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Piano Recital

Given by the
Pupils of
Frieda Moyle Stephens

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June 15, 1988

From the memorabilia of
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

from Jerry Cerkanowicz, President

An update on the Association: It's in good financial condition. We have no outstanding debts but membership is down slightly. So, please *remember to renew* and get new friends to join. As there are many Point residents who are not members, you are the backbone of the association.

An update on Indian Statue Park: The irrigation and electrical work is completed. The city has informed the Park committee that due to the water shortage there has been a delay on the landscaping but it will be done soon. Bricks that were made by volunteers on May 21 and 22 and fired by Port Costa Brick, are to be put in place in the park in June. Orders will be taken until July 4th and these, too, will be put down soon after they are fired. The park will be completed by September and ready for the INDIAN STATUE DAY in October.

The Association has received three items from Bob Bray at Brickyard Landing. One is a large accounts payable and receivable ledger covering April 1907 to August 1915. Looking over some of the entries, I found that in 1907, the Palace Hotel Co. bought almost \$18,000 in materials. I assume they were rebuilding after the quake. The other two donations are a stock certificate book for Richmond Pressed Brick Company dated 1908, and a United Materials Co. book dated 1920. Our thanks to Bob. If anyone has historical items in the basement or attic, we welcome your donations.

We are still looking into the possibility of moving the small "Hazel Carr Building" to use as a museum.

Our picnic and "weenie roast" in Miller-Knox brought out a small but enthusiastic gaggle of "Pointers" - from old timers to new comers. (Surely hated missing it but hope to see you all at our September meeting!) Thanks to the Society faithful who were there to welcome members, guests and visitors. (Several of these joined our Society on the spot!)

See you in the Fall, folks.

MEMBERS

*Pam Wilson, Membership Chairman
521 Western Drive
Point Richmond, CA 94801*

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

Teresa Albro	Varsie Lometti
Howard S. Arnold	Betty Marshall
Bruce Beyaert Family	Ruth Miller
Mary Casey	Gerald Minor
M. Doherty	Barbara Olesen
Richard S. Duke	Jean & Willard Spiersch
Sarah Eeles	Carl C. Westman
Erica & Barry Goode	Wm. H. Williamson
Monica Haley	Pam Wilson
Elaine R. Harris	Myrna Wishart
Adele C. Hollander	Maude Wood
Robert Larsen	Charlotte G. Woods

And a warm welcome to new members

A. C. & Janet Baiocchi	Ed. Garrard
Alex Battey	Dr. Beulah Parker
Margaret Burdge	Frieda Stephens
James MacWay	Gordon Waters

Yes--Ed Garrard is the last of the Garrards after whom Richmond's boulevard was named.

And, indeed, Frieda Stephens is one of the daughters of Mary B. Moyle, whose name appears so often in our 70 years ago section. Our paternal grandparents and family and, later, our own family, lived next door. Jean Moyle Spiersch was another daughter and her husband, Willard was a member of another pioneer Point Richmond family.



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

DREDGE COMPANY ASKS ADVANCE

"When the American Dredging company asked for an advance of \$800 on the \$10,000 payment soon due on their job of dredging the turning basin the city council last night was divided on the request but finally referred it to City Attorney D. J. Hall and City Engineer H. D. Chapman. . ."

May 7, 1918

MISS NYSTROM CAUGHT SPEEDING

"When Miss Hazel Nystrom, popular stenographer and bookkeeper of the Home Laundry company, did not show up at her work yesterday morning, Manager Jack Best. . .instituted a search. . .and found that she had been undergoing an experience in the Oakland police court.

Miss Nystrom, who takes pride in her ability to handle the big Nystrom automobile, was caught Sunday night while exceeding the speed limit on Twelfth street and Twenty-fourth avenue. The judge fined her \$10, but seeing it was her first appearance before him remitted the fine."

May 7, 1918

RED CROSS WOMEN WILL PARADE

"Complete details . . . of the big parade of women Red Cross members were given

out this morning by Mrs. J. C. Owens . . . grand marshal . . . the parade will include fifteen units.

A public demonstration will be held at the Point theatre at 5:45 o'clock. It will be participated in by the Standard Oil band and Red Cross members. Extra street cars will be waiting to bring all to Second and Macdonald avenue in time to participate in the parade. . ."

