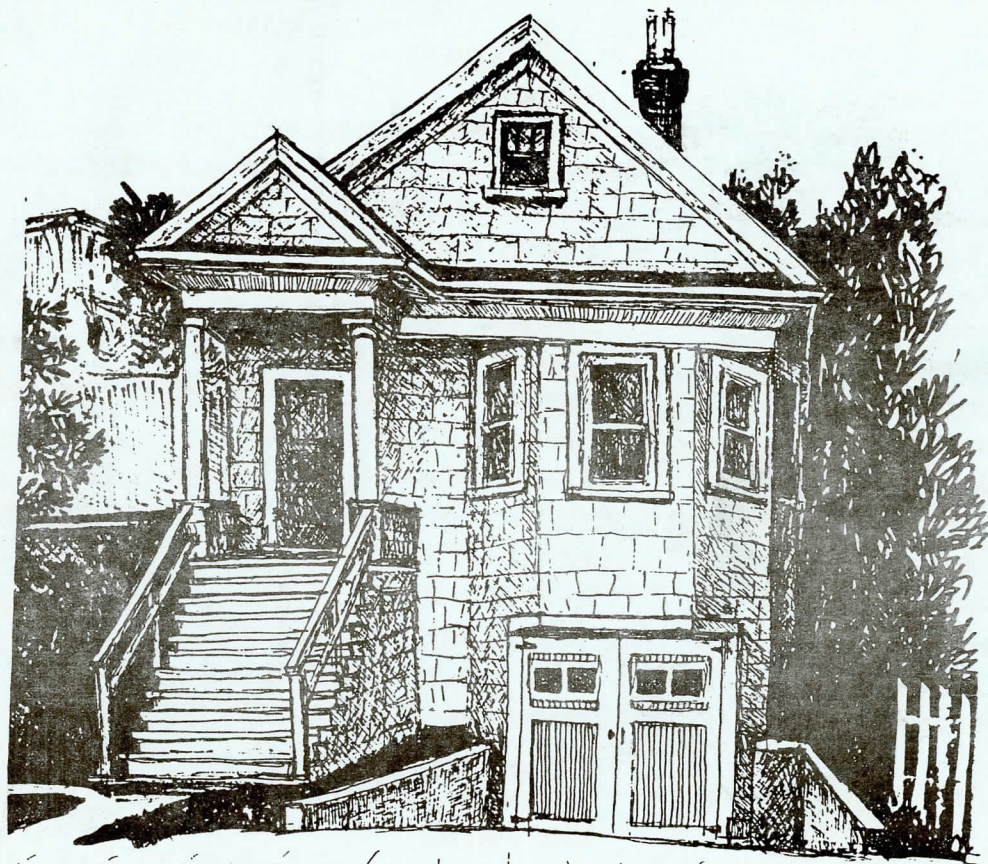


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## in time

# PRHA RAFFLE UPDATE

*by Margarita Hain*

Thank you for donations from local business and individuals. We have a lot of interesting, useful, tasty, and beautiful items to win. Here is a partial list:

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

Teresa Albro  
Lynn Huntly  
Jean Swanson  
Sydney Isobe  
Deirdre Cerkowicz

Margarita Hain  
Anne Manzlik  
Mae Mandl  
Amy Rotting  
Pam Wilson  
Jerry Cerkowicz

## *Business*

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  
BREAKFAST FOR TWO  
TAROT READING BY KAREN

## *Point Richmond Art Guild*

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

## *PRHA Board*

WOMEN'S SWEATER  
ART PRINT  
TWO SETS OF ART PRINT  
WINE  
COLORFUL VASE  
ATLAS OF CALIFORNIA (BOOK)

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17th!



# History Association Notes

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by Jerry Cerkanowicz*

### INDIAN STATUE DAY

The fifth annual Indian Statue Day was held under clear skys on Saturday October 8th. Local dignitaries, the U.S. Navy Band and various performers provided the entertainment. Thanks to everyone who stopped by the History Association booth and office. We saw lots of good friends and met some new ones. It was really nice to see Frankie Greenlaw again and enjoyed being able to match faces to the names on membership list. Our albums of old photos were the biggest hit of the day.

### THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be held on the 17th of November beginning at 7:30 pm at 124 Washington Avenue. We will have a speaker and the drawing for the raffle prizes. Coffee and tea will be served, you may bring cookies or cakes.

### THE CALENDAR

This years calendar is now on sale. The pictures in the calendar, 13 in all are from

original pen and ink drawings by Donna Roselius of homes in The Point. They are on sale at The Point Richmond Market (thank you Mohammed) for \$4.95 and from the History Association.

### THE RAFFLE

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased from any board member for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. Please see the list of prizes in this issue.

### OFFICE

Hours the office will be open are tentatively set for Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 2:00pm. Or you can call be at 235-1336 to set up an appointment. We are not finished decorating but the photo album will be available.

### THANKS

To Terry Downey who visited our booth and gave us two old class photos. Mary Highfil is going to try and identify as many of the children as she can. And thanks to Roy Jones for the ten matching frames and to Muriel Clausen for several large frames. They will be used for decorating our office.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

*by Gary Shows*

Indian Statue Day was one of the best ever. The park looks great doesn't it? The event was a success thanks mainly to David Vincent... David you did it! Also Joe Hanzlik the "brick layer" deserves some kind of medal for "coming to the rescue". I can't help but sympathize with David, Anne and Jerry however, as out of more than 1200 bricks sold, imprinted, fired and layed about a half dozen can't be accounted for, and some of the people who bought these missing bricks are not happy...to say the least. How can they imprint and fire only six bricks? Where do they put them? Perhaps there is some other way that these people can be honored for their financial contribution to the park? Any ideas?

