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MARSMAN TO SPEAK FOR NAVY BENEFIT

Jan Henrik Marsman, author of the recent article that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post titled "I Escaped From Hong Kong", will be the featured speaker at a public meeting to be held at the Orinda Union School August 11 under the auspices of the Orinda committee for navy relief.

Lou Walter's orchestra from the Alameda Naval Air Station will also be on the program. Tickets will be \$1.10 each and proceeds will go entirely for navy relief.

The Orinda committee named by District Attorney Francis P. Healey to raise funds for the benefit consists of Mrs. Robert D. Harrison, chairman, Stanley G. Smith, Warren Harrold, Mrs. F. A. Kales, Richard Breuner, Mrs. Harry Oakley, Mrs. F. B. Connell and Mrs. Herbert Freuler. Posters announcing the August benefit have been painted by Mrs. Leon Woolsey.

Committee Chairman Mrs. Harrison reports that a considerable amount of time and effort has been put in by members of the committee in arranging the meeting program and she hopes that a representative audience will hear Mr. Marsman.

MORAGAN WRITES BOOK

"Keith, Old Master of California" is the title of the book written by Brother Cornelius of St. Mary's College, to be published early in October by Putnam's Sons, New York. Brother Cornelius has been head of the art department at St. Mary's since 1906. He has been a student of the art of Keith for twenty years. The college has a collection of some fifty Keith paintings gathered in the last five or six years. The book will contain ten full color plates reproduced from the original paintings by the Oakland National Engraving Co. of Oakland. In addition there are 52 half tone illustrations. Thirty-five chapter headings are illustrated by the author. Brother Cornelius has worked for eleven years on this publication with the co-operation of Mrs. Mary Keith, widow of the artist.

The Next Meeting of
The Improvement Association
will be September 4.

THE STROLLER

The Stroller still strolls; now often of necessity instead of by choice, but always with a sense of gratitude for rolling hills dotted with oaks, for winding country roads that bring unexpected vistas by virtue of their dips and curves, for fewer cars that peril a walker's life, and for a sense of balance and security that an awareness of nature gives.

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Santa Claus goes to war! Joe Varni, Orinda's official and colorful Santa Claus, manager of the country club, and chief of the volunteer fire department, will soon be a member of Uncle Sam's fighting forces. For years Joe has added color and romance to our rural life by officiating at Easter egg hunts on the golf course, by donning the garb of Santa and riding the fire engine from the top of a hill to a group of breathless children assembled at the fire house at Christmas to distribute gifts to all. We cheerfully wish him Godspeed and good luck in his new role — soldier in the U. S. A.

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Remote and quiet Orinda tucked behind the Sobrante range of the Berkeley hills offers a setting for behind the scenes war activity with the establishment of the pre-flight training school at St. Mary's College. To see the brisk young officers whisking by the cross-roads, their wives and children whose pulchritude is arresting, enjoying the sun at our swimming pools, forces the Stroller to pause and wonder if this burst of activity in our sleepy community can be real. Without a doubt it is real, and he suddenly realizes that he may now step into the part of host and resident to these hundreds of young cadets and officers by offering to them some of the delights of this community that have kept him living on the Contra Costa side of the hills.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY TO MAINTAIN LA ESPERAL

Contra Costa County has taken over the maintenance of La Espiral Road from Lake Cascade to Las Vegas, and Las Vegas to the Water Company boundary. Hacienda Homes, Inc., through its President C. E. Fleager, is continuing its efforts to have the county accept the remainder of La Espiral and build a road through to the Monte Vista tract to connect with the State Highway.

Expenditures of Hacienda Homes, Inc., has been approximately \$4,000 for maintenance and repair of local roads, and for collection expense since the first of the current year, when the corporation was transferred to the property owners. The corporation has issued only one permit for building construction. All requests for building on divided lots have been denied.

Assessments totalling \$5,026 have been collected by the corporation to date: \$243 from the owners of 373 lots east of San Pablo Highway at one dollar per lot; \$45 from the 65 lots fronting only on county roads west of the highway; \$477 from past due assessment; \$93 for special work on La Encinal and \$4,168 from the remainder of the lots at the rate of five cents per front foot. E. I. de Laveaga has contributed toward these sums \$655 for the unsold lots owned by him and the American Trust Company. Approximately \$1,000 remains in the treasury for clearing out the gutters, culverts, and patrolling roads during the rainy season and for the completion of the work as planned. This balance will be augmented by collections resulting from foreclosure suits which are being filed. The uncollected current assessment is estimated at nearly \$800 and the largest percentage of this sum is non-resident lot owners.