May 17, 1918

MASQUERADE PARTY AT KOZY KOVE

"On next Wednesday evening a masquerade party will be staged at the Kozy Kove dancing pavilion, to which the young people of the city will be made welcome. There will be three prizes, two of which will be for the best sustained characters and the third as a 'booby' prize. . ."

May 17, 1918

60 YEARS AGO . . .

by Zoanna Kille

PARADE FOR NEW FERRY SERVICE

"... In recognition of new and better and faster ferry service, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, City Council and service clubs are sponsoring a big motor parade, a trip across the bay, and a motor caravan up Market street spreading the word 'travel via Richmond—the scenic route'.

Three ferryboats, . . . on a 30 minute schedule, will be in service at 6 a.m. tomorrow. . . Southern Pacific begins . . . bus service from 10th and Macdonald, connecting with all ferry boats. . . including the late ferry leaving San Francisco at 12:30 a. m. Heretofore, Richmond passengers on the last boat, if they did not have their own motor car, were forced to walk the three miles to downtown Richmond. . . ”

May 4, 1928

FUN NIGHT AT POINT THEATRE

“Tommy’s Fun and Gifts Night’, a new feature at the Point theatre on Sunday evenings will prevail as usual tomorrow night with emphasis on fun and frivolity.

A \$15 floor lamp will be given away free of charge during the course of the evening in addition to 150 other prizes which will be distributed . . . during Tommy’s part of the show.

It costs no more for the chance of winning a prize than the regular admission . . . ”

May 5, 1928

FIRE ENGINE FOLLOWERS FINED

“Following a fire engine isn’t the fun it used to be, particularly when it is in direct violation of a city ordinance.

Seven persons who broke the ordinance last Saturday by following a fire engine to a small roof fire, were haled into court today and charged also with parking within one block of the blaze. Each was fined \$2 by Police Judge C. A. Odell.”

May 7, 1928

50 YEARS AGO . . .

by Zoanna Kille

1700 LETTERS FLOWN FROM HERE

“More than 1700 special air mail letters bearing the Richmond cachet, were included in the pouch flown from here yesterday to Oakland airport . . .

The special air mail cargo, which weighed more than 30 pounds, was flown from the

landing field on the inner harbor by William Finnegan, who was sworn in as a special air mail pilot for the day.

Finnegan was accompanied . . . by Dennis Shaw, assistant postmaster here, who personally delivered the mail pouch to the mail station at Oakland airport.

About 150 gathered near the Ford plant to witness the first mail flight directly from Richmond.”

May 20, 1938

P.-T.A. HAS DESSERT-WHIST

“A pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by members of Washington P.-T.A. and their guests at a dessert-whist party yesterday.

Hostesses (were) Mrs. Don V. Hill, Mrs. Alex McCook and Mrs. A. A. Palenchar.

Those who won prizes were Mesdames Herbert Bill, LeRoy Alexander, Stephen Banks, Theodore Hultberg, Walter Paasch and A. Fowler. . . ”

May 24, 1938

DRUIDS HEAR PICNIC REPORT

“Reports of the annual picnic of the Point Richmond Grove and Circle of Druids . . . were given at a meeting last night.

Mrs. Angelina Cizmich presided and refreshments were served by Mrs. Marie Ceridono and Charles Ceridono. . . ”

May 24, 1938

NO INDEPENDENT MONDAY

“Due to the Memorial Day holiday and the work of moving the Independent to its new quarters at Tenth and Bissell, there will be no issue of this newspaper on Monday. (was at 1079 Macdonald avenue)

May 28, 1938

40 YEARS AGO . . .

by Pam Wilson

SPORTS COLUMN

“Preparations are being launched for the annual summer vacation swimming classes at the Richmond Plunge. Six instructors--

three men and three women--will take a six day brusher-up course this month and the classes will get under way immediately after the Fourth of July.

May 3, 1948

WASHINGTON SCHOOL P-TA

"The faculty of Washington School will be tea hostesses and will serve the refreshments at the conclusion of the monthly meeting of the Washington School Parent-Teacher Association on Thursday, May 13.

The meeting, to be held in the school auditorium at 1:30 p.m. will include selections by the following: Glee Club (5th and 6th graders), Mrs. Ancell; Tonette Band (3rd and 4th grades), Miss Ariani; orchestra (upper grades), Miss Ariani; primary grades, Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Bockman.