I think John Stephens piece in this issue is good, hope you enjoyed it!

I think our 1989 calendar is a good product. Get a copy for your home and remember it as a gift.

One more time, this newsletter is written for

you, people interested in the history of The Point, your input is vital, if you can contribute in any way please let me know, as did Mr. John Stephens.

### MEMBERS

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

Thank you to following members who have renewed their memberships:

Nicki Ackerman  
Grace Berk  
Anita Brougham  
Lucretia & Tom Edwards  
J. Henry O'Hara  
Helen Skelton  
Elenora Surdam  
Bonnie J. Wilson  
Roy Jones  
Richard & Roberta Palfeni  
Albert & Hortense McGee  
Mrs. Boysie Day  
Louis R. Cunan  
Virginia Cherniak  
Shirley Butt

A warm welcome to new members:

Sandi Genser-Maack  
Molly Martindale  
Joe Murphy  
Mark Gebhart  
B.J. Miller

Congradulations to winners of 1 year:

Yvonne Thompson  
Bob Menzie  
Elizebeth Kirkpatrick





## Points in the Past

*Articles of interest taken from various  
local publications with the help of  
reference librarians of the  
Richmond Public Library*

### 70 YEARS AGO...

Taking advantage of the non-use of the library during the flu epidemic the staff has been...completing an inventory of the Main Library, the West Side Library and the Stege Library.

*November 1, 1918*

#### 135 MEN CALLED TO ENTRAIN

Draft Board continues to induct men into service in spite of negotiations for peace now being carried on. Any registrant who, deeming the war over, fails to report will be classed as a deserter and subjected to the same strict punishment that has been meted out in the past.

*November 8, 1918*

#### THE WAR ENDS!

Pandemonium, roaring pandemonium, and joy, wild joy, carried the city off its feet early yesterday and last night in a volcanic celebration of the end of the war.

A few moments after the whistles and sirens exploded all around the bay the streets of the city were filled with people who paraded to and fro ringing,

singing and cheering.

*November 12, 1918*

#### DRAFT BOARD STOPS ALL INDUCTIONS

The 147 or more men and boys who were left in the last contingent for Kelly Field (Texas) Monday evening slept in their homes last night instead of hundreds of miles away in a training camp.

*November 13, 1918*

### 60 YEARS AGO...

#### DRUIDS INSTALL OFFICERS

District Deputy G.J. Allyn installed the new officers of the Point Richmond Grove of Druids in Druid Hall. The ceremonies were followed by a banquet and social times.

*November 11, 1928*

#### MRS. L. DECKER HONORED

Mrs. L. Decker was honor guest recently at a surprise party given at the Standard Oil Rod and Gun Club by a group of her friends.

*November 13, 1928*

#### WHIST PARTY

The members of Our Lady of Mercy Church will entertain tonight at a

turkey whist party in Redmen's Hall. A \$5 00 turkey order will be given every four tables and a ham bacon will be the door prize.

*November 14, 1928*

#### **40 YEARS AGO...**

*by Pam Wilson*

##### **REV. UZZEL BECOMES PT. PASTOR**

The Rev. R.A. Uzzel has been named pastor of the Point Richmond Baptist Church, 304 Washington avenue, one of the city's historic centers of worship.

Rev. Uzzel is completing graduate work at the Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley. Formerly he was the pastor of several churches in Texas.

*November 9, 1948*

##### **SEWING CLUB TO HONOR OFFICERS**

Point Chapter, O.E.S., Sewing Club will honor the officers with a 6:30 election dinner tomorrow evening.

A regular meeting will follow presided over by Mrs. Georgia Hanson, worthy matron and Bill Hanson, worthy patron.

Chairman for the evening is Mrs. Vona Davis, Sewing Club president.

*November 3, 1948*

##### **RUMMAGE SALE FOR PT. WSCS GROUPS**

The First Methodist Church WSCS has slated a rummage sale for tomorrow and Friday at 111 Park Place, Point Richmond. Hours will be from 10:30 until 5 o'clock.

Mrs. W.P. Deniss is general chairman of the event and requests that anyone having articles bring them to the place

of sale tomorrow.

*November 3, 1948*

##### **ARMISTICE DAY**

It has been suggested in recent years that the observance of Armistice Day be abandoned. The reason: because the expectations for a lasting peace which that day symbolized back in 1918 have been so bitterly unfulfilled.

This attitude towards Armistice Day is quite understandable. To some people it may seem silly to observe the occasion in these days when another war has left its blackened ruins and when much shouting and shooting still goes on among the nations.

Yet, Armistice Day still has a meaning. Even if its promise has not been realized as yet, this does not mean that it never will be. The annual celebration of the day is proof that the hope for a lasting peace survives in spite of all that has occurred to discourage it.

Hope alone will not bring enduring tranquility. But hope is the essential first step in that direction. It inspires continued efforts toward international understanding; it revives a world wearied by failures.

So let us continue to observe Armistice Day. Let us continue to seek and to strive for that warless world which seemed so real on November 11, 1918. Lasting peace is to great a prize to ever stop working for, no matter how long it takes to achieve.

