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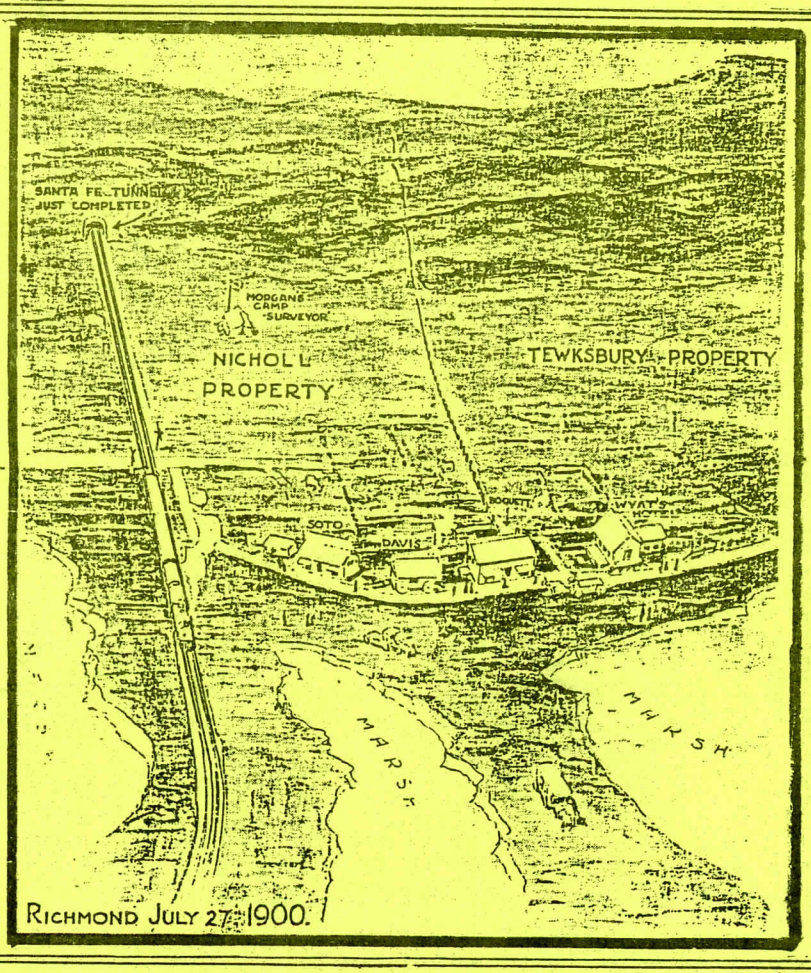

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COVER PICTURE:

"This picture was taken at noon on July 27th, 1900, being a pencil sketch made by T. W. Morgan, now deceased, who was the surveyor and artist at that time, and was surveying lots in the Nicholl Sub-division of the Tunnel Richmond.

You will notice that no streets were in at that time, that the dividing fence between the Nicholl and Tewksbury property was a wooden fence with barb wire, and was shortly afterwards removed.

Buildings which you see were Wyat's Hotel, which burned down shortly after; the buildings to the left were Soto's and Boquett's saloons and were there while the tunnel was building. The lunch counter wagon of Davis, was a four wheel arrangement and was pulled in there to supply the transient demand.

Note: The blue print of this picture was lost in the safe for fourteen years in Oakland but recently discovered."

HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES

IT WAS PARTY TIME FOR THE POINT!

by Jerry Cerkanowicz, President

Two big events took place in early October; Donna and Rosy Roselius' farewell party and Indian Statue Dedication Day.

The first, a huge party planned by their many friends, was great fun (though many were smiling through tears as they said farewells). Lots of good food, wine and music. —but the magic ingredient was the people. New and old friends of all ages showed up to say thanks and goodbye to this pair who have given so much of themselves to the community, in general, and Point Richmond, in particular.

The History Association presented Donna with a certificate of appreciation making her our second lifetime member and also gifted her with one our brand new 1988 calendars. Local city council members presented a proclamation naming November 9 "Donna Roselius Day". The evening ended with a champagne toast, including testimonials from several longtime friends.

The next morning dawned bright and clear on Indian Statue Day. Several thousand people came to town and celebrated the dedication of the new park. In addition to our usual table and display, we had Donna hand-coloring her popular note cards and drawings for sale. The new calendar was also on sale—and all our wares were displayed on a sturdy rack donated by Sherry and Bob's and refurbished for us by Donna (who else?) One huge cake baked and decorated by Pam and Paula Wilson (one of two, mind you!) for the Roselius' party plus another 'map-of-Oregon cake made by Theresa Albro—both left over from the big night, were cut and served to those who bought calendars.

A big thanks to the Point Richmond Business Association for organizing the annual event, to the West Side Improvement Club and our History Association members who gave of their time and effort to help make the celebration something the community can be proud to look back on—and it was another fun time, too, thanks to the entertainers on hand plus the Masquers-sponsored 'fun run'. (If you didn't get your T-shirt with all the brick donors' names on it, you can still get one from the Masquers at the 'little theater on Park Place'.)

Hope to see you at our meeting on Thursday, November 19, at the loft of Sobstad Sails, 1230 Brickyard Cove Road, at Brickyard Landing. Famed bay area woman sailor Jocelyn Nash will speak on the ancient art of sail-making—she even has some great ideas to share on what can be done with remnants from sail-making, we hear.

Also on the program will be Rick Schuldt, Point Richmond sailor of note, who will describe his adventures in the 1987 Transpac Race from San Pedro to Honolulu.

The general meeting convenes at 7:30 p. m. If you need directions to find Sobstad Sails, call me at 235-1336 or program chairman Liz McDonald at 234-3936.

RECOGNITION TIME

Like most projects, the Indian Statue Park had its share of those whose work was upfront for all to see and the usual crew of faithful but not-so-visible workers behind the scenes—real "get-up-and-do" types, usually. To all of these, a belated but most sincere thanks from the Park Committee and all of us involved in creating Point Richmond's very own Indian Statue Park. The following people imprinted bricks on weekends, helped set concrete and even moved great gobs

of dirt:

Pat Behrens
Linda Evans
Loil Foster
Marsha Ward
Anita Hearns
Craig Eades
Jeri Wynne
Paul Hogan
Asa Williams
Dennis Espinoza
Robert Paiz
Roy Jones
Debbie Patton
Jeanne Bowder
Joe Hawley
Barb Rhodes
Bob Burton
Jean Swanson
Toussaint
Pam DeWitt
Georgia Haley
Sue Burman
Rudy Paiz
Donna Roselius

If you were out there, slogging away, and we've missed your name (or even misspelled it, above), *please* let us know about it! P.S. Thanks, too, to Chevron for the use of a word processor—it helped a bunch!

MEMBERS

Pam Wilson, Membership Chairman
521 Western Drive
Pt. Richmond, CA 94801

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

Maude Bagley
Anita Brougham
Elaine Burres
Virginia Cherniak
Edna Delmore
Christine Dennis
Pat Dornan
Paula Ferguson
Pauline Valenti
Eleanor Hurley
Katherine Lord
John G. Maxwell
Richard & Roberta Palfini
Frank & Pat Pearson
Jean & Willard Spiersch
Elenora Surdam
Saryl Weinstein
Lucretia & Tom Edwards

And a warm welcome to new members:

Donna Bill
David J. Briggs
Judith Buder*
Betty Hatfield*
Floria J. C. Parker
Roni Turner
Wallace MacMillan
Paul Paulukdvich*
Mark Watson
Quarry Products, Inc., History Preserver
Douglas L. Daniels
Frank & Carol Westphal

*Indian Statue Day winners

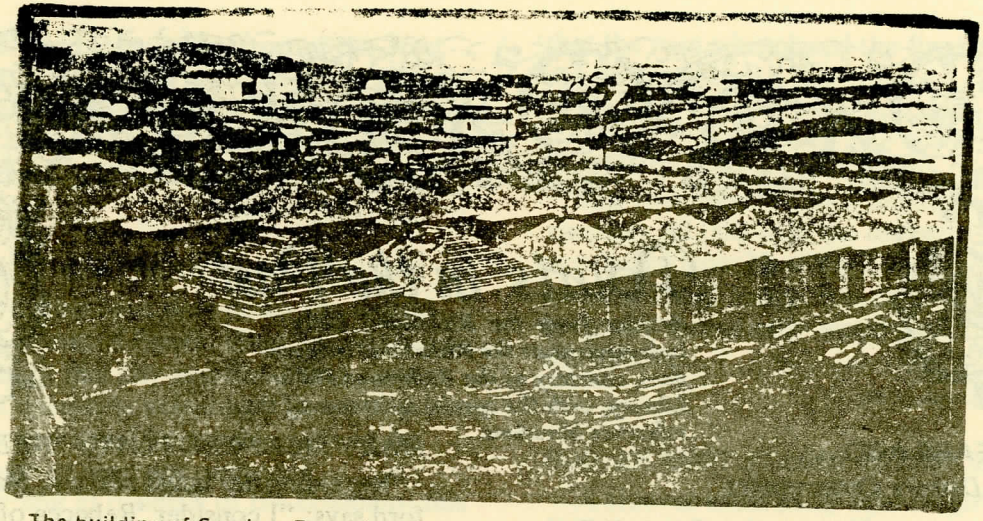
Congratulations to our second Lifetime members: Rosy and Donna Roselius! (They join Tom and Donna Powers, our first to be so honored.)