Prizes will be awarded to the mother rearing the largest family; the mother who has the most children attending Washington School, and the newest mother."

May 12, 1948

YOUTHS HELD AFTER BEER DRINKING...

"Five boys ranging from 16 to 19 years were taken into custody at 1:15 Sunday morning when police found them in a car parked at Standard and Santa Fe Avenues. All were charged with being intoxicated.

The officers found one can of beer in the car and report that one of the youths told him the group drank 18 cans, most of it while they had been parked at Point Molate."

May 17, 1948

POINT METHODIST WSCS

"WSCS of Point Richmond Methodist Church enjoyed a social meeting last week, arranged by Mrs. Robert Peterson.

Plans were made for a rummage sale on June 11 and 12. Discussed was the recent successful tea.

A pot-luck dinner is planned for Friday, May 28. To be in the Friendship Hall of the

church, everyone is invited to attend. The next regular meeting date is June 4."

May 26, 1948

MR., MRS. BROWN NOW RESIDENTS OF POINT RICHMOND...

"Last week Mr. and Mrs. William R. Q. Brown joined the Point Richmond colony, moving from Berkeley to 27 Water Street. Mr. Brown, a native of this city and graduate of local schools, formerly lived in Water street with his parents, the senior William Browns, early residents of Richmond.

He and the former Miss Jo Clayre Gormley were married a few months ago in Reno and until now have lived in Berkeley. She attended schools in Havre, Montana, later majoring in journalism and music at College of Puget Sound, Tacoma.

Both young people are on the editorial staff of an Oakland newspaper. Mr. Brown being photo editor. Formerly with the editorial staff of the Independent, he served as first mate in the Merchant Marine during the war."

May 28, 1948

30 YEARS AGO...

by Pam Wilson

PT' LODGE MASONS CONVENE

"Point Lodge No. 503 F&AM will hold its regular stated meeting for May, Friday, at the Point Masonic Temple, 210 Washington Ave. Worshipful Master Max E. Morris announced today.

Morris said that there would be a 6:45 dinner preceding the meeting under the auspices of the "Mothers Club" of the Pacific Assembly No. 88 Rainbow for Girls. He added that the meeting would be called to order at 8 p.m. and invited all sojourning Masons to attend.

Members of Point Lodge will join with other Lodges in the district by attending the annual spring breakfast Sunday morning at the Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland, Mon-

oring the Most Worshipful Leo A. Anderson
grand master of Masons in California.

May 1, 1958

POLICE PROBE POISON DEATH MYSTERY HERE . . .

" "The death of a Richmond housewife who apparently drank ant poison in the mistaken belief that it was harmless cough syrup, is under investigation by police today. The coroner's office has also scheduled an autopsy report.

Mrs. Vera Werner, 42, of 117 Park Place, died at 4:15 a.m. Sunday at Brookside Hospital, 15 hours after she had been rushed to the hospital. She called a phone company operator to report her illness and the operator summoned an ambulance.

Mrs. Werner's husband, Calvin, was in Berkeley Saturday and learned of the poisoning when he called from there to inform her he had been delayed and would be late returning home.

On the instruction of the hospital physicians Werner obtained from his home for their examination a 3-ounce bottle of ant poison which he found nearly empty.

Werner discounted possibility of suicide, relating the adoption of their foster son Dennis two weeks ago, and their plans for the home at the Park Place address they were buying.

The boy was being cared for by friends for the weekend and was not home when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Werner had been an employe of an Emeryville tire and rubber plant. She was a native of Missouri.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Wilson and Kratzer mortuaries. "

May 5, 1958

IRENE AIKENS BETROTHED TO RON DIBBLE . . .

"The betrothal of Irene Aikens to Ron Dibble is being announced by her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ira Aikens of 322 Wash-

ington Ave.

The couple will be married on Sunday, June 29, in the Point Richmond Baptist church, where Irene's father is minister.

The bride-elect was graduated from Downey High school in Modesto and is president of Phi Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi. She is employed by Shell Development company.

Ron attended Berkeley High school, West Contra Costa junior college and now is a student at Oregon State college. He is a former junior college president and currently is resident advisor at the men's dorm at OSC. He served with the U.S. Army in Korea and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clark L. Dibble of Berkeley.

May 6, 1958

FIRE STATION PLANS AT PT. UNDER STUDY . . .