The present board of three directors will be increased to seven at the annual meeting to be held as a part of the October meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association. Also officers of the corporation will present a report and accounting to the property owners.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT PLANS SEAMEN'S HOME IN ORINDA

Proposed transfer of the J. P. Miller property on San Pablo Highway to the Dutch government for establishment of a "manning pool" to supply seamen for Dutch vessels has prompted considerable apprehension among residents of Orinda.

Fear is expressed that the erection of permanent barracks would create an undesirable problem for this community in that it would consist of a housing project for Dutch colonials, including native East Indian sailors.

It has been explained that the native sailors would be housed in Orinda under custody of the Dutch authorities, are not now permitted free shore leave by the U. S. immigration authorities because of passport restrictions.

Concern is felt that the permanent nature of an establishment of this character might jeopardize the value of adjacent Orinda property. It is understood that one of the inducements to the Dutch government to select this tract was that the facilities of the Orinda Park swimming pool would be opened to the personnel of the "manning pool." It is believed, however, that trustees of the Orinda Park organization have not ratified this proposal.

Orindans who are interested in learning the facts concerning the housing project should contact the office of the Dutch consul in San Francisco.



NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN

Inauguration of the Orinda Defense Council, acquisition of Hacienda Homes, Inc., for the maintenance of roads and enforcement of restrictions, and an increased membership of 375 residents were the most important accomplishments of the year for the Orinda Improvement Association, according to Dr. John T. Morrison, retiring president, in his report made to the membership at the June meeting of the association.

Dr. Morrison stated that additional projects such as the establishment of a superior class of post office as well as channelization and safety devices for the cross-roads were started; financial support for local organizations and the fight against the granting of more local liquor licenses were continued. A resolution commending the efforts of the officers and committee members during the past year was unanimously passed by the attending members of the association.

The final order of business was the election of officers of the Improvement Association for the ensuing year as follows:

Edward H. Sibbett, President
William Penn Mott, Jr., Vice-President
James H. Anderson, Secretary
Geoffrey W. Mayo, Treasurer

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FIRST AID STATIONS SET UP

Three emergency relief stations have been completed by the Orinda Red Cross. These stations are located at the Marie Bennett Beauty Salon, the Orinda School, and behind the Orinda Store. Dr. Clifford Johnson is in charge of the station at Mrs. Bennett's and it is equipped to take care of minor injuries, as is the one behind the Orinda Store under the direction of Mrs. Keesling. The one at the school is more completely equipped, and Dr. H. F. Kimball has a staff of doctors, dentists, and nurses for the operating room where minor surgery can be performed.

Mrs. Sam K. Cook is head surgical nurse. In the surgery there is an operating table, anaesthetics and necessary equipment, sulphadiazine, antiseptics, hypodermics, surgical instruments, sterile dressings, glucose, sutures and needles, Thomas splints, and an obstetrical kit, a complete layette even to the bassinets and bottles, also many large bottles of soap solution and soda solution.

Mrs. Cotton is in charge of bed patients and has sheets, blankets and cots for ten patients ready to set up. There are eight stretchers, and three station wagons equipped with stretchers and first aid kits.

Several sewing groups have donated gifts to the relief centers. One group gave an entire baby's layette, even to the bottles and bassinet, another the doctors' gowns. The girl scouts made the doctors' masks, rubber glove covers, and many bandages, also some splints. One group is making blankets. Several baby blankets and children's clothes have been donated.

MORAGA NAVY NEWS

Several hundred bronzed cadets are eloquent testimony to the success of the navy's pre-flight training at St. Mary's College. Visitors are able to distinguish the order in which the battalions have arrived by the degree of tan acquired.

Captain G. W. Steele, the commanding officer, and Lieutenant Commander C. W. King, executive officer, are firmly convinced that this new type of training for future aviators is proving in practice to be all that was hoped for by those who planned it. They also believe the advantages of climate and location enjoyed at St. Mary's place this school in a favorable relationship to the other pre-flight schools.

Cadets have written enthusiastic letters home regarding the exceptional hospitality they have received from the residents of Orinda, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek. A hostess committee with Mrs. Lonie Bee as chairman and Mrs. D. L. Dullum as assistant, has won the gratitude of cadets by arranging for their entertainment in various homes. This form of recreation was a complete surprise to the future aviators, many of whom are in California for the first time.