THE HUB

POINT RICHMOND

CLOTHING HATS
GENTS' FURNISHINGS
SHOES

Point Richmond's Largest and Best Store for Men



The building of Smokey Row—Jan. 9, 1901. They were built for the employees of Santa Fe Railroad. Nicknamed because of smoke which came out of the tunnel.

IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

courtesy of Stan Nystrom

ANSWER:

The trivia question last month asked about the historical significance of the building which houses the 'Great American Hamburger Shop'. That little building is the most visible and least displaced of the original 20 'Smokey Row' houses built along both sides of First avenue by developer John Nicholl in 1900-1901, As noted in last month's trivia question answer, First avenue is now known as Oregon street and is only half as long as it was originally, before the northern approach to the vehicular tunnel was built.

'Smokey Row' was so known due to its proximity to the railroad tunnel. When the steam locomotives went through, those little houses were almost blotted out by the thick black smoke belching from the tunnel. 'Smokey Row' was probably the first tract home development in the new boom town. I doubt if that name would sell homes these days. At that time, however, they were considered quite desireable, as they were almost the only home residential buildings in a community that, only a short time before, was known as a 'tent city'.

These small, four-room houses cost $400 each to build. They had no plumbing or wiring, and the bedrooms were so tiny that a bed would fit only in one direction. Similarly, the kitchen would only allow only one location for a stove.

Other remaining 'Smokey Row' homes can be spotted nearby , in the neighborhood where East Richmond avenue meets Nevada and Montana streets. Some have been modified with brick chimneys or additions built on. None are at their original sites and not all have street frontage. The distinctive roofline and the small, almost square shape are the identifying features. "This Point in Time"(the book) on page 51 indicates that five more are on Marine street between Tewksbury and Morgan. It would be interesting to know if all of the original twenty could be accounted for as being still in use today.

QUESTION:

Referring to the interesting picture of Richmond in 1900 on the cover of this issue, note that only the north end of the Santa Fe Railroad tunnel is identifiable as a present-day point of reference. The eye-catcher, however, is the mid-picture fenceline going up the hill.

The question is: if that fenceline were to be followed today, where would it be located in respect to the present streets of Point Richmond?

Points in the Past

Articles from the Richmond Daily Independent or the Richmond Independent, courtesy of the Richmond Public Library, with the special assistance of the reference librarians.

70 YEARS AGO . . .

by Deirdre Cerkanowicz

It's time to prepare for the holidays–Halloween is over! The sales are on for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In spite of the holiday spirit, Americans are tightening their belts–"meatless Tuesday", "wheatless Wednesday", and, now, "ice cream-less Thursday"! There's a "tobacco Kit" drive going on to send smokes to the boys at the front–even Carrie Ellsworth is getting into the act.

Otto Mueller is back in the news(see April, 1917) –he's even working for Uncle Sam. But some of his fellow German-Americans aren't so lucky–these aleins(sic) are losing their jobs, and, with many of the men away at war, who will replace them? Meanwhile–women get the vote in New York!

Obviously, the proof reader at the Independent is asleep this month–letting "alein","portelain" and a unique spelling of "Lenine", used as the name of a new leader in Soviet Russia. Pictures of said "Lenine" and Leon Trotsky appear in many newspaper editions.

Closer to home, the I.W.W. (Industrial Workers of the World) us accused of a plot to blow up a Port Costa warehouse.

So-o-o, what happened to Thanksgiving?!?

OTTO MUELLER WITH UNCLE SAM

"Otto Mueller, former well known hardware dealer of this city and now employed by the United States government in Yosemite Valley, has been here on a short vacation with his friends. Mueller is connected with the water supply department in the valley."

November 1, 1917

MARY PICKFORD PLAYS "REBECCA"

"Regarding her latest success, Mary Pickford says: "I consider 'Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm' a great picture because it makes an undying record of the wonderful story by Kate Douglas Wiggin and Charlotte Thompson. I have enjoyed every minute of this production because I run around in short dresses and act the little kid I always wanted to be. I have been on the stage and screen so long that I have never had much time for playing. The days we gave the circus in the barn, the whole studio stopped work and came over to play with us. It was all I could do to keep Douglas Fairbands, Julian Ettinge, Wallace Reid and some of the others from getting in and playing like the rest of (us). ."

November 1, 1917

WEST SIDE BOY IS GIVEN FINE PARTY

"William Spiersch, 230 Castro avenue, was given a jolly surprise party last night. The evening was passed in games and refreshments by the guests. Mrs. Spiersch was assisted in entertaining the children by Miss Edith Delp and Miss Mildred Brignone.

Those present were Ted McCann, Harry Carlson, Howard Arnold, Louis McCann, Arthur Hoover, Rhoda and William Spiersch."

November 1, 1917

MRS. FORD HOSTESS FOR THE RED CROSS

"A whist party for the benefit of the Red Cross was given yesterday at the home of

Mrs. J. O. Ford, popular matron of the West Side. Mrs. E. M. Tilden won the prize, following which refreshments were served. . .A tidy sum was realized for the work of the Red Cross."

November 1, 1917

PORTELAIN(sic) PLANTS OPERATING

After having been shut down for several days the plants of Pacific Plumbing Fixtures Company in this city and San Pablo again resumed operation yesterday. The shut down was occasioned by trouble with an in- *(remainder of sentence omitted).* . .

According to officials of the company this has now been remedied and the plants are in full operation.

November 2, 1917

NO ICE CREAM ON THURSDAYS NOW

"No more ice cream on Thursdays, straight, in sodas, or in any other way. It will not even be sold in packages for delivery.

Candy manufacture is reduced one-half between now and Christmas.

These are the orders of the Candy Manufacturers and Dealers' Association of San Francisco.

What with "Meatless Tuesday", "Wheatless Wednesday", and "Ice-creamless Thursday", the days are all being claimed."

November 2, 1917

PLOT SUSPECTED AT PORT COSTA

"*Port Costa.* Nov. 7—Finding of an exploded tube of carbon bisulphide and phosphorus under sacks of grain in the California Wharf and Warehouse Company's big grain warehouse . . .this morning exposed what is thought to be an I.W.W. plot to destroy the thousands of tons of grain in the building.

Employees. . .discovered the tube while loading grain. . .It had already exploded but lack of air . . .beneath the sacks had prevented combustion. . .

Sheriff R. R. Veale. . .holds out little hope that the man who placed the fire bomb. . . can be discovered."

November 7, 1917

WOMEN TO VOTE IN NEW YORK

"*New York.* Nov. 7—By a majority of approximately 80,000 with the majority of precincts heard from New York declared for women's suffrage today. It is expected that this victory means early women's suffrage in the nation. . ."

November 7, 1917

HOOVER WHIST AT LADY OF MEACY(sic)

"A Hoover whist party is to be given next Friday (at) Our Lady of Mercy church on the west side. . .In charge of the affair will b Mrs. Monroe and Mrs. J. H. O'Hara."

November 9, 1917

MRS. CURRY TO BE ASSOCIATE MATRON

Mrs. Rose Curry, well known resident of the west side, was elected associate matron of Miramar Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at the annual election of officers. . .Th rough a mistake her name was omitted from the list of officers published (last week) and the Independent takes pleasure in making this correction.

November 9, 1917

WINERY RUSHED TO HANDLE CROP

"Hundreds of cars of wine grapes are being rushed through this city to the big Californi Wine Association at Winehaven. The plant is working overtime in handling the grapes wh ich are now coming in very rapidly."

November 9, 1917

THE "COZY"

Candy and . . .
Ice Cream Parlors

148 Washington Ave. Pt. Richmond

If you've ever wondered what kinds of things we're forced to pass up due to space limitations, here are a couple we couldn't resist passing on to you, just this once, from November 9 edition.