"Designation of an architect to draw plans for a new fire station in Point Richmond will be considered by the City Council Monday.

City Manager Edwin S. Howell said that next year's budget will include funds for planning only and nothing for construction.

He said he is studying a lease-purchase agreement calling for the land and property to return to the city after a certain number of years of leasing the structure.

Also up for consideration is a plan to have the station built on city-owned property as a combination fire house-library-storage warehouse. Howell said old city records could be stored on the ground floor of the new building, with the fire station and a library sharing upstairs quarters.

Howell said that Point Richmond could be served by the fire station at S. 12th St. and Cutting Blvd. while the new fire house was under construction."

May 27, 1958

IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

courtesy of Stan Nystrom

ANSWER:

The historical trivia question for last month asked about the purpose of the official visit to the city of Richmond in 1916 by Rear Admiral Charles F. Pond, USN (and quite possibly Franklin D. Roosevelt, then Undersecretary of the Navy). Admiral Pond was detailed by the Navy Department to select the most suitable of sites offered for a proposed Naval Academy on the West Coast. His report seemed to favor the Richmond site over those located in San Diego and the Puget Sound. On the inside covers of this issue are two engineer's illustrations, a bird's-eye view and a map. They are from an ambitious brochure prepared to convince the Navy Department and Congress. (A copy is on display in a Richmond Museum exhibit.)

The bird's-eye view is over Point Potrero (therein referred to as Point Nicholl), where Shipyard 3 was later located and where Pasha Industries now unload and store automobiles from Japan.

The map shows the academy site and also a naval base site that extends from Brooks Island to the opposite side of Albany Hill, including Point Isabel (near present mail distribution center) and Point Fleming (where Golden Gate Fields now sits). What an environmental impact report the project would entail and produce in this day and age!

The entry of the United States into World War I caused the West Coast Academy proposal to be dropped; and early Richmond's dream of being the Annapolis of the Pacific Coast ended.

QUESTION:

To continue on the subject of visitors to Richmond, the next trivia question is: Which one of those listed below never came to Richmond?

Lord Halifax, British statesman and Member of Parliament

Jack London, American author, adventurer and sailor

Henry J. Kaiser, industrial contractor and head of Kaiser Industries

Victor Bergeron, restaurateur and owner of "Trader Vic's" restaurants.

Sydney Bechtel, industrial contractor and head of Bechtel Corporation

Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet diplomat statesman (and "cocktail namesake")

John D. Rockefeller, philanthropist and founder of Standard Oil Company

King Ibn Saud, ruler of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Ronnie Schell, popular comedian of stage and television

Bing Crosby, entertainer and star of movies and television.

(An unusual list of notables—good luck on choosing the "stranger" to Richmond!)

CAMP FIRE MEMORIES

courtesy of Mid Dorman

Maude 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, Wakoda, Wapo Moma and Tanda, Indian names of the girls chosen by themselves. This is the 15th installment of excerpts from the diary.

Trip to Vallejo November 24-26, 1933

Friday, the 24th, the Pikida Wakan group took a trip to Vallejo. After packing the suitcases on the back of the car we started for Vallejo. We were met on the other side of the bridge by Frances Wilkenson who was to show us the way to their clubhouse. After handing us each a stick of gum and getting Betty Wms in her car we enjoyed a ride through and around Vallejo lead by Frances in a dizzy way to the C F. house. There we were met by the rest of the girls. We changed our clothes and went to the dance. Before the dance was over, Miss Wood, Betty Williams, Frances Wilkenson and Betty Dorman went home ahead of the rest and got some when they came. Betty Dorman gave a very enlightening speech bestowing a set of lemonade glasses and spoons to the Ocepiapi group for their housewarming. It was appropriately answered by Lois Kaiser in surprise.

We got to sleep about 4:00 AM that

night. Everyone slept good with exceptions.

Saturday morn we rose bright and early with the thought of riding a nice horse in our mind. After bouncing all over the horse and having a few slight changes we started off (on a horse) what a time, bump-bump-bump- was it fun.

Wakoda

DEATHS....

DeVerna Miller, wife of former Point Methodist minister, Rev. Glenn Miller, in Sacramento after a long illness. Although unable to have children, she adopted or became a mother to over 26 youths. Daughters Maxine and Laura lived with them during their ministry in the Point. Memorial services were held in Sacramento.

