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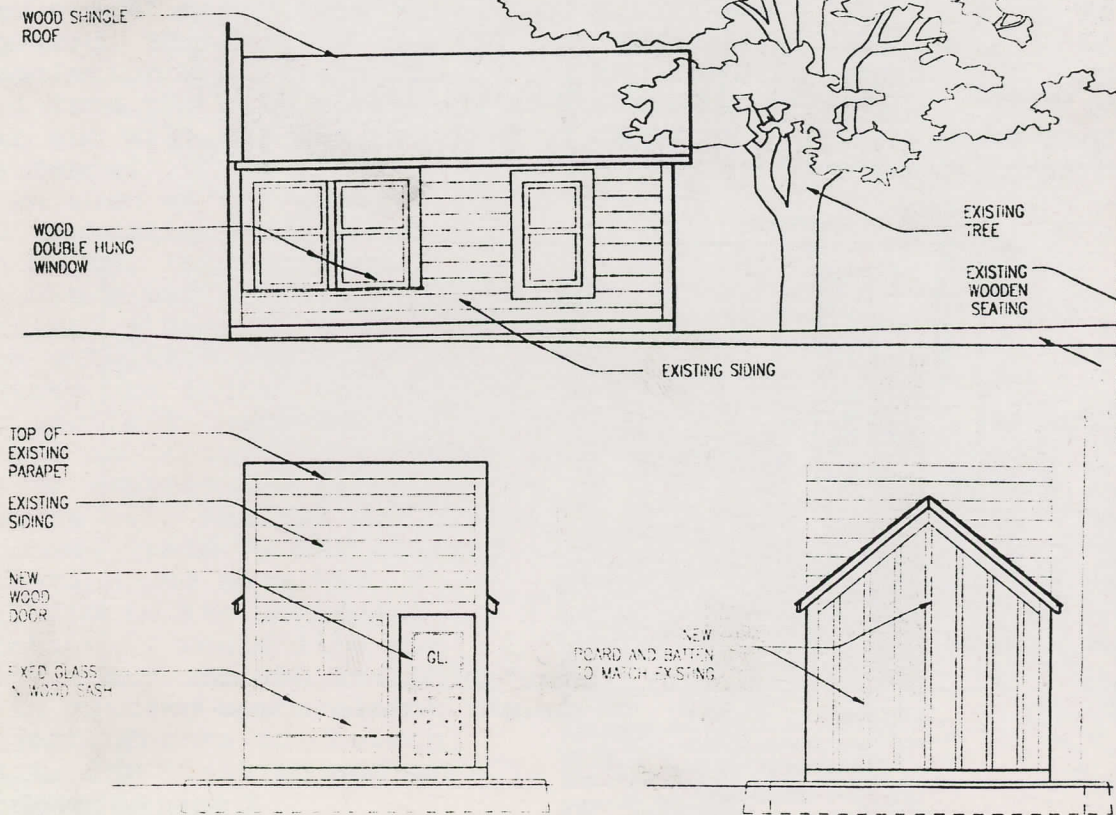
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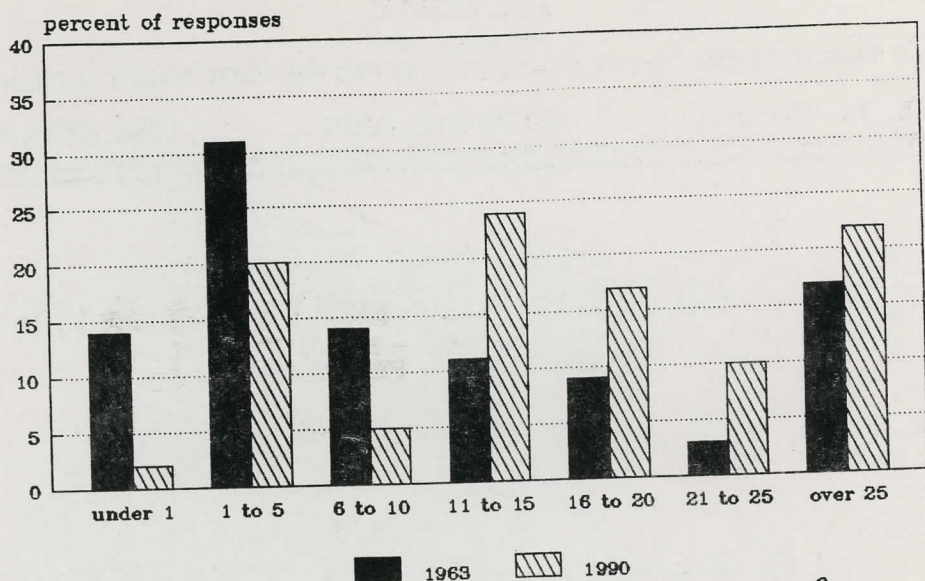
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## Contra Costa County POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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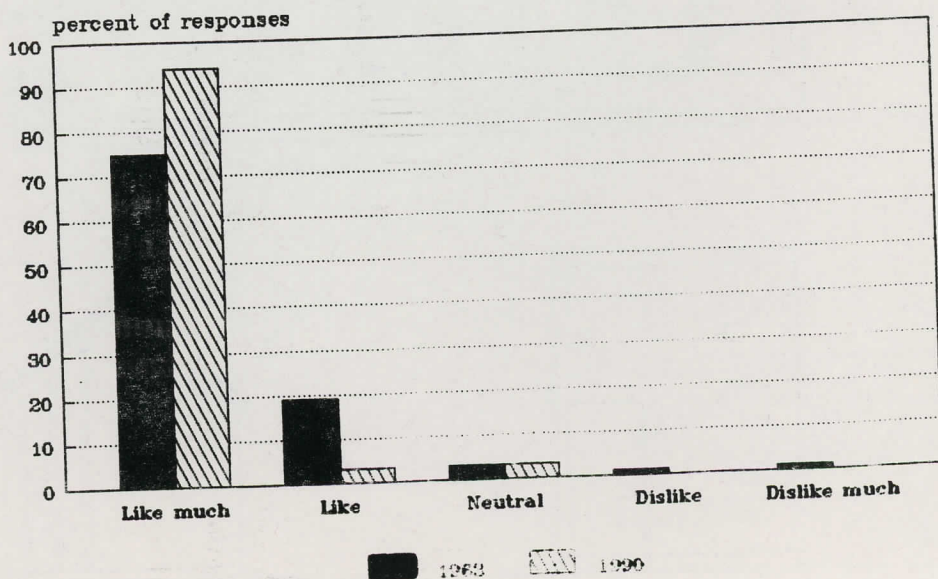


# How long have you lived in Point Richmond?



question 1

## What is your opinion of Pt. Richmond as a place to live?



question 2



# History Association Notes

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

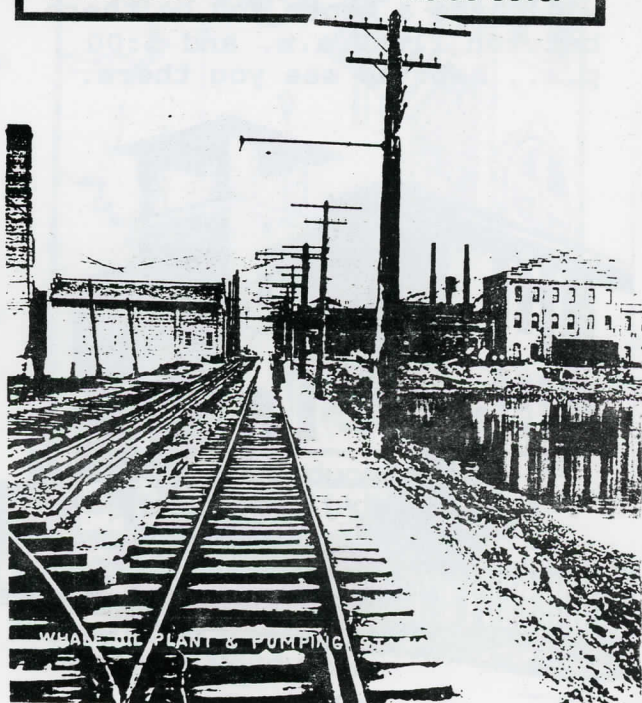
by Jerry Cerkandowicz

The city council has approved our plans to move the J.Q. Black building on to the space between the community center and the fire station. Since we had already moved the little building adjacent to its planned final location, some negotiations were required. The History Association must lease the land from the city for \$1.00 a year and will pay the required insurance.