(Under large headline "Notice Bandmen")

"Report at Sixth street and Macdonald avenue at 7:30 sharp tonight. W. S. Darrell"

(No headline at bottom of front page column)

November 17–Yama Yama dance, Fraternal Hall; Rebekahs and Odd Fellows only."

Now, that's personal journalism! Ed.

5 NEW COTTAGES ON WEST SIDE

"Contractor L. L. Page has just finished four very modern bungalows in Point Richmond, on Richmond and Castro Avenues, and is preparing to build another five room structure in the same district. All the houses are modern and are up-to-date in style. . ."

November 16, 1917

A SMOKE IN THE TRENCHES IS RELIEF

"When a big shell hurtles over the sand embankments from somewhere out in No Man's Land–when any blast may be the death knell for the little groups of men huddled in the front line trench–right then every soothing whiff that comes out of that little 25 cent Tobacco Kit, which you can send to the front in the Independent's Tobacco Fund, seems worth about a hundred times more than it cost the man who sent it.

For there's a world of comfort and solace in a good smoke when your tongue hungers for it and when your nerves are on a delicate balance as you rub elbows with death. . ."

November 16, 1917

Whew! And you thought today's paid cigarette ads come on strong! Ed.

RED CROSS DANCE AT KOZY KOVE

"There will be a fine dance tonight at Kozy Kove for the benefit of the Red Cross. M Mrs. Schinke, propietor of the place will turn the entire gate receipts of the dance over to the local Red Cross. . ."

November 17, 1917

GERMAN ALEINS(sic)MAY BE OUSTED

"German alein(sic) residents of Richmond of both sex (sic) may be removed from this city in the near future. The government of the United States is preparing to take the steamest (sic) steps ever used in this country in war time to handle German situation and to put a curb not only on those who have not become citizens but also those who are expressing themselves contrary (sic) on the war.

The plan is to remove all enemy alieins(sic, sic!) from all points 100 miles from the coasts of the country. In California those lines run at a point out 10 miles east of Sacramento and include all but the mountains and very thinly populated sections of this state."

November 19, 1917

KETELHUT WILL TRY WAR BREAD

"F. Ketelhut, proprietor of the Richmond Bakery on Park Place, says he can beat this bread business and has set out to try. He has made arrangements for the sale of war-bread at the free market on Wednesdays and Saturdays."

November 20, 1917

Do any of our readers remember what war-bread was, hey? Ed.

ULTAMATIUM(sic)SERVED ON CAR CO.

(Isn't this fun? Ed.)

"Unless the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway Company makes an agreement that will satisfy the Standard Oil Company that escaping electricity from poorly bonded tracks of the car company is taken care of the city will enforce the electrolysis ordinance after December 3rd next. . ."

November 20, 1917

MISS ELLSWORTH TO AID TOBACCO FUND

"To aid the Soldiers Tobacco Fund Miss Carrie Ellsworth, the charming little dancer and members of her class in a San Francisco dancing school, will stage a high class entertainment at. . .Lincoln school auditorium. .

.next week. The Municipal Band has agreed to assist the little lady in her patriotic efforts. . .In addition to Miss Ellsworth there will be a dozen of the cleverest little dancers and singers in San Francisco. . ."

November 20, 1917

NICHOLL CO. AND CITY AGREE ON HARBOR

"Agreement between the city and the Nicholl Terminal Company over the construction of a bulkhead from the present municipal wharf to Pt. Nicholl behind which the mud to be dredged from the channel to the inner harbor will be placed has been practically reached by the City Council and the Nicholl Terminal company. Just as soon as the character of the bulkhead to be constructed is determined by the government engineers the final conference over its construction will be held. . ."

November 20, 1917

CROCKETT TO LOSE 360 WORKERS

"What to do with 360 alien enemies to be rounded up at Crockett is a question that is bothering Sheriff R. R. Veale. These men are employees of the Crockett refinery and are aliens of the type which under President Wilson's recent order are not allowed within 500 feet of any dock where a ship of 500 tons may dock.

The order must be enforced and it has the sugar company up in the air for help for its plant and it is protesting to the government against enforcement. . .Sheriff Veale does not know what to do with the men but he is going to gather them in anyway and remove them from their present location."

November 23, 1917

AMMUNITION CACHE IS FOUND

"In preparing to hold an "old horse sale" of unclaimed baggage, the California Transportation Company at Antioch found a trunk loaded with small ammunition, evidently stolen from the Mare Island navy yard. . .

Letters in the trunk have been turned over to the sheriff's office and Mare Island authorities have been notified. . ."

November 23, 1917

CARRIE ELLSWORTH TO APPEAR

"An unusual bargain in entertainment wi be ocered(sic) at the Lincoln auditorium on . . .Friday evening when Miss Carrie Ellswor and her dancing class pupils. . .will stage a program (to) benefit the Soldiers' Tobacco Fund. The Richmond Municipal Band will also (be) in the concert. . .The program is as follows: *Overture, Richmond Municipal Band; . . .Carrie's Birthday Party, by Carrie Ellswor th and her pupils. Characters: Carrie(song), Carrie Ellsworth; Carrie's mother, Miss Clara Monroe; Mary Jones, Dorothy Hays; Tillie Smith(Highland Fling), Virginia Hopkins; Rosie Brown(song), Henrietta Michel; Alice Jones, Catherine Hays; Fay Smith(fan dance), Baby Clair Hopkins; Agnes Gray, Agnes Hounsel; Susie Kelly(shirt dance), Eleanor Hart. . ."*

November 26, 1917

NICHOLL HEADS VISIT TO HARBOR

"A party consisting of Mayor John L. Davie of Oakland, John H. Nicholl and representatives of a corporation that intends to establish a plant costing millions somewhere on this coast inspected the waterfront of Richmond. . .this week. The Oakland mayor and the manufacturing representatives were brought here by Mr. Nicholl, who showed them all the available locations from the Inner Harbor to Point San Pablo. . . A site of more than 100 acres is said to be required. . .No information as to who the parties back the project(sic) are could be obtained from Nicholl. . ."

November 30, 1917

60 YEARS AGO . . .

by Zoanna Kille

AGREEMENT ON SIGN RATIFIED

"The Richmond City Council last night ratified an agreement with the Richmond-

San Rafael Ferry Company for the maintenance and ultimate change in the Richmond street sign at Cutting boulevard and San Pablo avenue. The Ferry company is to pay the city $50 and maintain the sign until next spring, when the Richmond part will be dismantled and turned over to the city.

The Ferry company has entered into an agreement with El Cerrito to sustitute "El Cerrito" for "Richmond" . . ."

November 1, 1927

PROBE INTO DEATH OF BRAKEMAN

"Formal investigation of the death yesterday of Roderick W. MacLeod, 28, switchman for the Santa Fe railroad, was conducted today by officials of the campany . . .MacLeod was instantly killed when a tank car, filled with cocoanut (sic) oil and weighing sixty tons, toppled from the rails and crushed (him) against the bank of a cut on the Belt line railway. The accident occured at the old Shrimp camp, near Winehaven. . .The switchman was pinned beneath the iron ladder . . .of the tank and a wrecking crew worked for three hours before the body could be extricated. The body was mangled beyond recognition from the knees to the head. . ."

November 1, 1927

DREAM BLAMED IN DEATH OF OFFICER

"Captain of Police Buford V. Shirley, 43, of the Richmond department, was fatally injured early this morning in a 23-foot fall from his bedroom window following his investigation of the death yesterday of Roderick W. MacLeod, 28, on the Belt line railroad. He died at a local hospital at noon today.

Captain Shirley is believed to have been in a fatigued and nervous condition as a result of overwork, and with the picture of MacLeod's horribly mangled body on his mind, it is thought that after retiring he had a nightmare and fell from the window.

The officer was found in the yard back of his home at 23 Park place at 3:15 a.m. by Patrolman James Blankenshipp, who was attracted to that point by the moans of the injured man. (He) walked a half a block to the police headquarters and the Wilson & Kratzer ambulance was summoned. Captain Shirley was removed to the Cottage hospital.

Dr. C. L. Abbott, the attending physician, reported today that the captain suffered a fractured hip, fractured pelvis and internal injuries.

Captain Shirley was on duty all day yesterday and continued to work until midnight because of the necessity of every officer available being on duty for Hallowe'en. He left for his mone at midnight, and it is believed that the fall occurred in an hour. ."

November 1, 1927

CREW EXONERATED IN TRAIN DEATH

"The crew of the Santa Fe train in which Roderick W. MacLeod was killed Monday . . .was exonerated by a coroner's jury from blame in the switchman's death. The inquest, which was conducted by Coroner Aubrey Wilson, showed that death was due to a fractured skull and crushed chest sustained when the tank car upon which (he) was riding overturned and crushed MacLeod against the bank of a cut on the railway. . ."

