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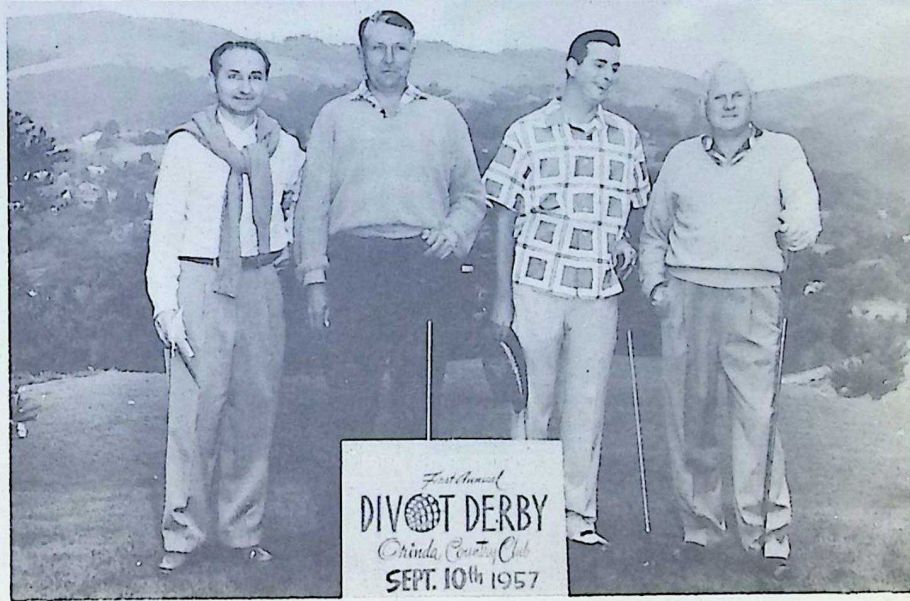
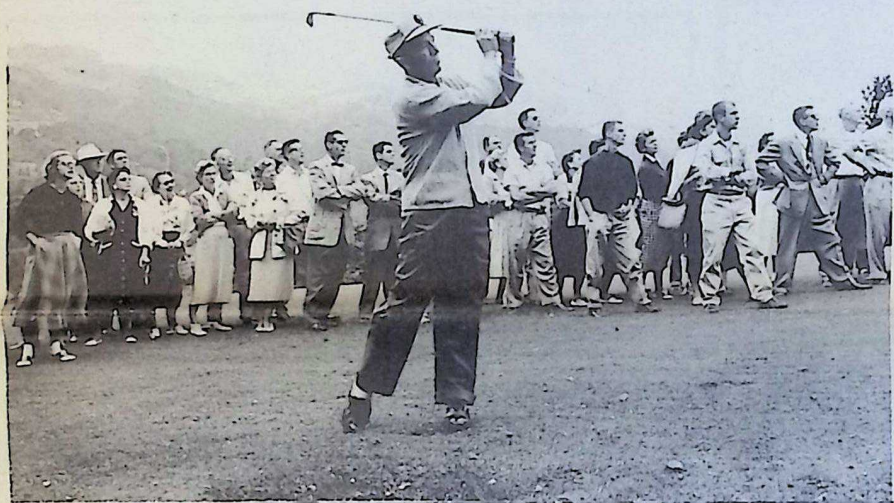
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Upper Left: Tournament Host Don Doten, Bing, Jay Bedsworth and James McCone. Upper Right: Sizable, appreciative gallery applauds the well-known Bing-swing. Center Left: The famous relaxed back-swing as Crosby arrows one out. Center Right: Harvie Ward, National Amateur Champ, Ed Crowley and Bing. Lower Left:

Harvie Ward, Bing-friend Ed Crowley, Pacific Coast Manager of Sheraton Hotels, Bing and son Dennis. Lower Right: A Random Foursome: Art Rosenbaum, Chronicle Sportswriter, Charlie Joost, Gordon Wilks Jr., Orinda, Lloyd "Slicer" Beavers. Photos by Martin White

CELEBRITIES, CHAMP GOLFERS AT ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB TOURNAMENT

Celebrities, "name" golfers, a no-ulcer weather man, and a large, appreciative gallery assured the success of the first annual Doten Sports Institute Golf Tournament held on September 10 at the Orinda Country Club, and what may well become tops on the club's sports-social calendar seems also assured.

The tournament, sponsored by Doten Pontiac of Berkeley, netted a \$2000 fund which will set up two scholarships for deserving high school or college students.

Among the 41 foursomes who T-ed off, comprising a good representation of Morindans, were some of the country's ranking sports personalities, including such well known names as Tom Churchill, all-American from Oklahoma; Harvie Ward, twice National Amateur Golf Champ; Ernie Nevers, Stanford All-American; and Jim "Hacker" McCone, Orinda, who doubled as chairman of the Tournament committee.

Honors and prizes went to three

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MOTHERS GIVE \$1000

A \$1000 check, left from last year, was presented to Orinda school board trustees from the Mothers Club, to purchase the following items for the five schools of the Orinda Union School District.