As soon as the permits for the foundation are issued work can begin. Interactive Resources has prepared the required plans and they have been submitted. We will restore the little building to its earliest appearance, a "board and batten" structure and to replace the large windows with smaller old style windows. Santa Fe has offered to return and move the building to its permanent location. I would like to thank every one who assisted me in getting approval for the project. Thanks to Chevron, U.S.A. for donating and

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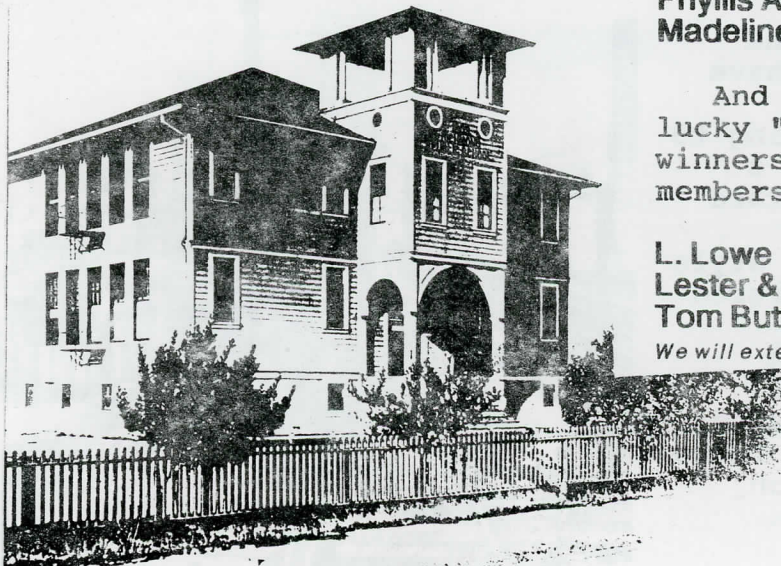
**"From the President" cont.....**

erecting the fence currently around the building and thanks to City Attorney Malcom Hunter for all of his help.

Most of all, thanks to all of you who have contributed money to make my early morning trips of city hall both worthwhile and meaningful.

As to other matters, I should mention that the Point Richmond Stroll was VERY successful and fun, as several hundred people attended. The merchants and businesses that participated really went all out!

The City of Richmond is celebrating its 85th Birthday on August 11th, in the Civic enter Plaza and Convention Center on Macdonald Avenue. We will have a booth and be there between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., hope to see you there.



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

Naomi N. Huffstetter  
Linda Andrew-Marshall  
Jim & Florence Wilson  
Betty J. Marshall  
Jerry & Theresa Daniel  
Robert B. Freeman  
WM H. Williamson  
Edwin L. Bedford  
Kay Pinkerton  
Elaine R. Harris  
Sonja Darling  
Betty M. Wirth  
Teresa Albro  
Monica Haley  
Anna Gaumer  
Paula Ferguson  
Myrna Wishart

And a warm welcome to new members:

Phyllis Ackerman  
Madeline Albright

And congratulations to lucky "Point Richmond Stroll" winners of a one year memberships::

L. Lowe  
Lester & Shirley Housley  
Tom Butt

*We will extend Tom's membership one year*



## editors notes.....

BY GARY SHOWS

A lot of information has come in since the last issue, so here is the biggest newsletter that I have produced, a 28 page edition! I hope you enjoy reading it.

To begin with, in his "From the President" column Jerry reports that all looks well with the new (old) building, it is exciting to think about what this will mean to the History Association.

I have cut my report on our survey that was started with our January meeting in half because of a lack of space and lack of time. Compiling all of the numbers is more time consuming than I thought it would be. I hope to complete the results with the next issue. The results of questions 13 through 30 in the 1963 survey may not be available for comparison.

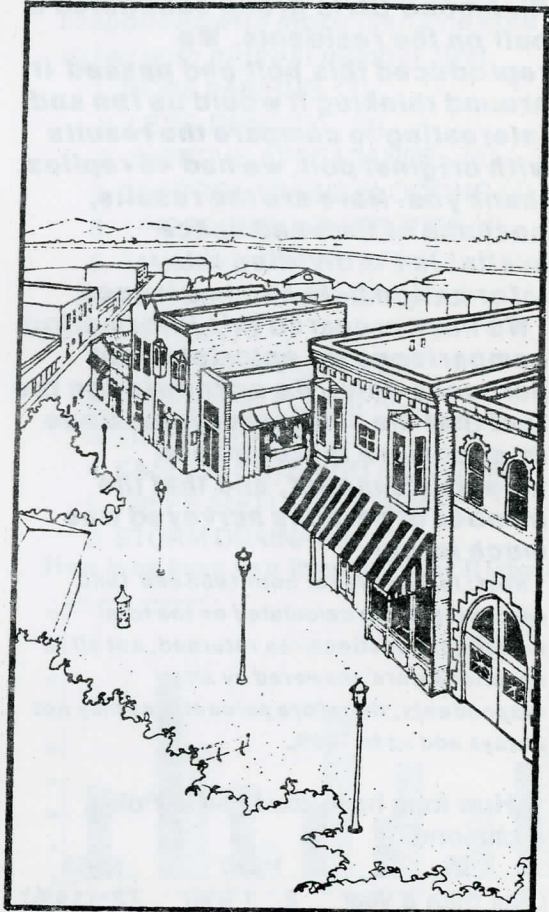
In addition to our usual articles is an interesting report by Murial Clausen on the model train club now residing in the Point.

I am pleased and excited to present another episode of historical compositions by our resident octogenarians, Dr. William L. Thompson, Mr. Willard R. Spiersch and Mr. Bernard Bernes. Thanks, guys...your reports are important, appreciated and enjoyed.

Thanks to everyone for the input and for timeliness of

contributors to this issue.

I have decided that I could use some help in typing up the newsletter. If anyone local has a IBM compatible computer, any popular word processing program and a little typing time please give me a call at 235-1336, maybe I can get this out a little quicker and easier.



**THE COVER:** Produced from blueprints created by Interactive Resources and donated to the History Association. The History Association appreciates the work done so far by Tom Butt and his Interactive Resources.

# 1963 / 1990 SURVEY RESULTS

## SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE AND TALLY

*In 1963, as part of their sponsorship of a plan for the future of Point Richmond, the Point Richmond Civic group conducted a poll on the residents. We reproduced this poll and passed it around thinking it would be fun and interesting to compare the results with original poll, we had 46 replies, thank you. Here are the results, because of time and space available I'm dividing this information between two issues.*

*We have prepared this information comparisons for entertainment purposes only. We acknowledge the fact that the 1963 survey was done in a far more thorough and scientific manner, and that the number of persons surveyed was much larger.*

*Note: In surveys for both 1963 and 1990 percentages are calculated on the total number of questionnaires returned, not all questions were answered by all respondents, therefore percentages may not always add up to 100%.*

### 1. How long have you lived in Point Richmond?

	1990	1963
Less than a year	2 (9%)	72 (14%)
One to five years	8 (17%)	160 (31%)
Six to ten years	3 (7%)	73 (14%)
Eleven to fifteen	10 (22%)	55 (11%)
Sixteen to twenty	8 (17%)	46 (9%)
21 to 25 years	6 (13%)	15 (3%)
More than 25	9 (20%)	90 (17%)

### 2. What is your opinion of Point Richmond as a place to live?

	1990	1963
Like very much	42 (91%)	386 (75%)
Like	1 (2%)	99 (19%)
Neutral	2 (7%)	17 (3%)
Dislike	0 (0%)	4 (1%)
Dislike very much	0 (0%)	2 (1%)

### 3. Are there any conditions in Point Richmond you would like to see changed?

	1990	1963
Yes	40 (87%)	320 (64%)
No	2 (10%)	122 (24%)