November 2, 1927

FIRST M. E. PLANS RECEPTION FOR PASTOR

"Plans for a rection to honor the new pastor and his wife were made. . .at the meeting of the Social league of the First Methodist church . . .The reception will be held next Friday evening. . .a fine program is being prepared. . ."

November 2, 1927

DR. C. L. ABBOTT
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

MASONS CONDUCT FUNERAL FOR SHIRLEY

"Point Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons will conduct funeral rites for Captain B. V. Shirley of the Richmond Police department who died yesterday from injuries sustained in a fall from the second story bedroom of his home at 13 Park place. . .services are being held up in accordance with a communication from Captain Shirley's daughter of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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November 2, 1927

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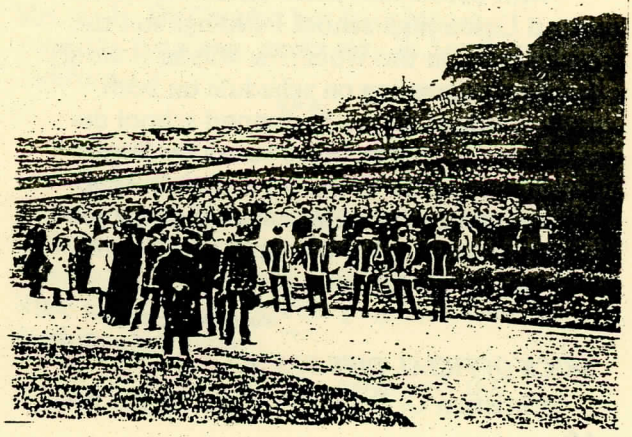

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PERSONALS

"Rev. C. R. G. Poole, of Corning, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church here, was greeting friends in Richmond today. Rev. Poole came here to perform a marriage ceremony last night."

November 4, 1927

SHOTGUN SQUADS SEEK AUTO SNIPER

"Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 4— Nightly reports from motorists on Sacramento highways have resulted in a shotgun squad detailed by police to search for a "bullet maniac" who fires a revolver or rifle from the roadside through windshields of automobiles. More than a dozen reports of windshields thus shattered are on file in police headquarters. . ."

November 4, 1927

Bet you thought highway gun violence was a product of this generation and crowded freeways— nope, just the nutsos in action, whenever! Wonder if the "S" Squad solved the problem? Ed.

CAPTION ON PICTURE OF WORKMEN

"Preliminary work for widening of Standard Avenue is under way. The Key System Transit Company now has its crews removing and replacing the trolley poles between Garrard boulevard and Castro street."

November 6, 1927

GOOD PROGRESS MADE ON NEW SCHOOLS

"With permanent roofs on the new Richmond Union high school buildings and the under roof on the Woodrow Wilson (school) work is progressing on schedule on both new additions to the Richmond school department, it was reported today by Superintendent Walter T. Helms. . .Carl Overaa. general contractor, announced that the job would be completed in ample time for the opening of the fall term in 1928. . ."

November 6, 1927

BRICK OFFICIAL DIES IN S. F.

"Christian G. Berg, an official of the Richmond Pressed Brick Company and president of the Port Costa Brick Company, died in San Francisco Saturday at the age of 59. . . Berg leaves one son, Robert H. Berg."

November 7, 1927

CITY DENIES FIREMEN DAY OFF WITH PAY

"The Richmond City Council acting on the joint recommendation of City Manager James A. McVittie and the fire committee of the governing body Monday night denied the petition for one day per week off duty for members of the fire department. . .The matter may be referred to the board of equalization for a decision next year.

Councilman J. N. Hartnett pointed out that vacations, etc. cost the city approximately $3500 annually. . ."

November 8, 1927

HARBOR LEASE-PURCHASE DEAL

"Negotiations for the purchase and lease of the properties necessary for the location of the Northern California distributing depot of the Petroleum Securities company on the Richmond harbor were being concluded today. . .Petroleum Securities company. . . was preparing to close the deal for the purchase of 175 acres on Point Potrero from the John Nicholl company. The cash consideration was reported to be $1000 per acre. Immediately after the Nicholl property purchase is completed, Mayor Mattie Chandler, City Clerk A. C. Faris, Fred D. Parr, and (Frank R.) Seaver were to meet at the city hall to execute final documents for the lease of the city waterfront lands for the oil company's docks. . ."

November 10, 1927

FIRST METHODIST BANQUET IS HELD

"Forty-one fathers and sons attended the annual banquet at the first Methodist church last night in the parlors of the church. "Relation of Fathers to Sons" was the topic of an interesting talk delivered by Dr. A. C. Bane, prominent minister of the

church. W. F. Schmidt san solos. M. Dicely was in charge of the dinner, which was served by the Ladies' Aid society."

November 10, 1927

50 YEARS AGO . . .

by Zoanna Kille

WHOOPS! CO-ED JOINS THE TEAM

"A co-ed football player? Gosh, Aunt Lucy, not that! But yes, says Coach Gus Welch of American university, Washington, D.C., who says,"Why not?" Welch has a girl student who can kick goals by place kick like nobody's business. Clad in full football regalia, she practices grimly each day awaiting her chance to get in there and play for dear old American on a Saturday afternoon. Says Welch, "Women fundamentally are more graceful kickers. They have the follow through that brings accuracy." (Betty Co-Ed is pictured practicing, but her identity remains a secret.)"

November 1, 1937

"You've come a long way, baby"? Ed.

WOMEN START NEW PEACE MOVEMENT

"Six million American women members of the Committee on the Cause and Cure of Wat have been making a 12-year study of the causes of war.

Now they propose to try to find a way to apply the cure. They believe the remedy is economic co-operation between the nations. The organization therefore is launching a program of study of the foreign policy of the United States and co-operation with the National Peace Conference in preparing the United States for world economic co-operation. . ."

November 2, 1937

PIPE SMOKING BY WOMEN ON INCREASE

"Buffalo,N. Y.(UP)– Women apparently are invading another man's field.

. . .operators of Buffalo's smoke shops report that women in rapidly increasing numbers are taking to pipe smoking. . .

"I got the surprise of my life," said one owner,"when a college girl purchased a small pipe, calmly filled it with mild tobacco, inhaled deeply and said 'swell'.". . ."

November 2, 1937

WEST SIDE NEWS

"David, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poore, celebrated his birthday last Saturday at his home, 213 Castro street. Those present were Joan Mary and Fredrick Spiersch, Robert, May and Alvin Boyd and Bobbie Poore. Games were played and the Hallowe'en motif used. . ."

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"The Ladies Aid of the Point Baptist Church was entertained at luncheon today at the home of Mrs. Paul Dunlap on Terrace avenue. Many friends were present and a neat sum was realized to be used for the painting of the church."

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"The Woman's West Side Improvement Club met on Monday at the home of Mrs. Charles Ceridono on Nicholl avenue. Dessert luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. E. George. Mrs. J. C. Eaton, Club president, conducted the business session. Plans for the outdoor checkerboard to be financed by the club were accepted and the contract let. . .Games were played . . .with prizes being awarded to Mrs. E. H. Diffin who left here Monday morning for a two weeks stay in Southern California."

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"A group of ladies consisting of Mesdames Harry Baker, Edward Saunders, J. C. Kennedy and Floyd Weston entertained at a Hallowe'en party on Saturday evening . Their guests were their children and their little friends. Games were played and refreshments served. . ."

November 5, 1937

FALL BAZAAR SET FOR POINT BAPTIST

"A holiday bazaar to be given on December 10 was planned by the Point Baptist Ladies Aid society at their meeting in the home of Mrs. Paul Dunlap on Terrace avenue.

Committees were chosen, with Mrs. R. A. Paasch in charge of the luncheon; Mrs. Mae Butler, the tables; Mrs. Addie Picton, clean-up; and Mrs. Anna Hultberg, fancy work. . .

Following the business. . .games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Paasch, Mrs. Helen Walker and Mrs. Leona Patterson. . ."

November 6, 1937

WASHINGTON P.-T.A. HEARS SAFETY TALK

"Speaking on First Aid and Safety, Mrs. Italia Hollingsworth addressed members of the Washington P.-T.A. . . .today. . .in conjunction with a health program presented by pupils of Mrs. Ruby Simmons. . .

Mrs. J. C. Kennedy presided (at) the business meeting. . .The session closed with refreshments served by Mrs. Alexander McCook and Mrs. Theodore Hultberg.

Committee for the next meeting. . .consists of Mrs. Herbert Bill and Mrs. Stephen Banks."

