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Candidates for Election

We will have opportunity to vote for the following candidates for County and Federal office at the coming election August 30th.

Clerk—S. C. Wells. Assessor—G. O. Meese.
Auditor—D. M. Teeter. Treasurer—C. L. Dodge
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Incumbent.

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B. O. Wilson, Incumbent.

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Incumbent.

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Thos. Meehan, Martinez; Henry Goodman,
Richmond; Mrs. Claire Schmidt, Richmond;
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Surveyor—

Ross Calfee, Kensington Park; P. Jones, Rich-
mond; H. D. Chapman, Richmond; George
Oliver, Pittsburg.

Recorder—

H. L. Peterson, Martinez; Ralph Cunningham,
Incumbent.

Public Administrator—

Daniel Hurley, Kensington Park; Jack Stod-
dard, El Cerrito.

Assembly—

Francis Collins, Pinole; J. E. Hughes, Rich-
mond; Harold Sawallish, Incumbent.

U. S. Congress—

Albert E. Carter, Leland Costello, Fred Wood

WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT ORINDA, AUG. 15 - 19

The East Bay Women's Golf Champion-
ship is to be held at the Orinda Country Club
August 15th to 19th inclusive. The Club is
making preparations toward entertaining the
entrants and has given them full privileges
and assures all of a wonderful time. Entry
fee is \$2.50.

Orinda Bus Schedule

GOIN' TO TOWN...

Arrive Daily

	A.M.		P.M.
Orinda (leave)	7:45	11:12	4:02
Oakland—Coll.-Bdwy	7:58	11:26	4:15
Oakland—40 - Bdwy	8:01	11:28	4:17
Oakland—14 - Bdwy	Moss	11:37	4:26
San Francisco	8:23	2:05	4:55

COMING HOME...

Leave Daily

	A.M.		P.M.
San Francisco	8:30	2:05	5:15
Oakland—14 - Bdwy	8:49	2:25	Moss
Oakland—40 - Bdwy	8:56	2:32	5:35
Oakland—Coll.-Bdwy	8:58	2:35	5:37
Orinda (arrive)	9:14	2:51	5:53

August Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of
the Orinda Improvement Associa-
tion will be held Friday, Aug. 5th,
at 8 p. m. in the Orinda School
Auditorium.

All those interested in the de-
velopment of Orinda and vicinity
are invited to attend.

Subject: The Coming Election; Can-
didates and Measures.

THE STROLLER

No doubt some folks wonder how it is
possible to have delivered to them this little
paper free of cost. There is just one answer
—the ADVERTISERS who pay for their ads
in same. And it is just natural that they must
get results or they could not afford to con-
tinue. In a casual way I have chatted with
quite a few of them & most feel that they
are getting very definite results from their
investment in the "ORINDA NEWS", but
some feel that more business should be com-
ing THEIR way from the folks of Orinda.
Now, if & when you buy from one of the
advertisers you would just MENTION you
are from Orinda they would feel that they
are getting the support of our FINE com-
munity & which they do DESERVE.

ONE EVENING last week I had dinner
at our Country Club. It was my first visit
since it has been re-decorated. It surely was
a SURPRISE! If the Club was beautiful in
its old dress it now is regal in its new....
Beautiful pastel shades on walls & drapes,
with soft lighting effects. Too much praise
cannot be given to the house committee &
our genial manager for this wonderful trans-
formation.

During this fine spell of good weather
(which is in no sense unusual) I have noticed
the wonderful attendance at the Club pool
& also at our beautiful Orinda Park pool &
it just makes me think it is about time for
our Association to give a BARBECUE &
Community Sing. Won't some member pro-
pose same at the next meeting?

DIAL TELEPHONES

The Orinda telephone exchange will be
cut into service about Labor Day. Entirely
automatic; no person in attendance. All
Orinda telephones will be changed to the
dial automatic system.

ORINDA CHORAL NOTICE

The Orinda Choral has discontinued its
meetings during the vacation season.

Garden Pointers

The first step in starting a new garden
should be on the soil itself. Since most of
the soil around Orinda is adobe a few sug-
gestions for handling may be in order.

Adobe soil is rich in plant foods, but un-
fortunately these are not available to the
plant unless the soil is opened or loosened
by the addition of such materials as will keep
it from packing. This can be done by spad-
ing in sand, ashes, manures, peat, or decayed
vegetable matter (humus).

An early start on a compost heap for pro-
ducing humus will pay big dividends. In-
stead of burning leaves, weeds and old plants,
start a compost heap of them. This can be
done either by digging a trench or by build-
ing a box, putting a layer of earth on the
bottom and then adding leaves, grass cut-
tings, vegetable tops, faded flowers, weeds,
etc., alternating layers of earth with layers

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"Town Meeting"

In his opening remarks on being installed
into office President Berry recalled the early
government of the towns of this new world
saying that the Improvement Association
meetings were like a "Town Hall Forum
which governs Orinda."