Christine Dennis, at her home on Golden Gate Avenue three days after her 82nd birthday. Wife of the late Bill Dennis, Sr., she lived in the Point 46 years and was a member of the Methodist Church for 45 years. She was a past president and honorary life member of the Washington PTA, Westside Improvement Club and a 50 year volunteer with the American Red Cross and Cancer Society. Her many friends filled the sanctuary of the Methodist Church where final services were held. She is survived by a daughter, Diana Spinola, a son, Bill, Jr., a brother, Steve Niblick and two granddaughters, Stacey and Stephanie Spinola.

Martin Earl Busby, 64 died May 31, 1988 in Hercules. A native of Berkeley, he was a lifetime resident of Point Richmond. Mr. Busby had worked as a truck driver 37 years with Santa Fe Trails Trucking Co. He was a member of Point Lodge of Masons, No. 503, Point Chapter of OES No. 394, Teamsters Union Local No. 70, BSA Troop 111 and was a Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Busby, Two sons, Thomas and Douglas, mother, Laura Lane, two sisters, Lois Stewart and Phyllis Downey, and one granddaughter.

CHURCHES

POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

by Roy Jones

We missed the last issue of TPIT, but want you to know we are still here and conducting services thrice weekly-Sunday morning at 11:00, Sunday evening at 7:00 and Wednesday evening at 7:30. Like our neighbor churches, we are well into our eighth decade at the same location here in the Point. There are two interesting displays of early Point pictures in town, one in the windows of the Rec Center and one in the hallway between the florist and drug store. Fascinating photographs-notice the shots of the Abbott Hospital and Hotel Mac-other buildings from the first decade of this century. How sturdy those old buildings seem, solid and permanent as if they would be right there for the next eighty years. I think buildings from that era were made out of better stuff. (I know the people were!)

Our neighbor state to the north has lured quite a few of our finest folk lately. Donna & Rosey Roselius first and more recently Don and Judy Spilman who have established their own business in Myrtle Point, Oregon. The Spilmans seem off to a good start, their new adventure is called "Back to Basics" and features such far-ranging services as a deli with soup and sandwiches to antiques along with crafts. Don was busy restoring old homes in this area and he and Judy have long been in the antique business. "Back to Basics" also sells homemade

fudge. Don was well known here for his fine tenor voice and his unique talent for making Gospel songs real and alive. We'll keep a light in the window for both the Roselius and Spilmans. Don's mother, Virginia and their son, Jason, still live here on Scenic Avenue.

From stacks of records-yellowed and fragil-written with pen and ink with a fine

band, we uncover at random a MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT between the First Baptist Church of Richmond, California (as we were known then) and the A.A. Shelby Company of San Francisco, dated the third day of January 1913 covering the publishing and free delivery of 300 church directories. Size of books to be 5½ x 8 inches the party of the first part to sell advertisements to be printed on the opposite page, covers and other conspicuous places.. Among those giving us money for ads were (anyone remember?)

Abbott Hospital, The Hub, The Popular Store, Dr. Harold I. Horner, Truitt & Mac Quiddy, Philpott Dry Goods, The Kozy, Subway Furniture Co., Richmond Supply Company (still here? Is that Trannie's store?), White Sewing Machine, Garrison Brothers, - the list goes on.

Unfortunately, a copy of this church directory cannot be found.

We often meet people who say they came to church here and to Vacation Bible School many years ago as children. And, once a few years ago a lovely lady joined us on a Sunday morning. She was Mrs. Dorothy Lipp who grew up in the Point and later moved to Sacramento. Mrs. Lipp stood in the entranceway and looked up toward the baptistry and said, "I was baptised right up there nearly seventy years ago and it scared me so much I haven't been back." But she stayed with us for morning service and said the old building had changed very little. We were glad to hear that-that's the way we want it.

Enjoy a fabulous summer with Point Richmond as home base...if you can't find what you're looking for here, it does not exist.

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

by Eleanor Hurley

On Saturday, April 16, 1988, Winnie Guisti and Marvin Ouren were married at

the church. A reception, buffet and dancing followed in the church hall for their many friends and relatives. Winnie's daughter was her matron of honor and Marvin's son was his best man.

They are wished a long and happy future by their fellow parishioners, especially the I.C.F. members—Winnie is a past president.