November 10, 1937

40 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

WINE INDUSTRY GROWS IN COUNTY

"More than 247,000 gallons of wine were produced in Contra Costa during 1946, Gene Morosoli, representative of the wine industry. told Lion (sic) Club members yesterday.

Morosoli pointed out that there are 5,658 acres of grapes under cultivation in the county, and that a total of 11,000 tons of grapes were produced in 1946. Discussing the history of the industry, he stated that 1863 marked the greatest year for production of wine and grapes, and that for a period of 40 years their production was one of the greatest sources of income in this county.

A motion picture portraying various phases of production of wine was shown. . ."

November 4, 1947

WEDDING VOWS SAID AT POINT RICHMOND

"Repeating their wedding vows [illegible]esday evening before a profusion of Fall flowers at First Methodist Church in Point Richmond were Miss Marian Arnold and Kenneth Drahos. The bride was escorted to the altar by a family friend, Ralph Prather, where Rev. Harry Shaner read the services.

. . .A former Richmond resident, the new Mrs. Drahos is the sister of Mrs. Morris B. Haugen and Mrs. Louis Herzberg, both of this city. She was employed at the San Rafael ferry.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Earl Mann of Tacoma, Washington and is employed as a Forrest(sic) Ranger in Alaska where the young couple will establish their home. . ."

November 13, 1947

COLLINS-STODDARD NUPTIALS AT POINT

"Point Baptist Church was the setting for the pretty afternoon ceremony last Sunday uniting in marriage Miss Mary Ellen Collins and Carl Dean Stoddard.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, D. R. Collins, the bride was given in marriage by him. . .

a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's father. . .After cutting the traditional. . .wedding cake, the newlyweds departed for a. . .honeymoon in Oregon. . ."

November 25, 1947

Family Trade Our Specialty — Delivery Free and Prompt
REIMER & SCHMIDT
The Richmond Winery
—Dealers In Choice and Pure—
TABLE WINES, LIQUORS, CORDIALS and NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Wholesale Dealers in Cigars
100 Eighth Street — Phone 3981 — Richmond, Cal.

HAYNIES HOME FROM WEDDING TRIP

"Now at home at 162 Santa Fe avenue are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haynie, who have just returned from their honeymoon trip to Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Mrs. Haynie, who was the former Maurine Witherspoon, daughter of Luther Witherspoon of 18 Washington avenue, (wed) Thomas Haynie, son of Ezra Haynie of Los Angeles and Mrs. Mary Haynie of Arkansas, in a quiet ceremony. . .Sunday, November 16, at the First Methodist church in Point Richmond, with Rev. Harry E. Shaner solemnizing their vows. . ."

November 25, 1947

THANKSGIVING (editorial)

"Times are troublous this Thanksgiving Day. But such troublous times as we are experiencing should not tempt any of us to the belief that we have little to be thankful for.

It has been said that no matter how bad things are—or how bad things seem to be—there is always some good that could prompt an expression of thanks.

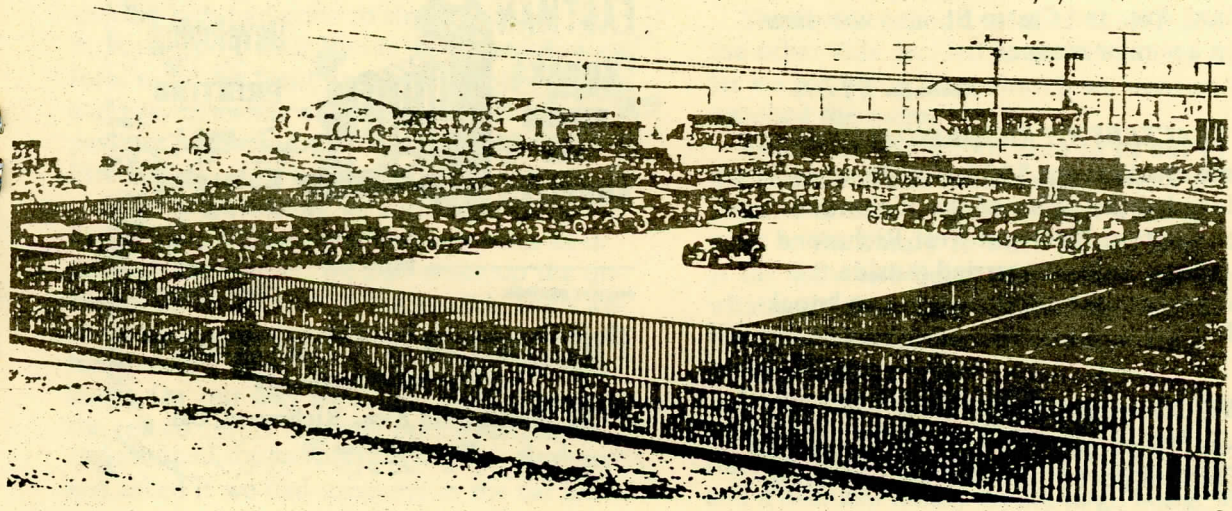
We Americans have serious problems of national and international scope besetting us on all sides. But we have been looking so long and so hard at them that we frequently fail to see or appreciate the many fine things that are going on—all around us.

For instance, here in Richmond and practically every other city of the nation we can look at record employment as a whole; higher incomes than ever before; record production in factories and on the farms, more and better food for the average American family in spite of the high prices—all of which spells a better standard of living than we had a decade ago . . .and for all these we should certainly be most thankful. . .

The people of American should be thankful today that they are still free peoples, not held tight in the firm grip of a few greedy persons whose every word is law. The American people should be thankful today that they are still free to travel, free to discuss and criticize the government and its leaders, free to express their opinions and free to worship when and where they choose. . ."

November 27, 1947

The Castro Street Parking Lot in 1919. (Probably at Standard Oil Refinery.)



30 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

TALK AND TRIVIA by Helen Williams

"An extremely delicate operation was undergone last Saturday by Herbert A. Bill, 217 Cottage avenue, Point Richmond, who flew to Los Angeles in September to enter the Hospital Rancho Los Amigos. Now on leave from Harrry Ells High School faculty, Herb came out of the arduous operation very well and the doctors are most hopeful that it will be completely successful. The young man has had to wear heavy apparatus since his serious polio attacks several years ago and the National Polio Foundation specialists hope that he will be able to discard it now. Naturally he will have a long and wearysome convalescence from the bone grafting. so probably will not return home until the first of the year. He is the son of the Herbert D. Bills of the Point."

November 2, 1957

SORRY, WRONG NUMBER (caption)

"These might have been the words that brought on the destruction of a phone booth at S. 5th St. and Cutting Blvd. last night. Police said a rope apparently was tied between the phone and a car. There was one big lurch and (detachment of the phone) was the result. Another phone booth at Standard Ave. and Castro St. also was damaged in a similar manner."

November 7, 1957

SAFE CRACKERS HIT RICHMOND PLUNGE

"Safe crackers got $55 last night when they invaded the office of the Richmond plunge, Garrard Blvd. and West Richmond Ave. . .the. . .safe was carried outside the building where the combination was knocked off."

November 7, 1957

QUESTION MARK (column)

"Too few people realize it, but Richmond is the busiest port in the Bay Area in terms of total tonnage.

The port here received 6,749,452 tons of cargo in 1956, shipped out 4,702,929 tons, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is a total of 11,452,381 tons, or just about one third of the Bay Area's total volume of 31,597,692.

The Richmond tonnage far outweighs the combined volumes of both San Francisco. . . and Oakland . . ."

November 14, 1957

Wonder how we stack up, today? Ed.

EARLY DAY RICHMOND PHOTOS DISPLAYED

"Framed photographs of early-day Richmond will be on desplay Monday night during the City Council meeting in City Hall.

The pictures, some dating to 1912 and earlier, were presented by H. W. Wernse, a San Francisco realtor and owner of large parcels of Richmond property. The pictures show panoramic views of the early Point Richmond area and South Richmond vicinity.

Mayor James P. Kenney has invited Mrs. Leroy Miles, president of the Richmond Museum Assn., to accept the historic photographs as part of the museum's collection."

November 16, 1957

CAMP FIRE MEMORIES

courtesy of Mid Dornan

Maud Wood was a Camp Fire Girls leader in the Point, 1932-33. A scrapbook of their activities, "Diary of the Pikida Wakan Camp Fire Group", was kept by Pikida, Kokokoho, Wakada, Wapo Moma and Tanda, Indian names the girls chose for themselves. This is the eleventh installment of excerpts from the diary. The descriptive narration of their activities is not only a record, but a humorous account of those long ago days-- well worth reading.

