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ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS

A new school, somewhat like a family occupying a new home, is faced with many and varied needs. Acalanes Union High School is fortunate in having what is already recognized throughout California as an outstandingly fine plant and much splendid equipment. Some of the needs are listed here in response to requests from individuals and groups interested in possible ways of helping the school in the financially difficult period forced upon a new school by state law.

Landscaping and site development is a current problem. Detailed plans are being prepared by William Penn Mott, Jr., of Orinda, and lists of plants and trees needed will be available shortly. Outdoor recreational facilities for tennis, volleyball, basketball, handball, and swimming, are already planned and await only favorable weather and federal financing for their installation.

Shop equipment, especially for metal work, is a current need. Similarly, science equipment, including microscopes, physics apparatus and biological supplies, will be a field for acquisitions over the years.

In the matter of textbooks, Acalanes is fortunate to have a complete supply of the finest books available. Library and reference books, however, are limited, and additions here are most welcome. The current book and magazine drive, sponsored by the Parents' Club, is expected to help materially. Fifty-three periodicals now come regularly to the school, but back copies of magazines are needed for reference use.

Increased enrollment and assurance of at least fifty more students next year raises the question of additional class rooms. The tremendous growth of this area is both encouraging in its hope for the future and baffling in the adjustments it forces.



MARCH OF DIMES

Mrs. Richard Cross, who has charge of the March of Dimes in Orinda, is working with her committee to make this a successful drive in the community. The following members comprise the committee: Mrs. E. E. Mathewson, Mrs. Melvin Jacobus, Mrs. J. Gardner, Mrs. S. Epstein, Mrs. Kendrick Morrish, Mrs. Robert Bennett, Mrs. H. T. Doten, and Mrs. Walter Wood.

Wishing Wells have been placed in the following locations, Warren Harrold's office, The Orinda Store, The Craviotto Market, Orinda School, Orinda Country Club.

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

On Friday, February 7th, at 8:15 p. m., the regular monthly meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held in the auditorium of the Orinda Grammar School.

Mr. Martyn Warner announces that at this meeting there will be an interesting travelogue presented.

There are also many important committee reports to be considered at this meeting.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION AWARD

Mr. Walter Gibbons, chairman of the committee to judge the outdoor Christmas decorations, has announced the following homes as those adjudged the most beautifully decorated: J. A. Herzog, Steven Perkins, Mrs. Kendall, Ritchie Smith, A. W. Elkinton.

A photograph of their home has been given to each of these winners in the contest.



ORINDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Orinda Grammar School opened for the spring term on Monday, January 6, with an enrollment of 166 pupils. The influenza epidemic, which closed the school in December, is no longer affecting the daily attendance, according to Miss Doris Parks, principal.

The pupils are now using to the fullest enjoyment the radio equipment supplied to the school. There are three small radios for classrooms and a larger one for the auditorium. The younger children listen to the Standard Symphony Hour and the American School of the Air. The older children supplement these programs with news broadcasts and talks by the President of the United States. All programs used by the school are ones which have been recommended by the California State School Publication.



POST OFFICE

There are now two daily collections from the Orinda Post Office. The second collection is made at 6:30 p. m. Mail to go out with this collection should be mailed in the store rather than in the outside box.

"SAVE THE CHILDREN" FEDERATION

At the meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association held on January 3, 1941, Mrs. E. Clifford Williams, Californian representative of the "Save the Children" Federation of New York, gave a very interesting talk on the splendid work being accomplished by this organization.

Mrs. Williams explained that the Federation, which for the past eight years has assisted children throughout the United States, was extending this work to include assistance of English and Refugee children in Great Britain who have been bombed out of their homes, or were in other ways in need of assistance as a result of the cruelties of the present war.

A state-wide campaign is being launched for the "adoption" of one or more children in Great Britain by individuals, groups of individuals or organizations in America, such adoption being accomplished by the payment of \$2.50 per month, or \$30.00 per year, to the "Save the Children" Federation, Inc., at No. 1 Madison Avenue, New York. If the donor desires it, this sum is then allocated to the assistance of a particular child in Great Britain, and the "Adaptor" is put in touch with that child by correspondence, and whenever possible, is sent a photograph of the child. As the entire work is voluntary, all the money is devoted exclusively to the children's welfare.