Music Department: A tape recorder to be used in every school as needed. A cello for Pine Grove School.

Physical Education Department: One phonograph to be used in each school as needed for folk dancing.

Audio-Visual Study: Eight record players, two for each school with the exception of Pine Grove. A microphone for Glorietta school.

CITIZENS RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON ORINDA INCORPORATION ORGANIZED

Twenty-two citizens of Orinda met at the home of Lindsey Spight Wednesday night, September 4, to organize a study group to dig out all pertinent facts bearing on the desirability or undesirability of incorporation prior to the special election to be held next January. A small pre-organization luncheon meeting had been held in San Francisco on the preceding Friday, August 30, with the nine men in attendance at the luncheon meeting being present with the single exception of George

Hauerkens.

The first subject discussed was an appropriate name for the committee which would be indicative of the committee's desire to present all findings both pro and con for the benefit of the entire community, with the facts to determine what should be our recommendations, if any. The name finally agreed upon was the Citizens Research Committee on Orinda Incorporation.

Howard Gardner, Associate Dir- continued on page 6

FLUORIDATION ISSUE-- PRO AND CON

Compulsory fluoridation got its big push when Oscar Ewing, well known advocate and vigorous promoter of socialized medicine, left a very high salaried job with Aluminum Company of America, which had sodium fluoride as a waste product, to become head of the Federal Security Administration which controls the U. S. Public Health Service. The U. S. P. H. S. until 1948-49 had opposed the Federal Security Administration which controls the U. S. Public Health Service. The U. S. P. H. S. until 1948-49 had opposed artificial fluoridation but became its chief promoter in 1950 during Ewing's tenure. According to an article by Dr. F. B. Exner, M. D. printed in Northwest Medicine, "It would take too long to recite the dishonesty and chicanery being employed to promote fluoridation; the falsehoods, half-truths, distortions, evasions, the rigged endorsements, and carefully engineered public demands."

In June, 1951, the F. S. A. called a conference of State Dental Directors in Washington D. C., the main purpose being to instruct the technique of promoting fluoridation of public water supplies in their respective states. At this conference Dr. Frank Bull, D. D. S. told the delegates how to "build a fire under" the local medical and dental societies, how to rig endorsements, how to draw in the press, how to use civic organizations ("the P. T. A. is a honey") how to give the business to chemists and engineers, and how to play one group against another. They were to ridicule all opposition and, if possible, to prevent its being heard, and NEVER, if it could possibly be avoided, let the matter come to a vote of the people. Dr. Bull told them to avoid any mention of fluoride toxicity because "we don't know any answers to that one."

I have excerpts from a transcript of that conference and it is shocking and almost too fantastic to believe that a highly respected public agency would use its prestige to undertake the promotion of such a scheme without having first established beyond all doubt that there were no potential dangers nor harmful results to be obtained from the mass ingestion of artificial sodium fluoride by an unsuspecting public.

The promotion methods instructed at the aforesaid 1951 conference are evident in the promotion presently being conducted in our area today. It is hoped that there is still time for the people of this area and of the country as a whole to get the facts of this fantastic scheme and stop it before it assumes the proportions of a national disaster.

Due to too many bad reports the A. M. A. is presently making a study and re-evaluation of the entire fluoridation problem. The findings and recommendations will be presented at the next meeting of the A. M. A. this December in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Fred Brown

There were more than one-third of 6,527 children in an examination of our schools in 1955 who were found to be in urgent need of dental care.

As pointed out by the New York City Board of Health in reaffirming a previous endorsement of fluoridation, "The adjustment of the fluoride content of drinking water to 1 ppm fluoride is, in principle and practice, the soundest and most effective approach to caries prevention on a large scale."

Encouragement in the proper study of nutrition, practices, or the larger field of health education, is commendable. This program, in conjunction with fluoridation education, can offer an ultimate reduction of about 60 per cent in the accumulation of dental defects.

The fluoridation of public water supplies is endorsed by our major national, medical and health organizations including the American Medical Association, American Dental Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Public Health Association, and many others.

Fluoridation is in its thirteenth year as a public health measure, and over 31 million people in our country drink fluoridated water. San Francisco is starting on its sixth year of fluoridation.

All these facts have stimulated an initial group of twenty-five Orinda residents into forming an independent committee for the purpose of education and information of the benefits of fluoridation for our community.

Richard W. Leland

Mayten Branch Of Hospital "Success"

A number of Orinda women gathered in the summer of 1956 to organize a new branch for the benefit of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay. Mayten, a native tree of Chile, was chosen for the group's name following the tree-name precedent set by the other branches of the volunteer hospital group.

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A summer barbecue party in the Ammon's Overhill road residence, started the season for the 14 charter members and their husbands.

The members launched their first benefit on Oct. 17, with a very successful bridge luncheon called "Getting to know you", held at two members homes. They actively participated in the Hospital's yearly events, the Exhibit Tea and Christmas Tree Festival held at the Claremont Hotel.

A "Between Times" party was held for the members and their husbands at the Troyer home in Lafayette on Dec. 21.