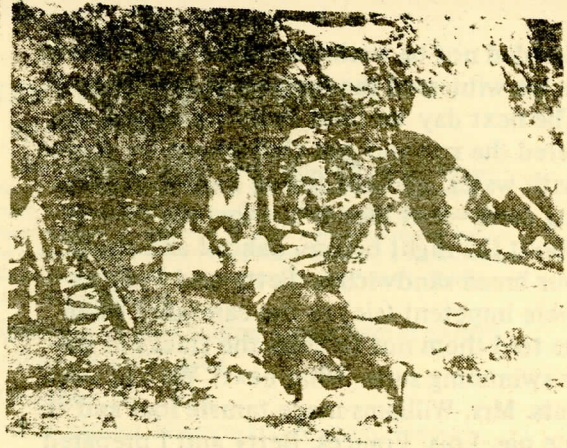
"Sept 2–4, 1933

Betty Williams and her father and her guardian went up and got the Vallejo girls in their car.

When they came back I was at the door to greet them. All the girls made their beds where they had decided they were going to sleep. Maude, Betty Wms. Frances, and Cleo slept in the back bedroom and Eva, Gladys and Mary in the other bedroom. I helped the different kids make their beds because I wasn't going to stay up there because I had a cold, but I finally decided to stay there and so I got to sleep on the couch. Lois, dear little Lois slept next to me, and did we have fun. Dorothy Paasch didn't sleep there because she had a very bad cold.

Saturday night we went skating at Winter's but we didn't stay long because some of the kids wanted to go home.(The same kids that always do.) After we got home and the kids had gone to sleep. Frances, Lois, Betty and I with Maude's permission went for a walk. We went down to the play-ground and played awhile and then we walked up past my house and then home to the Camp Fire House.

(P.S. After sakting we rode around having Frances blow the bugle. The echo was keen through the tunnel. We also woke up the queeners the other side of the tunnel. Then we-nt up to Virginia's and blew all the different tunes on the bugle before the scout leader's house. On our way back, just after blowing the call to colors near the police station, a cop stopped the machine, threw his flash in and asked if we had someone in the car blo-



wing a bugle. Frances immediately hid the bugle. Miss Wood said one of the girls were playing a bugle. He said we were disturburbing (sic) the peace playing it on a Saturday night. Then he said he thought at first we were a bunch of boys and rowdys and that he did not know a girl could play a bugle that well!)

We had a keen time Sat. after-noon. We went crewing on Lake Merritt and it sure was swell. We watched some Boy Scouts try to wear a diver's suit under water. Frances drops her oar and it took the crew all year to chase after it. After crewing for an hour we rented some bicycles and went bicycling in our shorts. The picture of which you will see by turning page.

Sunday, Lois and I went to church and the other kids decided to go swimming, After we got home from church we went and watched the swim.

Then Miss Wood took four of us out to the beach and had lunch and we staid(sic) there until time to go to church while she went to the library to work leaving some at the show and Betty and Frances reading what a girl should know, meeting Herb B. Hind and alphabeting (sic) cards at the library.

In the evening all who didn't go to church had a steak bar-B-cue at the beach, just in time to witness the leaving of a huge bottle and a drunken family trying to go home. We

lecided not to wash our dishes in the ocean as we witnessed the feeding of the fishes. The next day we used Betty's pass and entered the rod and gun club where we played with water, met our future husbands playing cards—that blond, our fortune told us about the night before, danced and re-ate our bread sandwiches. Betty and Frances were impetent (sic) to the caretaker when he told them not to cross the tracks in their swimming suits. What next? We had swell eats. Mrs. Williams made tamale loaf and apple pie. Lois, Frances, Betty and I prepared the breakfasts. Miss Wood took them home and we walked half ways (sic) across the bridge with them. We watched them until they were out of sight and then we went to the Camp Fire house to get ready to go to our own homes.

Submitted,
KoKoKoHo
in part Tanda"

CHURCHES

POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Quotes and Comments
by Roy Jones

Ah—the Point! What a mellow place to be, particularly at this Indian Summer time of year! That dainty autumn haze settles softly on the hillside and in the gulches —like candlelight—is flattering. The view from the crest is breath-taking (and, for some of us, so is the climb to the crest!) There's just a nip of wine on the air to announce the approach of a new season. Point people seem invigorated and even our characters have "character".

I will get off my fantasy flight—my psalm to the Point—with a lesser aspect of living here. Sad but true, the facts are that either you or someone you know has had valuable items stolen from his or her home at least once, while at work to pay for these acquisitions. Again, it's not unusual to rush out of the house on the way to work to find your car—or parts of it—ripped off. What a shame! Point people would not steal from neighbors, would they?

Back to the heart-warming side of our community. There's a brick for the Point Richmond Baptist Church set at the base of the Indian statue, provided by Donna Wilson. Donna has been one of the main "bricks" in our old church for nearly forty years. And a warm-hearted welcome to the Reverend Ms. Audrey Ward, newly assigned to Point Methodist church. She is dedicated and dynamic and she can belt out a gospel song with a whole lot of heart.

Historywise, here are more excerpts from old records:

"October 1, 1970—Business meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we call three seminary students to share pastoral duties at our church. . .They are: Phil Reuter, Art Chung, and Evan Anderson. Dr. Malcomson, head of the AMBC Seminary of the West, introduced these three students. . .They will share a monthly salary of $400.00."

"Business Meeting—April 1, 1942
It was voted to host a Baptist Youth Crusade from April 12 to 20. The Crusade is sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Cities Baptist Union and its purpose is to strengthen youth work in local churches. . .A Young People's Choir will sing each evening, with 25-30 voices representing all music parts. . ."

Under the date April 6, 1913, on letterhead from "Business & Professional Men's Club" at 221 Richmond avenue, Phone 19 62", their president, R. G. Jones, has written to thank us for the use of our social room. Is this club still around?

And, can this be? At a business meeting held in October, 1943, our expenditure for gas and electricity for July, August, September, 1943, is shown as $9.01!

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

by Marion Downey

A beautiful Mass at 12 noon, Sunday, October 25, started the celebration of the 85th anniversary of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Taking part, in addition to Father Denis Araujo, were seven visiting priests, including Father Carmelo Mifsud, a former pastor; and Father Malloy, who lived in the Point at one time. Knights of Columbus in full regalia provided escort for the participants. Following the formal rites, a barbecued steak dinner was served to over 400 people. Allan Smith had charge of ticket sales and Bob Peckham headed up a large contingent of workers in preparations for the barbecue. Steaks were donated by Pina Barbieri, as were the services of the chef. Cakes, additional food, plates, napkins and other accessories were donated by parishioners and friends.

The following contributions have been received toward construction of the new ramp and remodeled restrooms: Tom U' ren, $2,930 in materials and labor; Brenda McKinley, $1,000; Ramon McCarthy, $2,500 (in addition to a previous gift of $10,000; a gift of $200, and also $80, in memory of Maria Buziol.

William Michael Macrusky, a member of the parish, passed away September 23,1987

Father Denis recently went on retreat with 40 other priests at San Damiano.

Mission Sunday was observed October 18. Groceries were provided to 174 needy families during October.

A picnic for the children of the Sunday School was held at the Chevron Rod and Gun club on October 4.

POINT METHODIST CHURCH

by Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups in the early 1900's was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church whose history is reflected in their minutes,printed below and taken from the stiff cardboard-covered notebook purchased from "Shoen's Pharmacy in the Point". This is the 27th installment.

(Spelling and punctuation appear here as written in the notebook. Ed.)

"October 20, 1911

The Home Missionary Society met at Mrs. Pritchards. Opened by singing Showers of Blessings.

Election of officers being in order. Sister Pritchard was elected President by aclamation. Vice President—Sister Bradley. Recording Sectary Sister Murray. Corsponding Sectary—Sister Charley Adam's. Treasure Sister R. N. Wood's. Mite Box Sectary Sister Totten. Chairman of Litature committe Sister Bradley.

Next meeting is to be held at Mrs. Garard's.

The following paid dues.

Mrs. Lester	1.00
Mrs. Garard	1.10
Mrs. Murray	.10

Nothing further coming before the meeting they adjorned,

Mrs. Murray, Sect."

"December 15, 1911

Song

Scripture Reading and Prayer—Mrs. Younglove.

Reading of minutes not present.

Responsive Readings.

The gift without the giver—Mrs. Garard.

The inlarged vision—Mrs. Lester

Mrs. Jone:s first year—Mrs. Bradley

Review of Study—Mrs. Bradley

Business—Reports of Sect—& Treasury.

Letters from Mrs. Bovard about Bula Rest Home.