In view of the magnificent response from Orinda residents to the plea made some months ago for the far more onerous task of providing homes in America for refugee children for the duration of the war, which scheme has now been abandoned owing to the dangers of crossing the Atlantic, it is expected that this appeal will meet with immediate approval and action.

Mrs. Williams (BERkeley 2298) or Mr. Young (ORinda 9241) will be glad to give further information to anyone interested.



ORINDA BUS SERVICE

The Greyhound Bus Lines have taken over the Rhodes Stages which has provided Orinda with Service between here and Berkeley for the past months.

There is a period of thirty days before completion of this transfer, and during this period the schedule will remain the same. We are assured of continued satisfactory service to Berkeley after completion of the transfer.

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New Home:

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Coombs have moved
into their new home on Mira Loma.



ORINDA PARK POOL OFFICERS

On Monday, January 13th, the Orinda Park Pool held its first board meeting of the year. Board members for the following year are: Mr. A. W. Elkinton, president; Mr. James Snook, vice-president; Mrs. E. A. Dawson, secretary; Mr. Grover LaVelle, treasurer; Mrs. G. M. Heinrich, Mr. E. E. Wickman, Mr. S. W. Pfeiffer, Mr. Fred Allen, Mr. E. W. Miller, Mr. George Vurek.

Members of the Orinda Park Pool may look forward to a very pleasant year in 1941. Several improvements have been planned, the most interesting ones being a much larger sun bathing area and a new barbeque pit, which is to be large enough to serve our community dinners.

A vacancy has been created by the death of our respected manager, Mr. Albert Morgan. His passing is mourned by everyone who knew him and he will be sadly missed at the office where he never failed to greet us with a friendly word and smile.

Memberships are available now, and may be purchased from any board member. Family memberships are twenty dollars and single memberships are ten dollars. These may be purchased for five dollars a month until paid for. However, no membership cards will be issued until membership is entirely paid for.

Applications for the positions of Manager and Life Guard are now being considered, and should be mailed to Mr. A. W. Elkinton, Ardilla Road, Orinda.

MORAGA HIGHWAYMAN

The first issue of the Moraga Highwayman, the official publication of the Moraga Highway Improvement Association, was published in January. Congratulations are extended to this paper, which is a monthly publication, distributed to the members of the Moraga Association.



MORAGA ASSOCIATION

On Friday, January 24th, the Moraga Highway Association held its annual election of officers. The following officers were re-elected: Herbert Hauser, president; Herbert R. Wood, vice-president; R. E. Wadsworth, secretary; L. A. Mattes, financial secretary; J. V. Holcombe, treasurer.

At this meeting the association also formed a plant exchange committee to arrange for the exchange of plants and shrubs with Moraga neighbors.



RED CROSS

The Red Cross workroom, established in the home of Mrs. Stanley Smith, is now working on a new quota which will be finished in the late spring. More workers are needed for this project, and it is hoped that many who can sew will give a few hours of their time each week.

On January 15, the second quota of work finished by the Orinda unit was sent to the chapter at Walnut Creek for wrapping and mailing. This quota included the following articles: 18 boys' woollen pants, 25 sweaters, 26 girls' dresses, 8 men's pajamas, 9 surgical gowns, 4 bed shirts.



FIESTA DAYS SOON

With the coming of Spring to Orinda, one naturally thinks of Fiesta. Fiesta days in this community are days of frolic, fun and good neighborliness, and are eagerly looked forward to from year to year.

In order to make our Fiesta a successful one, plans must be made long in advance, and all committees and chairmen told of their duties for this event. So let every member of this community start planning so that this year our Fiesta may be more joyous and gay than ever, so that once again we may say, "What a grand FIESTA."



ORINDA RAINFALL

Due to the earnest endeavors of Mr. Uriel B. Smith, we are able to present the following information about the rainfall in Orinda for the past five months:

September, 194033
October, 1940	1.49
November, 1940	2.41
December, 1940	8.17
January, 1941	9.41

This is a total of 21.81 for these months.

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STATE HIGHWAY CHANNELIZATION

Backed by State and county officials, a delegation from Orinda, Moraga, and Lafayette journeyed to Sacramento on Friday, January 24, and asked the State Highway Commission for channelization of the Orinda crossroads intersection on Tunnel Road.

State Senator T. H. DeLap presented the plea to the Commission and County Supervisor H. L. "Jack" Cummings requested serious consideration be given the application. M. T. Vanderslice, State Park Commissioner, spoke on the need of such precautionary measures.