*EDITORIAL*

*November 2, 1948*



### 30 YEARS AGO...

*by Pam Wilson*

#### NEIGHBOR, FIREMEN SAVE CHILD

Prompt action by a neighbor woman and Richmond firemen saved the life of a 15 month old boy.

Little Daniel Paul Creson is reported in good condition and shows no ill effects for his experience. His mother, 20 year old Marlee Creson of 9 1/2 Nicholl Ave., Richmond; told firemen she put Daniel into the bathtub with an older brother and sister, then she left the room.

A short while later Daniel's brother got out of the tub, ran to his mother and said, "Daniel's dead." Mrs. Creson ran to the tub, found Daniel face down in the water. When she pulled him out, he was not breathing.

She carried Daniel downstairs to the apartment of a neighbor, Thelma Eggers, who began artificial respiration while Mrs. Creson went to another neighbor's to call firemen.

When a fire crew headed by Capt. Arthur Anderson arrived at 5 p.m. the child still did not appear to be breathing. Firemen applied oxygen for about 10 minutes before Daniel responded.

He was taken to Kaiser Hospital and is now in good condition.

*November 11, 1958*

#### 'STUNT NIGHT' TALENT SHOW

An old fashioned melodrama, a barbershop quartet, and a novelty number by teachers will be highlights

of Washington P-TA Stunt Night in the school auditorium this Friday evening. The program committee includes Mesdames Robert Davis, chairman; Basil Cherniak, Lucille Wiley, William Miller and Miss Sydney St. Martin.

Tickets may be obtained at the door, or by calling Mrs. Fay Hawkins, BE-5-3148. Refreshments will be served after the program, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edward McKinley.

*November 11, 1958*

#### BUMS IN THE PARK

It was awfully warm today.

In fact it was so hot that Augustus McClean, a "knight of the rails" became fatigued after his long tramp from Stockton and sought shelter beneath the old Indian fountain on the west side.

His appearance there wouldn't have been so bad had he been sober, but he wasn't.

The perspiration which leaked from the pores in his skin as he snoozed was, according to Policeman Roy Creamer, 99 per cent alcohol.

But McClean didn't care.

He was in all probabilities thinking himself some Grecian nymph bathing in the cool marble tank of some ancient Moorish castle when jarred back to civilization by the policeman's billy.

He informed the officer that "he wanted to be cool," and now he's cooling in the cooler!

*Richmond-Recorder-Herald*

*October 15, 1915*

## Growing Up in the Point in the 20's and 30's

*by John Stephens*

For most of my early years we lived in Point Richmond. My mother, Frieda Moyle Stephens had been raised there and my father, Newel, had worked for Standard Oil before World War I. After serving in France he returned to marry my mother in the Moyle family home at 441 Santa Fe Ave. So, no one was surprised when we moved from Richmond to the Point in the middle 20's.

For a time we lived in a basement apartment in Mr. Machado's house on upper Washington Ave. Eventually however, we bought the two little houses at 218 E. Richmond Ave. They were "Smokey Row" houses which had been located where the Plunge now stands.

I attended Washington Grammar School which was an imposing two story building at that time. Mrs. Peterson was our principal and 6th grade teacher, rather stern as I recall. Our 1st grade teacher was Mrs. Simpson, a wonderfully understanding woman who worked very hard on my lettering but unfortunately with little success... Regina Cunan was, by any standards, the most beautiful girl in the entire school.

The area behind the school and from Wine St. down to the Inner Harbor was a mud-flat, impassible from early winter until late into spring. It would often appear dry on the surface when just below there was the stickiest mud waiting to ruin a pair of school shoes. When dry it seemed to be full of Killdeer hens flopping along pretending broken wings to lure us away from their nests.

The house on the southern corner of Idaho and East Richmond was occupied by Mr. Wilson, a retired railroad man who always had a plate of sugar doughnuts to share with us boys. Next door was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bissell. He was an ex-marine who served as our Scout Master and she worked at Woolworth's over on MacDonald Ave. I remember Jimmy Forbes and I buying horehound candy from her, a nickle bought more than enough for both of us!

Louis Armstrong, one of my best friends, lived in the next house. Once, Louie and I decided that it would be wonderful if we could communicate without having to walk across the vacant lot which lay between our houses. So, we strung a wire from roof to roof and connected it to telegraph keys. The scheme worked quite well except for the fact that neither of us knew Morse Code



and it was necessary after each message to run out on our back porches and shout, "What did you send?".

On the other side of Idaho, a little higher up the street was the home of Gust and Margaret Allyn. Of their children, Mickey, Lizzy, Nat, and Hank....Mickey was my close friend and classmate. At the time Mr. Allyn owned and operated a men's clothing store on the north side of Washington Ave. near the library.

Idaho St. was a fairly good ride for our soap-box coasters, especially if we started on Buena Vista at the head of Montana. But the all-time thrill was the ride down Montana itself.....WHITE KNUCKLES all the way! Of course it was necessary to have a look out posted on East Richmond... "ANY CARS?"....."NO CARS!"...and away we'd go!

Aunt Edith and Uncle Jett (J.O. Ford) lived on the upper corner of Nevada and Montana. Their house had the most wonderfully finished attic reached by magical stairs which one pulled down from the ceiling.

Jimmy Wilson lived in the first house on the north side of Montana....there was a vacant lot on the corner. Next up the street on the same side lived Leroy Williams, one of my closest friends. I remember him as an excellent student, much better than I. He knew a lot about

sports and one day in 1932 when I admitted not knowing that they had marksmanship in the Olympics. Leroy said, "They have EVERYTHING in the Olympics!".