Father Denis and 20 parishioners celebrated the 77th birthday of the 'Mac' on Our Lady of Mercy night.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of our church provides canned food and several loaves of bread for our continuing weekly program of providing food to needy families.

On Thursday, March 24th, several friends, fellow parishioners and former co-workers from City Hall gathered at Mary Casey's home to help celebrate a pre-birthday party of some 90 plus years. Mary is quite a person. With the aid of a magnifying glass she was able to identify several children in a school picture of sixth grade from the old Washington School which Henry O'Hara had brought. Mary is more or less confined to a wheelchair, but that doesn't stop her. She was planning a car trip to the Monterey Area with a cousin. This was a special gathering, thanks to the planning of Pat and Frank Pearson and included a champagne toast, buffet and birthday cake.

A-MID TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan (234-5334)

Born to JoAnn Walz-Mayberry and Darrin Mayberry a son, Timothy James on May 16 at Brookside Hospital, 6lbs 12oz. Welcoming him are brother Jeffrey, grandparents G.E. Judy and Rudy Walz and great-grandmother Verla Cameron.

Should you wonder why commercials cost so much consider the recent 30 second Chevron commercial filmed at 320 Santa Fe Avenue in the Point. It was one of our perfect, warm and sunny afternoons. Thirty

people were involved and there were vans, trucks, trailers with generators, lights, cameras, a director, prop and make-up men, sound effects, traffic controllers, actresses etc. Atop scaffolding, cameras focusing on the open bay window over the window box filled with yellow and orange flowers the actress did re-take after re-take and it all began with, "I love fresh air..." Will it air locally?

Is Diane Frary a Point resident yet? She was innovative in her quest to become a Point Richmonder in that she mailed the residents an apartment house to rent/lease/buy letter from her San Rafael address.

Phillip Rotting was the champion salesman for the recent Boy Scout Troop 111 annual 34th pancake breakfast selling 96 tickets. Special thanks to Karen Fenton for salvaging the big banner the Point firemen so graciously displayed. The kitchen crew for the breakfast included Eagle Scouts Ben Woodson and sons Jim & Ken, Fred Hart, Gary and Dan Darling, Duke Nissen, Dave Valentine with newcomer Marco Rotting being trained in the egg department. The troop thanks those helping serve, Shirley Woodson, Pat Dornan, Carol & Kelly Darling, Karis Wells, Kenyatta Hammond & Amy Rotting. As one who has never missed one of the 34 breakfasts, I can vouch that this ranked right in there as being great. Veteran George Mohr and Scoutmaster Dan Stallworth greeted the guests.

Cholorine-bleach is fast becoming a household favorite. Besides its advertised uses, it will remove mildew from wood and concrete and tile as well as moss from walkways. Now it is said that if you want to keep bugs and pests away, take a cholorine-bleach bath (one capful of bleach to a tubful of water) and the biters will stay away for a' out 24 hours!

Veora Heiney, formerly of Ocean Avenue, entertained a group of friends at the Hotel Mac before returning to her home in Redding after a cruise that took her through the Panama Canal. Her first flight and cruise, she 'loved' it and plans to go on another next year.

Congratulations to Kathy Dornan-Barnes who received her Master's in Math at the University of South Dakota where she was not only a student, but taught as well.

Welcome to Gary Shows who joins the board in charge of archives. Actually, Gary has been part of the history group as he has helped print the newsletters since Donna left.

Raccoons have replaced the opossums at 225 Clarence. Much smarter, they can avoid traps but are much more destructive and can anyone suggest ways to get them from under the house and between the walls?

The Methodist Church picnic this year will be on Saturday, June 11th at the Ben **Bray** home in **Bodega**. Meet at the church at 10:00, bring warm clothes for the beach, a dish to share, swim suits, golf clubs, tennis balls and a friend. The Brays will BBQ salmon and there will be home-made ice cream.

Did you know it takes about 3½ hours for the caffeine from a cup of coffee to wear off?

If you are interested in 'the facts' about Route 93/Richmond Bypass ... Garrard Boulevard ... possible amenities for Garrard Boulevard, then attend the meeting

at Washington School on Wednesday,
June 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Bernard Christiansen is recuperating at his Crest avenue home from bypass surgery at Seton hospital in Daly City. Wife Anita is keeping a close eye on him!