### 4. In your neighborhood do you feel the following items are good, fair or poor?

	1990	1963
<b>STREET PAVING</b>		
Good	14 (30%)	215 (42%)
Fair	23 (50%)	201 (37%)
Poor	9 (20%)	49 (9%)
<b>CURBS AND GUTTERS</b>		
Good	15 (33%)	208 (38%)
Fair	17 (37%)	130 (25%)
Poor	7 (7%)	92 (18%)
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>		
Good	13 (28%)	240 (47%)
Fair	12 (26%)	123 (24%)
Poor	11 (24%)	78 (15%)
<b>STORM DRAINAGE</b>		
Good	19 (41%)	226 (44%)
Fair	24 (52%)	93 (18%)
Poor	1 (2%)	76 (15%)
<b>FREEDOM FROM TRAFFIC HAZARDS</b>		
Good	17 (37%)	180 (31%)
Fair	13 (28%)	147 (28%)
Poor	16 (35%)	143 (28%)



## 5. How would you rate the adequacy in Point Richmond of the following?

	1990	1963
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD APPEARANCE</b>		
Good	25 (54%)	160 (31%)
Fair	16 (35%)	48 (9%)
Poor	2 (4%)	8 (2%)
<b>PARKS AND PLAYSPACE</b>		
Good	28 (61%)	211 (41%)
Fair	13 (28%)	104 (20%)
Poor	2 (4%)	115 (22%)
<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
Good	13 (28%)	287 (56%)
Fair	12 (25%)	48 (9%)
Poor	11 (24%)	8 (2%)
<b>POLICE PROTECTION</b>		
Good	19 (41%)	340 (66%)
Fair	24 (52%)	95 (9%)
Poor	1 (2%)	26 (5%)
<b>FIRE PROTECTION</b>		
Good	39 (85%)	402 (78%)
Fair	4 (9%)	57 (11%)
Poor	0 (0%)	5 (1%)
<b>TREES AND LANDSCAPING</b>		
Good	22 (48%)	165 (32%)
Fair	21 (46%)	191 (37%)
Poor	3 (6%)	97 (19%)
<b>EASE OF ENTERING AND LEAVING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY AUTO</b>		
Good	14 (30%)	264 (51%)
Fair	16 (35%)	97 (19%)
Poor	15 (33%)	96 (19%)
<b>PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION</b>		
Good	17 (37%)	287 (56%)
Fair	17 (37%)	85 (16%)
Poor	8 (17%)	59 (11%)
<b>LIBRARY FACILITIES</b>		
Good	39 (85%)	273 (53%)
Fair	6 (13%)	89 (17%)
Poor	0 (0%)	51 (10%)
<b>MARINE RECREATION</b>		
Good	31 (67%)	103 (20%)
Fair	9 (20%)	93 (18%)
Poor	2 (4%)	175 (34%)

1990

1963

## LOOKOUT POINTS

Good	26 (61%)	193 (37%)
Fair	12 (26%)	70 (14%)
Poor	4 (9%)	113 (22%)

## 6. What conditions are most important to the improvement of Point Richmond?

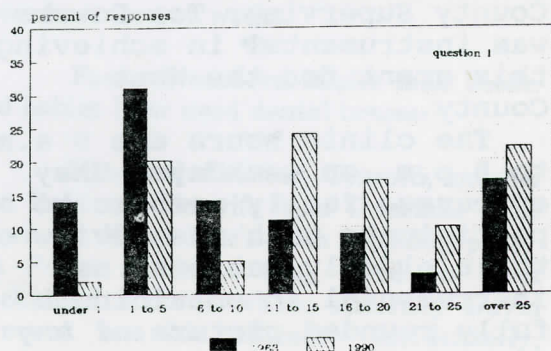
*In our 1990 survey a lot of people skipped this question, here are responses with more than one vote listed with highest number first.*

1. MORE PARKING (7)
2. LESS DENSITY (7)
3. IMPROVE APPEARANCE (6)
4. CONTROL TRAINS BLOCKING (4)
5. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES (3)
6. MAINTAIN DIVERSITY (2)

*In the 1963 survey the top six concerns were:*

1. IMPROVE APPEARANCE
2. PARKS AND PLAYSPACE
3. TRAFFIC HAZARDS
4. EASE OF ENTERING & LEAVING
5. TREES AND LANDSCAPING
6. STORM DRAINAGE

## How long have you lived in Point Richmond?



**Thanks to Anne & Jerry for survey tally.**

***I will present the remaining totals in the next issue, not enough time or space in this one.***

..... Gary

# SENIOR NEWS

By Marial C. Clauson

The physical and mental problems of the elderly are finally receiving attention in West County. A clinic has just opened at 2923 Macdonald Avenue for elderly patients and their families. The clinic combines geriatric services and psychiatry. The reason for the combination is that often psychological problems are masked by physical problems that go untreated.

Appointments can be made of an hour or so and this seems preferable to HMO appointments which handle complaint only in short time periods without looking deeper into causes.

The health services department received a \$63,000 grant from the state which is matched by county funds. County Supervisor Tom Powers was instrumental in achieving this grant for the West County.

The clinic hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. They encourage family members to participate with the review of their elderly patients as instrumental in obtaining a fully rounded picture of any problem that exists, both mentally and physically.



## A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan

What a gala opening on June 14th of the new (and long overdue) Mechanics Bank in the Point! The celebration began at 5:30 p.m. with an overflow crowd jamming the doors for a preview tour, refreshments and special gifts. Assistant Vice President and Manager William "Bill" Morrow greeted each guest at the door along with President Reed. For many, this bank is a tribute to the late Bob Young who addressed the need for such services in the Point. Welcome!

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Nancy Transue, Manager Bill Morrow's secretary, exudes enthusiasm and excitement about coming to the Point branch. Nancy is the great niece of pioneer Point Richmondite Vivian Transue of West Richmond Avenue. Her comment, "It is like coming home!"

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"Do it again next year and let me know!" were words expressed by those participating in the "Point Richmond Stroll" sponsored by the Point Business Association. A balmy evening, music in the park along with free wine, champagne and hors d'oeuvre—who wouldn't want to come again for such hospitality! The idea was to introduce new residents of the Point, and residents of Brickyard Cove and Brickyard Landing, the Marina and new employees from Marin County to the local businesses and services available locally in the Point.

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Who of you, after purchasing a loaf of fresh Acme bread, can walk home without breaking off a piece to snack on!

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Frances Greenlaw's daughter, Laurie, provided yellow altar



Chrysanthemums in memory of her mother in May at the Point Methodist Church.

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What makes Point Richmond charming? The colorful flower boxes fronting the Santa Fe market with a week-end addition of Lee's Flowers on the corner.

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Shades of the past...returnable glass milk bottles,! The quart and two-quart sizes may be new to some of the younger generation but are renewable memories to others.. A bit of a bother to wash and remember to return, but they do keep the milk colder, honest, and enables you to see exactly how much milk is in the bottle!

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Laughter has curative powers and may be the best medicine for being happy and healthy.

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FINALLY, curbs for the handicapped in the Point.

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TWINS Aaron and Michael Marshall, sons of Hal and Linda Andrew-Marshall, celebrated their FIRST birthday on Tuesday, June 5th (Primary Election Day) with Sue and Bruce Loader and Donna and Tom Powers attending their birthday dinner party. The next day, Aaron and Michael celebrated with their weekly playgroup friends, 11 month old Jaime Hirano and Mom, Diane Droste; 9 month old Madison Bradshaw and Mom, Chris Bradshaw; 9 month old Sean Nakamura and Mom Nancy Clabby and 8 month old Caroline Battey and Mom, Robbi Vander Hyden.

This is the 'new generation'.

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Mr. Zambrano's building on the former site of the Point's oldest commercial building, is taking the shape of three stories & rapidly changing the street scene on West Richmond Avenue.

Eric Altree also plans to restore the

building now occupied by Point Richmond Travel & Oscar Lugos Jewelry which originally housed the Richmond Library and Police Station. Owners have viewed pictures of the original building with a magnifying glass to duplicate detail. Great!! Proposed plans are to be presented to Planning Commission after acceptance by the Point Neighborhood Council. (The history association is delighted with their drawings.)

Anyone having information or interesting stories about this building is invited to send it to *This Point...in time*.

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Chevron has applied to the California Energy Commission for a permit to begin a proposed \$1.3 billion modernization of the company's plant here in the Point. It is for the approval of a central energy system that would enable the plant to be self-sufficient in electricity and steam power.