It was a very bad time for our parents with jobs hard to find and money consequently very scarce. Bread was 5 cents for a small loaf.....what a wonder it was when the Liberty and the Washington Markets acquired bread slicing machines and we no longer had to cut it by hand!

Sometimes we climbed Nicholl Knob to fly our kites in the fresh breezes from the Bay, we swam at Kozy Kove and played what we thought was hockey on roller skates. We could buy honest to goodness wooden hockey sticks from the candy store on Washington Ave. for twenty five cents.....a sum for which it was necessary to save for a few weeks.

Evenings we would listen to "Chandu the Magician" and "Jack Armstrong", and once a week, "One Man's Family".

All in all, not a bad time and certainly not a bad place in which to grow up.

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*THANK YOU JOHNNY! Your article was very interesting, informative and well written to boot! Please, we look forward to MORE!*

# Sports

## memories

by Allan Smith

The recent World Series brought to Oakland recalls that a local Point Richmond baseball player participated in the 1948 World Series playing for the Cleveland Indians of the American League. He was Russ Christopher who was born and raised in The Point. Russ played for seven years as a pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics and the Cleveland Indians. His record was 54 Wins and 64 Loses and had a respectable Earned Run Average of 3.37. Russ passed away in 1954.

Lloyd Christopher, Russ' brother was also a professional baseball player. He played for two years with the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago White Sox of the American League and had a .243 batting average. Most of his ten year baseball career was with the old Oakland Acorns of the Pacific Coast League where he was a star center fielder. Lloyd stayed with baseball working as a scout and was responsible for the signing of Dennis Eckersley, star relief pitcher for the American League Champion Oakland Athletics. He still resides in The Point on Oregon Street

Three members of the Smith Family of Point Richmond were also professional baseball players, all pitchers. Leonard Smith played with

the St. Louis Cardinals and the Philadelphia Phillies farm systems. Frank Smith played in the San Francisco Giants and Cleveland Indians minor league organizations. He pitched a no-hit game in the International League and also holds a Contra Costa College pitching record for striking out 21 batters in one game. Our son Bryan Smith ended his baseball career playing in the Los Angeles Dodgers farm system at Bakersfield in the California League.

Al Perricone of the Point Richmond Perricone family also played professional baseball in the old Standard Oil Twilight League. His sister, Francis Perricone married Johnny Babich of Richmond who pitched for 5 years in the American and National Leagues for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Boston Braves and Philadelphia Athletics. He later managed in the Minor Leagues at Stockton.

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*This purpose of this Sports Section, is to recognize sports achievements of our local residents past or present. I would appreciate any information of interest for future articles as well as any corrections or additions.*

211 Delfino Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94801

# Sports



## ➡ IN PURSUIT OF ⬅ HISTORICAL TRIVIA

*courtesy of Stan Nystrom*

### ANSWER

October's historical trivia question challenged your knowledge of Richmond's geography by asking for the neighborhood location of these lesser-known thoroughfares:

1. Stairley Street is located in Point Richmond, the fourth street east of the Richmond Plunge. Waverly Stairly, the first cashier of the Bank of Richmond, and later the first City Treasurer, built his three story home there in 1902.
2. Mesa Way is a horseshoe shaped street atop Clinton Hill at 36th Street and Clinton Avenue. It was originally named Terrace Avenue by the developer of the tract.
3. Preble Avenue runs from 23rd to 24th Streets, between Nevin and Barrett Avenues, just south of the Wilson and Kratzer Mortuary. Does any reader know who Preble was?
4. Swan's Way runs westward from San Pablo Avenue, immediately north of the I-80 Freeway, overcrossing and just south of the Security Pacific Realty Office Building.

5. Boyd Avenue is the hypotenuse of a triangular shaped playground-park at 38th Street and Solano Avenue, just northeast of Clinton Hill. Joseph L. Boyd, brother-in-law of John Nicholl's wife, owned a ranch in that area during the later 1800's. The boundaries of the ranch are now those of Grand View Terrace Tract.

6. Machinist Place is located a short distance south of Macdonald Avenue, between 16th and 18th Streets. The Machinists' Union Hall building, formerly a Dodge auto agency, is on 16th Street, opposite the intersection.

7. Chandler Avenue, named in honor of Mattie Chandler, Richmond's first woman mayor, runs off Harbour Way South (South 10th Street) immediately north of Richmond's Container Port. It is easy to spot on a map, but not in reality, since its existence is difficult to distinguish amid the bulk oil-handling facilities of Terminal No. 2. A very short distance northwest of there was the site of Ellis Landing, established in the 1850's.

8. Collins Court is slightly southeast of the junction of Garrard Boulevard and

Macdonald Avenue, in Atchison Village. It honors Robert Collins, former City Attorney of Richmond.

9. Exchange Place, rather appropriately named, is situated just south of Macdonald Avenue, between 23rd and 24th Streets, where the Greyhound buses stop to load and unload.

10. Sobrante Avenue (Richmond) joins the junction of Giant Highway and Atlas Road. It is now a private road that is the entrance to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Park. This is also the sole remnant of the unfulfilled early-century Sobrante Tract. Maps of that era indicate a Sobrante Station on the Southern Pacific tracks there, plus a few other streets laid out. "Sobrante" is a spanish word meaning "remainder, leftover, or surplus".