In February, 1957, Mrs. W. H. Oliver presented Mayten chairman, Mrs. Kling, with the branch's charter, saying, "This is the first time in my recollection that any branch has ever completed all the requirements and received its charter in such a short time."

On Marcy 22, 1957, Mayten sponsored a four-day "Score by Phone" bridge tourney by holding several benefit luncheon and/or dessert bridge parties in the members' homes.

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Mayten members first consideration and hope is to aid Children's Hospital of the East Bay, both monetarily and with the members' volunteer service at the Hospital. Although Mayten takes much time and effort for all of these Orinda matrons, the rewarding results make it all worthwhile.

Tanager Unit To Collect Old Clothes

Now is a good time for Fall cleanup, and the Tanager Unit of the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center is

having a rag drive on Friday, September 20, to collect all worn out or outgrown clothing, sheets, towels and rags of all kinds.

There will be two collection depots in Orinda. Rags will be collected at the Moraga Valley Nursery for those living south of the Orinda crossroads and at the Mobilgas station north of the crossroads.

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GOLF TOURNEY

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of the foursomes who tied for first place. They were Dave Cranston, 11 El Campanero, Orinda; Ed Dougery, Sunnybrook Drive, Lafayette; Perry Holmes, and Graves Hudson. Second foursome: Jim Doten, of Lake County (former Orindan); Nelson Cullenward, Call-Bulletin; Tom Culligan and August Ceylayetta. Third foursome: Dick Johnson, Bill Houston, E. Bouhaben, and Bud Foster, KLX sportscaster.

Among the day's highlights was the near breaking of the course record when National Amateur Champ Harvie Ward on his first time over the course scored a 65-7 under par. Significant, too was the fact that among the entrants there were 35 players—some local—who had handicaps of five or less.

The, as usual, thoroughly relaxed "Bing", accompanied by son Dennis, seemed to enjoy the day's outing and left with the firm promise of a next year's return with additional celebrities among his cronies.

The day's events terminated in the evenings with pool-side cocktails, barbecue and entertainment. Featuring the amusement bill were the deft manipulations in magic of J. (Tunnel Inn) Bedsworth; Heinie (Slip-horn) Gentry with his "Concrete Mixers" Dixieland Jazz Band; and songs by Jean Stone, popular TV and radio artist.

The board of trustees of the Dotten Sports Institute includes members of various coaching staffs over the country and several city officials, a non-sectarian, non-partisan group who are best able to sift applicants for scholarships. Don Doten, 6 Via Hermosa, Orinda, acted as Tournament Host.

The Low-Down

Bill Hillman and Matt Rhoades are a couple of smiling boys this week, having reached another mile-post in their goal to make the Country Club Barbershop the most modern in the county. The addition of a fourth barber (and a fifth chair, just as a spare) plus all the most modern equipment sees 'em pretty close to their goal.

They've even got a "lady's man" in the person of J. G. (Red) Kinney who, the ladies are finding out, can "style-trim" along with the top-notchers.

No, those little toy vacuum cleaners behind each chair are not janitorial accessories; they are there to give the customers that clean feeling around the collar after a trim. And one of the best gimmicks of all Bill thought up all by himself (paying off, too); His slogan—"Children welcome; leave 'em with us while you shop."

The annual benefit cocktail party for the Alumnae Scholarship Fund of Mills College will open the fall activities of the Orinda Mills Club. The benefit is to be held Saturday, September 21, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Frank Wright on Miner road in Orinda.

General chairman for the event

is Mrs. Ben Randall. Assisting her are Mrs. Stewart Henderson, ticket chairman; and Mrs. H. C. Booth, Mrs. John Goldeen, Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, Mrs. Richard Copenhagen, Mrs. Russell Gilwee, and Mrs. Jean Barclay.

Its "two of a kind" for John and Mary Dorr, 33 Oakwood road, Orinda, with the arrival shortly after Labor Day of Donald James, who weighed in at 7 lbs, 4 oz., and Kenneth William, who was shorted 4 oz.—two fine brunette boys. John's premiere remark: "Heavens, they both need a shave already!"

The Walter N. Boysens, 33 Lombardy Lane, Orinda, left on the 19th for an extended Oriental tour. They will be met in Honolulu by Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White, both couples residents of the Island; thence to Japan, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and back to Manila, the Islands and home. While in Bangkok they will be guests of long-time friend Chai Prathipasen of Bangkok, Siam, Ambassador to France from that country and former General in the Siamese army.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Eyman are guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. N. Clyatt, 755 Miner Road, Orinda. Dr. Eyman, retired, was Dean of the School of Education at Florida State University for a number of years.