The pre-flight school is outstanding in the congenial spirit which is in evidence in all departments. An army sergeant asked how it was that everyone was so polite. "Why, every officer I saluted said 'good-morning, sergeant.'" That observation is a fair index to the spirit of the energetic, hard-working personnel, from Captain Steele right down to the newest cadet.

— Chaplain Victor Morgan, U.S.N.R.

BUY BONDS

CHANGE BOMB DEFENSE

New instructions for fighting magnesium fire bombs, using a solid stream or jet of water instead of a spray, have been issued by the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense, announces E. L. Mathy, Orinda Coördinator.

"Extensive tests by technicians of the Office of Civilian Defense and the Chemical Warfare Service of the U. S. Army, have shown conclusively that using a jet or stream of water on a magnesium bomb as soon as it lands is unquestionably more effective and quicker than previous instructions," says Mr. Mathy. "A speedy attack on the bomb will knock it out in less than a minute, thus saving valuable time which can be used in attacking other bombs nearby before they can start serious fires. Sand should not be used except where water is not available or where the bomb is not likely to start fires.

"With the new method we will save more lives and more property in the event of a raid. That is the only sound criterion for judging the matter. Great Britain and New Zealand after extensive experiments have adopted this new method with excellent results."

The new instructions reduced to essentials are as follows:

1. Bring your fire fighting equipment to the scene at once.
2. Shoot a jet of water directly at the bomb without delay.
3. Then use the jet, quickly, to quench fragments and the remains of the bomb, and any fires that might have been started.
4. Be absolutely sure the fire is out before you leave the scene.
5. Use a coarse spray only where scattering of metal must be avoided.
6. Use sand only if a bomb falls where it is not likely to start a fire or if water is not available.

Coördinator Mathy points out that the desirable jet of water can be obtained from a garden hose, any water-type fire extinguisher, a pump tank extinguisher or stirrup pump.



HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN NAMED

Mrs. Robert D. Harrison has been appointed hospitality chairman of the Camp and Hospitality Corps of the American Red Cross for the Orinda area. She will arrange for the reception of the soldiers guarding the searchlights. According to Mrs. D. W. de Laveaga, the boys on this duty have a hot and dusty job. They have little comfort and no facilities for showers or baths. Anyone interested in extending hospitality to these soldiers, please call Mrs. Harrison, Orinda 5766.

Mrs. Lonie Bee has been appointed chairman to arrange for the reception of the cadets from St. Mary's pre-flight school. She will be assisted by Mrs. D. L. Dullum. Together with their committee, they will make appointments for the entertainment of the young naval students, whose leaves will be Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

PLANS SCHOOL OPENING

Orinda Union School will open for the 1942-43 school year Monday, September 14, according to Principal Richard L. Davis.

Several additions to the faculty have been announced for the coming year. Mrs. Irma Doane will be the new kindergarten teacher; Mrs. Marie Miller will teach the second grade; Robert Eten will teach the seventh grade and boys' physical education in addition to boys' shop; and Miss Delphia Phillips replaces Miss Marian Bryant as fifth grade teacher and in the vocal and instrumental music departments. Mrs. Isabel Wayne has been appointed dean of girls and will also teach girls' domestic science.

Plans for enrichment of the school program include shop work for boys in the upper grades, and sewing and cooking for the girls. A broad program of intramural athletics is being planned by Mr. Davis and Mr. Eten for the boys and by Mrs. Wayne for the girls.

Under the sponsorship of members of the faculty, monthly social evenings are to be inaugurated for pupils of the upper grades and the monthly forum programs started last year will be continued. Four forum meetings are planned for the fall semester and four for the spring session. Mr. Davis advises that he will welcome any suggestions for the subjects to be discussed at these forums.

Owing to curtailment caused by the war, no new building project will be started at the school this summer. In order to take care of additional enrollments and to provide space for kindergarten and other classes, the two lower story rooms are being fitted up as classrooms. Present plans call for equipment and facilities which, according to Mr. Davis, will make these rooms the equal of any in the building. The kindergarten room will be in the lower room at the north end of the building and the room at the southern end will be a seventh grade classroom.