### **QUESTION**

The highway mileage between the Port of Los Angeles (San Pedro) and the Port of Richmond is approximately 420 miles, and the airline distance is approximately 350 miles. This month's trivia question is: "If a ship started from Honolulu, approximately how many additional miles would it have to travel if it went to the Port of

Richmond instead of going to the Port of Los Angeles?"

## **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 18th installment of excerpts from the diary.*

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Pakida and the Ochiotas gave their mothers a Christmas party. Three Christmas plays, the girls composed themselves were given: "the Unexpected Gift", by Winifred Wickerseim (sic) "A Happy Christmas for Mother and the Twins" by Mary Wilkins and a Christmas play by Ila Baker. They would have been very good plays if they did not always have to be pulling the curtain. Regina Cunan recited a Christmas poem she had written and Winifred Wickersheim and Mary Wilkins played carols on their violins which were all out of tune.

Our group pantomined in silhouette the song "Silent Night" (only Betty Wms. was the only one who sang the middle verse, (sic) thus doing a solo stunt). Extemperaneous singing was exhibited, much to the amusement and

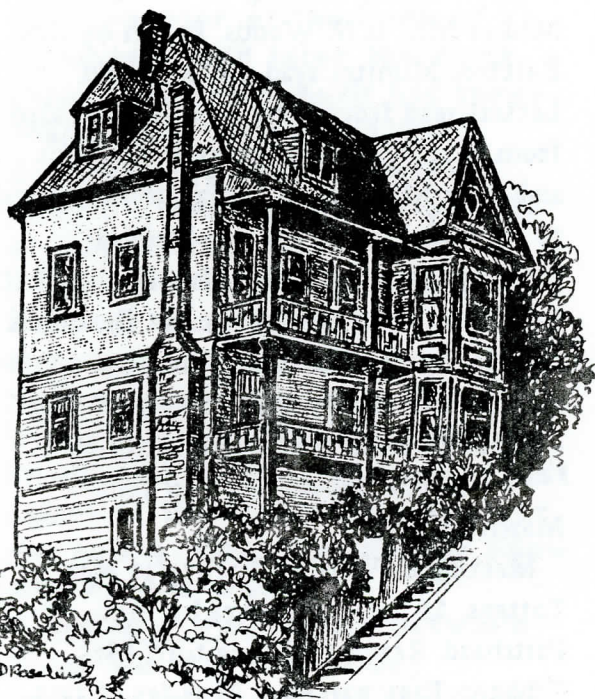


discuss of the audience, while the gang waited for Jean to come forth.

Santa Claus then came and distributed the candy and presents (ringing a cowbell, with the tummy so fat he could hardly stoop for the presents, and so the Pikidas came to the rescue).

Then they went home.

Wapo Moma



1 STAIRLEY

*drawing by Donna Roselius*

## Churches

### Our Lady of Mercy

*by Eleanor Hurley*

Father Denis is still at Mercy Rest and Retirement Center in Oakland. He is making a satisfactory recovery and hopes that shortly he will be released to complete his convalescence at his brother's home in El Cerrito. In the meantime the Oakland Diocese has assigned Father James Clift as Administrator. He is a retired Navy Chaplain and has been in residence at St. Cornelius. He has been serving as Chaplain at Brookside. He is presently on a two week vacation, and on his return will take over here at Our Lady of Mercy.

On Sunday, October 9th, the Annual Church Picnic was held at the Standard Oil Rod and Gun Club. A good time was had by all 65 people in attendance, especially the children.

Mary Casey is at home and is as interested as ever in the doings of the "Home Town".

Cynthia Young has resumed her Religious classes each Wednesday.

Henry O'Hara as well as Louie and Tony Bernardi, are in residence at the Family Manor.

On Sunday October 9th many of the Parishioners as well as many other local residents were seen strolling and visiting during the Indian Statue Day festivities. The park adds to the attractiveness of the downtown area. All of those who put in so many hours

of hard work to make this day such a success are to be congratulated!

### Point Methodist Church

*by Mid Dorman*

Nicole Danielle, daughter of Gregory and Christine Volz, was baptised by her grandfather, Holtzman Volz.

Over twenty yards of debris and garbage was removed from around and under the church and parsonage property to putting in parking area behind the parsonage. Impressed by the hardworkers and the 'lady' with the pitchfork, a passing-by-resident donated to the garden. Yard work days continue and planting of new shrubs in recently cleared flowerbeds will begin.

Mission Chairman, Claudia LeGue, is collecting non-perishable items of food for the Rescue Mission pantry.

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. followed by craft time as the ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIRE is Friday, October 28th. Lunch is served 12:00 to 1:30 and those with a limited lunch period may make reservations by calling Jean Creed, 234-1327 to reserve a special table. The Faire will feature: keepsake Christmas tree ornaments, fresh baked breads, pies, cakes, etc., a gift boutique, notecards and stationary, plants. The bazaar opens at noon and lasts until 4:00 p.m.

The monthly administrative board meets on the second Tuesday of the month, with a potluck dinner preceding.

The Adult Bible Study on Isaiah

continues on Sunday evenings at 5:30 with a light potluck and ends by 7:30. Anyone interested should just drop in  
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*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 33rd installment.*

The February meeting of W.H.M. Soc held at Mrs. R.N. Woods. Prayer by Rev. Ralston. Minutes read and approved. Letters read from Mite Box Sec. and also from Mrs. Whitaker, sec of Publications and from Mrs. Smith of Oakland in regard to sel 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-50cts.