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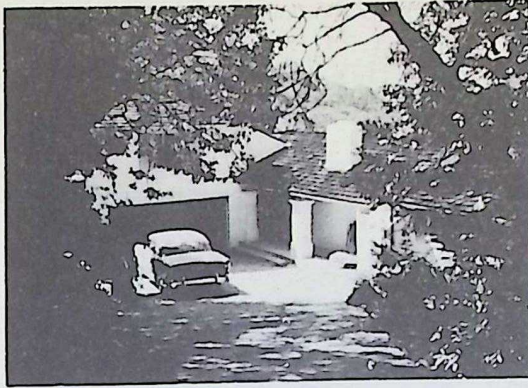
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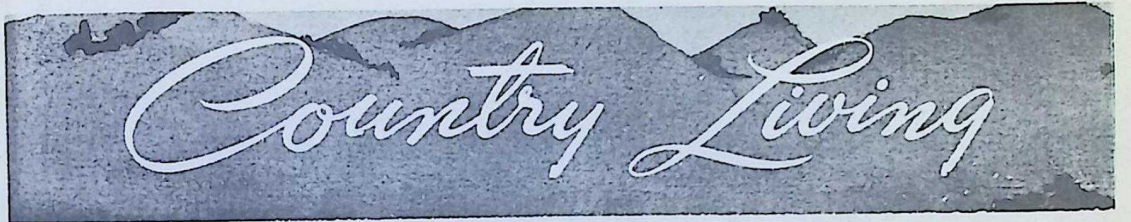
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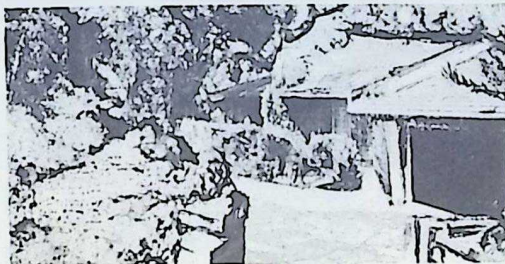


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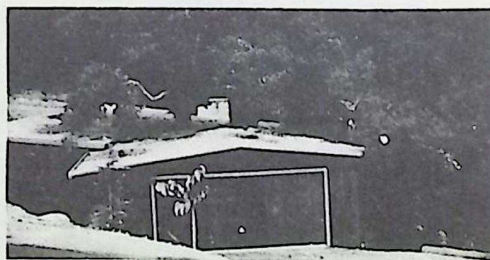
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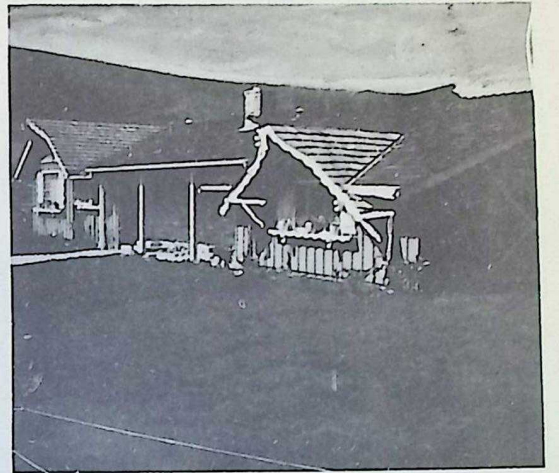
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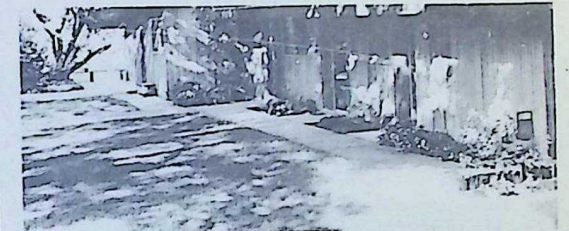
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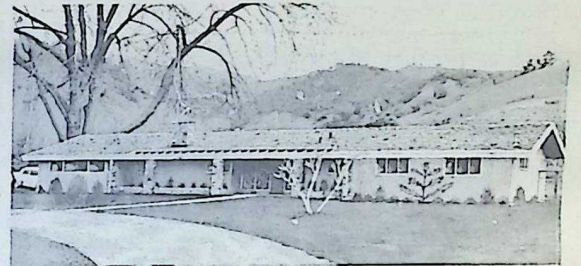
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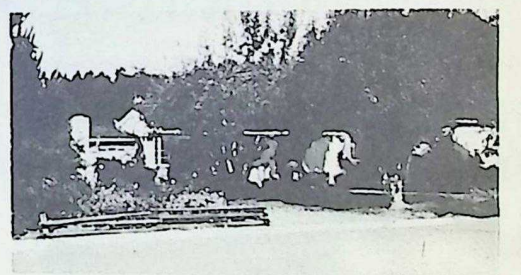
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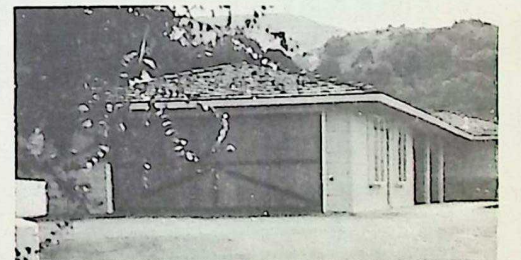
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Pictured here is Jean Henderson, member of the Dramateurs, who will present scenes from "Uncle Harry" at meeting of Orinda AAUW on Wednesday, Sept. 25. The Dramateurs are presenting the entire play in the Berkeley Little Theater on Oct. 11, 12, 18 and 19. Martin White Photo

Orinda AAUW Plans Evening Program

The first general meeting of the Orinda University Women's Club will be held on Wednesday evening, September 25, at 8 p. m. at the Glorietta all-purpose room. The program chairman, Charlotte Chapple, a member of the Orinda Dramateurs, has prepared a very interesting evening. Members of the Dramateurs will present several scenes from one of their current season's productions. Section chairmen, also, will tell about plans for their sections for the coming year and members will have an opportunity to sign up for the ones in which they are interested.

