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FIESTA HORSE SHOW

In spite of a thunder shower in the morning and only occasional glimpses of the sun in the afternoon, the Orinda Fiesta Costume Parade and Horse Show was well attended by an enthusiastic crowd of both participants and spectators on Sunday afternoon, May 25, 1941.

The Parade was made up of the colors and color guard unit of the Twelfth Naval District from San Francisco, the Acalanes Union High School band, various marching organizations, one hundred and fifty horses and riders, the Orinda Fire Department, the Piedmont High School kiltie band, the Orinda Troop of Boy Scouts, and floats. The line of march was from the Filter Plant to the field opposite the grammar school, where the various marching units, horses and riders entered the arena and stood while the bugle was sounded and the Star Spangled Banner was played.

Then followed the Horse Show, consisting of twelve scheduled events, such as: hackamore, children's, stock horse, and trail classes, registered horses, stallions, a trick horse ridden by Miss Marcelle Clements of Richmond, a trained colt from the Rheem stables of Orinda, shown by W. F. Bates, musical chairs for men and also for women, an old clothes race, clowning on a horse, etc.

Trophies and various prizes were given for each event. Winners of the various classes were: Hackamore — Bob Armstrong, first; Geo. W. Smith, second; children's — Alma Jenkins on W. A. Ballinger's horse, first; Frankie Fee, second; stock horse — W. F. Bates, first; A. L. Phillips, second; registered — R. S. Rheem's horse, first; W. A. Ballinger's horse, second; musical chairs for men — Frank L. King, Jr.; trail — Marcelle Clements, first; Jack Culbertson, second; old clothes race — Bud Poe, first; Stanley McCloskey, second, both of the Black Mountain Riding Club; musical chairs for women — Kathleen Sullivan; stallions — Morley Eddy, first; M. G. Mauer, second. The first prize for the best-appearing group went to the Moraga Saddle Club. The trophy for the best-appearing horse and rider went to Helen Towne.

When it was all over, the audience voted whole-heartedly for a similar show next year.

JUNE MEETING NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held Friday evening, June 6, at 8:15 p. m., in the auditorium of the Orinda Grammar School. At this meeting the new officers will be elected and take office.



WE TURN OUR WORK OVER

The time has come when the present officers of the Improvement Association must turn over to a new group their duties in connection with the Association work.

At the same time, according to the new By-Laws, all Committees are automatically discharged.

I wish to express my appreciation of the work done by my associates and by the various committees during the past year. In such an association, committee work is of the greatest importance, for the large body of members assembled at a meeting can rarely do the spade work necessary to dig up the facts for an intelligent decision, or make the necessary contacts to get a desired end accomplished. When the committees have done the preliminary work, the meeting as a whole is able to provide the necessary good judgment as to the final decision.

My thanks therefore extend also to the members as a whole who have initiated work for the committees to do, and have then reviewed their findings and have thus made the work effective.

It has been a pleasure to serve the community in the capacity of President of the Association, and I can assure my successor that it is not nearly so fearsome a job as it was made out to be. I shall be glad to turn over the gavel to my successor and wish him as fine support from the membership as I have had.

— Martyn F. Warner.

MAY MEETING NOTES

At the May meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association, President Warner appointed the following nominating committee: Chairman, Ralph Sisson, Mrs. George Hickok, Kenneth Allen, Stanley Smith, and A. P. MacDonald.

Mr. Allen discussed the road situation and reported that no definite plan has as yet been made for the improvement of roads in Orinda.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Steve Perkins who explained Fiesta plans, announcing his committees as follows: Publicity, Mr. Lonie Bee; Property, Mr. Elkinton; Dance, Mr. Stanley Smith; Kiddies' parade, Mrs. Chantler; General parade, Mrs. Thomas Smith. The Orinda Broadcasters then offered a radio skit.



RED CROSS

The Orinda Unit of the American Red Cross has finished a successful first year of work.

This unit first met in the Orinda School building, but as this space was later needed for class use, the work room was moved to the home of Mrs. Stanley Smith on Dias Dorados. Here the work has been done by a small group and there is great need for more workers to carry on the production in Orinda, and it is hoped that more people will become interested in the work of the unit. The work room is now open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Mrs. Cotton, the production chairman under whose direction the work has been done, announces that the unit has completed and turned over to the Walnut Creek Chapter the following items: 27 children's dresses, 89 bed shirts, 54 operating gowns, 3 men's robes, 26 dresses, 18 pants, 8 pajamas, 14 waists, 14 jumper skirts, 15 shorts, 12 skirts, and 6 small quilts. Mrs. Perkins, chairman of the knitting, announces the completion of 48 sweaters, and 2 afghans.