Nettie Grover, Sec Pro Tem

March 21, 1913

Meeting of W.H.M. Society 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.  
April 18, 1913

The W. Home Missionary Soc met at Mrs. Gibbons. Meeting called to order by Pres. Reading of the scripture by Mrs. Totten, Prayer by Miss Dangerfield. Mite boxes were opened by Mrs. Ida Lester followed by talk on the Deaconess Home and Work by Miss Danderfield. Moved and carried to pay \$5.00 on Fred Finch Orphanage. Dues paid Mrs. Homer 70 cts, Mrs. I. Lester \$1.20, Mrs. Grover .70. Total \$2.600. Mite Box coll. \$4.50.

### Point Baptist Church

*by Roy Jones*

Indian Statue Day was the best ever! What a fine day to celebrate - everyone enjoying the fine exhibits, good entertainment, and one another. Makes one proud to be a Pointer.

We look forward with great interest to the upcoming articles by John W. Stephens "Growing Up in The Point in the 20's and 30's". Those were two very different decades.

Old papers selected at random from our church files: Memorandum of Agreement dated January 3, 1911 between The First Baptist Church of Point Richmond and A.A. Shelby, Printers for 300 church directories, size of books to be 5 1/2 X 8. I listed

some of the local businesses who took advertising space. Here are others - all gone now, but surely someone out there remembers: Abbott Hospital (now the Carroll Apartments at Richmond Avenue and Santa Fe) - Sam Curry, Western State Gas, Pillow Bros., The Hub, White Sewing Machines, John Nicholl Company.

From the Minutes of Business Meeting Dec. 31, 1939 (We had not yet regained our status as a fully independent church): Mr. DeMott moved that the congregation resolve to organize a Baptist church in Point Richmond as we originally were. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. And on May 1, 1941 we in The Point were granted full status as a church. Quoting from the Annual Report dated May 1, 1943 by the pastor, Robert Jenkins: *"our church has been experiencing steady growth. From an average of 35 in attendance on Sunday mornings we now have 60. Our church school has grown in two years from 72 to 140. Items for improvements represent \$450 worth of material to be used by volunteer labor to make a balcony, replace the steeple, repair the baptistry piping in hot and cold water, and new draperies for the church. Except for the work on the steeple all work has been volunteer. Our church is ministering to the spiritual needs of the community and our various social groups offer fellowship for all ages. Plans are being*

*laid for our first daily Bible school this summer."*

So, new beginnings are made. One of the many charming aspects of living in the Point is that it retains a "hometown" feeling. Grocery stores and clothing stores operated by real people rather than big corporations. Same with the churches here where people are individuals, rather than corporate Christians in some huge organization.



# LOCKETS

**T**HERE is no prettier custom than the wearing of a dainty photograph of a dear one concealed within a dainty locket. It serves the two-fold purpose of an artistic article of personal adornment and the photograph is a dear bit of refined sentiment.

**Frank C. Dietrich**

140 Washington Ave.

Phone 6921

## A-MID TRIVIA

*by Mid Dorman (234-5334)*

What happened to our 'drive-up' mail box on Washington Avenue???

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For whatever reason, removing the stucco and replacing it with the original look of shingles on Linsley Hall is fitting with the historic status of the Point. Drive by and notice the improvement to an already lovely building.

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Even dictionaries must keep up with our changing language. College Edition of Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, first in 18 years, will list such additions as "couch potato" ... "junk food" ... "fat city". But, will it include the political term, "Spin Doctor"?

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Edna Hathaway, Tahoe Paradise and Hawaii, spent several days in the Point nostalgically renewing friendships and viewing growths and changes. She will return to assist at the Methodist church women's Annual Country Faire. A former choir director and member, Edna was born and raised in the Point.

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What does one do while nursing a broken arm for two months? Well, Marie Wilson-Dietz said she read a



lot, did a little gardening and even cleaned some closets!! But, is happy to be free of the cumbersome casts.

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Jim and Jean Eakles, while enroute to Canada, stopped by Port Orford to say hello to Donna & Ron Roselius as did Tom & Lucretia Edwards. Donna has the restaurant, THE WHALE COVE decorated in 'silk waves and fish'. The chef is also an artist like owner Donna, so an Art Gallery is being readied behind the restaurant. Everyone is invited to the Grand Opening on Saturday, November 5th. Wouldn't it be fun to surprise her and show up!

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Have you used the new, small color strips, sensitive to temperature and indicate when food is cooked to optimum temperature? The strips were designed for use with microwave frozen foods, but will work in a conventional oven as well. Before heating, the strips are blue on the ends and white in the middle. When the white has disappeared the food is done.

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Susan Goodbar was recipient of a benefit given by her many friends in Crockett. Eight bands performed from noon until ten and donated foods were prepared. Susan is beginning a long process of recovery from an accident last Christmas when she

and two friends were hit by a drunken driver. Suzie was in a coma for almost two months after the accident. A patient at the Greenery, a rehabilitation hospital in Pacifica, she basically has to learn to talk, walk and write all over again. Susan is the daughter of Jim and Florence Wilson.

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Is there ever a time when some street in the Point isn't under construction or repair?