Milton L. Selby has been appointed by B. O. Wilson, County Superintendent of Schools, to the board of trustees of Orinda Union School, replacing H. A. Summers, who has resigned to accept a commission in the army. The board for the new year will consist of Mrs. Anne S. Bennett, Alden Macomber, C. A. Chantler, T. A. Goodrick, and Milton L. Selby.



COLLECT SALVAGE FOR WAR

C. P. McVicker, chairman of the salvage committee, announces that he has obtained a truck to carry donations to town. All materials may be left as formerly at the site of the Orinda Nursery. Tin cans, cleaned and flattened out, paper tied in bundles, cloth or rags, metals of all kinds, and rubber will be promptly turned over to make war commodities, states Mr. McVicker.

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P E R S O N A L S

Several Eastern magazines have recently printed articles by Galen M. Fisher of El Sueno on various angles of our Japanese refugees from California. For twenty-one years Mr. Fisher lived in Japan as well as an additional year in other parts of the Orient. He has returned to Orinda after consulting with government officials in Washington, D. C., New York and Utah on the problem of Japanese resettlement in other parts of the country away from the Pacific Coast area.

Major John Leslie Jones, who was wounded fighting in Malaya, evacuated from Singapore a few days before the fall of that port, has written his wife and three children of Dias Dorados that he is now fully recovered and back on active duty with the Indian army.

Captain Herbert Freuler of the U. S. Marine Corps, has been definitely reported by the war department a prisoner of war in Japan. He was defending Wake Island in December, wounded and taken prisoner there. Mrs. Freuler returned to their home in Orinda with her two children, Ann Suzanne and John Herbert, from Honolulu last January.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton O. Nelson, formerly of the Sunnyside Golf Club of Fresno, will be the new managers of the Orinda Country Club, the board of directors announce, to take the places of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Varni, who have been with this club for the last seventeen years. Mr. Varni will be inducted into the army about August fifth, and Mrs. Varni's plans are indefinite.

Don Irwin, seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mowry Irwin of La Noria Drive, was one of twenty boys from the state selected to attend a nine weeks' summer course at Montezuma School sponsored by the Junior Statesman Foundation. This organization is composed of San Francisco businessmen for the purpose of training young men to assume positions of statesmanship and leadership. Don has one more year at Acalanes High.

During the past month Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Townsend of Charles Hill road have travelled to New York, Washington, and Boston.

The Corbett family of Lafayette is a busy one this summer. The oldest son, Horace S. Corbett, Jr., was graduated from Luke Field, Arizona, as second lieutenant in the army air corps, pursuit school, on Sunday morning, July 26th. That evening, in full military style, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Heffner of El Verano Road, a member of the faculty of Acalanes high school. Mr. and Mrs. Heffner, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, attended the ceremony in Arizona.

Dick Corbett has been stationed off Portland, Maine, on the U. S. S. McCalla as third class torpedo man, patrolling the north Atlantic. The youngest son, Tom, has won the gratitude of members of the country club by efficiently and conscientiously guarding the swimming pool.

At a four o'clock ceremony in the Orinda Catholic Church on July 25th Miss Mary Lax, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lax, became the bride of Mr. Frederick Gillette Brear. Attending the bride were her sister, Patricia Lax, and Mrs. Donald Price. The reception was held at the home of her parents on Miner Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zamloch have moved to Balboa Island for an indefinite period. Mrs. Marie Bennett has rented their home.

Enjoying a month's vacation in the East are the Everett Taylors. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will be in Washington, D. C., on business and will visit in New York before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swarck are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of their first child, a son, born June 24th.

Mr. F. K. Bottomley has been commissioned in the U. S. Navy as a lieutenant and will soon be leaving for Rhode Island for training for the Navy Air Administration.

We are sorry to lose as residents of Orinda Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Briggs, their son, Joe, and daughter, Marilyn, who are moving to Chicago to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richie Smith are the proud parents of a little daughter, Deborah Marie, born June 24th at the Peralta Hospital.

We are glad to welcome back to Orinda Mr. and Mrs. Roy Warren and their daughter, Barbara Jean, who are occupying their home on Camino Sobrante for the summer.

Orinda will be sorry to lose Mrs. Laura Albert who has long served the residents of Orinda at the post office. Mrs. Albert is planning to take a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell Fowler are the parents of a baby boy born on July 15th at Providence Hospital. Mrs. Fowler, the former Eleanor Williams of Honolulu, has been living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sayre Snook during the absence of Mr. Fowler who is in Ireland in the service.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Frank Bennett to Mrs. Elizabeth Mackie Olson on April 1st in the chapel at McChord Field, Tacoma, Washington. Mary Margaret and Keith Bennett were present at the marriage of their brother. The bride is a house guest of Mrs. Marie Bennett.

