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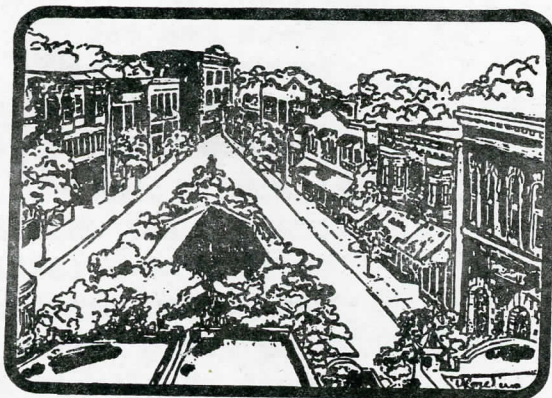
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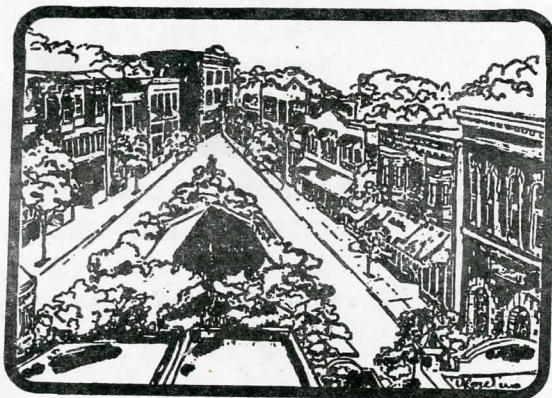
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# PRHA RAFFLE UPDATE

*by Margarita Hain*

Our prize list is growing! Thank you for donations from local business and individuals that continue to arrive at the PRHA. It looks like we will have a lot of interesting, useful, tasty, and beautiful items to win. Here is a partial list:

## *Business*

Santa Fe Market  
Rosemary's Barkery  
Gallery Florist  
Firehouse Video  
Little Louies  
Hotel Mac  
Hotel Mac  
Pt. Richmond Travel  
California Canoe

TURKEY  
DECORATED CAKE  
BEAUTIFUL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT  
TWO MEMBERSHIPS  
LUNCH FOR TWO (\$15)  
LUNCH FOR TWO  
BRUNCH FOR TWO  
\$30 OFF ANY \$300 TRIP  
TWO \$60 LESSONS FOR PRICE OF ONE

## *Point Richmond Art Guild*

Teresa Albro  
Lynn Huntly  
Jean Swanson  
Sydney Isobe  
Deirdre Cerkanowicz

CERAMIC ART OBJECT  
POTTERY BOWL (\$20)  
TWO FRAMED WATER COLORS  
HAND WOVEN COTTON SCARF  
PHOTO OF KILN AT BRICKYARD COVE

## *PRHA Board*

Margarita Hain  
Anne Hanzlik  
Mae Mandl  
Amy Rotting

WOMEN'S SWEATER  
ART PRINT  
TWO SETS OF ART PRINTS  
WINE

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER



# ❖ HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES ❖

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

*by Jerry Cerkanovics*

### 124 WASHINGTON AVENUE!

I am very happy to report that the open house held at our new office "space" was a great success. About twenty people came to the open house and general meeting. Wine, coffee and cookies were served. Our office space is in the lobby of Walter Connolly's new building at 124 Washington Avenue and is being donated by Walter. We expect to be open two or three days a week for about two hours. We think that this will be a good place to meet our members and other people who are interested in the history of Point Richmond. It will also give us a place to show off some of our old photos and artifacts.

The office furnishings are mainly donations; the frame and rug are courtesy of Anne and Joe Hanzlik, and the desk chair is from Loretta Scott. It's beginning to look very nice. We are in need of more picture frames, so the next time you are in the attic or basement and see an old frame, large or small, please

think about us as we can use more to decorate the walls.

**Thanks.....**

....to Joe Sarill for the 1949 photo showing Joe with Mr & Mrs. Frank Lucas, his mother Ester Dooling Sarill, and school teacher Anne Extell who Joe says "believed in the hickory stick".

....to Allen Smith for a great panoramic collage of photos from his Don Church Collection. I'll say no more about it but urge you to come by our table on Indian Statue Day, you'll love it!

....to all of you who have written us with articles and comments.

### INDIAN STATUE DAY

Indian Statue Day is Saturday October 8th. Our office at 124 Washington will be open and we'll have a booth on the street, please drop by.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November General Meeting will be held on on the 17th at 124 Washington Avenue at 7:30 p.m. Unlike the September meeting we will have a topic and guest speaker. Please mark your calendar now



## MEMBERS

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

Thank you to following members who have renewed their memberships:

Maude Alexander  
Aileen Conn  
Patricia Behrens  
Mid Dornan  
Marion Downey  
Janice A Hantzsche  
Mr. J. Savill  
Lucille Smith  
Edith Whetstone  
Ronald Yates  
Clara Perasso  
Kathe Amber-Brazil

A warm welcome to new members:

Marilyn Carosella  
& Michael Chartock  
Alice McMahon  
James Vandergriff  
The Bisso/Maki Family

## EDITOR'S NOTES

*by Gary Shows*

"Ole Betsy" is fixed, I hope your last issue was legible.