Dave Lee (Point Orient) is recovering nicely after his recent stroke but isn't able to return to work. It is hard to even think Dave could be sick...he hasn't aged since he came to the Point.

OOPS...left Patrick Ferguson's name off the list of former scouts in the kitchen that were vital to the success of the pancake breakfast. Consider it added here.

IT IS TRUE! You don't appreciate what you have until you no longer have it. In this case, it is our former editor and 'Point in time' founder, Donna Roselius, who edited, typed and printed this newsletter each month. Five (5) or more people are now trying to get it out on time and thank you valuable subscribers for your patience as we volunteers work out the problems. Is there a benefactor reading this that would like to donate funds for a typing machine that has all the parts that work that would make part of the job less frustrating!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (May)

Patricia Dornan
Doug Corbin
Diana Corbin
Winifred Jones
John Knox, Jr.
Becky Horn
Marcello Caceres
Maurice Doherty
Dave Bray

Diana Spinola
Richard Matteucci
Anse Price
Bev Price
Muriel Clausen
Ruth Beardsley
Evelyn Essary
Lucretia Edwards
Vern Doellstedt

Jon Doellstedt

WEST SIDE LIBRARY

by Jan Burdick

Living in a 3-1/2 foot long space may not be your idea of an adventure, especially when you are confined there for 9 days. This was the cockpit size of the "Voyager", the aircraft flown by Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan in December, 1986. They tell their story in a book aptly titled "Voyager".

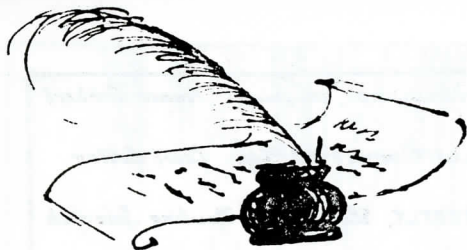
"Winter", Len Deighton's latest novel does not refer to a season of the year. It is the story of two brothers Peter and Paul Winter, both born near the turn of the century whose adult lives evolve during Hitler's reign. One brother maintains the standards of the old Germany while the other becomes enmeshed in the Nazi Orbit.

Another era, another war provides the basis for "Shrapnel in the Heart" by Laura Palmer. It is a collection of letters left at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. Not only are the letters or parts of them reproduced, but follow up comments are made by Ms. Palmer gathered when she traced the letters to the writers.

A fascinating person was Oscar Wilde. In the biography of the same name, Richard Ellmann brings to a conclusion his work of some 20 years duration. He captures not only Wilde's charm and high spirits but also the darker side of his personality.

Eventually all women come to a time when they consider whether or not it is wise to replace natural hormones with those issued by prescription. Lois Jovanovic and Genell J. Subak-Sharpe present an information laden but readable text entitled "Hormones: the Woman's Answer" book.

"Give Them Stones" by Mary Beckett is a fine novel about 60 years of family life in Catholic Belfast. After years of hardship both witnessed and suffered, Martha, the novel's narrator, rebels when a neighbor's child is placed against a wall and shot first in one leg and then the other, crippling him.



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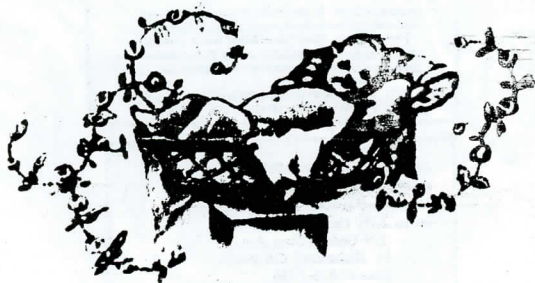
Celebrating her 90th birthday at a May 1st party, was early day Point resident, Frieda Moyle Stephens. The party was hosted at her home in Palm Springs by her son, Richmond native John Stephens and his wife Muriel also of Palm Springs. Many of Frieda's friends and neighbors gathered to wish her well. Among natives of Point Richmond attending were her sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Willard Spiersch, and their daughter Joan Spiersch Brammer. Also, her girlfriend chum and bridesmaid, Wilma Miller LeMoine, who now resides in Southern California. Frieda lives by herself in the home she shared for many years with her late husband, Newel Stephens.