THE FILTER PLANT

Letters from members of the community will be welcome for this column. Any expression of sincere criticism will be published without editorial endorsement by the publishing committee. However, the right to withhold anything of a purely malicious or destructive nature is reserved.

TO THE EDITOR:

The scientific guys who know their rubber tell us that gravel roads are harder on tires than smooth roads; that we must drive slowly, stop and start gently, take curves slowly, keep tires inflated, etc., all in the name of winning the war. Then why, may I ask, do three different milk companies operate trucks over identical routes in order to deliver milk? Why don't they get together to win the war by rotating one truck? Carry three brands of milk on one truck each day, or every other day? Does it make sense?

By the same token, how about the groceries? Until recently, there were two stores, both making two trips a day. One has already used up its rubber and stopped delivering. The other is still using up the remaining rubber on two daily trips. Why don't we customers propose one trip every other day, and have a delivery service for a year instead of two trips a day for only a few months?

— *Orinda Resident.*

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THE EDITOR:

Goats are usually considered as unwanted neighbors, Rabbits are not welcomed as useful garden aids. However, I know of several instances in Orinda where the people living close to these variations of bleats, smells and nibblings have overcome their original impulse to complain and adopted the generous one of getting friendly with the pests. They have learned to understand the motive behind the production of rich milk for the children, and because a little girl loves the rabbit in their lettuce patch they also think it is a pretty swell rabbit.

Notwithstanding the foregoing we don't like goats especially when they bleat and smell. Where are the restrictions?

— *Quack Quack.*

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THE EDITOR:

With the sale of the J. P. Miller estate to the Netherlands Government, there will soon come into our community strangers from a foreign land; seeking rest and a short respite from the constant dangers they face at sea. These men are our allies, and until the war is over they will be our neighbors. Let us not forget how thankful we would be if our sons or brothers were given a similar haven in another country. Let us welcome these strangers as friends as well as allies.

Mrs. D. W. de Laveaga
Chairman Camp and Hospitality Corps
American Red Cross

PLAN TRANSPORTATION GROUP

To lay plans for meeting the growing transportation problem that confronts residents of southern Contra Costa county communities, representatives of Walnut Creek and Lafayette met in Walnut Creek Sunday, July 28, and recommended formation of a joint transportation committee to negotiate with Greyhound Lines and the railroad commission.

The first meeting of the newly-formed committee will be held early in August and President Edward Sibbett of the Orinda Improvement Association announces the appointment of Melvin S. Jacobus to represent this community.

Crowded conditions of the buses are recognized as inevitable due to wartime transportation restrictions but, it is understood, a concerted effort will be made to obtain reductions in the tariffs now felt to be excessive in view of the service that is provided.



AUGUST GARDEN HINTS

Remember the blasted buds on your camellias this past spring. That was probably due to lack of, or insufficient, water at this time of year. Camellias, azaleas, and rhododendrons require lots of water during August in order to produce strong healthy buds for next year's bloom. Do not let up on watering these plants until the evenings get cooler. Water in the evening and wash the foliage at the same time. These acid-loving plants should be fertilized with cotton seed meal or a commercial plant food made especially for azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias. Do not apply the fertilizer too close to the trunk and do not cultivate these plants.

Flowering deciduous shrubs should be watered thoroughly during August and then allowed to harden off in September.

Pinch back and tie the new growth on your espalier fruit trees. Most people do not cut back the new growth, particularly the lateral branches sufficiently. Do not leave more than three or four buds.

Lemons, oranges, azara, etc., should be checked for scale. Spray with an oil spray at summer strength now to control this pest. Aphis, red spider and thrips may still be working. Spray thoroughly with a rotenone pyrethrum combination. The Diabrotica beetle may be doing lots of damage in your garden. These pests are difficult to kill but regular use of Caltox or one of the fluorine compounds will give satisfactory results.

Don't neglect the water on your victory garden. Make plans now for an asparagus bed. A space 15 by 30 feet will take care of the average family. Begin preparing the soil for a strawberry bed. Fifteen by thirty feet is about the right size.

The fall catalogues are coming through the mail, and if you want to replenish or add to your spring bulb collection do so without delay. Try some of the new daffodils.