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Visitors at the Joe Darlings were Sonja's mother, Emma Fuglesten, Buxton, North Dakota and Sonja's sister, Judy Flesche, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Emma was able to see her great-granddaughter, Madison Bradshaw. They were here for two weeks.

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Fewer breast-fed babies than bottle-fed babies later need dental braces.

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Naomi Huffstetter, Concord, and her son Dale and his wife from Clearlake came down for Hotel Mac's 79th birthday party. As Point residents they lived on West Richmond Avenue where Attorney David Vincent has his offices. Incidentally, David was at the hotel and talked with them too.

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Did you know a group ran a contest to rename the 'manhole' to make it inclusive language? There just didn't



seem to be any other acceptable word so it remains. And, did you ever wonder why manholes are always round? If they were any other shape... oval, triangular, rectangular--the cover could be turned so that it would fall through the hole.

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The January issue of the *National Geographic Travel Magazine* will feature an article on the Whale aCove Restaurant in Port Orford, Oregon, Donna Roselius' pride and joy! (As well as their featured, unmatched chef.)

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Remember the cartoon *Popeye*? Well, the TV cartoon is now *Popeye and Son*. Yes, Olive Oil is the Mom!

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President Bush is the fourth left-hander to occupy the oval office. His predecessors were Garfield, Truman and Ford.

In 1932 the number of these sinistral people (southpaws) represented 2.1 percent of the population but now are well over 10 percent.

Artists seem to have significantly higher incidence of left-handedness than the general population, but are more likely to suffer allergies.

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It is thought that the dictionary came into being because one night Mr. and Mrs. Webster had an argument and one word led to another.

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Thank you Richmond City Council for approving the permit for our "historic building". We are proud of our city and by preserving its history hope to contribute to the city's positive image.

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It is a big break for Trisha Gooch, Piedmont Place in the Point, as she had been selected to join the touring company of "Les Miserables." Of the hundreds who tried out, she was one of two from the bay

area chosen. Trisha will understudy the role of Fontine, but will have regular roles performing a bit of everything from a poor person, to a prostitute or even act in men's roles. Since she is married, she acknowledged that being away will be difficult but hopes her husband will be able to join her for visits.

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Virginia Cherniak was featured in the West County Times section, 'I Remember When' for her contributions to the Masquer Playhouse. Indeed, a proper choice as Virginia has been associated with the theatre since 1965 and is known best for her vocal and musical talents. Some of us remember her directing the Washington PTA parent 'talent' shows where the only talent was with the director.

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Newsworthy: 'Sammy's little newstand' at 120 Washington Avenue has foreign magazines and newspapers, the Wall Street Journal as well as area news. Upscale. But...a Cigar store, too!!

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Earthly Fact: For every child born today, over 300 trees will need to be planted in order to sustain their lifetime requirements!

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Bob Cone has been appointed Principal of Juan Crespi Junior High in Pinole.

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Goats in the Point? They are Chevron's ecological answer for weed control around their tanks. Unlike Tom Butt, when his goats were 'kidnapped', these have electric fences for protection.

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Jim and Florence Wilson have salmon as proof of their successful vacation trip to Canada. And Florence makes a great salmon dip. Drop by with crackers!

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Enjoy your summer, it will pass quickly.



# MODEL TRAIN MUSEUM TO OPEN SOON IN POINT RICHMOND

*by Muriel C. Clausen*

Shortly we, in Point Richmond will hear an announcement of an opening that very few of us are aware is "in the works". Since about 1987 the East Bay Model Engineers Constructors Society has been working in the long and narrow building at 900 Dornan Drive, Point Richmond under lease from the East Bay Regional Park District, to construct a museum and an exhibit of model trains. This group, overseen by the Golden State Museum Society, will soon be ready to have the public see their model trains in action.

The East Bay Model Engineers Constructors were housed in a building that they leased from the Santa Fe Railroad Company in Oakland near the Emeryville line behind the former Judson Steel Company from 1940 until 1984 when their lease was removed. The group was one of more than 72 members before their lease ran out; and diminished to about 40 members who vowed to keep the trains running. They searched for a new location and finally found Point Richmond and the East Bay Regional Park in 1987. It is here that most of the

carryover members and some eager new ones have been working to replace the model train exhibit that they had helped to forego in Oakland.

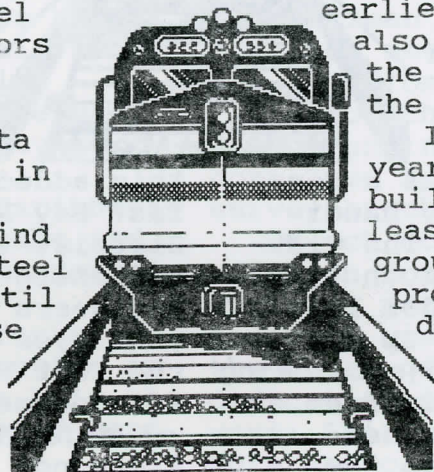
The 260 foot long building contains in its south end 60 feet of East Bay Regional Park offices and equipment storage. The remaining 200 feet are devoted to this new museum and rail exhibit which will soon be ready for public viewing. The east side of the building will be available for an outdoor exhibit to be constructed later. Meanwhile, the interior space is being made ready now for the

earliest exhibits. It is also the clubhouse for the group and will be the museum.

It has taken three years since this building was first leased to the rail group to obtain the proper permits and to do the extensive electrical work in the overhead area. Special work has also been done to

create a secure building for the exhibits, set up is now under way and track is being laid.

The members themselves are avid rail buffs. There are 40 to 50 members actively working each Friday night to prepare





the exhibit. The President, Ed Slintak, resides in Redwood City but comes that distance every Friday night to spend several hours planning and working on the exhibit, as does the Secretary/Treasurer Mike Coustier, who lives in Hayward. The group has a Board of Directors, some of whom are also on the Board of Directors of the Golden State Museum Society. Paul Soito, who lives in Pinole, and is an active member, grew up in Point Richmond, worked in banking, and is now retired and is President of the Pacific Coast Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

The exhibit itself is very interesting, there is a special raised walkway down the center with a three foot open railing to permit easy viewing. It has a ramp access and is fully handicapped accessible. The viewing arrangement is much like that of the Bay Model in Sausalito. The set-up and track is a club project, being funded by membership fees and dues, the model trains themselves belong to the members and are on loan to the

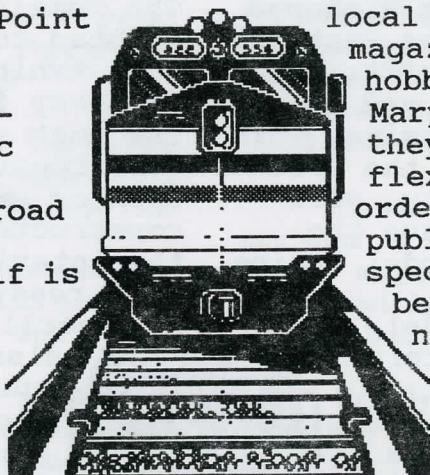
club. There are three separate areas each having its own train gauge: an "HO" gauge section, an "O" gauge section and an "N" gauge section.

Soon the exhibit and the museum will be ready for the public to come and see. Hopefully, by mid summer they will be announcing their grand opening celebration and the beginning of model railroading in Point Richmond. Watch for this announcement in your

local newspaper, hobby magazines and fliers in hobby shops. Member Mary Jeffers says that they plan to be fairly flexible at first in order to determine public interest, special lighting has been installed for night viewing.

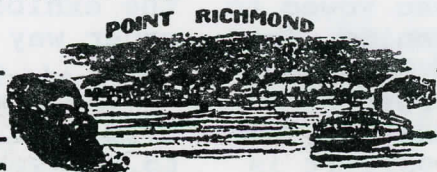
All of the East Bay and especially Point Richmond will soon be aware of

this added attraction of the East Bay Regional Park District through the ambitious and energetic East Bay Model Engineers Constructors. Keep your eyes and ears open for the East Bay Regional Park's announcement of the beginning of model railroading in Point Richmond!



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# CHURCHES

## Our Lady of Mercy

*by Eleanor Hurley*

## Point Methodist

*by Mid Dornan*

A Parish Breakfast was held in the Church Hall on Sunday, June 10th. It was chaired by Shirley and John Girk, and was combined with the regular monthly meeting of the Parish Council. The main topic of interest was centered around the annual barbecue to be held in August. The exact date will be announced later.