Officers for this year are Mrs. F. A. Leibold, president; Mrs. J. C. Roberts, first vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Chapple, second vice-president; Mrs. J. L. Goldeen, recording secretary; Mrs. E. W. Hughes, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. L. B. Harmon, treasurer. The appointed chairmen, who along with the elected officers will constitute the board are Mrs. R. M. Bartle, Bulletin; Mrs. K. C. Ruppenthal, Yearbook; Mrs. A. P. Stack, Applied Arts; Mrs. O. R. Grigsby, Parliamentarian and Civil Defense; Mrs. J. A. Maga, Radio-TV; Mrs. H. P. Nilmeier, Education; Mrs. John Riner, Social Studies; Mrs. A. O. Anderson, International Relations; Mrs. Jack McCardle, Status of Women; Mrs. Clarence Unnevehr, Historian; Mrs. C. R. Moore, Legislation; Mrs. J. L. Gilmore,

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Orinda Art Center Signs Fall Classes

Sign-ups for the fall classes for both art instruction and creative dramatics for Orinda boys and girls will take place on October 3 at 9 a. m. at the Glorietta school.

The art class is open to students between the fourth and eighth grade and will run for ten weeks, beginning on October 3, Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. This class is under the general supervision of Mr. Elton Daview from the California College of Arts and Crafts, and will be taught by senior students selected by Mr. Davies. The children will work with all the mediums of art, a charge of \$3.00 being made to cover the cost of materials.

The creative dramatics classes are open to students of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, under Mrs.

Burdette Fitzgerald's supervision. Teachers will be selected from among students doing upper division and graduate work under Mrs. Fitzgerald at San Francisco State College. These classes will be held on a "neighborhood basis" in so far as possible, and will continue for twelve weeks at a fee of \$10.00.

Both classes will be filled on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. In the past few years over 500 grammar school children have been given the opportunity, under the sponsorship of the Orinda Art Center, to explore these fields of creativity.

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Valley Art Center Lists Schedules

The Valley Art Center's fall schedule of classes, arranged in response to popular demand, is as follows:

Beginning Mosaics, open to anyone with or without previous art experience, will be given in Orinda, Lafayette and Walnut Creek, starting Wednesday, September 25, from 10 a. m. until noon, and continuing weekly for six weeks. Students in Orinda should contact Mrs. J. Gordon Ainsworth, 73 La Cuesta, CL 4-2192; in Lafayette, Mrs. Rawlings Simon, 4141 Los Arabis, CL 4-2720 and in Walnut Creek, Mrs. Peter Howard, 2385 Walnut Boulevard, YE 4-2435, and Mrs. Robert Condon, 110 Richard Lane, YE 4-2637. Classes are limited and will be filled on a first come-first served basis.

Mrs. Condon also will teach a class in ceramics, time to be arranged. Mrs. Howard will teach a jewelry-making class, starting September 19. Mrs. Simon will teach two other mosaics classes: Mosaics II, Advanced, starting September 26, from 10 a. m. till noon, and a Beginning Mosaics evening class from 8 until 10 p. m. starting September 26. Also beginning on Thursday, September 26, Mrs. Ainsworth will teach a class in "Community Publicity Techniques", from 10 a. m. until noon, for six weeks. Those interested in painting, contemporary design and composition, sculpture and silk screen classes may register at the Valley Art Center headquarters in The Frame House, 3699 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette.

Children's Cooperative art classes start Wednesday, September 18, after school in Lafayette at Lafayette, Springhill, Valle-cito and Happy Valley Schools,

and in Walnut Creek at Park Meade, Walnut Creek Elementary, Walnut Heights and Murwood schools. Registration may be made in advance at the school offices.

Modern dance for children will begin registration September 21, from 9 until 11 a. m. at Lafayette Grammar School. Classes start October 5, taught by Linda Hickox of Orinda.

Social dancing for adults also will be sponsored by the Valley Art Center, with George and Doris Clifford of Orinda teaching. Classes start September 16. Registrations may be made at the Clifford home, CL 4-2237, or at the Berkeley Tennis Club. The first class will be held from 8 till 9 p. m. Monday, September 15, and continue for six weeks.

Other classes will be arranged as sufficient inquiries are received by the Valley Art Center.