Improvement, but I have to remind our staff again, please get your articles to me as soon as you can, especially those articles that are not time sensitive.

Thank's to everyone for your friendly reception at

the last meeting. It was great putting the faces with the names on our mailing list. I look forward to future meetings as I think we will be doing interesting things together with the newsletter.

As a result of that meeting it appears that we may be getting a new "Sports" section in THIS POINT IN TIME. Allen Smith, yes the same Allen Smith who is responsible for our stewardship of the DON CHURCH collection of photos came up with the idea of an article on famous Richmond sports figures. I think it's a great idea and look forward to sharing the first installment in the November issue of TPIT.

Also enjoyed meeting James Bisso, who is a technical writer on computers. Jim may be able to help us by making the photographs in the newsletter better.

Please look forward to a very interesting piece in the November newsletter from John W. Stephens. John now lives in Palm Springs, he grew up in the Point in the 20's and 30's and will share some wonderful memories that I think you will all enjoy reading! His article will be called "Growing Up in The

Point in the 20's and 30's" and he has indicated that there is more to come. From my reading of his first installment, I think it will be enjoyed by all ages.

I'm trying to make this newsletter both entertaining and informative, please let me know how I am doing. Until November, .bye.

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### 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 Cerkowicz*

*The long dry summer is coming to a close. The long war will end soon. The Allies have the Germans on the run...*

#### CONFERENCE ON WATER

A conference between the city council and a representative of the East Bay Water Company is scheduled for the city council chamber this afternoon. The conditions on the hill residential district on the west side have not improved, according to

statements made at the meeting of the council last evening by councilmen Garrard and Gerlach.

The water company has been hauling water in the city waterwagons and allowing householders on the hillsides to fill their buckets from that source. **BERKELEY ASKS FOR WATER ON SUNDAY PLAN**

City Attorney Earl J. Sinclair has been authorized by the city council to petition the California Railroad Commission to so modify its recent order prohibiting consumers of the East



Bay Water company from using water for irrigation, that they might be permitted to use water for the purpose on Sunday of each week, between the hours of 6a.m. and 8p m.

It is hoped that the railroad commission will give the matter immediate consideration, for if the consumers are allowed to use water only once a week for irrigation purposes, it will be possible to save the lawns and war garadens in this city

#### DR ABBOTT WILL LEAVE FOR DUTY NEXT SATURDAY

Dr U.S. Abbott leaves on Saturday for the medical officer's training camp at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he will undergo a short training in military affairs before being sent to the other side to administer to the sick and wounded American soldiers.

*September 4th 1918*

#### APARTMENTS TO BE ERECTED ON STANDARD AVE.

Building permits were issued yesterday to Pete Mohamed to finish apartments on Standard avenue at the cost of \$3000.

#### HARBOR WORK CONTINUES

Indications are that the big turbine dredger now at the Standard Oil plant undergoing repairs will start work on the Richmond harbor channel between the 22nd and the 26th of this month.

So important is the preservation of all machinery parts that the government would allow the

installation of the new parts, which arrived Saturday, to be done only under the supervision of an expert from the factory. The dredger is the largest in the bay and should proceed rapidly when started.

#### TRACKS NEARLY FINISHED

One track of the spur to the wharf from the brick yard is now complete. It connects the branch line with the face of the wharf. The line connecting the landward side of the wharf with the spur will be finished by next Wednesday.

*September 5, 1918*

#### WAR ENDS PREJUDICE AGAINST USE OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRIES

New vocations open to women are reviewed by Miss Mararet Scott, Women's Division, United States Employment Service Department of Labor, who receives many queries from girls dissatisfied with the work in which they are engaged and from those who desire to prepare themselves for service during the war

Opportunities offered through the Civil Service Commission include Registrar in the Civil Service, scientific assistant, law clerk, stenographer,...

Broadly speaking, I should say that a change to almost any work heretofor known as 'man's work' would be expedient for a dissatisfied woman worker. The war has, or will have, depleted the supply of teachers of mathematics, assistant teacher of



chemistry and teachers of other subjects usually assigned to men.

" A great day has dawned for the woman with a mechanical turn of mind. Now properly and safely garbed in 'womanalls', she can run this, that, and another machine or make parts of machinery...

*September 20th, 1918*

### LOUD TOOTING TABOOED!!!

Engineers on the local railways who continually blow whistles and ring bells while their trains are passing through Richmond can now be arrested and fined or imprisoned under the new ordinance which was adopted by the council last evening.

The ordinance was adopted at the request of many men who work at night and sleep in the day time near the railway lines.

### LAGOON TO BE FILLED

An agreement has been reached between the City of Richmond, Santa Fe Railway company and the American Dredging company whereby the Santa Fe lagoon near Ferry Point will be used to deposit mud to be dredged from the channel.

This fill will make valuable land near the Santa Fe terminal and will also save the city much money ...

*September 24, 1918*

*The Germans are moving their heavy artillery away from the Belgian coast and the Americans are on the front between the Meuse and the Argonne. There is another drive for war bonds but it looks like the war could end soon*

### EXTRA!! STEELE'S HOTEL IS BURNING!

Steele's Hotel at Point San Pablo is burning down this afternoon. Fire starting from an unknown origin is sweeping the big structure and despite the efforts of the Richmond fire department is thought that the place will be a complete loss.