C.C.D. classes for the children are over and will be resumed in the Fall.

Prayers were offered for the sick of the Parish, Bennie Garcia, Louise Novarini and Allan Smith.

We were happy to welcome Anna Schwarz back from her first trip to Czechoslovakia in many years. She also visited relatives in Germany and had the opportunity to witness the Passion

Also back from a Caribbean Cruise were Amelia Drake and Emma Reed who had a wonderful time.

Faithful Tony Ferreria and his crew are participating in their monthly turn to help the Souper Kitchen. The need goes on....

Fr. Clift is settling in nicely to residency in the Parish House.

St. James Hotel

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Pt. Richmond  
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The Rev. Michael Brown has been appointed by the Cal-Nev Conference to serve his third year at the Point Methodist Church. Attending the June conference in Fresno as delegates were Jean Reynolds and Oretta Eaton.

Also driving down for Ordination Services on Saturday were Helen Valentine, Claudia LeGue, and Mid Dornan as well as Rev. Richard Knott, formerly of the Point Baptist Church, now in Martinez. They especially went to see Charles Smith, former Point pastor now in Weldon, receive his Elders Orders.

Holtzman Frazier, Rodeo, has been meeting with members for additional planning and review of the Goals set in the Fall Planning Workshop. The committee hopes to implement a survey brochure by September.

Church School is on vacation for the summer and during a morning worship, teachers were recognized for the hours of preparation and dedication spent. Honored were: Shirley Butt, Jean & Norm Reynolds, Lynn and Michael Brown, Grace Yank, Melba Farley, Jack Elle, Dorothy George and Mid Dornan.

Sunday School will begin in the fall with a Rally breakfast for parents and students scheduled for

September 9th.

The West Richmond Avenue window displays 100 origami cranes, depicting the Spirit descending upon us, which were made one evening by the craft group. The window is symbolic of Pentecost.

Friendship Hall was used as a polling site for the June primary election.

A Mystery Dinner for members of the Women's Society was prepared by Oretta Eaton, Florence Wilson, Patricia and Mid Dornan. Five courses for only \$1.00, a fee reflecting the cost of such a dinner in 1979! After the fun and unusual dinner, there was a program of music by Alice Thompson, readings by Jean Reynolds, information regarding UMW and awards. Those attending were honored and recognized for their contributions to the society and church.

Josh and James Paasch will be attending summer church camp in July. Because of their near perfect Sunday School attendance for the year most of their fees will be paid. Congratulations boys.

\$320 was collected for the International Heifer Project, enough for three goats.

A work party was held for maintaining the church grounds which is looking great, thanks to chairmen Bob and Grace Yank. Plans for the beautification of the front of the parsonage are next.

## POINT METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

*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". This is the 47th installment. Relatives of some names still live in the area.*

### July 1915

July meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Jas. P. Smith. Opened by the President Mrs. Gibbons leading in repeating the 23rd Psalm followed by prayer by Mrs. Peterson. It was ordered by motion that the officers now holding office in the Society retain their respective office for the next year. Mrs. Grover was elected as Temperance secretary.

Treasure (sic) reported for year was  
\$16.99 in dues and mite boxes  
16.00 to Deaconess Home  
12.75 to pastor and wife in district.  
Total \$44.74.

It was decided to arrange for a Temperance meeting in August.

After adjournment, hostess served refreshments. Thank offering Dues Mrs. Gibbons. \$1.00

Jennie M. Totten, Sec

### Aug 20, 1915

The H.M.S. met with Mrs. Peterson. Meeting opened by Vice President Mrs. J. Lester reading a part of 16th chapter of John followed with prayer by Mrs. Horner. Mrs. Gibbons suggested that the society use half their contingent funds to furnish the guest chamber of the new parsonage with linens,



curtains, ect (sic) which was put to a motion and ordered by society. Mrs. Gibbons and Totten were appointed as a committee to secure permission to do so. Mrs. Gibbons was elected as delegat (sic) to the conference. Mrs. Grover as alternate.

Mrs. Gibbons paid dues .20

Mrs. Bazzle 1.00

Thank Offering 1.10

After adjournment hostess served delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Totten, Sec

## Griffith Hotel

Thomas McMahon, Proprietor.

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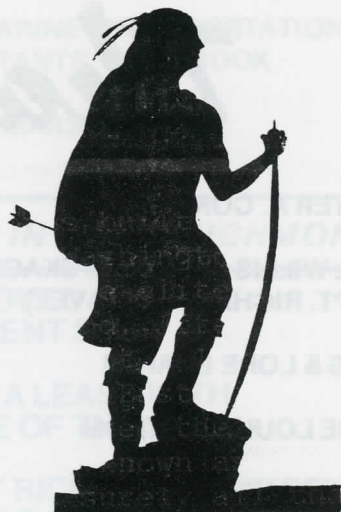
## RONI TURNER BENEFIT

Friends of Roni (Roselius) Turner sponsored a crafts and yard sale benefit for her at the Sonora Meadows Clubhouse in Sonora on June 22nd & 23rd. Roni is the daughter of Rosy & Donna Roselius and has undergone extensive cancer surgery this past year. Costly reconstructive surgery prompted friends to try to help her through this difficult time. Roni's Cancer was diagnosed shortly after the birth of her daughter, Kyli Nicole, who celebrated her first birthday on May 19th.

The event was noted as a "Celebrate Life" benefit.

Like her mother, Roni has many talents and talented friends who contributed to the sale.

Anyone interested may send contributions to the 'Roni Turner Cancer Benefit' % Mona Alderman, P.O. Box 1121, Columbia, CA 95310.



## WELCOME!

Welcome to Dave's Smoke Shop to the Point at 124D Washington. The store is a branch of the popular Berkeley store. They sell magazines, international periodicals, tobacco products and candy. Our newsletter will also be on sale. You can also order any magazine and they will bring it from the Berkeley store.

Welcome Pixar to the new Point Richmond Tech Center. It took quite a few moving vans to relocate this high-tech company. A special welcome to new employees comuting from other communities.

Welcome to Mechanics Bank, Point Richmond Branch, also to Point Richmond Tech Center. and congratulations to our banker Bill Morrow for his new position as branch manager, good luck!

# Thank you!

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# Memories of Pioneer Point Richmond Residents

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.*

## PART V

A.F. Brooks began his career as a whaler with a Pacific Whale Oil Company. I have heard that at one time he captained whalers then became an executive. The Whale Oil Company had a few small storage tanks and a short wharf where the Standard Oil now has its salt water station. The Standard bought out the companies property and took Brooks on in an administrative capacity eventually becoming superintendent of the refinery. At first he lived in a rather large house near the top of Washington Avenue. As an important executive, soon

the lesser ones built around him and upper Washington Avenue became the elite part of Point Richmond. After a time, Brooks built a larger home over on the East Richmond hills which started the subdivision now known as Mira Vista. Just as surely all the junior executives followed him over to the same area.

I recall two early druggists in the Point, Lang and Nidecker. Lang was located on the east side of Washington Avenue not far from Standard Avenue and Nidecker was on the west side a few doors up from Cottage Avenue. I know more about Nidecker because my father knew him in Eldorado County before coming to Richmond. Later he sold out this store to Palmateer and moved to Oakland over near Lake Merritt. Palmateer continued, later as the only druggist in town, until his death.

Near here Fenner had a hardware store. I suspect that there was someone there in the business before him but I am not sure. Fenner became a member of the Richmond City Council. He sold his store eventually to Gordon Perault.

The Kenny families had



saloons on Washington Avenue. I recall the Kenny boys, John and Jim. We played sandlot baseball on the old dirt lots near the railroad tracks. I was in school with John who became a member of the Richmond City Council. Just before the war my brother and I went swimming with him at the old quarry beach. He joined the Air Corps but never returned. His plane was shot down somewhere in the South Pacific.

Roy Lemoine was an early Fire Chief in Richmond and Point Richmond. Later when I was interning in Fairmont Hospital and Highland Hospital, I met him as an old man at Fairmont. He was living there and had charge of the fire protection for the hospital.