The new quota to be finished by September 30 consists of six dozen bed shirts and 35 operating gowns and 25 sweaters. Please come and help complete this task which is a responsibility of the entire community.

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EDITORIAL

A few days ago many of us in the community received a booklet. This booklet is entitled "You Can Defend America." It was prepared by the members of MRA, a Moral-Rearmament group who are endeavoring "to enlist leaders of thought and action as partners in the spirit of national service." It is the aim of MRA to place this booklet in every home in America, an aim which I hope can be fulfilled in our valley.

The booklet has an inspiring foreword by General Pershing who endorses its objective, "the preservation of our precious heritage." The booklet is timely as we are now preparing our national defense. It brings forth the fact that the core of national defense is the character of the nation itself. If we would be strong nationally, we must first be strong individually. If we would defeat the enemies of our country, we must defeat the enemy within ourselves. If we would have a united country, we must first have united homes, and in order to exist as a nation, we must be united. Our fight today is against greed, graft, laziness, and materialism in the home and the nation. These we must do away with if we would have Total Defense. Behind the defense of our nation must stand "sound homes, teamwork in industry, and unity." Behind physical re-armament must be moral-rearmament, these two go together in order to succeed. This booklet clarifies for us our ideas of what we might do to help now; may we who have read it commend it to you.

The Moral Rearmament group has also produced a floor show which in eight scenes portrays and enlarges upon their theme of "You Can Defend America." There is a possibility that this show can be brought to Contra Costa County if enough people are interested in it. It is an amateur production with good music and amusing scenes presented in a manner which is pleasing and gives force to the idea in back of it. I hope that we, in Orinda, may become more conscious of the work of this group, and endeavor to strive with them to build this America which is the ideal of all of us.

— Caroline P. Harrison.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NEWS

Two shipping stations have been established on the Pacific Coast by the Christian Science Church where garments for the civilian population of Great Britain are regularly consigned to ships sailing direct to England by way of the Panama Canal.

In this city, the Christian Science War Relief Committee, established by Christian Science Society, is assembling garments, new and used, and providing materials for sewing and knitting to all who wish to participate in this work. Garments are distributed in England by Christian Science committees to all persons in need, regardless of creed.

In some cities sewing groups have been established by the Christian Science War Relief Committee. Garments are cut out by Committee workers and given out to those who wish to finish them in their homes or who wish to form a sewing unit. Yarn for knitting is also provided without charge.

Highest grade materials are used, and the types of garments made include children's skirts and dresses, sweaters for men, women and children, night clothing, pinafores, and other types of wearing apparel.

In receiving used clothing the Christian Science War Relief Committee specifies that such articles must be clean and warm, and in good repair, comparable to new clothing. Only shoes in first-class repair are received, and no women's shoes with high heels are accepted, since British women are not wearing high heels.

The local committee was established under instructions of The Christian Science Wartime Committee of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. Financial contributions to buy materials are gladly received by the Committee, as are all other contributions.

The Christian Science churches throughout the country established relief committees as soon as the need became apparent. Today, with the need of garments increasing rapidly, these committees are making every effort to expand their output.



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SCHOOL TRUSTEE RESIGNS

"Here I go, for the first time intentionally, busting into print. I had hoped, up until 5 o'clock, on the 22nd, when the time of filing for School Trustee expired, that Reuben Chase would consent to stand for reelection. His failure to do so is, I understand, just another of the burdens of the defense program which we must carry, cheerfully.

Having served on the Orinda School Board with Reuben for 1½ years and recalling his intense loyalty, clear, concise thinking and calmness under fire, I cannot help but feel that Orinda is losing an outstanding public servant from the Board of Trustees.

Knowing him as I do, however, I know that he will retain his interest in our civic problems and help in their solution, as we all must do."

— J. Stanley Smith.

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, June 3rd, at the home of Mrs. C. Roy Martin, Camino So-brante.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

On May 10th and 11th, the Orinda Troop camped in Tilden Park to practice for the Area Camporee that was held May 17th and 18th.

At the Camporee the Panther Patrol, under the leadership of Curt Harrison, received a "B" rating. The Fox Patrol, under the leadership of the Assistant Patrol Leader Jim Brownell, received a "C" rating.

The Scout Troop has reached its full membership for the present. There is now a waiting list to join the Troop.