Jean Galbraith Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Galbraith of 31 Charles Hill Circle, Orinda, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Adele, to George Edwin Heinsohn. Jean received her ring shortly before leaving for the fall semester at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where she will be a junior. She is a member of Delta Gamma sorority.

George is a teaching assistant at the University of California where he is working toward his master's degree in zoology. He graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1955. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Heinsohn, are on an extended tour of Europe. They will return to Santa Barbara in November. George has a sister, Doris, also at the University of California in Berkeley and a brother, Frank, at the University of Idaho.

Jean is a graduate of Acalanes High School. She has two sisters, Ellen and Lois. Ellen and her husband, Dale Jensen, are teaching in Lakeport. Lois is a nurse at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco where she completed her training in January.

Jean plans to transfer to the University of California in February and continue work toward her language teaching credential. The young couple plan to be married in the spring and make their home in Berkeley.

CHURCHES

First Church Of Christ, Scientist, 22 Orinda Highway, Orinda, has Sunday morning services and Sunday School at 11 o'clock, also Wednesday services at 8 p. m. Nursery care is provided.

The Presbyterian Church holds services at 9:30 and 11 at the Park Theater in Lafayette. Sunday school is held at the same times in Town Hall. Rev. Carl Thomas is pastor.

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Sunday services at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Stephen's Drive and Via Las Cruces, Orinda, are Holy Communion at 8 a. m. and Morning Prayer with a sermon by the Rev. Albert Lucas, rector, at 9:15 a. m. and 11 a. m.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the later morning services on the first Sunday of each month.

Church school for all grades meets during the 9:15 service. Duplicate sessions for kindergarten through the third grades are held during the 11 o'clock service. Nursery care for pre-school children is available in the basement of the rectory during the latter service only.

The Young People's Fellowship meets on Sunday evening at 7 p. m. in the undercroft of the church.

On Wednesday, there is a celebration of Holy Communion at

10 a. m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church holds regular worship services at 8 and 11 a. m. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Albert S. Hidy, jr. is pastor.

The Church of Christ is holding services at present in the home of Jack Osborn at 11 Crest View Drive. Services include Bible Study at 10 a. m. and Communion and preaching at 11 on Sundays. Prayer meeting and Bible study at 8 p. m. on Wednesday evenings.

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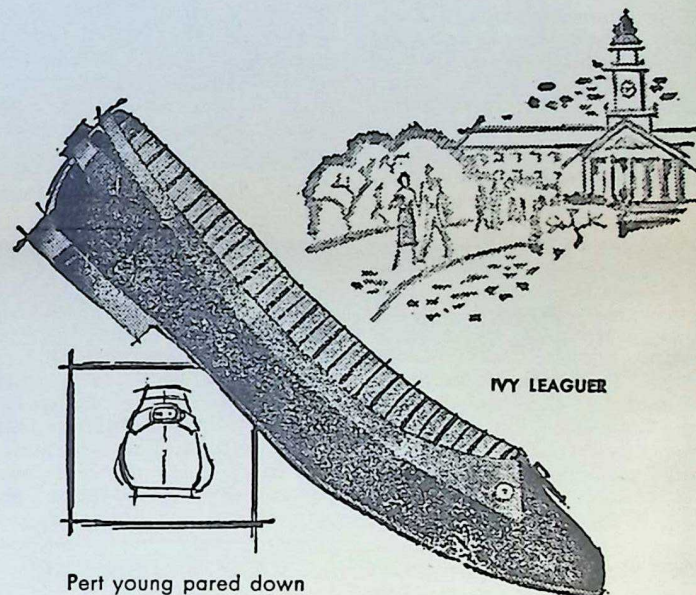
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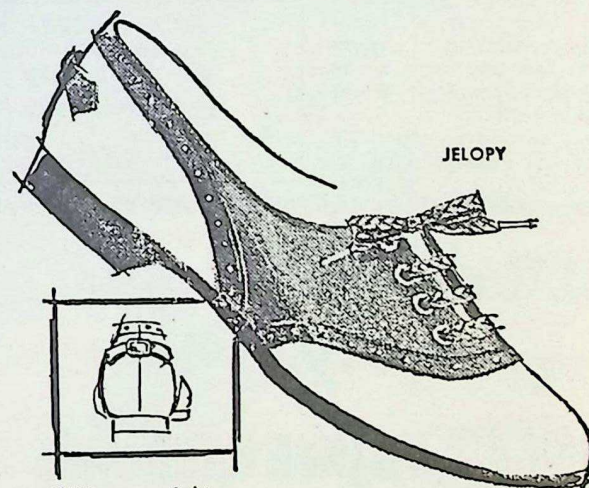
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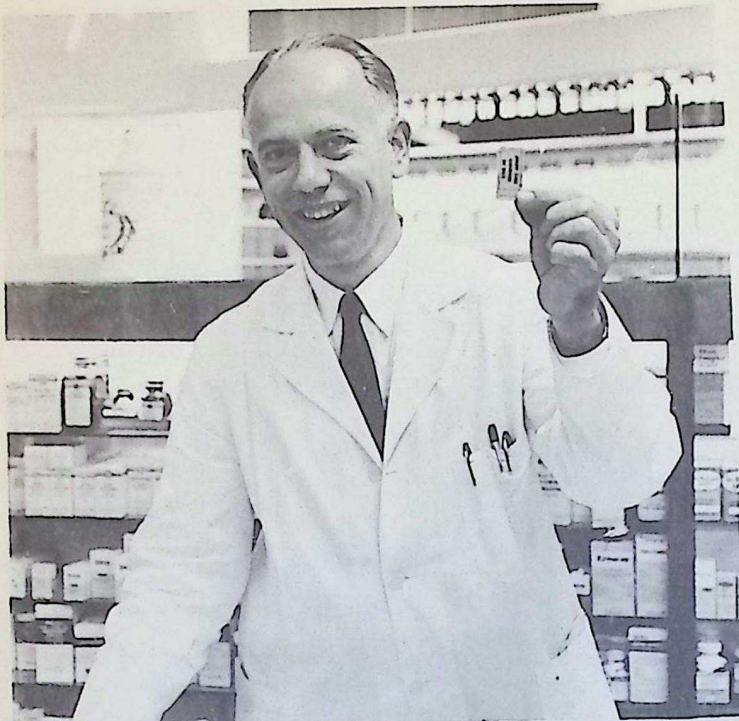
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CITIZENS COMMITTEE