Representing the various communities and organizations were J. Stanley Smith and Uriel B. Smith, Orinda Improvement Association; Guthrie Clark, Orinda Lions Club; Herbert Hauser, Moraga Improvement Association; Lew Borghesani, Lafayette, and Wally Gerard represented St. Mary's College.

Decision on this problem has not been made, but it is hoped that some satisfactory solution to this traffic problem will be made in the near future.

Church Notices

ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Services at Casa Verano, El Toyonal and Orinda Highway — Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., Church worship at 11:00 a. m. Dr. Miles B. Fisher, pastor. Christian Endeavor for 'teen age young people at 7 p. m. New residents and visitors in the community cordially welcome.

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. Reading room open every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock. Everyone welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Masses the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 10 o'clock, and the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8 o'clock.

The Santa Maria Church Association will meet Tuesday evening, February 4th, at the home of Mrs. G. J. Cody on Lower Happy Valley Road, in Lafayette.

ORINDA HOME DEPARTMENT

On Monday, January 6th, the monthly meeting of the Orinda Home Department was held at the home of Mrs. Hickok on El Toyonal Road. Sixteen members attended, among whom were Mrs. William Platt, a new member, and Mrs. Charles Ward, a guest. A very interesting discussion, led by Miss Helen Burling, county demonstrator, on the subject of hosiery and shoes was enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Savage, director at large, was a guest at the meeting. She will give a demonstration on rug making upon the request of the members.

January 30th, was the date of the "slipper chair" meeting, held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Norton on Miner Road. This demonstration began at 9:15, and all members interested in making a slipper chair were present.

Upon request, Miss Burling gave a repeat meeting covering "Utensils". Eight members who had missed the previous meeting on this subject met at the home of Mrs. Byron Nelson.

Due to the inconvenience caused those members with children by the afternoon meetings, the time for the Home Department meetings has been changed to 9:30 a. m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6th, at the home of Mrs. Hickok.

The subjects covered and the information given by Miss Burling of the Farm Bureau, are of such a practical and interesting nature that every meeting is immensely enjoyed by everyone present. The Home Department wishes everyone, who is interested, to attend these monthly meetings.

YOUR GARDEN AND MINE

This protracted rainy spell has certainly slowed us up on a lot of our winter work that should have been finished by now. In our locality, with its heavy soil, we should not work our ground nor walk on it while it is so wet. The early settlers made their adobe brick by just such methods and packing our soil now will make a brick-like surface to be broken up this spring. Adobe soil is very rich in plant food, and, if properly handled, will make an excellent garden. The use of gypsum is an economical and satisfactory way of conditioning heavy soils. The application of 100 pounds to 350 square feet will do a remarkably good job.

The first signs of spring are already with us, and now is the time to be planning for shade trees for this summer and the years to come. If you want strong robust development, they should go into the ground the very first opportunity you have. Some of the fastest growing shade trees are:

First and foremost, the Sycamore or Plane tree, with its large green maple-like leaves, makes a dense shade and may be pruned heavily if desired.

The Chinese Elm is another of the rapid-growing trees. It can be planted almost anywhere, and is sure to do well.

Modesto Ash and a large number of the larger growing flowering trees such as flowering Locust, Peach and Apricot, will make good shade trees for the smaller gardens, and add a welcome touch of color in the early Spring and Summer.

The Walnut, the grafted English varieties, are not only a useful crop tree, but a fast growing shade tree. It does exceptionally well in this district, and the home-grown flavor and the thrill of your first crops cannot be equalled.

Weeping Willow for a moist location (but not near the drain tile) will make a lovely shady spot in a short time.

Lombardy Poplars will provide some shade and a great deal of protection from the wind if planted in groups.

Staking a tree for the first season or two

after it is planted is always a good idea. Drive two tall stakes about two feet apart. Make a loose collar of old hose or rubber, leaving considerable room inside the collar for play. Place the collar around the trunk of the tree about two-thirds of the way above the ground, then tie a cord from each stake to the collar. Another very satisfactory way is to run three guy wires from the collar to the ground about four to six feet away from the trunk, just as though you were putting up a tent.

Roses should be planted as soon as possible. Those late plants that you buy in containers make nice growth but nothing like the growth you will get from planting this time of year. Roses are well adapted to heavy soils and have a far longer flowering period than the majority of other plants. Some of the new varieties are wonderful but the older favorites would have gone out of existence long ago if they had not been mighty fine flowers.