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50 years of togetherness!! Melba and Lloyd Farley on Ocean Avenue celebrated that Golden Anniversary with an Open House for friends and neighbors Sunday, October 16th. They had been honored on their anniversary on October 14th at the Marin Garden Club. Melba greeted guests wearing her wedding dress which has since been shortened to a cocktail length. The golden satin imprinted with orange and muted floral patterns was designed originally by a French dressmaker and was worn by Melba at her 25th and 40th anniversary parties. Husband Lloyd jokingly remarks, "She's saved me a lot of money over the years by wearing it." Melba admits to being three pounds lighter than when she married! A greeting card noted that in 1938, the year they were married things were a bit

different. For instance, a 3 bedroom home that costs \$82,529 today sold for \$3,900. Bread was 20 cents a loaf, milk was 50 cents a gallon, a new Ford car was \$660, today would sell for \$10,879. However, salaries were \$1,996 opposed to \$30,453 today. Congratulations! And, for the fine shape they appear to be in, they will celebrate many more.

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What a glorious day the weatherman provided for the 5th Annual Indian Statue Day celebration! Special thanks to Donna Powers who planted ALL of the flowers in the triangle park! And, to Mike Yukelich of Color Spot for providing these colorful plants. SCENES...of the day. The rousing Navy Band. Something exciting seeing small children as well as adults stand erect and at attention as the National Anthem is played. Roberta Palfini, Irvine, was heard to comment, "I've always wondered why the military needed special budgets...I guess this is what they do." The Indian headdress worn by a celebrant participant made the day even more authentic...Frankie Greenlaw joining the staff at the Point History Association Table, by far the most popular table on the triangle with all the old pictures and records. Editor Gary Shows,

complete in "A's" attire, staying until the last minute before racing off to see the amazing A's in the playoffs...So many prizes given by the Point Business Association but few familiar names...A Great Day!!

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October 13th provided the first rain since June 5th, 128 days!!!

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Want to get a few items off you Christmas list early? Everyone needs at least one calendar so why not get the 1989 Point Richmond History Association calendar NOW! Just any Board member or 235-1336.

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Putting their knowledge of out-door cooking to practice, Boy Scouts from Troop 111 prepared a camp style meal for their leaders, parents and family members at Knox-Miller Regional Park on Saturday, October 15th. The meal was cooked on coals while the boys played games. Nothing but raves about the food.

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Commercials are taken for granted on TV as a necessity to promote products and sponsor programs. Those who viewed a commercial being filmed in the Point know a little more of the basics of time and problems it takes to make a finished product. For several days streets



here in the Point have been cordoned off as crews...and that means crews of 30-50 people...worked on filming what will probably be a one minute commercial. After watching, it would seem financially beneficial if some of the work was done as office layout prior to staging. It took five hours to complete the segment being filmed at West Richmond and Martina Streets! The commercial? Sponsored by the milk industry, it will show a small boy chasing a tire down the street until the tire comes to rest among a group of bikers, who are drinking milk! While the biker segment is scheduled for filming across town, watch for familiar backgrounds of the Point along West Richmond, Tewksbury, Golden Gate and High Streets.

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th. VOTE! Polling sites in the Point are at the Methodist Church and Washington School. Study and mark your ballot to expedite your time at the polls. It is a lengthy ballot. If you don't vote, you lose.

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## WEST SIDE LIBRARY

*by Jan Burdick*

For those readers who may have spent some military time in the Air Force, the book by Bill Yenne titled The History of the U.S. Air Force could be of special interest. It is full of pictures to supplement and enhance the text.

Harper's Anthology of 20th Century Native American Poetry assembles the works of 36 North American Indian poets. Each poet gets 3 to 10 poems and, in an appendix, a brief biography/bibliography.

If you are a parent who wants to help your children learn and enjoy math, you might find a valuable aid in Games For Math: Playful Ways to Help Your Child Learn Math by Peggy Kaye. Each of the 66 games is thoroughly explained, an indication of the grade level is given, and a list of materials is supplied.

Those without a will, those having recently moved to a new state or having changed their marital status or those with a will predating 1982 should read David Larsen's You Can't Take It With You. This book is free of legal jargon and is filled with meaningful

examples.

### The Best Wedding Shower

Book by Courtney Cooke, although small in size, could be a big help to party planners. An encyclopedic format provides information about prewedding traditions in other cultures and a look at the roots of American customs besides the expected pointers on planning a shower; checklists; suggested themes with appropriate food, activities, and decorations.



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## POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Linda Andrew, Secretary

President David Vincent convened a noon luncheon meeting at the Hotel Mac on September 14, 1989. 28 persons attended.

Linda Andrew advised that the Governor has been invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony in Mid-October near Marina Bay Parkway / 23rd Street exit of the Knox Freeway, marking the half-way point of completion of the freeway. 23rd Street from Cutting to the freeway has been renamed Marina Bay Parkway. Standard Avenue between Castro and Marine has been renamed Chevron Way. Steve Crook introduced his new business, Rail & Marine Transportation Consultants, at 124 Washington Avenue. Shirley Butt Reported that additional curbside trees will be planted this fall to complete last year's project which resulted in 27 new trees. Sites for the new trees include Richmond Hardware, Sherry & Bob's, and Jumbos.

Graphics Depot announced that they will create a laser-blasted entry sign "Welcome to Point Richmond" to be discussed with Tom Butt and Adele Hollander, members of the Cutting Beautification Committee.