Wednesday night, June 4th, will be a Red Letter Day for Orinda Scouts. It will be the first Eagle Court of Honor under the new Troop leaders. The Scout so honored is Pat Rosenthal, the Senior Patrol leader. To reach the Eagle rank requires hard work, and Pat is to be congratulated on reaching the goal of every Scout in the nation.

An elaborate program has been planned with the cooperation of the S. S. Diablo Sea Scout Ship. The Lafayette and Walnut Creek Troops have been invited, so a large turn-out is expected.

An Eagle Court of Honor is a rare occasion in most communities, so the Scouts of the Orinda Troop invite every one to join them that night.



ORINDA STORE SOLD

Geo. B. Gibson and Ed. J. Phair have formed a partnership and purchased the Orinda Store from Guthrie Clark. Mr. Gibson's many friends in Orinda remember him as manager of the store for Mr. J. A. Clark before it burned. Mr. Gibson's forty years experience in the grocery business and Mr. Phair's acquaintance with the clientele of Orinda, together with a complete stock of fresh fruits, vegetables and groceries selling at downtown prices, and Mr. McVicker's continuing with the meat department should offer the people of Orinda a fine store and prove a successful business venture for the new owners.

CHURCH SITE DEDICATION

Amid the beautiful green hills of Orinda, the dedication of the site of the new Orinda Community Church building was held on Sunday, May 18th. A trumpet call to service was given by Lloyd C. Glick of Berkeley, followed by "Ave Maria." Next on the program was the rendering of "The Hymn To The Trinity" and "Praise Ye The Father" by the vested Westminster a cappella choir of the First Presbyterian Church, Oakland, under the direction of Newton N. Pashley. Dr. Maurice Kidder, pastor of the Lafayette Community Church, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Harrington, sang two baritone solos after which the guest speaker, Dr. N. A. Christensen, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, was introduced by Dr. Miles B. Fisher, pastor of the Orinda Community Church.



GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Because there are Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in many countries in the world, the Orinda Girl Scouts chose an International theme for their part in the children's parade of the Orinda Improvement Association's Fiesta on May 24th.

Countries represented were, English, Connie Goodale; Chinese, Jean Pettingill; Mexico, Sylvia Martin; Switzerland, Betty Dills; Indian, Earleen Torbett; Holland, Lee Dills and Claire Stoffel; Turkish, Patsy Teiche; Scotch, Diana Ludlow; Irish, Jacqueline Gardner; Norwegian, Janet Fields; Spanish, Nancy Macomber, and the Goddess of Liberty, Jacqueline O'Hara. The American, Troop and World flags were carried by Joan Jacobus, Jean Norton, and Joan Norton in Girl Scout uniforms.

On May 29th, the Orinda Girl Scouts entertained their Fathers at dinner at the Orinda School. Each patrol gave a short skit, costumes and scenery for which were worked out by the girls themselves.

CHILDREN'S PARADE

The Children's Parade of the Orinda Fiesta was quite a colorful affair. Just about all the children of the community took part. A sound truck set the pace and then came the Boy Scouts carrying the colors. Both Mrs. Gibbons' Nursery School and the W. P. A. Play School were represented. The Play School featured a rhythm band and the players were costumed as little Spaniards. A great number of cowboys and Indians were present, and of course, many Spanish and Mexican costumes. Several children dressed in burlesque "ladies" costumes. The midget racing car from St. Louis' Garage had an important place in the parade. Then came the Girl Scouts, featuring International Friendship, the leaders in full Scout costume carrying the Flag and their Girl Scout colors and followed by girls in different National costumes. The parade ended in a burst of glory with the Junior Firemen manning our big up-to-date fire truck.



GUILD

In place of the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church, closing the spring term, a garden party will be held on the beautiful grounds of the Melvin S. Jacobus home on June 3rd from one-thirty to four-thirty p. m., according to Mrs. Lance Barden, President of the Guild.

Mrs. B. B. Seim is General Chairman of the day, assisted by Mesdames Roger Hansen, Robert P. Binkley, Emil Wickman, George Mills, G. Stephen Perkins, L. R. Givens, Wm. Penn Mott, and L. H. Harris, hostesses. Mrs. Ralph Wilson is ticket chairman, and others assisting are Mesdames Lynn Bell, J. J. MacMillan, Frank Teiche, and Andrew Pettingill.

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UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Appointment of Stanley Smith as Orinda and Lafayette chairman of the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., was announced today by Superior Judge A. F. Bray, county chairman.