Moved and seconded the Sec write Mrs. Board for information with regaurds to need of home.

oved the sec send 50¢ hair ribbons for Xmas.

ues. Mrs. Garrard	.10¢
Mrs. Younglove	1.10
efreshments	1.30
otal	$2.50/100

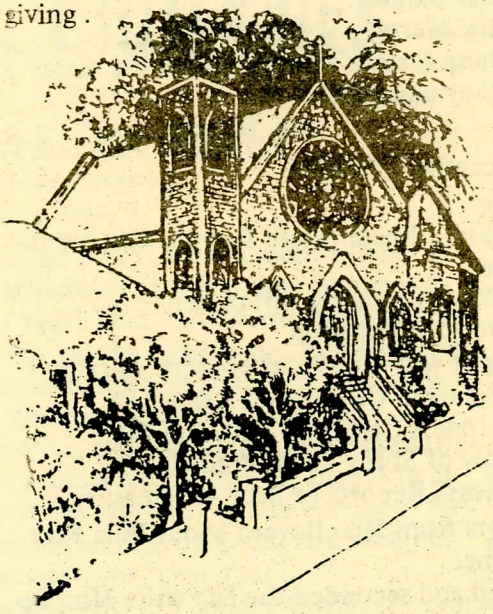
Sec. Protem
(Mrs. Younglove)"

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICES SET

The Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical worship service will be held on Wednesday, November 25, at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Music for the services will be led by Mike Mirabelle. Participating clergy will include Rev. Denis Araujo, Our Lady of Mercy; Rev. Janet Hanson and Rev. Audrey Ward, Point Methodist; Richard Knott, Point Baptist; and Rev. Russ Moore, St. Albans Episcopal, Albany.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the annual expression of thanksgiving.



Our Lady of Mercy Church

A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan(234-5334)

Where in a classroom does your child sit? If he/she is on the right side, chances are the student's grades are better as teachers pay more attention to the right side of the classroom. At least that's the reported contention of a John Kershner, who made a lengthy study of the matter.

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It's and 8 pound girl, Julia Ann, for Major Jim and Reba (Slagle) Downs, born Friday, October 9. Stationed in the military in Norway, Reba flew to Florida where Julia was born to pick her up and take her home to meet her new family and four-year-old brother, Colin. Needless to say, Jim and Reba are *thrilled!* Grandma Velma Slagle is in Norway to meet the new granddaughter, too.

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Kenny Park! Going, going—gone! Located on the corner of Castro, Tewksbury and Eddy street, this park has given way to the proposed freeway exit. The park served many baseball and soccer groups, as well as a protected play area for young mothers to take their children. Now that the park is gone, will there be another area to replace it?

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Having trouble keeping appointment dates straight? The new 1988 Point Richmond History Association calendar is just for you! With an historical picture for each month, it is a bargain for $3.95. The calendar has ample spaces to keep track of those appointments.

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The Point Richmond Art Guild will staff a table at the annual Richmond Art Center Bazaar, Sunday, December 6. Everyone is encouraged to support our local artists and pick up bargains and gifts at the same time. The Art Center is one of Richmond's greatest assets—use it.

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The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

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Are you pleased with the latest election results? If not, did you exercise you right to vote? Each issue is vital and each candidate deserves consideration. We are fortunate in having representatives from the Point-support them!

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A new program. launched by State school officials, is putting good books for elementary students amid the groceries in several hundred supermarkets and drugstore chains around the state. Parents often take their children when they go to the supermarket but never take them to the library. The turquoise stands, labeled "Give Your Child the Best Start: California Reading Initiative", will contain books from a list containing 1,010 titles. All paperbacks, they will sell for $2 to $4.

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Do you have film of recent or past Indian Statue Day celebrations? Wouldn't it be great to put them on one tape for the Point Richmond History Association archives? Call (415) 234-5334 if you are interested in this project. 50 years from now, it will be most appreciated!

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Wanted: Former Scouts from Troop 111 in the Point for a reunion on Saturday, November 14. Call George Mohr, 234-5497, so plans can be made for food. Gene Clements, coming from Mission Viejo in Southern California,says he is looking forward to seeing all his friends, so be sure to show up! It will be held at Miller-Knox Park in the Point.

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A gala opening of the Chase Gallery, an art collection of Adele Chase Hollander, was held on Sunday, October 4. Located at 147 West Richmond avenue, it is in the Gallery Arcade.

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Wonder what day your birthday or a friend's birthday falls on in 1988? Wonder no more—buy a Point Richmond History Association calendar, and check it out!

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The August issue of JADA (Journal of American Dental Association) contains an article by M. Roberta Dornan, DDS, who has a practice in Tustin, CA, and is on the research faculty at UCLA.

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Twenty-year high school reunion! It was bad enough when you attended your own 20-year reunion, but to experience your *child's* 20 year reunion—how can that be? Held at the Marriott in Emeryville, the reunion for some could reach as far back as when they began at Washington school together! Dr. Judy Forbes came the farthest, from Christchurch, New Zealand. Gary Encinas and Larry Barausch came from Utah. Even Brenda McKinley went, and had a terrific time!

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There are those who support the "conspiracy" to keep the Roselius' in the Point. How else do you explain the necessary foot surgery for Donna that will keep her around for at least a couple more weeks!

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Nonagenarian Mary Casey is recuperating from hip surgery at Brookvue Convalescent Hospital in San Pablo. Bet she'd love to see some of her loyal subjects from the Point, or, at least, receive a greeting or two—the days probably get a little long for such a busy person on restricted activity. Let her know you care!

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Also on the list of "menders" is Crest avenue's Ed Gingrich, who broke a leg recently.

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The women (and men, too) of the Methodist church spend many hours preparing for their annual Country Faire; and, often, when time grows short and pressures build,

they ask themselves, "Is it worth it?" But, when the day finally arrives and everyone comes to assist them—those familiar, friendly and happy folks with purse in hand or wallet in pocket—the answer is clear—"Yes, it is indeed worth it!" It isn't just another fund raiser for the church, but a meeting of old friends to reminisce over memories past and get an update on the present.

A big thank you to all in the community who come to help from all the church members!

Edna Hathaway came from Tahoe Paradise, with Manstera leaf angels she brought all the way from her Hawaii trip; Nikki Eaton came from San Jose; Isabel Sliveira, 100 years old from Pinole, assisted the church's oldest member, Tiannie Dornan, a mere 92, in the plant and white elephant booth; and the Smiths came from Weldon. Jean and little Bethany Reynolds drove down to get them and. with Norm, took them back. "We never want to miss one of these bazaars", Cathy and Genevieve Smith said. Casie and Zac did their homework ahead of time just so they could be an important part of the day. Thanks, everybody!

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The annual Cancer Society smoke-out is Thursday, November 19. Do yourself—and those who depend on and love you the most—a big favor; go at least this one day without a smoke. *You can do it!* Try keeping in mind that 16% of all reported deaths last year were smoking-related.

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It was a perfect, sunny Sunday afternoon for the October Gospel Sing-a-long at the Methodist church, with Baptist Roy Jones and his tinkling piano keys providing the beat. Two other congregations joined the sing to fill the sanctuary. And the ladies of the church were happy that the pot luck prepared was ample.

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"To Oregon With Love" was to have been a party for Rosy and Donna Roselius, with no tears allowed. It took the tears of a teenager to express what the adults were supprressing. Elenora Surdam said, "She was just like an old friend the first time I met her". But Rosemary Corbin said it best: "She's our greatest natural resource". One can never say "goodbye" because there is too much evidence around to remind us of the many and varied talents they possess. Their love for this unique community will always be felt because part of their 'spirit' will forever remain.

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Dominique, second daughter of Bruce and Cynthia Young, has been selected from a large group of talented candidates to take the lead role, Clara, in the San Francisco Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker". She will be playing in San Francisco for several weeks.

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Looking for a unique but useful gift for a hard-to-buy-for, has-everything kind of p person? The 1988 Point Richmond History Association calendar is the perfect answer!

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Thanksgiving streamer: Personalize your decor for your day of thanksgiving. Get a roll of wide adding machine tape. Divide a strip into 26 three-inch sections. Hang the strip on the wall. Have a package of Thanksgiving stickers nearby. Each day, place a sticker in a section and write something a family member, child or adult, has said he or she was thankful for in the section. Use the completed streamer on your table or display it nearby to remind all who gather 'round the festive board of the true meaning of the celebration.

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On Thanksgiving Day, stop and take time to count your many blessings.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EACH OF YOU!!

WANTED!

Former Boy Scouts of Troop 111 (or Troop 1)!

Boy Scout Troop 111 has invited all past and present members to join them for a reunion on Saturday, November 14, at Miller-Knox Regional Park on Dornan Drive at 12 noon.