This opens up a long train of thought as
to why the early settlers in this country had
such good government and why Orinda has
made such progress.

The plan suggested at these meetings and
carried out by the various committees have
done wonders for the community. The sup-
port given the Improvement Association in-
dicates the strong spirit of cooperation be-
tween the various elements resulting in the
good of all.

Everyone who possibly can should attend
these meetings, on the first Friday of each
month and should accept his share of work
when he is assigned to a committee to ac-
complish some worthy objective. This is a
common meeting ground for all interests and
the ideas brought out and the results accom-
plished by this spirit of civic interest indicate
that Orinda is an unusual community. Do
your share. Attend the meetings and accept
part of the burden of work. AND PAY
YOUR \$1.00 to the Membership Committee.

NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Mr. E. L. Mathy has recently been ap-
pointed as a new member of the Board of
Trustees of the Orinda Union School.

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box at the Orinda Store, or given to any of the above
persons.

GARDEN POINTERS

(Continued)

of vegetable matter, adding manure if a richer material is desired. Soak the pile occasionally to hasten decomposition. Chemical compounds for speeding up decomposition are on the market.

In selecting and planting shrubs attention must be given to certain groupings, such as:

Those needing much water: little water.

Those suitable for shade, or partial shade: or full sun.

Those which grow tall: low. (Many catalogues give the ultimate height of shrubs and trees.)

Those which stand cold weather: or freeze. (A Southern California nursery lists in its catalogue the minimum temperature which various shrubs will stand.)

Those which are evergreen: or deciduous.

Those which require alkaline soil: or acid soil.

Plant shrubs which need much water in a limited area, thus minimizing watering and plant mortality.

Shrubs needing little water, cotoneaster, pyracanthus, ceanothus (wild lilac), fremontia mexicana, toyon, wild currant, etc., lessen the amount of effort and time required to maintain the garden, and they all do well in this locality.

In watering shrubs, it is better to give fewer deep waterings than frequent sprinklings, the object being to encourage deep root growth. The frequency of watering will depend upon the particular plant, some plants developing deep roots and others, like the rhododendron, having shallow roots.

Some shrubs, such as abelia, escallonia, laurel, Oregon grape, Japanese pittosporum and pyracanthus, are well adapted to adobe soil, while other shrubs do better if the adobe is aerated with the addition of materials as noted above.

In combating weeds and also in planting hillsides to keep them from washing, the various ground covers are useful. For this purpose some of the slower growing materials, such as low growing varieties of cotoneaster, pyracanthus, jasmine and junipers are best in the long run. Less expensive and faster growing are succulents, ivy, myrtle, lippia, hypericum, helianthemum and wild strawberry. In planting these latter be sure that you are not going to want to change the planting, as once in they are very hard to eradicate. Sand verbenia can be used for a quick growing cover in between a slower growing cover, eventually disappearing as the hardier covering comes into its own.

For a tall growth in shallow soil on rocky banks, Asiatic pine has been found successful by one Orinda gardener—better than

Know-How

During the summer your garden needs plenty of water—with two exceptions! Camelia and Daphne. Give these two shrubs an occasional watering but *never* soak the roots as you do other plants. They can be drowned over night if you once create a bog around their roots. Never leave water running close to their roots for a long period. It is wise when planting these two shrubs to place some coarse gravel in the hole first so that excess water will drain off the roots.

Are You a Member of the "Too Sure Club"?

A few months ago an official of the State Highway Patrol told our Association Members that it is an odd fact but true, that when a request is made by residents for traffic policing, the majority of arrests which follow involve local persons. Why? Usually because those who regularly use certain roads are overconfident in their knowledge of the road. They take chances and travel faster than the more cautious strangers who know they are in new territory. They take blind curves fast and use all the road in doing so, simply because they have never happened to meet another car or a child, or someone's pet, or a material truck, on the road at that particular place and time.

How many of us in Orinda drive our narrow curving roads at 15 or less, because we know definitely that children use these roads on foot, on bicycles, scooters, and in groups, to and from school and to each other's homes?

Next time you are sallying forth in your car, ask yourself this question: (assuming that brakes etc. are in first class condition) "could I avoid an accident if, (1) a small child suddenly appeared in the road on this curve? (2) a lumber truck came around this curve ahead of me? (3) A car was stalled or stopped in the middle of the road? (4) some neighbors stopped to chat while taking a stroll? (5) a construction crew had started work which obstructed the road? (6) someone hard of hearing was taking a walk? (7) a neighbor's dog ran in front of the car? (8) a bug or bee flew into the car on my face? (9) have any of my tires been stone-bruised from driving over rough roads, and likely to blow out even tho they appear to be O. K.?"