The organization will serve as a consolidation of the Young Men's Christian Associations, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Jewish Welfare Board, and the National Travelers' Aid Association.

The aim of the organization will be to raise \$10,000,000 to be used in the formation of a second line of defense. This sum, it is planned, will be matched by the government, and used in maintaining morale of the men and women in defense services and defense industries throughout communities in America.



FIESTA DANCE

Were you at the Fiesta dance on May 24, at the Country Club? If not, you missed a swell show attended by hundreds of your neighbors. Stan Smith and Jo Varney arranged the evening. Maurice Anger's orchestra played the newest hot swing arrangements, featuring the fastest piano yet heard. The jitterbugs of our high school set really went to town. Watching them was entertainment enough, but there were games in the locker rooms, and a floor show, too. Sylvia Clark sang "Rio Rita," and "Sweethearts."

Jacqueline Gibson, drum majorette of the kiltie band at Piedmont High School, danced the Highland Fling, accompanied by Mr. Glen Johnson, leader of the band.

The highlight of the evening was the

burlesque queen contest, by the Barnstormers. Mrs. Marshall Shapiro introduced the skit. Gerald Woods, Geoffrey Mayo, George Robbins, Robert Harrison, Ralph Sisson, Jack Morrison, Marshall Shapiro, and Dick Cross, were the beautiful contestants in fantastic wigs and gowns, mostly half-off. The rear view was particularly effective. Our own former Improvement Club president, Ralph Sisson, whose face was hidden by a veil, was declared the new queen, and accepted most graciously. The proceeds from the games amounted to fifty dollars of which 10 per cent went to charity.



APPRECIATION

To the many active members and our various committees and participants who are responsible for the success of the Orinda Fiesta of 1941, I express the thanks and appreciation of our Community. The enthusiastic applause that greeted every event is evidence of the hearty appreciation of our neighbors and friends. Through the efforts of those who took part there was created an atmosphere of community-interest and comradeship.

Your Fiesta Committee set out with a very definite objective which was to develop and expand the community interest of all who live among us. The planning and performance of our Fiesta was kept within the scope of this major purpose. Although talent and participation on the part of those outside our community was eagerly sought and welcomed to our several programs, we confined our committees to local residents and our publicity and promotional activities were designed to reach the people of Orinda and Moraga.

In our community where each of us receives so bountifully of nature's blessings and benefits, there is warm satisfaction in having given enjoyment and pleasure to others. All who witnessed our Fiesta and certainly those who took part in its programs, sense this satisfaction, which, to your chairman, represents all the compensation that could be desired.

— G. S. (Steve) Perkins.

ORINDA PARK POOL

The Orinda Park Pool was opened for the season on Sunday, May 18, and many members of the community whose interest turns to swimming during the summer attended.

A new feature which pleased everyone was the enlarged sunning area. By pushing out the east fence, and planting a new lawn, this additional space will be available for lounging. The new lifeguard for the summer is Jim Hayward, the son of Captain Alex B. Hayward of La Espiral.

The first community dinner will be held June 1, and others will follow the first Sunday every month during the season.

Memberships are available, payable to Mrs. E. A. Dawson or any member of the Board of Directors. The prices are ten dollars for a single membership, twenty dollars for a family membership.



P. T. A.

The Orinda Parent-Teachers Association held their last meeting for the present school year on Tuesday, May 20, at the Orinda School Auditorium. Mrs. Melvin Jacobus presided in the absence of Mrs. C. B. Chantler. Mrs. E. A. Dawson, a past-president of the organization, installed the new officers: Mrs. Emil E. Wickman, president; Mrs. H. A. Summers, vice-president; Mrs. Richard Laney, secretary; and Mrs. Sidney B. Epstein, treasurer.

During the meeting a motion picture was previewed by the parents. Mrs. Violet Bedwell, county school nurse, is obtaining another film which will be previewed by a special committee on Friday, June 6. All parents who are interested are invited to attend.

After adjournment, tea was served under the supervision of Mrs. T. E. Rawlins, chairman of the refreshment committee.

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**PLAY CENTER
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

At the last meeting of the Orinda Park Play Center Mothers' Club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Robert Galbraith; Vice-President, Mrs. William Farquar; Secretary, Mrs. Robert B. Muse; Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Spiegl; Publicity, Mrs. E. M. Armstrong; Ways and Means, Mrs. Herbert J. Lueck.