The value of the place is estimated at \$20,000. It is partially covered by insurance. Responding to an alarm the fire companies from both sides of the city rushed to the scene. The structure is a frame one and had little resistance to the sweep of the flames.

### "INFLU" CASE AT THE HOSPITAL

Constable Alstrom this morning took J. Morales, 513-1/2 Ninth street, Santa Fe employe, and Spanish influenza victim, to the County Hospital at Martinez in a closed car. Morales is a very sick man. He contracted the case in Chicago from which city he returned on Monday.

*October 2, 1918*

### 40 YEARS AGO...

*by Pam Wilson*

### HEAT THE PLUNGE! (An Editorial)

Last week Richmond's natatorium, or plunge as it is known today, was the scene of the city championship swimming events with nearly 300 children from various groups and organizations competing for honors.

This event opened the eyes of Richmond and its city officials to the

need for year round operation of the pool if the potentialities of the plunge and the abilities of the youngsters of Richmond as swimmers are to be realized.

There is very little in the way of Winter sports on the program for the children, but the turnout last week emphasized and pointed up the fact that there are hundreds of youngsters who will avail themselves of the facilities of the plunge if improvements in heating can be made to allow the plunge to be opened during the Winter months.

It is entirely within the realm of possibility that among the hundreds of local children who swim at the plunge, and who would utilize it during the Winter months, there is some championship timber-children who can and will bring fame to the city.

Certainly it will not cost too much to make the changes and improvements required to allow swimming during the Winter months.

The Richmond plunge is one of the cleanest in the state. The Richmond plunge is operated efficiently and is well managed. Built for the benefit of hundreds of Richmond children, and adults, the plunge should be kept open, and available to swimmers, on a year round basis.

*October 4, 1948*

#### YOUTH INJURED

Donald Kelly, 15 of 426 East Richmond avenue, incurred severe burns of the right hand yesterday

afternoon when an empty gas drum exploded in an incinerator.

Donald was playing near the incinerator when the drum exploded. He was treated at Permanente Medical Center.

*October 8, 1948*

#### 30 YEARS AGO...

*by Pam Wilson*

#### EVERYBODY'S GOING TO MARIN!

Those people who felt sad for Contra Costa county when the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge was opened for business, because they feared thousands were going to rush over to Marin county to make their homes and merely come over to this side of the bay to work, can now relax. We have it officially from A.B. Simatovich, bridge manager, that almost as many commuters are living in Contra Costa county and driving to work in Marin county as vice versa.

*October 9, 1958*

#### RED ROCK ISLAND FOR SALE, AGAIN?

The Richmond realtor, H.E. Russell, who has a listing on Red Rock Island in the bay between Richmond and Marin counties, chartered a boat this week and went out to the island and tacked "For Sale" signs on stakes all over the place....little teeney quarter-card signs that can't possibly be read from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge....but don't laugh! "Russ" Russell says they can be read from passing ships and



launches and on nice Sundays and holidays the island is always an attraction to would-be explorers. "Russ" says if there are people who like that hunk of red earth enough to sail out there and climb all over it, there might be someone among them who has some real use for the place.

*October 9, 1958*

*Red Rock is great, if you get the chance, take a look at it!*

#### WATER LOG

Havoc was caused Sunday at the Point Richmond launching ramp. A substance the consistency and color of butter washed onto the ramp. Slippery is a mild word to describe the condition of the ramp. Order was restored by the Richmond Fire Department with a spray from high pressure hoses. This comes under the heading of water pollution. Samples were taken by the Richmond Police Dept. and will be checked out.

*October 1, 1958*

#### CAMP FIRE MEMORIES

*courtesy of Mid Dornan*

*Maude Wood was a Camp Fire Girls leader in the Point, 1932-33. A scrap book of their activities, "Diary of the Pikida Wakan Camp Fire Group" was kept by Pikida, Kokokoho, Wakada, Wapo Monia and Tanda, Indian names the girls chose for themselves. This is the 17th installment of excerpts from the diary.*

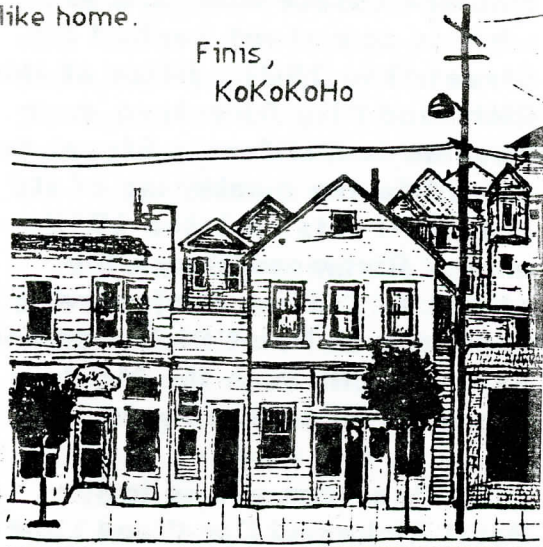
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When we got home we ate breakfast. (I didn't but the rest did). After we had eaten there was some argument as to where we were going in the afternoon. It was finally decided we would go to Brown's Valley. We all went except Cleo and Gladys who had something more interesting to do.