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GUILD PARTY

In a setting of beautiful oaks, overlooking the valley, the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Doten was the scene of a delightful dessert bridge on January 24th, under the auspices of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church. Spring flowers and potted cyclamen plants were used throughout the rooms where forty guests played bridge. Mrs. U. B. Smith and Mrs. Lynn Bell were co-hostesses with Mrs. Doten.

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MONTHLY GUILD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church will be held at the home of Mrs. I. I. Stewart, 36 El Toyonal Road, on February 4th, at 12:30. Mrs. Edwin Miller and Mrs. J. J. McMillan will be co-hostesses.

The program will consist of a group of favorite vocal solos, sung by Mrs. Billie Krug of Pleasant Hill, soprano: "One Fine Day," from Madam Butterfly, by Puccini; "Estrellita", by Manuel Ponce; "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life," by Victor Herbert.

Guest speaker for the afternoon will be Miss Mary Moore, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Miss Moore's subject is "The Light That Does Not Fail." A cordial invitation is extended to anyone interested.



GUILD PROGRAM

On January 31st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sisson, members of the Community Church Women's Guild, and their guests gathered to hear a very enlightening and interesting talk on landscaping and gardening in Orinda, by Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr. Mr. Mott is a resident of Orinda and has drawn the plans for the landscaping of the Acalanes High School.

A delightful musical program was arranged by Mrs. Ruth Lloyd Harrington, program chairman for the Women's Guild, which included several solos by Mrs. Muriel Hively Alstrom, soprano, and a piano recital by Mrs. Jeanne Bruce Spence, pianist.

**BOY SCOUTS
NEW TERM MEETING**

The Orinda Boy Scout Troop held its first meeting of the new term, January 11, 1941.

The Troop is now open for membership to any boy who is twelve years old or over, and who is able to enter all the activities of the Troop.

The Troop officers spent three days in the snow at Soda Springs during the Christmas holidays. Those who attended were Sheldon Kales, Curtis and Bill Harrison, Pat Rosenthal, Ben Warrick, and Scoutmaster J. N. Gardner. In February the Troop itself will spend a day in the snow. The definite date has not been settled.

March, April, and May will be spent in day and overnight hikes in preparation for the Camporees and Camporals.



GIRL SCOUT DINNER

Mothers of the Orinda Intermediate Girl Scouts were dinner guests on January 30th, at the Orinda Grammar School. The girls prepared and served the dinner under the guidance of Mrs. Macy, member of the Troop Committee. Following the dinner, several girls were invested as Girl Scouts by Mrs. J. Radcliff, Troop leader.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Accepting the nominating committee's report, the following officers and committee chairmen were elected at the January 19th meeting of the Orinda Christian Endeavor Society: Don Irwin, President; Vida Schwoerer, Vice-President; Margaret Pettingill, Secretary, Velma Edson, social chairman; Connie Pearson, prayer meeting chairman; Ezra Nelson, missionary chairman; Pat Rosenthal, transportation chairman, and Virginia Perkins, music chairman. On January 26th, Mr. Rod McLennan, county superintendent of Christian Endeavor, installed these officers.

GIRL SCOUT NEW MEMBERS

The Orinda Girl Scouts, Troop 27, held their first meeting of the Spring semester on Thursday, January 16th, under the leadership of Mrs. John P. Ratcliff, at the Orinda Union School.

At a later January meeting, new Tenderfoot Scouts were invested into the troop. The following girls became members of the troop: Lee and Betty Dills, Jacqueline Gardner, Diana Ludlow, Joan Jacobus, Gloria Bodenhamer, and Nancy Chantler.

A Court of Honor also took place in January to make plans for the meetings of the semester. The members of the Court of Honor are: Sally Tinkham, Scribe; Connie Goodale, Treasurer; Patrol leaders, Betty May Pfeiffer, Jean Norton, Sylvia Martin, and Joan Jacobus; Assistant patrol leaders, Betty Diels, Pat Lax, Clare Breuner, and Nancy Chantler.



**COMMUNITY CHURCH
ELECTS OFFICERS**

The Annual meeting of the Orinda Community Church was held on January 8th, at the church. Reports of officers were very encouraging, showing considerable progress has been made during the past year.