As the invitation says, "Let's see if any of you old fuddy-duddies can still cut the mustard. The current scouts are going to challenge you to a war of skills, such as: knot-tying, string-burning(not matches), pitching tents, cooking skills, etc."

Making memories all the more nostalgic, the menu will feature that old favorite, Jamboree Stew, and hot dogs!

Come and meet your old buddies—compare your skills of yesteryear with those of the present generation. Inspire the new scouts as you help them in their efforts to raise funds for new tents. (They need to replace those most of you probably used during your camping years.)

Price is only $5 each or $15 per family. (Yes, the family is included in the invitation.) If it rains, head for the Point Methodist Church—you remember, your old meeting place!

Okay, Scouts! Let George Mohr know you are coming. Call 234-5497 or write to him at 206 Collins street, Richmond, 94801.

See all of you then!

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

courtesy of Linda Andrew

On October 4, Point Richmond Neighborhood Council hosted a well-attended Candidates Night, featuring all ten aspirants to the Richmond City Council seats. In addition to 20 members of the group, 26 guests were on hand to ask questions of the incumbent and challenging candidates.

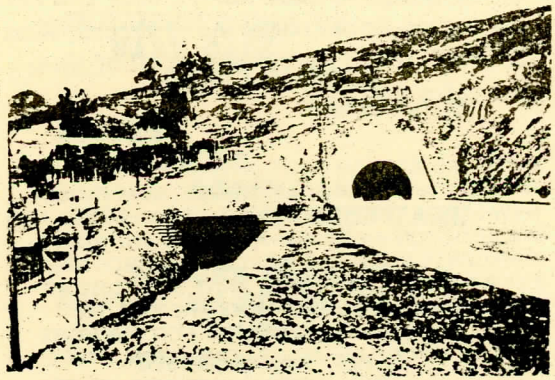
Topics aired were all in reference or of importance to Point residents, and included zoning mix and density; police response time, and local image; area crime; financial loss at port container terminals; priority for Richmond businesses on City contracts; waste-to-energy plant; and extension of Miller-Knox Park on the waterfront.

The November 4 meeting will concern the effects of I-580 construction on Point Richmond. Director of Public Works Larry Loder is slated to lead the discussion.

SHORELINE AND REGIONAL PARK

A general meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday, November 24, to explore plans for Shoreline Conservation and Development Strategy recently approved by the Planning Commission. The City Council plans to discuss the plans at its December 7 meeting and interested residents of the Point and Richmond as a whole are urged to attend both meetings.

Planning Commission members heard from Bruce and Sandra Beyaert, Jerry Cerkanowicz and other Point representatives at the November meeting concern regarding development of shoreline and ferry point adjacent to Miller-Knox Park. They expressed agreement that East Bay Regional Park District should be encouraged to extend Miller-Knox Park.



The completed Municipal Tunnel late in 1915 as it looked from the west end. Note the old Keller 'Cliff House' at end of trees on left.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Discussion of the effects of I-580 on the Point was the main topic of the October meeting. Larry Loder spoke to this subject and answered questions.

Plans are underway for the annual Christmas tree lighting 'Holiday of Lights at Indian Statue Park. Featured will be carolling accompanied by Roy Jones. the appearance of Santa Claus and lighting of the tree at 6 p.m.

WEST SIDE LIBRARY

April Bell has joined the staff at West Side, working Monday and Tuesday evenings and, again, on Thursday afternoons. April is a Richmond resident and attends Hayward State University.

Jan Burdick will be absent until the end of November. She's recuperating from foot surgery at home and reports that she misses West Side and all its patrons. Meanwhile, Jo Bycraft keeps things running smoothly, supplemented by relief staff from the Main Library. New books continue to arrive, requests can be processed and questions answered—so do drop by to see us.

If the rainy season comes as scheduled. it will be a good time to kick back and enjoy a good book, magazine or record. West Side will try to supply any or all of these items for you.

PICTURED AT RIGHT ARE RALPH VOIGHT, ANNE HANZLIK AND HER HUSBAND JOE, ADMIRING A NEW BENCH THEY INSTALLED AT RICHMOND AND WASHINGTON AVENUES—A GIFT TO THE POINT RESIDENTS FROM THE WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB PRESENTED DURING ANNE'S TENURE AS PRESIDENT. SPECIAL THANKS ARE DUE TO WIELL WHOLESALE HARDWARE FOR ANCHORS AND RICHMOND PLANT RECLAMATION, STEEL.

THE MASQUERS

105 Park Place
Point Richmond, CA 94801

Irving Berlin's "Call Me Madam" opened Friday, October 30, at the Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond.

Directed by John Hull, this 1950's musical spoof about "the Hostess with the mostest", who is appointed Ambassador to Lichtenberg, will leave the audiences humming wonderfully nostalgic hit tunes as only Irving Berlin could write them.

Performances are every Friday and Saturday night at 8:30 from October 30 through December 19 with Sunday matinees at 2:30 on November 8 and 22 and December 6 and 13. There will also be a special dinner-theater benefit on December 17.

Tickets are $7 each with reduced rates for groups of 25 or more.

For 24-hour reservation service, please call 232-4031.

Photo by Deirdre Cerkanowicz

DEATHS

WILLIAM MICHAEL MACRUSKY died on September 23, 1987 in El Sobrante at the age of 76. He was a resident of Point Richmond and a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Macrusky was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by two sons, William M. Macrusky, Jr. of Hercules; and Michael P. Macrusky of Martinez; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Reverend Father Denis Araujo of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church on September 28, 1987.

ERNEST C BOUTELLE, 91, died in Pinole on October 22, 1987. A native of Tampa, FL, he resided in the Richmond area for 88 years.

Old-time residents of the Point will remember Mr. Boutelle and his family from the years they resided on West Richmond avenue. He was a retired oil treater for Standard Oil and was a member of the El Sobrante Methodist church.

Survivors include his daughter, Elaine Dobbins, Richmond; brother, Charles Boutelle of Hayward; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Paul Giddings at Chapel of the Mission Bells of Wilson and Kratzer Mortuaries, San Pablo.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY!

Ann Greiner	Paul Cort
Jason McGill	Kirk Weirick
Betty Dornan	Lynn Darling
Elsie Spinola	Mary Ann Gaspard
Clare Doherty	Chris Darling
Kevin Fong	Craig Seaborg
Margaret Doherty	Bo Amantite
Dennis Dornan	Adeline Miller
Hal Marshall	Kenny Paasch
Dorothy McCutcheon	Lance Rotting
Jan Overholtzer	Joe Saville
Marianne Forbes	Mike Price
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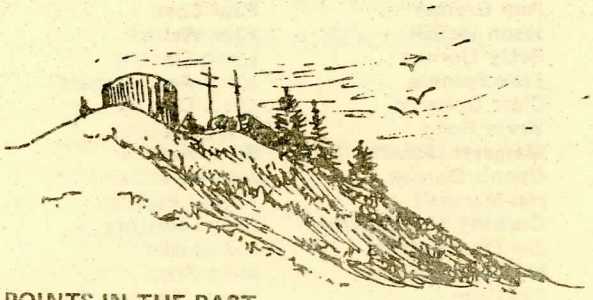

POINTS IN THE PAST...

NOVEMBER

4, 1880 — First cash register patented by James & John Rity, Dayton,Ohio
5, 1940 — President Franklin Roosevelt won an unprecedented 4th term of office
7, 1916 — Montana Republican Jeanette Rankin became the first woman elected to Congress
11, 1919 — First Amristice Day celebrated
18, 1820 — U.S. Navy Captain Nathaniel B Palmer discovered the frozen continent of Antarctica
19, 1863 — President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address

POINTS IN THE FUTURE...

NOVEMBER

3 — Election Day
4 — Elementary Report Cards
9 — Veteran's Day - Legal Holiday
11 — Original Armistice Day
11 — Point Richmond Business Association, 12 noon, Hotel Mac
13 — Report Cards, Secondary - Friday, 13th
19 — POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION, 7:30 p.m., Sobstad Sail loft, Brickyard Landing—Jocelyn Nash, sailmaking; Rick Schuldt, Transpac Race.
24 — POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL—SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, 7:30 p.m., Point Community Center
26 — Thanksgiving Day
27 — School Holiday
28 — "Holiday of Lights", Point Community Center and Indian Statue Park, 6 p.m.

DECEMBER

1 — West Side Improvement Club Annual Christmas luncheon, 12 noon, Our Lady of Mercy Church hall.
2 — Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
7 — RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL, Shoreline Conservation and Development Strategy discussion

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