When we got to Brown's Valley it sure was pretty. The trees had but on there (sic) coats of red and yellow and everything smelled so nice and fresh. It was sure a nice camp. Miss Wood visited Mrs. Fisher who has a camp a little ways from I-la-he.

After looking around and visiting Mrs. Fisher we returned home. It was sure a nice ride home. After we got home we ate the remainder of the turkey and after eating and doing the dishes we packed our things and came home. And I still think there's no place like home.

Finis,  
KoKoKoHo





## IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

*courtesy of Stan Nyström*

### ANSWER

The historical trivia question in the September issue was about Richmond's streets and avenues that were named after states. Specifically, it noted the apparent lack of a thoroughfare named California, although one used to exist.

A beginning-of-the-century plan of the proposed town of Santa Fe (now the western portion of Richmond's Southside) shows California Street where the present Cutting Boulevard is except that it began at the intersection of what is now South 4th Street, and extended as far as the John McClure Estate boundary at what is now about South 17th Street. The 1907 edition of the Richmond City Directory gave mention to California Street in regard to the numbering of its cross-streets. A later 1912 map of Richmond shows the street as Cutting Boulevard, beginning at Point Richmond and extending through the McClure property on to San Pablo Avenue.

The western end is in the Point Richmond Canal and Land

Subdivision, a project of Henry Coleman Cutting. Mr. Cutting originally conceived the idea of the Inner Harbor at Richmond, and was successful in bringing it to public notice. The then longest and widest street in Richmond was so named in recognition of this man's contribution to the city.

### QUESTION

A recent issue of the National Geographic Magazine announced the results of a survey in which forty five per cent of high school seniors in Baltimore could not correctly identify The United States on a map. What a sad commentary when geography is such a fascinating subject.

For those of you Richmonders who would like to test your knowledge of local geography, the following is offered as the historical question for this month:

In what neighborhood is each of these lesser-known thoroughfares located?

1. Stairly Street
2. Mesa Way
3. Preble Avenue
4. Swan's Way
5. Boyd Avenue
6. Machinist Place
7. Chandler Street
8. Collins Court

9. Exchange Place  
10. Sobrante Avenue  
(Richmond)

NOTE: Be fair, test your knowledge. Refer to a map only to verify your answers.

HINT: All of these are long established and within the city limits of Richmond; i.e., no newly developed tracts are involved.

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## CHURCHES

### Our Lady of Mercy

*by Eleanor Hurley*

Father Denis is making satisfactory progress, but it will be a while until he

will be able to continue as Pastor. He is to be transferred from Kaiser, Vallejo to a convalescent hospital, according to the Chancery Office, for additional treatment. The Salesian Fathers from San Pablo come regularly on Saturday and Sunday.

On Wednesday August 31 the Parish had a Pot Luck dinner in honor of Gertrude Rondon in appreciation of the voluntary work she has been doing on the landscaping and gardening. This was a very happy and festive affair. She has been so generous with her time and labor. The garden shows it! Dodie Perry took care of the arrangements.

Cynthia Young, principal of our Religious Instruction School, will be starting CCD classes during September

On Saturday, Sept. 10, in appreciation of their faithfulness, the Alter Serners were taken on a trip to Great America. All twenty-two stayed the entire day and had a wonderful time. The trip was made in a large motor home provided by John and Shirley Gerk. Bob and Marie Peckham were in charge and reported that there were no problems and the children all behaved well.

We are looking forward to our barbeque on Sunday, Sept. 18, tickets are selling well and everyone is ready for a good crowd and hoping for a sunny day, so that tables can be set up outside as well as in the Hall.

Mary Casey has returned to her home and has a lady staying with her.



## Point Methodist Church

*by Mid Dornan*

The Sunday School opened with 13 students and along with their parents and teachers were served a 'boy scout' type breakfast prepared by Oretta Eaton and her crew of five. Teachers are: Shirley Butt, Norm and Jean Reynolds, John Howe, Grace Yank, Mid Dornan and Claudia LeGue is in charge of crafts.

Grace Yank, Grounds Beautification Coordinator, is doing just that--trying to make the area more inviting. Already the church courtyard shows the efforts.

The United Methodist Women meet each Wednesday at 7:30 in the Friendship Hall preparing crafts for the Annual Country Faire which is October 28th. The elegant farmers luncheon will be served again at 12 noon. Members attended the Bay District UMW Conference that was held at Easter Hill Church. Help is needed for the bazaar.

A long range plan for the church and parsonage building and maintenance was adopted and prioritized by the administrative board at their monthly meeting which is preceded by a potluck.

*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 32nd installment.*

The February meeting of W.H.M. Society held at Mrs. R.N. Woods.

Prayer by Rev. Ralston. Minutes read and approved. Letters read from Mite Box Sec & also from Mrs. Whitaker, Sec of Publications & from Mrs. Smith of Oakland in regard to self denial week. Motion by Mrs. Pritchard & seconded by Mrs. Harley that Rev. Ralston be allowed to get Deaconess to help in special services. That our society raise money for her support. Dues \$3.20.