The Stairley family was one of the more distinguished families of early Point Richmond. They had a large frame home on the east side of lower Montana Street. Mr. Stairley was Point Richmond's first post master and later headed the Bank of Richmond at Washington and Richmond Avenues. It was the only bank in the Richmond area at one time and on Standard Oil payday it was swamped with customers.

I recall Waverly Stairley as a distinguished appearing old gentleman walking up Richmond Avenue with white

hair and a white beard. He always wore a long black coat and a broad brimmed black hat with a well trained little white dog on a leash. Mrs. Stairley was an equally distinguished appearing southern lady said to have been related to Robert E. Lee. She seemed always to be clad in purple dresses. There was one daughter, Mrs. George Lee, and son, Duke. Duke worked on boats in the harbor. He knew but disliked Jack London. He lived at home and took care of his mother until her death at nearly 102.

On old Oregon Avenue, much abbreviated by construction of the tunnel, lived Captain Rumsey, a captain and administrator of the Standard Oil Company tanker fleet. This large house was later taken over by the Stark family who had several children, some of whom I think still live there. Nearly next door was the Smith family. I knew the old couple quite well. One of the sons, Allan, is still quite active in the Point.

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**Will rambles on.....**

## **HIS Point in Time**

by Willard R. Spiersch

I read with great interest Bernard Bernes' "Memories of an Old Friend of the Point" Bernard was a chum of mine throughout grade school. I must confess that Bernard scooped me on the water of the Santa Fe channel coming up to the school grounds. I meant to mention this in one of my rambles. Anyway, I'll say a little bit more about this. We boys liked to eat our lunches on the rocky banks, much to the delight of the sea gulls! We got to know individual gulls and gave them names, such as "Cap", "Stumpy", etc. Stumpy only had one leg.... get it?

I believe it was mentioned in one of your news letters that Point Richmond was an island in the days of the Indians, before men tried to make things better by filling in our swamps and bay shore.

Bernard's father ran the French laundry on Standard Avenue next to Chasseur's grocery store. He was a gentleman of the old school, always cheerful, friendly and business-like. Spiersch Bros. demanded that their employees always wear clean overalls. Mr. Bernes came into the shop every Monday and left crisp,

clean overalls and clean roller towels and picked up the dirty ones. He also cleaned and ironed fine linens for the Spiersch families.

Mrs. Bernes, Bernard's mother was a very lovely lady who cheerfully put up with our youthful peccadilloes! She used to put up queen Anne cherries in good French brandy and if we were good boys, she would give us one with a half teaspoon of brandy. Golly, what good memories!

Wireless and radio was in it's infancy in our grammar school days. Bernard always expressed great interest in this science. In fact, when we were in the eighth grade he was given a school room to set up and experiment with his equipment. We used to make our own crystal radio sets out of Quaker oat boxes, copper antenna wire and Galena



*One of Standard Oil Company's main products in 1923.*



crystal with cats whisker. We would spend hours with our ear phones trying to get distant stations by trying to find a sensitive spot on the crystal with the cat's whisker!

My interest in French no doubt came about through my association with Bernard. I remember one occasion, I was invited to go with Bernard to visit friends in Los Gatos. At dinner, everyone spoke French, they were very kind to the visitor however, and spoke to him in English. I took French lessons in High School, probably because of this exposure. Jean and I have made three lovely trips to various parts of France. But I must confess, I still can't keep my "le's" and "la's" straight!

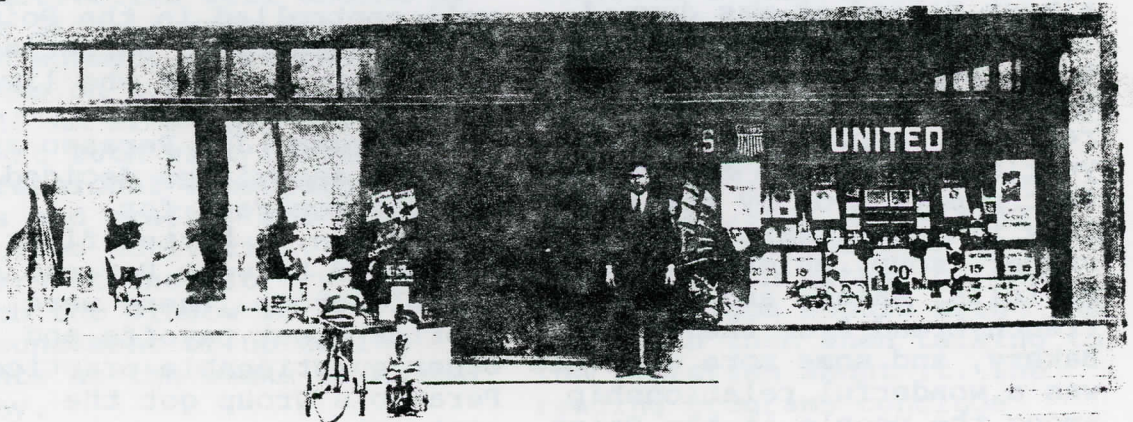
I have been in communication with Bernard Bernes. He is living an interesting retirement in Chula Vista (south of San Diego). He tells me that he is preparing a piece on Standard

Avenue, for "This Point in Time". I hope he does, and am anxiously waiting for it to appear, it should be a dandy!

I hope Bernard will come up with some info on the so called "Opera House" on Standard Avenue. One of my earliest recollections was a visit to this place with my Mother and Father for some affair. There was a medicine man there pitching a magical elixir that was guaranteed to cure anything? I was sold on his pitch, but my Father wouldn't buy any, even though offered two bottles for the price of one! He broke my heart!

There was a young girl there who danced, a hat was passed around for contributions. I believe that girl was Carrie Elsworth.

The building disappeared and all that was left was a deep hole outlining where the building once stood.





Memories of an Old Friend  
On the Point

**Bernard Bernes/AKA Frenchie**

In the fall of the year, August and September, if you walked on Standard Avenue from Washington Avenue towards the Standard Oil Refinery, as far as Tewksbury you would get a different smell than the usual refinery aroma.

It was the wine making time of the year in Point Richmond. The Italians and my family made their supply of wine for the year. In spite of Prohibition, families were permitted to make 400 gallons of wine annually for personal consumption.

The grapes were delivered to the residences in wooden boxes. The neighbors would come over and help one another crush the grapes, using a rented grape crushing machine. As the grapes were crushed the juice and pulp ran into a big washtub, and when it was almost filled it was dumped into a big 400 gallon redwood tank. As the grapes were crushed, time out was taken to rest and sample some of last year's production. Everybody felt pretty good by the time they finished. Next was supper, soup, chicken, raviolis, salad, and good french bread from the Torino Bakery, and some more wine. It was a wonderful relationship among the people in the Point.

The grapes and juice were

allowed to ferment for about two weeks, then it was wine. The wine was drawn off and put into 50 gallon oak barrels. The pulp was put into a press and the juice was squeezed out and put into barrels. The pulp was put back into the big tank to ferment a light wine. Water, yeast and sugar were added and this second batch was allowed to ferment. It went through the previous process. This wine was used as soon as possible, as it would turn sour soon.

So as you walked on Standard Avenue you could enjoy the wonderful smell of wine making. Much better than the refinery smell!

I remember a big battle to get the trash collection contract for Richmond. The trash collection was pretty well controlled in the Point by the Calgaries, Barberies and several others who lived along Standard Avenue.

A person, Joe Perasso and several associates decided to get the contract for collection. A bitter fight developed between Perasso and the old group. There were stories about payoffs and other questionable practices. Perasso's group got the contract.