Unanimous vote of appreciation was extended to Mrs. George Vurek, retiring president, for her fine work in directing the club through its first year of existence.

Dr. Edith Bryan, Psychologist, gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on "Child Discipline Problems."

The Orinda Park Play Center for pre-school children, ages 2 to 5 years 9 months, operating under the W. P. A. Recreation Program has moved to the Orinda Grammar School for the summer. The new facilities make it possible to care for more children, and those wishing to take advantage may enroll now.

Directed by the W. P. A. leaders the children were rehearsed daily to take part in the Orinda Fiestat parade Saturday, May 24th, at 2:30 p. m., with their Latin-American Rythm Band. In keeping with the Fiesta theme the children were dressed in colorful costumes of red, yellow and green. Mrs. Clyde Bumgarner, assisted by Mrs. Sidney Epstein, have done splendid work in designing the costumes and handling the arrangements for the entry.

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HOME DEPARTMENT**

The regular monthly meeting of the Orinda Home Department, was held on May 1st, at the home of Mrs. George Hickok. Fifteen members and a guest, Mrs. Kaufman, were present.

The retiring Chairman, Mrs. George G. Robbins, turned the meeting over to the incoming Chairman, Mrs. George Vurek, who will serve for the coming year. All of the women have enjoyed working with Mrs. Robbins during the past year. Her wholehearted interest in the affairs of the department has done a great deal for the Orinda section of the Farm Bureau.

Following the business meeting, Miss Helen Burling gave a decidedly interesting and helpful talk covering summer laundry. She gave very practical hints for making easier the necessary washing and ironing in the family, especially for the summer months. Water softening and dry cleaning methods were also discussed.

A flower arrangement demonstration was given by Mrs. Van Horn, county supervisor at large, at the home of Mrs. Frank B. Hight on Camino Sobrante Road on May 7th. Mrs. Van Horn made some very clever arrangements from weeds and wild grasses, and many lovely and artistic arrangements with flowers brought from the gardens of some of the members of the Department. Mrs. Van Horn's demonstration was helpful as well as interesting, and all those who saw her enjoyed watching her at work. Following the meeting, Mrs. Van Horn was entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Hight and Mrs. George Robbins.

The next meeting, the subject of which will be "Home Cleaning," will be held at the home of Mrs. B. L. Kaufman on El Toyonal Road on June 5th. This meeting should be very educational, and everyone interested is invited to attend.

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**MOTHERS' CLUB
ENDS SEASON**

A glimpse into another world was given the Orinda High School Mothers' Club at its last meeting on May 19, at the home of Mrs. Fred Allen. The program chairman, Mrs. Sidney Rosenthal, presented Mme. Camille Feher de Vernet, the Hungarian actress, who once was the leading musical comedy star of Europe. Mme. Feher is still a charming and vivacious actress, with a most unusual style. She told of her early childhood, and of meeting Liszt, Wagner, Bernhardt, and Pavlowa. Her marriage was arranged by the Emperor of Austria, and the courtship of the tragic Archduke Franz Ferdinand was carried on in the audience of one of her plays. At the height of her career, she left the stage to come to the United States to further the career of her brother, who was an electrical genius.

After her talk, Mme. Feher showed pictures of herself in some of her most famous roles. The club then turned to the serious business of the afternoon. A committee headed by Mrs. Bradshaw Harrison was appointed to try to get a recreational center for Orinda. Also, the following officers for the coming year were elected: President, Mrs. Edwin Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. Stephen Perkins; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William Pearson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Winfrey; and Treasurer, Mrs. H. T. Doten. Mrs. Wilson is now giving a course of social work in the Economics department at Stanford University.

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HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Graduation exercises are scheduled for 8:00 o'clock, Thursday evening, June 12, at the Acalanes High School. Sixty-four seniors will be graduated at that time. Those from Orinda receiving diplomas are: Mary Bennett, Barbara Herzog, Barbara Jackson, Fred Allen, and Floyd Loughery.

A band overture will open the exercises, to be followed by a procession with caps and gowns. The Invocation will be given by Father Miller. A Salute to the Flag, two speeches by representative seniors, and Presentation of Awards are other features of the program.

Mr. Warburton, principal of the school, will present the class. The Senior's Farewell will be given by Ed Robinson, Senior Class President. Reverend Porter will give the Benediction. Following a hymn and the recessional, a reception will be held in the school cafeteria for the graduating seniors and their parents.



NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School and Kindergarten is now being held at the home of Mrs. Walter Gibbons on La Cuesta, and here a large group of children have found adequate facilities for their many activities.