Receipts for refreshments-50 cts

Nettie Grover, Sec Pro Tem

March 21, 1913

Meeting of W.H.M. Soc at Mrs. Tottens. 15 present

Prayer by Mrs. Pritchard. Reading of scripture. Mrs. Gibbons, Pres Presided. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Horner of Richmond became a member of the society. One dollar & fifty cents paid in dues. Readings and discussions on the Mormon situation followed. Dainty refreshments served by Mrs. Totten. \$2.05 for same.

Adjourned Mrs. J. Bradley, Sec



## Point Baptist Church

*by Roy Jones*

Congratulations to Jerry and his staff on the September issue of TPIT. Lots of work, all voluntary, went into that issue as it will into subsequent issues. It makes us stand in awe of ninety pounds of know-how named Roselius who managed to meet publication deadlines for THIS POINT IN TIME and its successor, POINT COUNTERPOINT.

Several years ago we quoted from the old Richmond Independent, in the summer of 1940 and had entitled a column "Baptist Church has Bees in its Belfry". Those bees are still here. Well, maybe not the very same bees but their descendants, and the year 1940 is not the earliest record of their determination to make their hive in our belfry. They make good honey and I know of no one whose been stung by these Baptist bees-scared yes, but not actually stung. Our pastor and Chief and John have repaired the belfry and steeple and hopefully it is now bee-proof because those bees reduce that room to sawdust. Professional bee handlers have been unsuccessful in removing them, so we will see. Meantime, if you're into bees you might drop by and see ours-any Sunday morning a little before eleven o'clock-and stay for church.

Mindful that we write for an historical publication we will report

largely on things past and our files reveal much of those long-ago days. The earliest correspondence is from 1904 but that article itself was a report of previous activities here. Let me refresh your memory with a paragraph or two of our beginning:

The First Baptist Church of Point Richmond, California, was organized November 13, 1901 with eight members. In August, 1903 two lots were acquired on Washington Avenue-fully described in a deed in our office and in Martinez. Our church building was dedicated in November, 1904, and church services have been held here every Sunday since. In 1912 we deeded the corner lot to the City of Richmond "in consideration of one dollar gold coin in hand paid" with the understanding that lot would be used as a park or children's playground. The official name of that playground where several generations of Pointers have played is Janice Playlot. Sam Curry, prominent early resident who built his home at the southeast corner of Nicholl and Santa Fe Avenue (still there, still beautiful) had a daughter who used to play in this corner lot. Her name was Janice, hence the name of the playground.

Along about 1912-1914, when people were leaving the Point in droves-for the flatlands along Barrett and MacDonald-our church moved to Barrett Avenue near what used to be

downtown Richmond. Our church here was to become a mission-a child, as it were, of The First Baptist Church. We did not regain our status as a fully independent church until May 1, 1941 in a public recognition ceremony with many civic leaders and notables of our church attending-our membership was then 82.

We published a directory in 1911 and listed below are a few of the Point Richmond business people who bought space in the directory: Anyone remember?: Philpott Dry Goods, Fischer's Cash Grocery, Popular Bakery, Niedecker the Druggist, Subway Furniture Co., Minner Mercantile, Bank of Richmond, the list goes on-likely there are many old-timers in the Point who remember these stores.

Seeing the notice of the passing of Kathryn M. Wishard in the September issue I wonder if she was the wife (daughter?) of one Edgar Wishard, whose name appears often in our old records. In an Indenture to the original Deed, Edgar Wishard is mentioned as being one of six Trustees..."as of January 3, 1911, successors in interest to Bertha A Reynolds, C.W. Brown, F.L. Lea, O.H. Oxendine, and Elizabeth A. Donahoo" the vestees in a certain Deed dated August 11, 1903. We would be happy to hear from any of the Wishards who might tell us more about their grandfather's or their great-grandfather's work in our church

We have had several requests to begin our monthly Sings with the Catholic and Methodist Churches. These evening sing-a-longs were enjoyed by all of us and we will announce the date of the next one.

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*It's great to have you back Roy, we missed you! Even with a full time job, we will do our very best to live up to Donna's "legacy". Gary*

## A-MID TRIVIA

*by Mid Dorman (234-5334)*

This years first graders will be high school graduates of the year 2000!

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Can you identify the reverse sides of the penny, nickel, dime and quarter? A bill before the Senate calls for redesigning these and suggest that the redesigned coins reflect such American constitutional ideas of freedom of speech, right to trial by jury, right to vote, etc. The Senate approved legislation to modernize designs of our pocket change and to issue special coins commemorating the centennials of 6 states and the 100th birthday of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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It is fitting that the old "Standard Avenue" from Castro to Marine Street, be changed to CHEVRON WAY when the freeway is completed and the Marine Street underpass closed

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Diana Corbin spent three culturally enriching weeks in Russia as a member of a youth group this summer. Visits to private homes added to the enjoyment.

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Absentee ballots for the November election are available October 11th from the county registrar. With the lengthy ballot, observers estimate it will take about 20 minutes to vote on all the issues, possibly causing long waiting lines.