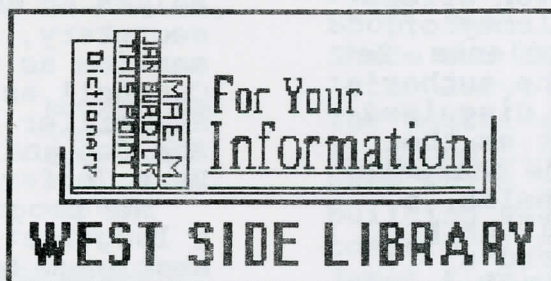
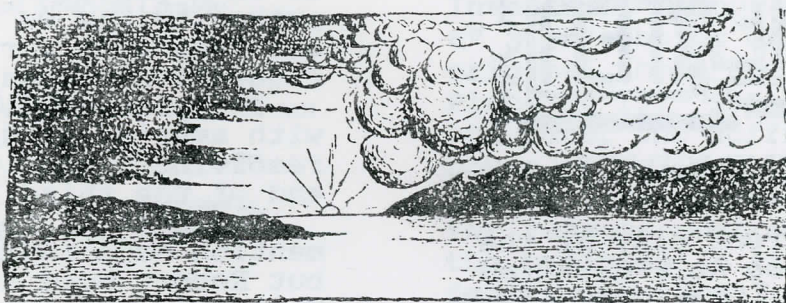
They charged fifty cents a



month, picked the trash from the back yard. It is still a lucrative business, particularly now with all the environmental controls.

Among the famous people on radio in the thirties was John Tofoli who was raised in

Winehaven. John was a pharmacist by profession, he also attended Washington School. John was an accomplished accordian player. He played several times a week on NBC radio. He was very much in demand.



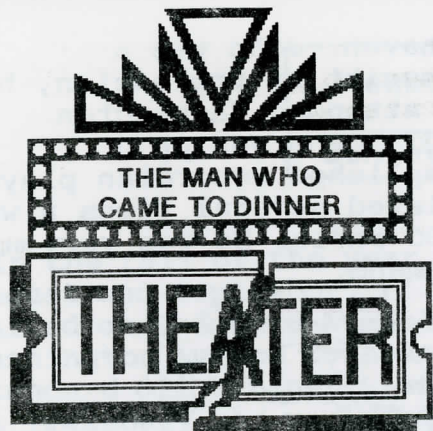
By Jan Burdick

### SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES AT THE WEST SIDE

Activities will abound at West Side Library for children this summer. A program of events on every Tuesday at 11 to 12 AM from July 3rd to August 28th will feature professional entertainers, arts and crafts, and kid involved activities. Pick up flyers at the library and watch the window for announcement of up coming events as the weeks of summer go by.

There will be ongoing

reading clubs for children up to age 13. CAMP-READ-A-LOT utilizes a game card to keep a record of books read and a means to determine prizes. Prizes include buttons and books. The Oakland A's reading club awards a free ticket to the Oakland/Seattle game on August 1st, for qualifying participants. Children who are involved with either of the reading clubs should bring the book with them when talking to the librarian about it. The reading programs conclude August 17th.



by ANNE HANZLIK

The current play at the Masquers, so ably directed by Jo Camp, is a lively fast moving comedy which offers the large cast plenty of scope for their talents. Set in the 1930's, the author's present a thinly disguised Alexander Wolcott as the protagonist in the character of Sheridan Whiteside, a curmudgeon as well as a radio celebrity and a literary critic. As a result of an injury incurred by slipping on a bit of ice outside the Stanley's house he is forced to inflict his difficult personality on his long suffering hosts. What had been planned as a dinner for him develops into several weeks when their household is turned topsy turvy by his irascible and demanding ways while he is recovering from his fall.

He is humorous but cranky with most of those around him, most of all with his unexpected hosts. The fact that he is a famous personality seems to blind

them to his outrageous behavior, with the possible exception of Mr. Stanley. Most of us have experienced someone similar sometime in our lives, someone who is tolerated and kowtowed to because they are well known or in a position of authority. As we say, "they get away with murder" figuratively speaking.

The plot develops apace, with amusing situations resolving themselves by the end of the third act.

The cast is too large to mention each individually but Robert Wood as Sheridan Whiteside and Joan Combs Nelson as Maggie Cutler, his secretary, deserve special mention as well as Scott Campbell as Banjo, Michele Stadmiller as Lorraine Sheldon and Nicholas Koch as Bert Jefferson.

The program has furnished a long list of celebrities mentioned by Whiteside by way of explanation for the younger part of the audience.

The stage set by designer John Hull, who also plays the part of Beverly Carlton as Noel Coward, got an appreciative round of applause at the opening curtain. Barbara Trinies as costumer should be praised for the authentic styles of the thirties worn by all the cast.

There are still numerous performances before "The Man" ends its run on July 28th and it is easy to foresee that the house will be full for all of them.





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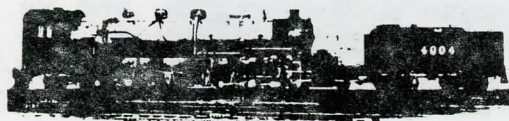
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## Gifts n' Thank You's

**We are grateful for gifts....**

From Eric D. Altree of Environmental Management and Investment Corporation; four 8" X 10" photos of the original three story Macway Place at 151- 155 Park Place, and later the Hoffman Lodging House. I believe the top two floors were removed in 1935 for reasons unknown. Some of the business in the store fronts were New York Furniture, John Andrews Candy Shop, Snell Photo, Johnson's Shade and Linoleum Company and later Jeryl Parker Printing. The Westside Branch of the Richmond Library was located here while its present building was under construction. For many years Janet Fleming operated Sophie's Emporium, a fine women's clothing store. Doing business there now are Point Richmond Travel and Oscar Lugo's. Mr. Altree and E.M.I.C. are planning to restore the building to its original three story height.

From Ralph Johnson of Quarry Products at 961 Western Drive, the well preserved, leather bound business journal from the original San Pablo Quarry. The books kept in this journal are dated 1906 to 1914 and it is in an amazingly wonderful condition.

**THANK YOU!**

# POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

*Sarah Eeles*

Condensed from Minutes of June  
5, 1990 meeting

Larry Loder, Public Works Department, reviewed a proposal to vacate a portion of East Richmond Avenue one block past Wine Street and create a cul de sac. Members expressed concern about emergency access but voted to support the city's request for a cul de sac and street closure, the vote was 16-13.

Steve Crook of Rail and Marine Transportation, described a proposal he has made to Santa Fe regarding closure of the railroad tracks which currently cross Cutting Blvd. and rerouting the traffic. Members agreed to support Mr. Crook's plan and send a letter to the city asking them to consider the proposal.

Jim Farah, City Planning Department, addressed the subject of the role of the neighborhood council in city planning and land development. He asked for and members agreed to form a committee whose purpose will be to obtain information on proposed projects and give feedback to developers before they appeared at council meetings.

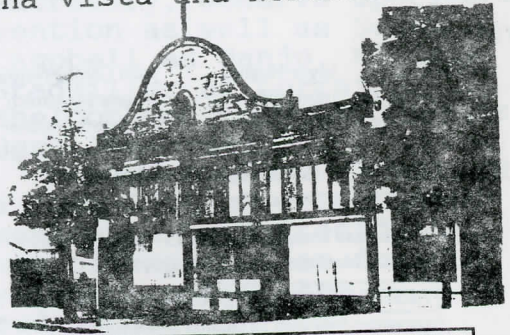
Robyn Wolf presented a project to start a youth business corps to help young people learn about business practices.

Virginia Cherniak presented

the need for a stop sign at the top of Mono Street. Members agreed to ask the city for such a sign.

Jerry Cerkanowicz reported that he expects the History Association building to be refurbished by Indian Statue Day this fall. Public gratitude was extended for the stand Mr. Cerkanowicz took to save the building.

Bob Baldino presented plans for the development of the Windhurst property and the proposed vacation of Buena Vista Avenue. Many concerns expressed and members voted to oppose the vacation of both Buena Vista and Northside.



**WOMEN'S WEST SIDE  
IMPROVEMENT CLUB**

*Anne Hanzlik*

We are pleased to announce that the map sign by the fire station is going to be enlarged and updated soon. John Skaglund, husband of Phyllis of Point Richmond Travel is contributing his time and expertise and we are grateful for another contribution to the Point by the generous Point Richmond Travel.



## On Selma Cronin

*from Adele Hollander*

The death of Selma Cronin on May 16th was a loss to all of Point Richmond. Relatively new to the Point, she had already endeared herself to many with her special gift for winning and for earning people's trust and affection.

Years ago Selma worked as a Public Health Nurse in Richmond, later helping her husband found the Orinda Convalescent Hospital. After his retirement she became administrator of the hospital.

She also served on the Board of Directors of the Masquers, of Alta Bates Hospital, and of Lamorinda Bank.

She leaves a loving husband here in the Point, two sons, a daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, and a grandchild.