New officers elected, were Deaconess, Mrs. J. N. Gardner; Deacon, Perry Wilson; Clerk, J. J. McMillan; Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Sisson. Trustees elected for a three-year period were Mr. A. W. Elkinton and Mr. Ralph Sisson. Mrs. Ralph Wilson will continue as Choir Director, Mrs. A. W. Elkinton will serve again as Christian Endeavor Advisor, and Mr. A. W. Elkinton, Superintendent of Sunday School.

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Personals

On January 13, Mr. August Reuter reached the twentieth anniversary of his business in Orinda, and he was duly honored that night at a stag dinner at the Orinda Country Club. There were 48 of Mr. Reuter's friends present.

Mr. John Cleborne, the son of Mrs. C. J. Cleborne, has left, with the California State Maritime Academy, for a three months' cruise to South America. On the way home, the ship will stop for two weeks in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. I. I. Stewart enjoyed an extensive trip through the east and south recently. They were away from Orinda for three weeks, and reported the weather as most pleasant throughout the entire trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Briggs have been entertaining as house-guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawkins of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen have taken an apartment in Oakland for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ballinger of Minersville are sailing on the Lurline, February 20, to the Hawaiian Islands on a business trip. They will be gone about six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis attended the Midwinter convention of the Building and Loan Association held at the Hotel Biltmore, in Santa Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bacigalupo and their son, Brian, have moved into their home at 15 Vallecito Lane, formerly owned by Kenneth Allen. They had been renting Dr. Richard Dawson's old home on Ardilla Road. Mr. Bacigalupo owns and operates a Radio Repair business at 2575 Shattuck Avenue, in Berkeley, and has inserted his first advertisement in this issue of the ORINDA NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Kiesel are now residing in Orinda, having rented the home of Mr. Richard Dobbins on Las Vegas. Mr. Kiesel owns and operates the Diamond "K" Supply Co., in Lafayette.

Kenneth Gelwix, Jr., spent the first week of the New Year with friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brice, in Glendale, California, and attended the Stanford-Nebraska game at the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Miss Doris Parks, principal of the Orinda Grammar School, has been elected treasurer of the County Teachers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harrold have enjoyed a two weeks vacation in Palm Springs.

Friends of Dr. J. T. "Jack" Morrison will be pleased to learn that he has moved into more modern offices on the eleventh floor of the Franklin Building.

Dr. Morrison lives on Miner Road, and has always been interested in Orinda advancement. He served as secretary for the Improvement Association last year, and was elected Trustee and member of the executive committee this year.

The Lee Hennings expect to move into their new home on Southwood Court in a very short time.

The Chappell family have moved into the former Starr place on Moraga Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beckett have been waiting for the weatherman to permit them to start the building of the new home on Davis Road in Moraga.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott R. Curtiss have leased the home on El Toyonal recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. James Snook.



SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Mr. C. B. Chantler has been appointed as trustee of the Orinda Union Grammar School in the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Stuart Campbell. Mr. Douglas Williams will be membership chairman of the Moraga Improvement Association, formerly held by Mr. Chantler.

P. T. A. MEETING SHOWS MOTION PICTURE

The Orinda Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting at the grammar school auditorium on Tuesday, January 21. An Indian play was presented for the enjoyment of the parents by the first, second, and third grade children. Mrs. Williams and Miss Siefker were in charge.

After old and new business was taken care of, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Harold Kaar, Director of Supervision for Contra Costa County, who talked to the parents about the report cards which are now in use. An open discussion followed. It is being planned that an evening meeting, at which fathers may be present to discuss the cards, will be held soon. Mr. Kaar and Mr. B. O. Wilson, County Superintendent, have promised to be present to answer questions.

Mrs. C. B. Chantler, president of the Orinda Association, announced that a motion picture was shown on Friday evening, January 31. A long feature, "Abraham Lincoln," starring Walter Huston, was supplemented by a short. The admission was twenty-five cents for adults, and ten cents for children of grammar school age. This motion picture was the second to be sponsored here by the P. T. A., and the association was pleased with the large attendance.



DORCAS SOCIETY

The Dorcas Society of the Orinda Community Church, will meet on February 20th, at the home of Mrs. Edwin Miller, 3 La Bolsita. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Miller will be Mrs. Lynn Bell and Mrs. L. R. Givens.

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REUNION OF ORINDA OLDTIMERS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sullivan was the scene of a gay reunion dinner party Saturday evening, January 25th.