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Congratulations to Tom Butt, Interactive Resources, on being selected as "Member of the Month" by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

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A gala event, "A Night to Remember" on September 25th, celebrated the vision of the founder of the Richmond Art Center, Hazel Salmi, and was held at the waterfront home on Ocean Avenue which Salmi occupied for 50 years. She was director of the Art Center for almost 25 years. The Festivities benefited the Hazel Salmi Memorial Fund which supports the community arts program of the Richmond Art Center, a non-profit gallery and schools in the city's Civic Center.

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Did you see Linda Andrews and Shirley Butt who were in the walk-a-thon on October 8th that

benefited the Richmond Art Center. The walk was before the Point's own Indian Statue Day. they wouldn't miss that!

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Betty Wirth was happy to be home again after traveling over 2600 miles vacationing along the way that took her as far as Victoria and Vancouver, Canada.

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One of the seemingly useless bits of knowledge one learns while in elementary school is Roman Numerals. Useless, that is, until the logo of XXIV Olympiad flashes on the video screen. Have you ever tried to multiply and divide in Roman Numerals? Some RUSD 5th grades do...and love it!

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Does the Olympiad theme song stir a national pride within each time it is played? While the '88 Olympics are headlining from Seoul, Korea, throughout Spain can be seen tee shirts advertising the '92 games in Barcelona. Opening coremonies are dazzling showmanship but the spectacular parachutists that formed the five symbolic rings in appropriate color in mid air as they drifted toward earth is a feat that will be diffucult to top. Oh yes, the air divers are from California.

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Members of the U.S. House and Senate enjoy franking privileges.



Did you know this costs about \$100 MILLION a year? Their free mailings must end 60 days prior to election, which was by midnight, September 9th. The House mailing room held a record back-log of 58 million pieces of mail (about \$5 million in 'free' postage) plus it necessitated 67 extra employees be hired to process the last minute rush, another \$500,000. And, some people refer to it as "junk mail"!!

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To Frankie Greenlaw: you are missed as your knowledge of Point history is invaluable and Fremont is long-distance.

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WELCOME to Sidney-Isobe and her son who live on Nicholl Avenue. Sidney is a librarian in Berkeley as well as an accomplished weaver. She is a member of the Pt. Richmond Art Guild and has donated one of her scarves to the History Association Raffle.

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Congratulations to Elsie and Joseph Spinola who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary! They celebrated with a family gathering at their home on Washington Avenue on Sunday, September 11th. Mr. Spinola was also honored for his 40 years of service to the United Association, Local 159, Plumbers Union. Elsie received a pin and certificate on his behalf at the

Recognition Dinner held in Concord at the Elks Club.

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Terry and Beverly McCaskey, longtime residents on Golden Gate Avenue, were featured in the West County Times food section, the entire food section! Sharing their knowledge of successful entertaining as well as their recipes with pictures, they are busy and in demand. Terry's biggest party was for 1,200 at the Hyatt Regency ballroom. As the former designer and field manager for the popular Renaissance Faire, Terry has helped solve the problem of feeding 20,000 guests. Their cornish pastries caught my attention!

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If you are a lover of merry-go-rounds, you share something in common with Jan Lyons who is a collector of "Endangered Species", the carousel horse. Many of her menagerie of 14 animals are more than 80 years old. Jan started collecting horses in 1972 when she bought her first horse. She has been a carousel dealer and restorer in her spare time ever since. "It's my obligation to care for them and make sure they are passed on," she says. Less than 200 wooden carousels remain in the U.S. today.

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It is hoped that Crest Avenue

neighbors, Henry Francis and Alice Williamson, can soon be numbered among those "in good health". Henry has been in Brookside Hospital for five weeks and will hopefully be home by the time this reaches you. Alice suffered a back injury on the last day of her vacation, came home to be hospitalized for three weeks only to develop another complication. She is home but expects to return for surgery if all doesn't clear.

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Considered a landmark by sailors and an eyesore by others, the 39 year old PG&E natural gas storage tank at Brickyard Landing will be demolished in the spring taking about four months to remove. The tank isn't being used.

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Learning that 222 Bishop Alley has been sold is viewed with mixed emotions. The original home of "The Point Counterpoint" and later "This Point in Time" deserves an appropriate, distinguished landmark designation.

Step-by-step over the years many have seen the new home developed from two houses into one. They have commiserated with Donna Roselius as she nursed allergy sore hands that crafted the many, magnificent stained glass windows...admired the flora so discriminately planted in the

garden...marveled at the artistic touches abundant everywhere... envied the super lighting throughout! For, with the signing of the documents, goes the final ties of the Roselius to the Point.

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Did you see Mars in the Southeast sky on September 21st at 8:00 p.m. when it was so bright and as close to the earth as it has been for 17 years? It won't come this close again until 2003.

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Were you observant enough last issue to catch the misspelling on the cover of Vol. II, No. 2? Not one person on the staff or colating crew noticed the spelling of "Septmeber". Not to worry, though, this makes for 'collectors' issues!