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ector of the League of California Cities, gave a general outline of facts and problems to be explored based on a petition now qualified upon which we will be voting in January. This petition specifies a city manager type of government, with all city officials to be employed or appointed by an unpaid elected city council. Among other things, he suggested we look into the Community Service District under which Kensington operates. He also reported some of the county's plans on overall road development by which certain roads will continue to be maintained by the county, even though they fall entirely within incorporated municipalities. He also pointed out that very little research has been done on what has happened to tax rates of recently incorporated cities. The following committees were appointed:

Finance and Budget, under the chairmanship of Bruce Howard, a director of the Contra Costa County Taxpayers Association, and including Gene Shurtleff and Peter Radcliff. This committee was charged with the responsibility of studying the present tax load, estimating the contemplated tax load under a minimum corporation form of government, estimating present population and probable growth for the next five years, overall expenses for a municipal form of government, and estimated income from subventions, grants, and tax sources. It was agreed that this committee could start on income possibilities under their own power, but operating budgets could not be accurately estimated until some of the other sub-committees' work has been largely concluded.

The next committee appointed was Public Works Under the chairmanship of Roberson Smith, Pres-

ident of the Orinda Rotary Club, and including Maynard Buehler and John L. Stoffel. The primary function of this committee is to attempt an appraisal of the difficult problem and cost of adequately maintaining our present road system within the incorporated or contemplated incorporated limits. They will determine the possibilities of contracting this work through the County Public Works Department and also check the feasibility of having the work done by private contractors.

The next committee appointed was made up of Stanley Scott, Howard Jewel and Joe Rupley, Chairman. They will establish contact with the several other areas in Central Contra Costa County where groups and committees are studying incorporation, particularly Pleasant Hill, which has a group studying the merits of the borough system.

Lindsey Spight accepted the chairmanship of a Ways and Means Committee to raise funds for operating expenses including the part-time employment of Herbert Wegner, co-author of the 1953 Coro Foundation Study made on the incorporation of Lafayette. The probable need of larger funds for publicity and the dissemination of the findings of this committee prior to election was pointed out but no action was

taken on this phase of the work.

A Public Safety Committee to specifically study police protection, methods and costs, and also check into finding out if incorporation would affect either the cost or service of our existing fire district, was appointed, including James Moriarty, Paul Pollaczek, Russell Gilwee and Fred Crawshaw.

The boundaries for the possible incorporated area upon which we will be voting in January are already defined in the petition circulated by the Orinda Association. They are approximately the limits of the Orinda Grammar School District. In view of the probability of certain large landholders and taxpayers within this area requesting exemption or the exclusion of certain territory, it was thought advisable to contact some of these individuals or corporations in advance. Dwight Chapman and John Stoffel agreed to initiate a few such contacts.

The next meeting for hearing of preliminary reports from various sub-committees was set for Wednesday, October 2, at the social hall of the Orinda Community Church. It was agreed to send copies of the minutes to everyone in attendance and an additional group of approximately equal size who have already expressed interest and who might facilitate the objective and non-partisan nature of this Research Committee.

In an informal interview with the MORINDAN, Lindsey Spight, acting chairman of the committee, summed up the aims and purposes of the committee with the statement:

"We are facing this election to be held sometime in January next. We want to know how to vote; we cannot vote intelligently without

unbiased facts. And, above all, we intend to segregate these facts from emotionalism and prejudice."

Those in attendance were as follows: Lindsey Spight, John L. Stoffel, E. Spiegel, Howard Gardner, Howard H. Jewel, Gene Shurtleff, Bruce Howard, Dick Bartle, Art Flint, Paul Pollaczek, Jim Moriarty, Russ Gilwee, P. S. Groun, Jos. W. Rupley, Roberson E. Smith, Maynard Buehler, Ralph C. Hall, H. G. Wegner, Dwight W. Chapman, James A. Felchlin, J. K. Dobey, Stanley Scott, Cecil E. Cantrill.