— *Wm. Penn Mott.*

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schaldack are vacationing at Center Island, Decatur, Washington. They will be away for the rest of the summer.

Mrs. Everett Senter has rented her Orinda home, and with her two children is spending the summer with her parents in Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Berry have just returned after spending two weeks on the McKenzie River in Oregon.

DRAFT GROUPS DEFINED

To clear up confusion and misunderstanding of the classifications by the local selective service board, the Orinda News presents the following summary of the definition of classes as listed in the Selective Service Act of 1940:

CLASS I

I-A: Available for general military service when found acceptable to the land or naval forces.

I-A: (Suspended): Available when disqualifying physical defects have been corrected.

I-A-O: Conscientious objector: available for non-combatant general military service when found acceptable to the land or naval forces.

I-B: Available for limited military service when found acceptable to the land or naval forces.

I-B-O: Conscientious objector: Available for non-combatant military service when found acceptable to the land or naval forces.

I-C: Member of the land or naval forces of the United States.

I-H: Man deferred by reason of age. (Unless and until it is determined by the President that a particular age group should be deferred, no registrant will be classified in Class 1-H).

CLASS II

Deferred by reason of occupation

II-A: Man necessary in his civilian activity.

II-B: Man necessary to the war production program.

CLASS III

Deferred by reason of dependency

III-A: Man deferred by reason of dependency.

III-B: Man deferred both by reason of dependency and activity.

CLASS IV

Deferred for miscellaneous reasons

IV-A: Man who has completed service.

IV-B: Official deferred by law.

IV-C: Neutral aliens requesting relief from training and service and aliens not acceptable to the armed forces.

IV-D: Minister of religion or divinity student.

IV-E: Conscientious objector: Available for general service in civilian work of national importance.

IV-E-LS: Conscientious objector: available for limited service in civilian work of national importance, if and when Class I-B registrants are called by the land and training forces for training and service.

IV-E-H: Man formerly classified in Class IV-E or Class IV-E-LS, since deferred by reason of age. (Unless and until it is determined by the President that a particular age group should be deferred, no registrant will be classified in Class IV-E-H.)

IV-F: Physically, mentally or morally unfit.

ORINDAN RECORDS WAR WORK

Among the many Orindans doing interesting war work is Mrs. Charles Chapman of Via Farallon, who is recorder of the war training program of the University of California. The program is sponsored by the United States department of education and supervised by the University of California faculty. Its purpose is to train employees in various war industries in engineering, science and management courses, thus equipping them for better positions. Offices are maintained in Berkeley, San Diego and in Los Angeles. At the present time there are about 300 courses being given throughout the state. Courses are given to train women in drafting, to prepare them to work in the defense industries and in the petroleum industry. The program is designed to cooperate with the army and navy as well as the key industries.



BOY SCOUT NEWS

By DICK CHAPMAN

Ten boys from the Orinda Boy Scout Troop spent two weeks at Scout Camp Wolfboro in the Sierras July 4 to 18. They were Dick Chapman, Bob Doten, Pat Elvidge, Paul Goodwin, Bob Gordon, Bill Patterson, Wendell Rawlins, Bruce Summers and Dick Symes. The boys all had a good time with their activities of swimming, hiking, handicraft and inter-troop games. Several Orinda boys went on a two-day hike back into the mountains. The boys also made considerable progress in advancement. Seven merit badges were earned and many scouts passed other tests so they will be ready for promotion at the first court of honor next fall.

Camp Wolfboro is a fine place and all the boys are looking forward to returning next summer.



THIEF ELUDES SHERIFF

Stealing in the dead of night, the bare-foot burglar, who has eluded police of the bay area for years, robbed several homes in the Moraga district during the night of July 27, and escaped with some \$200.

Lieut. Cmdr. A. J. Badger of 17 Orchard Way lost about \$175 to the thief. Another victim was Mrs. J. D. Chappell of 123 Moraga Road, who lost \$15. Dr. H. Stewart Kimball, who lives at 19 Eastwood Court, was awakened by the burglar, who was forced to flee without any loot. The fourth victim was Dr. Don White of 23 Estates Drive, who lost about four dollars.

On the following evening all the air-raid wardens of Orinda were asked by Sheriff J. A. Miller of Martinez to assist P. R. Donaldson, deputy from Orinda, and Ralph Harrison of the sheriff's office, to apprehend the thief. During the night, many innocent parties were questioned by the posse, but the burglar eluded them all.



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