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A special, appreciative THANKS to Walter Connolly for providing this Association a 'home' in his new building at 124 Washington Avenue. This prime location gives us visibility, foot traffic and added encouragement to promote, pursue and preserve the history of the Point. Needed are volunteers to staff the table a couple hours on designated days. Hopefully, enough volunteers will be secured so one will only have to do it once every couple of months. It is a start, thanks to Walter, it is a reality! We are excited!!



## POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

*by Linda Andrew, Secretary*

On August 10, 1988 President David Vincent convened the noon luncheon meeting at Hotel Mac welcoming the 35 persons attending.

Terry Wynne announced Dinners at Little Louie's will commence Monday, August 15th, with traditional American style fare, open from 6-9 p.m., 6 nights a week. Linda Andrew requested input for locations needing handicap sidewalk access in the Point, to be forwarded on to the Dept. of Public Works.

Anne Hanzlik reported that the City has promised to complete the landscaping of the Indian Statue Park before Indian Statue Day. Plans for the 5th Annual Indian Statue Day on Saturday, Oct. 8th are going well according to David Vincent. There will be more antique cars than ever before; Halloween mask-making will be one of the many events for kids at the Community Center; a bandstand will be erected in front of the Masquers; there will be strolling musicians; Griff Brazil is arranging the Restaurant-Bakery-Bar Fun Run.

Carolyn Walker and Terry Farmer of West County Times announced a special section on Point Richmond will be published on Thursday, Oct. 6 commemorating Indian Statue Day and ads are being solicited.

Larry Loder, Director of Public Works, and his Assistant, Curt Hunter, reviewed maps of the freeway construction. The latest information from Caltrans is that the Marine Street freeway exit will not be closed until spring, when the fill and part of the wall is completed, and then the Marine exit will come out near Castro and Tewksbury. Marine Street will be blocked off at Tewksbury with construction of a 30' high wall beginning November through January, depending on the weather. Discussion was held on the traffic flow at Castro and West Richmond and if one-way traffic direction should be reversed. Public Works Dept. is asking for input on this subject. There was also discussion on increased traffic on Cutting Boulevard and need for improvements.

Tom Butt made a presentation on behalf of Wareham Development, of San Rafael, together with Wareham's representative, Mark Scher, for development of the former Badger Meter building and redefining the streets and access in the area. Wareham's recent projects have combined renovation and new construction of the Emeryville Research & Development Center, Heritage Square in Emeryville, and Aquatic Park in Berkeley. Discussion consisted of: entrance to Point Richmond by way of Cutting, straightening the intersection

with Garrard possibly with a traffic circle and/or focal point such as a fountain to define town entrance. Proposed an increase in landscaping and parking areas for a "campus-like setting" and acquisition of additional adjoining sites (including Frogtown) owned by Santa Fe Railroad providing for a master plan development instead of piecemeal development. A plan for a 60' wide landscaped buffer zone between residential streets and area bounded by Canal and Cutting, and not on East Richmond Ave. Mark Scher

said that the buildings would not be over 2 stories high, and would ideally house light manufacturing and small assembly businesses, together with offices, wanting a mix of tenants, and there would be no hazardous industry such as biotech labs.

## POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

*No report: does the  
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## REMEMBERING BOYSIE E. DAY

*Dr. Boysie E. Day was born in Louisiana and grew up in Arizona. Following studies in Range Management at the University of Arizona and service in WWII he earned a Doctorate at Davis under Professor Alden Crafts, a world pioneer in seed science. Dr. Day's career as weed researcher, teacher, and administrator began at U. C. Riverside. He transferred to U. C. Berkeley in 1971 and bought the first house he and his wife saw in Point Richmond (on Western Drive). Boysie had always wanted a waterfront home.*

*Dr. Day was a member of the Point San Pablo Yacht Club, here he served time as Commodore. He loved to sail on his yacht "Sugar Bear" and sailed the bay and delta extensively with his friends and family. Boysie circumnavigated the Pacific Ocean twice.*

*He was best known to his friends in the Point for his witty stories and wide knowledge of every subject imaginable. Neighbors always enjoyed stopping by for a chat as he worked in his garage. He had a large workshop, was an expert craftsman and made his own fittings for his boat. He liked to work in his garden and built a lovely teahouse on the waters edge.*

*Recently he added a rock and succulent garden to his front yard.*

*Boysie and Connie were married for 47 years. Connie is selling their home but plans to continue living in the Point.*

## RICHMOND MUSEUM HOLDING FUND-RAISER

The Richmond Museum will hold it's 7th Annual Collector's Treasure and Junk Fair in early November and is now excepting donations. Your treasures, white elephants and good junk are needed to make this event a success. This sale is the Museum's major fund raising event of the year and proceeds help support the cultural and educational programs and exhibits at the Museum.

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## ROYALTY IN POINT RICHMOND

*By Chris Plora*

Add one more to the list of royalty who have visited Point Richmond. Crown Prince Harald of Norway recently came to San Francisco to compete in the world championships of the "One Ton" class. He had won the championship last year in Kiel, Germany. On September 4th Prince Harald and his crew took time off from their busy practice schedule to attend a Labor Day bar-be-que here in the Point.