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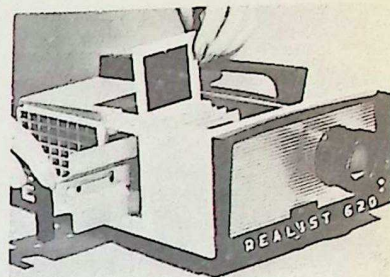
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Old "horse power" hay press taken about the turn of the century at the present site of the Orinda Theater. Three of the workers are Mulholland brothers (unidentifiable). Reed Hatfield, far left, was late husband of Helen Hatfield of Moraga. In early days, Orinda, known then as Bryant's Station, was part of the Moraga Valley.

Early Days of Moraga

continued from last week
By Henry Harwood

ROADS: In the early days, all roads were of the poorest kind. They were practically impassable during the winter months after heavy rains. Bridges and culverts became dislodged and the inhabitants became marooned and when they had occasion to go to town, it would have to be on horseback; leading another horse as a pack horse to bring in their food supplies when they found themselves running short. In the spring of the year, most farmers would find time to repair the roads, as best they could.

LANDMARKS: First and foremost of course, is the large adobe residence located on an eminence on the left of the road leading from Moraga to Orinda and less than a mile north from the town of Moraga. It was built by Joaquin Moraga 100 years ago, on the one time hacienda of this early Californian and commands a magnificent view of the Valley. It is very much to be regretted, and deeply, that no concerted efforts have ever been made to restore and preserve this venerable landmark, falling into ruin.

One tradition has it that within its adobe confines all of eighty children have been born in the past 100 years. Let us all hope that this relic of the past will not be allowed to disappear and that soon something will be done to restore it to its former glory and renown and where fashion, beauty, hospitality, and happiness once reigned, and where once resided the noble Moraga family with their Indian man and maid servants.

This writer knew the Moraga family well, during his youth, and frequently paid them friendly visits and always received a large bouquet of flowers as a token of friendliness for having called. How well one can recall such pleasing events.

Historical societies which take active interest in the preservation of California's historic monuments of the past, should bend their energies to preserve this particular land mark, so that it may not

disappear from the face of the earth. Once restored, it is suggested that it might be converted into a museum.

In former days there was a shallow lake (more of a swamp than a lake) known as the "tule pond", covering some 30 acres of land. It is now only a dry lake bottom and under full cultivation, winter rains having filled it above water level by washing of earth into it above the original depression. This lake was located on the left side of the road leading from the town of Moraga to the village of Lafayette (and known as the Jonah Hill road) about one-half mile south from the summit of Jonah Hill.

The name of the Moraga Rancho derives its title from this lake in conjunction with the Redwood trees. Hence the name, "Rancho Laguna de los Palos Colorados", translated, "Ranch Lake of the Redwoods".

POINTS OF INTEREST: The high mountain just south of the valley on the east side of Moraga Creek was known as Island Mountain for the reason that one could drive completely around it almost on a level. It is at the present time two-thirds surrounded by the waters of the San Leandro Reservoir of the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

GRIZZLY CANYON: Grizzly Canyon was the name given by the early settlers to the canyon which extends back into the hills and east of St. Mary's College, towards the village of Alamo. It was at one time densely wooded. A very distinguished gentleman, a Mr. Samuel Kendall, once resided in this canyon, a mile or so up from the main county road, and outside of the Moraga Grant. He was the man responsible for the tradition that Grizzly bears once inhabited this canyon, and he evidently believed it himself, judging from the bear stories he used to recount to the delight of the small boys who would eagerly gather around to hear them. Let us hope that this canyon will always retain the name of "Grizzly Canyon" in honor of Mr. Kendall who originated this euphonious name, characteristic of Pioneer days.

Mr. Kendall was a man of striking appearance. He was upright and honest, a very hard working man and the father of a large family. In later life he had the misfortune to suffer the loss of one of his legs, due to being tossed out of his wagon when a team he was driving ran wildly away.

On his land, one of those land disputes occurred, with the tragic ending of killing a squatter named Hennessey, who attempted to locate on land Mr. Kendall claimed as his own. At the time of this dispute, Mr. Kendall had in his employ, a negro horsebreaker by

the name of Charley Mingo, a bad character, who would as soon kill a man as look at him. He took it upon himself one day, armed with a shotgun, to order Hennessey off the land, and in the fracas which ensued, Hennessey was killed. The negro pleaded self-defense in extenuation, as they all did in those days. (This writer cannot recall anyone having served as much as one day in jail for any murders perpetrated.) It was customary, in those times, after a killing to surrender, then be released on their own recognizance, (never on

bail), told to appear before some Justice of the Peace and have a day set for a preliminary hearing. On that day they told their side of the story and there being no one there to refute their statements, all charges against them were dismissed and they were automatically set free.

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