The guests, all old-time residents, and some of them descendants of early settlers in this community, arrived carrying oil lanterns, relics of past days, and all dressed in old-fashioned garb. In spite of a very wet night, everyone invited came with spirits undampened.

After a grand dinner served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Kathleen, each one produced old pictures, albums, and newspaper clippings recalling past pleasures, and the "remember when's" flew thick and fast. A gallery of baby pictures of those present puzzled contestants, and white elephants were exchanged, old songs sung, and card tricks performed by "Professors" Sullivan and Brockhurst after many attempts.

Such was the great enjoyment of the evening that the wee small hours came before they were noticed.

Those present besides the host and family, were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rowland and Mr. and Mrs. James Symmons of Walnut Creek, Mrs. Carrie Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Borel (Maria Fleitz) of Berkeley, Mr. and Mrs. George Brockhurst, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kendall, Captain and Mrs. Harry Oakley, and Mrs. Ed McVay of Orinda, and Mr. Ed Brockhurst of Martinez.



DUES

Improvement Association dues for 1941 are now payable and may be paid at the next meeting or mailed direct to George F. Hickok, El Toyonal, Orinda.

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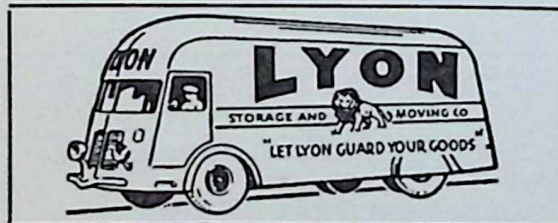
Printed in the November issue of the ORINDA NEWS was a story of the origin and progress of this publication. The people that have made its continued success possible are our advertisers. That we may express our appreciation, and that you readers may know who these advertisers are, we are preparing a list to be published in our March issue. This list will give the name of the advertiser, type of business, his address, the date of the first issue in which he advertised, and the number of advertisements he has inserted in the ORINDA NEWS. We promise that you will be pleased with the loyalty of our advertisers, and hope you will express this pleasure by your patronage.



W. P. A. PLAY CENTER SCHOOL

The W. P. A. Nursery School in Orinda is fast interesting a number of parents, and, as a result, the enrollment has grown considerably in the last few months. There are now 28 children in attendance, and a small group is on the waiting list. The W. P. A. Leader-Training School in Oakland supplies the instructors, and at the present time there are two teachers, a supervisor and a matron who handle the group here at Orinda. It is believed that the school here is to be used for practice-teaching and a training center for all Contra Costa County Schools under the supervision of the W. P. A. For this reason it is believed that there will be competent leadership at all times.

The Nursery School expects to leave its present location, the Orinda Park Pool grounds, when the pool opens for the summer, so the executive board is now looking for a building which will be available during the summer months.



HIGH SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB TO MEET

All Orinda High School mothers are invited to a meeting at one o'clock, February 17, at the home of Mrs. H. T. Doten, 51 Via Hermosa Road. Transportation will be furnished from the Orinda Store.

Dessert will be served, and plans made for a party for the Junior Assembly, which is open to all young people of high school age in Orinda. Mrs. Harold Miller, of Oakland, will review "The Family," the *Atlantic Monthly* prize novel by Nina Fedorova. Mrs. Miller has given many reviews for the Delphian Society, and for the Glenview Women's Club. She is also an organist, who studied with Wallace Sabin, according to Mrs. Sidney K. Rosenthal, program chairman.



ACALANES PARENTS' CLUB

On Monday, January 27th, the Acalanes Parents' Club enjoyed luncheon and a demonstration of sandwich making at the Remar Bakery in Oakland.

Mrs. Kenneth Gelwix was co-chairman in charge of arrangements.



ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SEMESTER

Class work at Acalanes High School was resumed after the Christmas holidays on Monday, January 6. Semester marks were sent to the parents at the close of January. The new semester started on January 24.

The Parents' Club held two meetings this month. The first on Monday, January 6, and the second on January 27. Luncheon was enjoyed by the members.

The school annual is now being prepared by the students. Mary Bennett of Orinda, has been chosen editor. Bill Pitt is co-editor.

On Thursday evening, January 16, elementary teachers, high school teachers, and trustees of this whole area met at the school for a program and discussion of current events. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

During this month, Acalanes was also host at a luncheon for a delegation from Mills College. The delegation is inspecting the more modern schools of this area, and spent more than an hour looking over our new school.

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