Monterey pine. The Monterey pine sometimes misses the foggy damp air of its native sea coast.

For watering on a slope, a bottomless can sunk just above the shrub helps in getting the water down to the roots.

Get all possible information from your neighbors as to their experiences. Most amateur gardeners have learned lessons costly in cash and time from their failures and would willingly help others to avoid the same mistakes.

Remember that Orinda has a different climate from the immediate Bay Region. We have higher and lower temperature extremes, and a much drier atmosphere.

ORINDA GARDEN CLUB

By Mrs. W. P. Stephenson

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SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL OF HONOR

Last month we published an honor roll of three who had advertised in each issue of *Orinda News*, and to whom the community owes a debt of gratitude because they have been especially helpful in making the News possible.

In addition to those three, the following have now completed one full year of continuous advertising: Lafayette Lumber and Supply Co., Mason McDuffie Co., H. Mortimer, Orinda Creamery and Orinda Nursery.

Give our advertisers an opportunity to tell you what they can do to serve your needs, and IN FAIRNESS, tell them when you buy from them that you 'SAW THEIR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE ORINDA NEWS'.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Under the leadership of Charles Rosenthal and Harry Majors, the following boys have been spending the week starting Mon., July 25, at Camp Wolfboro in the high Sierras.

From Orinda are: Fred and Francis Allen, Ralph Corder, Kenneth Rosenthal, Harold Schmelz, and Tom Snook. The Lafayette boys are Robert Powell and Dick Corbett.

Charles Rosenthal and Harry Majors are Eagle Scouts with considerable Scouting experience. Both have served on several camp staffs. Mr. Majors is a District Commissioner from Concord.

CHURCH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Christian Science Society of Orinda holds regular Sunday services at 11:00 a. m. and one evening meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p. m. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a. m. Pupils up to 20 years are admitted. The Society is located in the Corder Building, Orinda.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday masses at 9:00 a. m. All are welcome.

Santa Maria Church Association meetings held monthly. Next meeting August 2nd, 8 p. m. at the home of Mr. C. Roy Warren, Camino Sobrante. All interested in the welfare of the Chapel are asked to come. Call attendance committee at Orinda 5746 for further information.

ORINDA COMMUNITY

Vacation during the summer. Christian Endeavor will start August 28th and Sunday School will begin September 11th.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Miller have just spent two most enjoyable weeks at Lake Arrowhead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brubaker have just moved into their new home on El Verano, as newlyweds. Mrs. Brubaker is the former Geraldine Murray of Walnut Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Elkinton and son Dick are spending quite a lengthy vacation at Echo Lake.

Mrs. Carl Zamloch and Mrs. C. W. Evans were co-hostesses recently at a bridge luncheon for 21, honoring Mrs. Dr. Herbert Harms, from Baltimore, Md. The party was held in the newly decorated Orinda Country Club.

The Bennett children have been having quite a wide-spread vacation. Mary Margaret was at Echo Lake with the A. W. Elkintons and Keith and Frank spent ten days in Santa Barbara with Miss Louise Baker, a sister of Mrs. Marie Bennett.

Five members of the Orinda Girl Scout Troop spent two weeks at the Berkeley Camp. These lucky girls were Nancy Harrold, Carol Henderson, Kathleen Sullivan, Beatrice Cleborne and Jacqueline Meade.

Mr. C. H. McLennan, one of our local Real Estate agents, and wife have just returned from a glorious trip to British Columbia. Betcha couldn't find anything to compare with our Orinda!!

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Ketcham entertained a group of friends at a lovely supper. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bransden and Mr. and Mrs. John Burns, from Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cross of Orinda.

R. E. Wilson and family have recently returned from a vacation tour in the southern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. George McLeod-Elvidge entertained at dinner on the fifteenth in honor of Mrs. Elvidge's brother, Honorable R. L. Maitland, K.C. from Vancouver, B. C. Another interesting guest was Mr. T. R. E. McInness, who has recently returned from London, where his new book of poems is being widely read.

Mrs. H. S. Holt attended the Delta Zeta National Convention held at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. After the convention she visited friends in Los Angeles for a week. On her return home she had as house guests Irene Boughton, past national president and Augusta Piatt, national field secretary of the sorority.

Mrs. Russell K. Leslie has been vacationing at Tahoe.

Margaret Evans from Detroit, Michigan will visit several weeks with her classmate Mary at the W. A. Siefker home.

Mrs. J. W. Holcomb and son Kenneth of Oakwood Road have been spending the summer at their cabin at El Bonita on the Russian river. They entertained Mr. and Mrs. Donald Badgley and nephew Jim Fletcher. Jim remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McMillan are spending the first week in August at Mt. Hermon at a Christian Endeavor Conference.