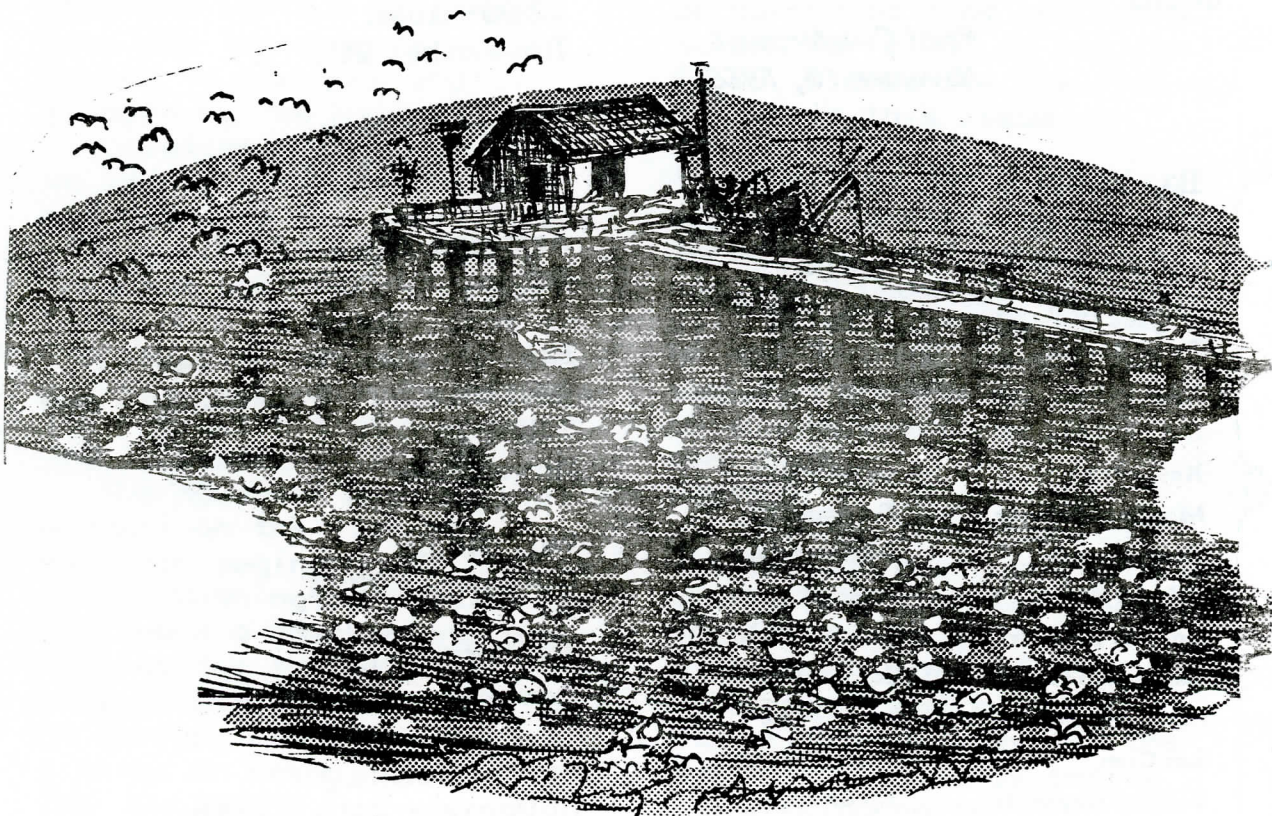
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A Board of Directors Meeting was held on September 28th at Hotel Mac.

A proposal to erect a freeway billboard between Garrard and Castro Streets on Santa Fe property in exchange for a new electronic marquee in front of City offices was discussed. It was decided that opposition would be expressed in the form of a letter to both the City and to Santa Fe.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed development by Wareham of the former Badger Meter property, vacating of Standard Avenue between Cutting and Garrard, pending sale of Santa Fe property (frogtown) and the need for a Park n' Ride commuter lot. It was decided that Business Association should make a commitment to continue to look into further development.



*Drawing by Donna Roselius*

## November...PAST

On Monday, November 18, the City Council will include on its agenda the "final go-ahead" for the beginning of the Regional Shoreline Park, including the transfer to Regional Park authority the Kellers Beach area. Meeting begins at 8 p.m. Interested people are urged to attend.

*Point Counterpoint  
November 15, 1968*

## Birthdays NOVEMBER

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 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       |
| Les Crim           | Shane Thomas     |
| Ethany Reynolds    | Linda Feyder     |
| Nicole Vargo       | Ida Giacomelli   |
| Aubyn Eakles       | Matthew Berman   |
| Bobbis Bozikis     | Gary Shows       |



## CALENDAR



Election Day, VOTE!  
November 8th

Point Richmond Business  
Assn. Meeting, Hotel Mac  
12:00- noon  
November 9th

Veteran's Day  
November 11th

Articles due for TPIT  
November 15th

History Association General  
Meeting, 124 Washington Ave.,  
7:30 P.M.  
November 17th

Full Moon  
November 23rd

THANKSGIVING  
November 24th

School Holiday  
November 24th & 25th

First Day of Advent  
November 27th



### MEETING UPDATE

The November 17th meeting will feature Anna Schwarz who will tell us some things about the history of entertainment in The Point and Jo Camp who will talk about the history of the Masquers Playhouse.....it will be interesting, so please come!

Articles for each month's issue are due on the 15th of the previous month. Please mail articles and items of interest to Jerry Cerkowicz  
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