## Birthdays

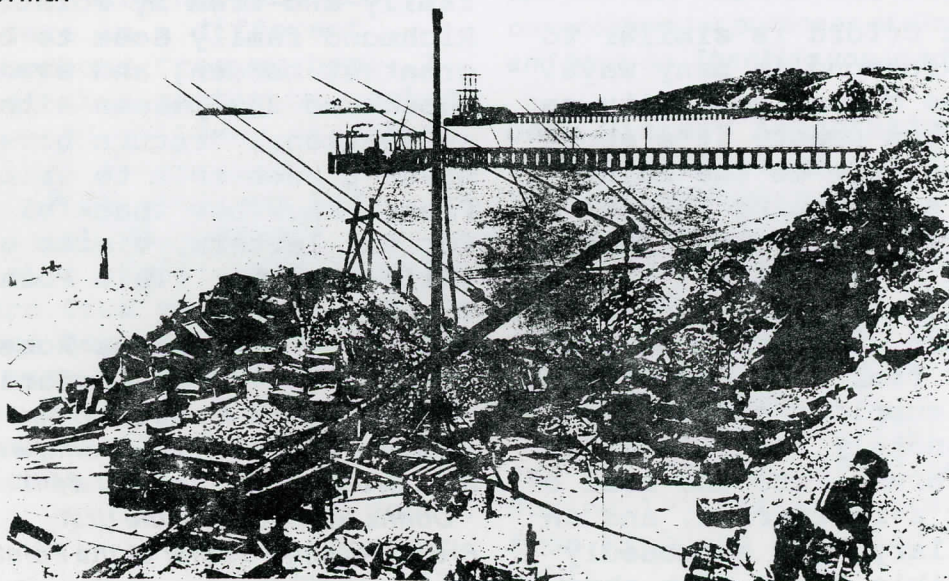


### JULY

Josephine Palenchar	Loretta "Mertle" Lease
Joe Palenchar	
Julius Matteucci	Francis Smith
Mary Knox	Amy Rotting
Diedre Cerkowicz	Clara Perasso
Kathryn Fong	Brian Pease
Ed Squires	Jean Creed
Alice McMahon	Allen Anderson
Hilary Lord	Roger Elle
Clifford (Lou) MacMillan	Betty Enos
	Liz Garrard

### AUGUST

Oretta Eaton	Barbara Ward
Veora Heiney	Donna Wilson
Kevin Pryne	Mid Dornan
Bea Kenoyer	Joe Darling
Nikki Eaton	Bernie Bisio
Bob Maske	Alice Thompson
Anne-Terese Ageson	Zoanna Kille
Karla Peterson	Alia Smyke
Terrence Doherty	Lisa Smith
Carl Westman	Bernice Preece
Bonnie Ritzenthaler	Clayton Barnes
Wilson	Ethel Schumacher



*Point Molate about 1910 (then a quarry), note the tall ship.*





Greetings, Apologies and Love,  
from Port Orford:

We've not gone to the end of the earth, but you can see it from here. From Point Richmond on the Bay to Port Orford on the Ocean is not a great difference, but it seems like a lifetime away. Receiving "This Point in Time" is akin to getting letters from home. It's been inspiring to watch the History Association expand. Your contributions to the community make me proud to have been an instigator of what is now a permanent and important source of information.

Port Orford is similar to Point Richmond in many ways. It's the oldest community on the Oregon Coast, it's about the same size as the Point, and it's beginning to grow. Port Orford's history is well but not necessarily authentically, documented. The pace here, they tell me, is slow. I feel that when trying to get supplies and labor. But unfortunately, not in my own life. Thrust into the role of running a restaurant, and an art gallery, and supposedly responsible for a gift shop, I long for the peaceful good old

days at the Point. We may or may not be permanent or successful, but the restaurant is tremendously popular, and is listed as one of the four best on the coast. It will even be written about in National Geographic's next travel supplement. The gallery is beautiful, and I'd be quite happy with just that, and doing my art projects.

I know some of you heard about my daughter Roni's illness. She is recovering well, and thanks you for all your prayers and help. Her new daughter, Kyli is a character I'd love to claim some credit for. She shows some musical inclination, tooting about the house, recorder in one hand, reaching up to accompany herself on the piano with the other. The distance from their family and from my Point Richmond family seem to be the greatest burden, and even though no day passes without an emotional "return home", I haven't been able to write. Please know how thankful I am for the letters, visits and calls. and for "This Point in Time".

Donna Roselius  
Port Orford, Or

*Thanks Donna, it was great hearing from you! All is well in the Point, we trust Oregon is treating you well!*

*Donna Roselius was the first President and Founder of the Point Richmond History Association, she is an honorary lifetime member.*



Dear Gary,

I was delighted to read the letters from Willard Spiersch in the last two issues of "The Point" and to learn that he was stimulated by my articles the same as I was by those of Ed Garrard.

Willard was in school with me and he will recall the old High School Cadet group of which he was an officer. He will also recall the spring cadet camps at Leona Heights back of Oakland. I was also interested in his description of Pt. Richmond shoreline which I also have travelled and still do at times. Willard's wife, Jean's mother was a good friend of my mother.

I would like to encourage him to write about the old timers in his neighborhood. They were in a different neighborhood from my home. I knew of them mostly by contact with their children at school. They were good solid, responsible citizens and should be remembered.

Also I was pleased to note letters from my old friend Bernard Bernes from the south and learn that he is still as active as ever. I was saddened to hear of the death of Al Perricone.

Sincerely yours,  
Wm. L. Thompson  
Richmond, CA

Dear Gary,

In answer to Muriel C. Clausen's two questions in her very fine and much appreciated column "Senior News" in the May issue of "This Point"... No. 1 is yes!! No. 2 is I HOPE SO!! Now I know why I can't remember names, places and events! Thank you Muriel.

Anyway, Gary, I have back issues from Vol. II of "Point Counterpoint". They were given to me by my sister Rhoda Turley. If you want any are all just let me know. They contain some great drawings. Thinking of your new historical headquarters.

Very truly yours,  
Willard R. Spiersch  
Alameda, CA

*We do have a set of the old "Point Counterpoint" papers. These copies that you have would be nice to have in our archives for purposes of display and back-up. Thanking you in advance.*

Gary

Dear History Association:

Enclosed is my contribution to your museum project.

My great uncle, Arthur Whitesides owned and operated the grocery store on the corner of Washington and Richmond, now occupied by the Santa Fe Market.

He sold the store at the end of 1938. I worked there during 1938 after I graduated from Richmond Hi. Glad to help a bit.

Thomas Whitesides

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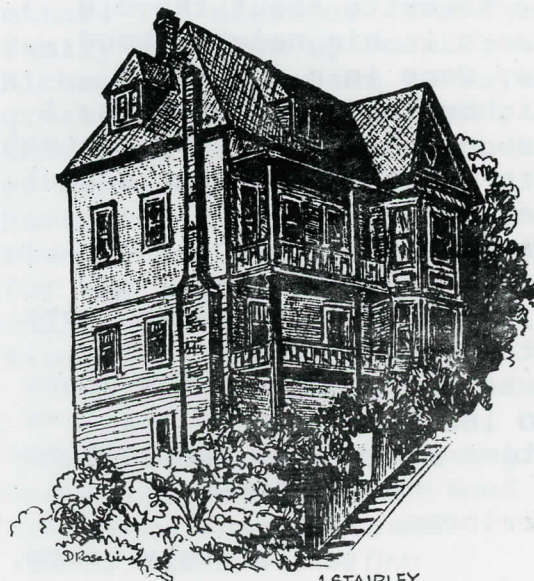
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# **Calendar**

- July 3** Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,  
7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center.
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 11** Point Richmond Business Association Meeting,  
Noon at the Hotel Mac
- August 7** Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,  
7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center.
- August 11** City of Richmond's 85th Birthday Celebration,  
Richmond Civic Center Plaza and Convention  
Center, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm, we will be there!
- August 17** Deadline for articles to make the September issue
- August 8** Point Richmond Business Association Meeting,  
Noon at the Hotel Mac
- September 3** Labor Day
- September 4** Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting,  
7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community Center.
- September 27** Point Richmond History Association General  
Meeting, 7:30 pm, Point Richmond Community  
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- October 13** Indian Statue Day