuesday evenings, beginning October 2, from 8 to 10:30. For information call 232-3888 or 232-3501.

Both workshops will be held at the Point Community Center.

ART HELPS  
LOVE IS THE ANSWER

The Contra Costa chapter of LITA (Love is The Answer) recently hosted an art contest for people in convalescent hospitals in this and six other Bay Area counties. Arline Hartman of Point Richmond was one of the judges for the event.

An event worthy of our support is an auction featuring some of the artwork from the contests. Proceeds will go partly to the artists and partly to LITA. Some well-known Bay Area artists will also offer their work to the auction, including Mae Wygant, founder of the original LITA, and Eleanor Dickinson. Other well-known area people have been invited to present their own or their favorite works for auction also.

The auction will take place from 1:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, October 28 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The \$2.00 admission includes either a chocolate or champagne and the chance for a door prize.

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Rosy Roselius	Rich Weirick
Mildred Paeth	Jack Spreicker
Tracie Smith	

### OCTOBERS PAST . . .

- 1, 1908 — Henry Ford introduced the Model T
- 12, 1792 — Cornerstone laid for the White House
- 18, 1867 — U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia
- 16, 1846 — First operation using anaesthetic, performed in Boston
- 19, 1814 — "Star Spangled Banner" sung for first time in Baltimore
- 24, 1940 — The 40-Hour-Week (Wages and Hours Act of 1938) went into effect

## POINTS IN THE FUTURE

### OCTOBER -

- 2 - *Masquers Workshop begins - Onstage Games Offstage - Community Center*
- 2 - *Elementary Back-to-School Night*
- 3 - *West Side Improvement Club, 12 noon, Our Lady of Mercy Church.*
- 4 - *Creative Dramatics Workshop by Masquers, at the Community Center*
- 6 - *Yom Kipper*
- 7 - *Meet the Authors, Richmond Library Aud.*
- 8 - *Columbus Day observed*
- 9 - *Point Richmond Business Association mtg., Hotel Mac, 12 noon.*
- 9 - *Junior High Back-to-School Night*
- 11 - *Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting, 7:45, Community Center*
- 12 - *Columbus Day*
- 16 - *High School Back-to-School Night*
- 20 - **INDIAN STATUE DEDICATION DAY**  
*10:00 to 4:00 in the Triangle*
- 24 - *United Nations Day*
- 26 - **ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR**  
*First Methodist Church*
- 27 - *Daylight Savings Time Ends*
- 31 - *Hallowe'en*

### NOVEMBER -

- 10 - *Collectors' Treasure Fair & Raffle, Richmond Museum*
- 15 - *History Association Meeting: George Coles, special guest speaker.*

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