A bit of background on Frieda. Born in Bakersfield, California, she was brought to Point Richmond in 1902 by her parents, John and Mary B. Moyle, who opened the Point's first shoe store. Educated in Point schools, she later graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. In 1920 she married Newel Stephens in the family home at 441 Santa Fe Avenue. They resided on E. Richmond Avenue for many years with their son, John. At one time they owned and operated the Point Theater. During the 20's & 30's many Point youngsters learned to play piano under Frieda's instruction. Surely these "kids" will join us in wishing Frieda a Happy and Healthy 91st year.

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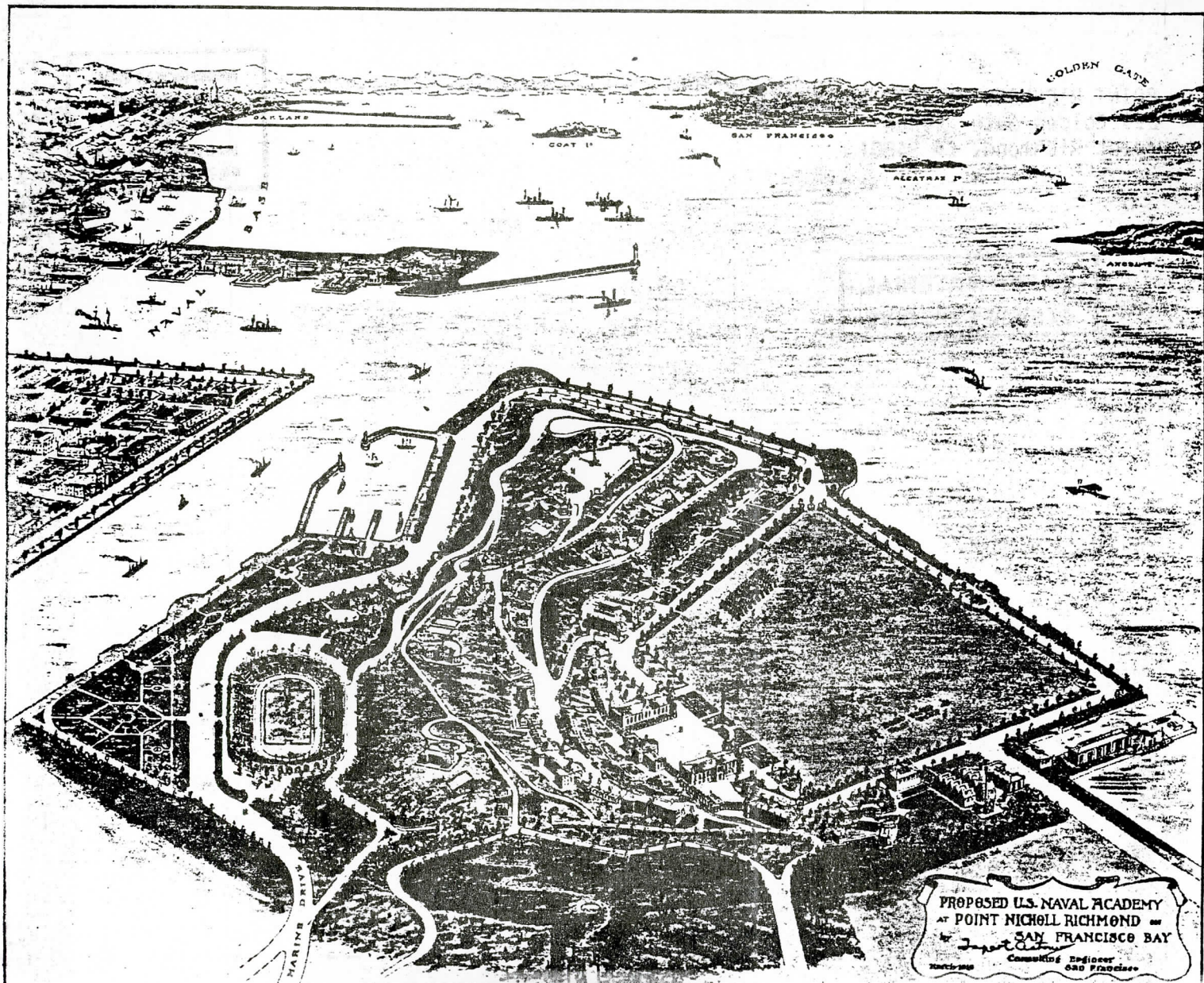
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