As a result of the long winter when outdoor play was impossible, the youngsters are proud possessors of a number of art objects. Clay work includes egg cups, napkin holders, and ash trays. There are doll blankets, woven with great care, and several interesting paintings.

In their new surroundings, with a fine area for outdoor play, the children have found a variety of new interests. A spot in the garden was graded for the lath house which was built last year, and the house was successfully installed. Mrs. Gibbons chose a tree to be a special "Climbing Tree" and in this the older boys have built a treehouse. There are plants to water and care for and nature lessons to study. Mrs. Gibbons makes every effort to allow the children to follow their own interests as they find it in life around them.

School will close June 27, and Mrs. Gibbons will announce later any plans she may make for the summer.

COUNTY NEWS BRIEFS

These figures show growth. The East Bay Municipal Water District recently furnished the Contra Costa Development Association the following figures:

The number of service connections in Orinda in 1934-1935 was 119. As of March, 1941, there were 645 water connections.

In the Lafayette area, 100 service connections in 1931-1932 to 847 water connections as of March, 1941.

Out of the budget of \$552,000,000.00 now pending before the state legislature for the support of the state government during the next biennium, Contra Costa County will receive nearly \$4,000,000.00 in these state subsidies with more than \$2,500,000.00 for school support, \$750,000.00 for County and City roads and bridges, \$400,000.00 Social Security payments.

The annual meeting of the Contra Costa Development Association will be held at the Orinda Country Club on Tuesday, June 24, 1941. This will be an elegant opportunity for Orinda members to attend the Development Association meeting.

It was revealed at a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors that Contra Costa County was reimbursed \$26,811.43 as its portion of a judgment against the Six Companies for the delay in the construction of the low-level tunnel.

Joint Highway District No. 13 was awarded the judgment against the contractors.



ORINDA BARNSTORMERS

The Orinda Barnstormers closed a very successful season with the presentation of a skit for the amusement of the dancers at the Fiesta Ball at the Orinda Country Club on Saturday night.

The Barnstormers, meeting weekly at the homes of members, have devoted themselves to study as well as the preparation of plays. Two plays were presented during the year. The first, "For Pete's Sake!" written and directed by Mrs. Marshall Shapiro, was presented by an all male cast during the fall. The spring play, "The Rendezvous" was given at the March Orinda Improvement Club meeting. The group will not meet again until fall.

ORINDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION

Orinda Grammar School will hold its graduation exercises on Thursday, June 12, at the grammar school auditorium. Mr. Harold W. Karr, Director of Supervision for Contra Costa County, will present the diplomas to the graduation class. Introduction of Mr. Karr will be made by Mrs. Doris Parks Mace, principal of the school.

Those receiving diplomas are: John Andrews, Richard Chapman, Bette Dills, Jean Guiffre, Robert Hulse, Betty Mae Pfeiffer, Armeda Smoot, Nancy Soule, Steven York, La Verne Christensen, and Jacqueline O'Hara.

A two-act play, "A Gentleman in the Making," will be presented by the members of the upper grades. Cast of characters is as follows:

- Mrs. Henshaw.....Jacqueline O'Hara
- Mr. Henshaw.....John Andrew
- Connie Henshaw.....Jean Guiffre
- Mary Lou Henshaw.....Bette Dills
- John Charles Henshaw.....Huber Coombs
- Joe Needham.....Bobby Gordon
- Bud Bright.....Patrick Elvidge
- Helen Taylor.....Armeda Smoot
- Bill Watson.....Robert Hulse
- Leslie Slack.....Dick Chapman
- Theodore.....The Kitten
- Friend of Mrs. Henshaw
- La Verne Christensen
- Friend of Mary Lou.....Nancy Soule
- Betty Mae Pfeiffer will be Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.



COMMUNITY DINNER

The Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church sponsored a community dinner in the auditorium of the Orinda Grammar School on the evening of May 10th. About 200 guests enjoyed a delightful dinner after which movies showing the new church plans were shown with explanation of same by Mr. Ralph Sisson. Community singing and solos by Mr. David Hendry of Berkeley, followed by guest speaker, Dr. Holland Burr, pastor of Piedmont Community Church, completed the program.

Mrs. A. W. Elkinton was general chairman for the dinner, assisted by Mrs. A. B. Hayward and Mrs. Arthur Mock, hospitality chairman, Mrs. Earl Norton, flower arrangements, and Mrs. G. Stephen Perkins, tickets.

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