The bar-be-que was held at my and Anne Hoffman's home on Ocean Avenue. In attendance were nearly 50 neighbors and racing sailors from the Richmond Yacht Club. The menu featured ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad and all the traditional bar-be-que trimmings. After dinner everybody joined in for a marshmallow roast down on the beach. The Prince and his crew welcomed the break from San Francisco "society" events and the chance to meet other sailors; especially the single ladies.

In case you're wondering the Prince's yacht "Fram X" finished third in the world championships. A New Zealand

boat was first, and "Bravura" owned by Richmond Yacht Club member Irv Loube was second. Next year the championships will be in Naples, Italy.

I had met Crown Prince Harald, Princess Sonja and their two children last winter while skiing in Canada. However, his family were unable to make the trip because school had begun in Norway. But we're sure that one memory of his visit to San Francisco will be that Sunday evening bar-be-que on the beach in Point Richmond.





## WEST SIDE LIBRARY

by Jan Burdick

*The Brilliant Bean* by Sally and Martin Stone is a cookbook featuring one of the lowliest yet healthiest of foods, the bean. A survey of the many varieties of this legume and basically how to prepare each comprises the beginning chapters. Then it's on to recipes from good old black bean soup to scallion and white-bean pancakes and even desserts such as chocolate red-bean cake.

*The Salad Days*, contrary to its title, is not a cookbook but an autobiography by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. This is the story of the first half of his life from his birth in 1909 to the beginning of WWII. It's brimming with such famous people as his father, his father's second wife, Mary Pickford, his own first wife Joan Crawford and women with whom he had affairs such as Gertrude Lawrence and Marlene Dietrich.

Mary Tannen's debut novel, *Second Sight* is an exotic, almost dreamlike tale of fate and mysterious fortune. Wallingford, N. J. is a fading mill town where historian

Will Appleyard returns to write the story of its industrial past interwoven with his own story of his mill owning ancestors. There he encounters Delia Bird who has the gift of second sight and attracts clients of every kind.

Are you looking for a dentist or wondering if that intermittent toothache is a serious problem? *The Oral Report* by dentist Jerry Trainor may give you some painless assistance. The first of its three sections discusses the patient and general dentistry; the second section deals with specialties and specific diseases and problems; the last section addresses various trends and issues in dentistry. Appendixes list dental schools and professional societies.

*Bones of Contention* by Roger Lewin is perhaps the most insightful and most controversial book ever written about the science of paleoanthropology, the search for human origins. Quoting from the scientists themselves, Lewin examines many of the most famous discoveries in the history of this science. The author

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## DEATHS.....

*EDNA MAYFIELD DELMORE of Western Drive in Point Richmond died on August 18, 1988 in Richmond. Wife of Randolph Delmore and mother of Ronald Brown, both of the Point, she was 80 years old. Edna was a resident of the area for 78 years and was the retired owner of the Mayfield Glass and Paint Company. At her request, no funeral services were held.*

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*TEKLA MAJA PALKO Died on September 3, 1988 at a hospital in San Pablo. A native of Sweden, Maya (as she was called) was an 82 year resident of the Point. She is survived by her son, Eric Palko of Fresno and a sister, Ruth Peterson of the Point. She was 84 years old.*

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*GEORGE SCHULDT, 74, died on September 3, 1988 in Richmond. A resident of Bishop Alley, George was a retired PG&E employee and a 55 year member of the Richmond Yacht Club. His wife, Evelyn, preceded him in death. He is survived by a son, Rick of the Point, a sister, Betty Holsinger and a brother Richard*

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John W. Stephens "Growing Up in  
The Point in the 20's and 30's".

For the first time ever, a Sports  
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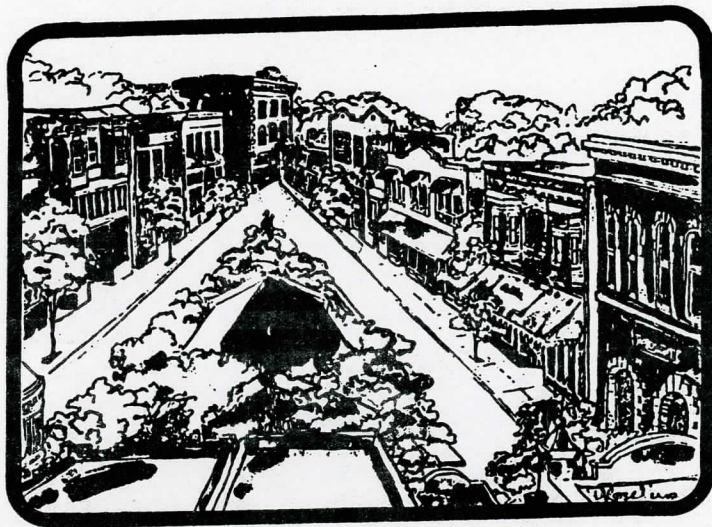
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# THE POINT calendar

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*drawings by Donna Roselius*

**THE POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

*We will be introducing our 1989 "This Point" calendar on Indian Statue Day. This year's calendar features drawings of houses in the Point. All drawings are by Donna Roselius, you are probably familiar with many of them. We will be selling it for \$4.95, all proceeds will benefit the History Association.*