Mrs. Herbert Hauser has as house guests her sister and her mother, Mrs. Samuels. Also her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Gallagher.

The Oscar Huebners have been entertaining Mr. Huebner's family with many sight-seeing trips including one to Lake Tahoe and Yosemite Valley. This month they are expecting Mrs. Huebner's brother, Charles Mensing and his wife. They are making a tour of national parks and also expect to stop in Southern California. Their home is in Toledo, Ohio.

If you should awake in the early morning and smell coffee and sweet essence of frying bacon under your bedroom window, do not be alarmed,—just be jealous. It may be the Homer Keeslings on one of their sudden inspirational over-night camping trips.

Yosemite was the site of the recent American Sunday School Union Conference which was attended by several young Orindans. Among those who represented the local organization were Mabel Dorrington, Hazel Dawson, Velma Edson, John Cleborne and Clifford Pierce.

We are all hoping that Harry Dorrington will soon be home from the University Hospital in San Francisco where he is recuperating from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Haworth were visited by Mr. Haworth's mother, Mrs. Evans of Chicago. Mrs. Evans spent several weeks with the family and helped celebrate the seventh birthday of the twins, Herbie Dan and Lois Ann, on July 3.

A recent house guest in Orinda was Mrs. Isabel Creighton of Honolulu who was visiting her sister, Mrs. Stanley Smith. Mrs. Creighton has spent many years in educational work in the Islands. She was on her way to visit her daughter in San Diego and from there will return to Honolulu. During her stay she was honored at a luncheon given by Mrs. George Pitt.

Laguna Beach was the vacation destination of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Ward who spent two weeks there recently. They also visited Mrs. Ward's aunt, Mrs. Andrew Welsh of San Mateo, and her brother Miguel de Laveaga in Bakersfield.

Improvements in his newly purchased property is planned by Mr. George Pitt. The exterior of the four buildings on the San Pablo Highway will be repainted. Pedestrians will be pleased to know that he also plans to put in a concrete sidewalk in front of all the stores.

Mr. and Mrs. Memmesheimer and Mary spent a week in Carmel recently.

July 7 was a day of celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Horace Corbett of Lafayette. It was their twenty-first wedding anniversary.

A small home wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warde Sorrick early in July. Mr. Sorrick's brother, Clay, was married to Miss Muir Killimede at a simple ceremony with only a few relatives and friends attending. The couple plan to make their home in Berkeley.

TALENTED VOCALIST AT SANTA MARIA CHURCH

Those attending the nine o'clock Sunday services at the little Chapel in Orinda are very fortunate these days, not only in hearing the wonderful talks of the Dominican Fathers from Oakland, but also hearing a gifted musician as well. The young lady is Miss Antoinette Botelho of Centerville, a graduate of the University of California with an A. B., and now studying for her M. A. at Mills College. It is hoped Miss Botelho will accept the position of organist and soloist at the Little Chapel.

At a small dinner party at the Orinda Country Club Miss Alice Hopkins of San Francisco announced her engagement to Mr. C. Roy Warren. Among several parties to be held for the couple will be a dinner given by Mrs. E. I. de Laveaga and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Ward.

Spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Seroy is their nephew, Wayne Seroy of Cleveland.

Pupils of Mrs. Alyce Morrison of Orinda gave a piano recital at the home of Mrs. E. A. Norton several weeks ago. Many youngsters from Orinda were on the program. Among them were Charlene Bennett, Joan Woolsey, Billy Paterson, Dick Symes, Jean Norton, Betty Lou Bennett, Joan Norton and Betty Pfeiffer. Following the recital refreshments were served in the patio.

Friends of Mrs. George Bennett's mother are wishing her a speedy recovery from pneumonia which sent her to the Alta Bates hospital some time ago.

We are sorry to lose Mrs. R. S. McCullough and son, Clifford Pierce, who have moved to San Francisco, but in return we are glad to welcome to Orinda Miss E. Stone, head nurse at Alta Bates Hospital, and the new owner of the McCullough home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brockhurst, together with the Leonard Harris family have just returned from a vacation at Richardson's Grove.

Mrs. Maxine Thompson, the newly appointed head of the Orinda Girl Scout Troop, has just returned from a two week's stay at Camp Chapparal, Big Basin, the regional Girl Scout Camp, where she has been training for Scout leadership.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we hear of the steady progress being made by Mr. Robert V. Miller from his recent operation. Good luck Bob, we hope to have you back soon.

The Joseph Millers have gone to spend the summer at their Carmel summer place, "Dun-Raven Lodge." In their absence a nephew from San Francisco is enjoying their Orinda home.

A Short Story entitled "Three Generations"—Grandfather had a farm. Father had a garden. Son had a can opener.

Then there was the man who was so lazy he bought a Great Dane so he wouldn't have to stoop over to pet it.

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