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## ASSOCIATION WEIGHS PROBLEM OF DUTCH SEAMEN'S HOME

Devoted to the presentation of the problems of the Netherlands Seamen's Home, a special meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association was called on the evening of August 26 by the president, Edward Sibbett, in lieu of the regular meeting scheduled for September 4th.

Speaking for the Netherlands government, Lieut. Cdr. M. S. Wytema plead for a spirit of good neighborliness on the part of Orindans toward the seamen who will soon make the former J. P. Miller estate their temporary home. Since the fall of Java the Dutch merchant marine has been turned over to the United States Navy, which has thus been assisted in the carrying of men and material to war zones from this country, he stated. The home will be used only for the duration, and will offer refuge from the constant dangers faced by the members of the crews of the Netherlands ships. According to Mr. Wytema, the establishment and use of such homes will do much to improve the morale of men who have now no homes of their own to comfort them.

The plan for the Netherlands home as presented to the members of the Improvement Association by Mr. Wytema will include as living quarters the present house, which will provide a dining room, living room and kitchen for 40 men, with sleeping accommodations for the manager and his wife and five sick men. In addition to that, there are plans to build a dormitory for 24 European crew members, also a complete house in Javanese style with kitchen, dining room, living room and sleeping quarters for 24 Javanese and a small four room building for extra personnel. For these buildings and the cost of the property the Dutch government plans to spend some \$40,000.

Answering questions, Mr. Wytema assured members of the association that discipline would be maintained in the best possible way; that he would be responsible for the

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The next regular meeting of  
the Improvement Association  
will be held the first Friday  
in October

## NEED OBSERVERS FOR POST

Shortage of personnel to maintain standard shifts at the Moraga observation post of the air raid warning service is announced by Mrs. Robert Bennett, who is in charge of registration of volunteers for this war-time service.

Mrs. Bennett advises that many of the volunteers now manning the post are farmers busy during this season with harvesting of crops. A number of Orinda residents are donating their services for this work but an appeal has gone out for more volunteers so that the length and frequency of the shifts may be spread more evenly among a greater number of people.

The post is located about six miles out the Moraga highway. Comfortable housing during the periods of watch is provided and it is expected that transportation facilities will also be available to the watchers very shortly.

The duties of a watcher consist of listening for airplanes and reporting their presence to the Fourth Fighter Command by telephone. So far the shifts have been of three and four hours duration. Mrs. Bennett advises, however, that an expansion of the volunteer corps to 168 persons will make it possible to operate only two-hour shifts with two watchers on duty at all times.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** There will be a box placed on the counter of the Orinda Store for any contributions to the News. Such contributions should be in before the 20th of the month.

## ORINDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL STARTS SEMESTER SEPT. 14

Opening for the 1942-43 school year on Monday, September 14th, at 9 a. m., the Orinda Union School will welcome kindergarten children to its classrooms for the first time. Mrs. Irma Doane will be the kindergarten teacher and the classroom will be in the lower floor of the school on the north side. Specially fitted up with new kindergarten furniture and equipment, the new room will be a modern, well lighted, and attractive room with lavatory, drinking fountain and washing facilities designed for the exclusive use of the kindergarten children. These children will have a playground area of their own with a new sandbox and other play equipment.

In order to be eligible for entry into kindergarten, a child must have been four and one-half years old on or before September first. A child entering the first grade must have been five and one-half years old on or before September first.

The faculty of the school will be as follows:

Richard L. Davis, principal and departmental teacher.

Mrs. Isabel Wayne, dean of girls and 8th grade.

Mr. Robert G. Eten, boys' physical education and 6th-7th grade.

Miss Delphia Phillips, girls' physical education, instrumental and vocal music, and 5th-6th grade.

Mrs. Margaret K. Anderson, science and 4th grade.

Miss Mary L. Siefker, 3rd grade and primary music.


Miss Marie Miller, 2nd grade.

Mrs. Gertrude Williams, 1st grade.

Mrs. Irma Doane, school librarian and kindergarten.

Mr. Davis reports that the first day of school will end at 12 o'clock noon. Parents

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# The Stroller . . . . .

September conjures up visions of fall fires, acrid with the smoke of burning leaves; hot, crystal-clear days; sharp, violet-blue shadows; snappy evenings; children returning to school; the first-graders eager and enthusiastic, the older ones sophisticated and reluctant to part with vacation and the freedom on long summer days; the sudden quiet with the absence of their voices; thoughts about wood for the fire place, the leak in the roof last winter.

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As the Stroller walks he often chuckles: this time over the spectacle of the volunteer fire department hell-bent for a fire above the Cross-Roads, unaware of the loss of a fire extinguisher as the truck crossed the main highway. The clatter on the pavement brought patrons and shopkeepers flying to their doors, thinking, no doubt, that a bomb had been dropped. On rode the fire-engine, making such a din itself, with its siren screaming, that the thud of the extinguisher was unnoticed.

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Have you ever waited for a bus and inwardly cursed those drivers who rode by with empty cars, serenely ignoring the group of commuters whose chances of getting a seat in the bus were nil.

There could be a definite improvement of the transportation problem if every driver would fill his car by picking up those who wait for the busses. Here is a plea: *Don't drive an empty car to town.* Pick up as many passengers as you can. Share your rubber while it lasts.

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"The stars at night are big and bright." Round and round the song goes through the Stroller's head as he takes his nocturnal walk these Indian summer evenings. Sometimes he stops to sit on a bank or stretch out on his back to better contemplate the heavens, and wonder about the mystery of man and his evil ways in the face of the infinite. Space, time, the brilliance of light, the infinitude of distance are all too apparent when he looks at the stars. Remote, beautiful, indifferent, they are at the same time constant and unattainable. To look at the stars is to put oneself in a very small place in relation to the whole universe. Always there is the feeling that one's life, desires, struggles for power are infinitesimally insignificant in the vastness of space.



## PARK POOL HOLDS PICNIC

Ending the season's activities at the Orinda Park Pool, plans have been completed for the monthly barbeque to be held Sunday, September 6th, at 4 o'clock at the pool picnic ground. All members and their guests are invited. Special entertainment will be provided. Mrs. Alden Macomber is general chairman for the event.

## LETTER STATES DUTCH PLANS

From the Netherlands Liaison Officer, Lieut. Cdr. M. S. Wytéma to Captain M. S. Davis (Ret.), U. S. N., is a communication stating plans for the manning pool house at Orinda for Dutch and Javanese seamen:

The purpose of the house will be as follows:

- "a. housing for members of the Dutch manning pool who are awaiting transfer to a merchant ship,
- b. housing of convalescent sailors,
- c. reserved personnel who are too old to go to sea and who will be used as a harbor crew to enable others to go on leave,
- d. housing and entertaining sailors on leave.

"The property will be government owned and controlled by the Netherlands Liaison Officer in San Francisco and an advisory board appointed by the Netherlands Liaison Officer in San Francisco and an advisory board appointed by the Netherlands Ministry of Shipping. It will not be a public place but a strictly exclusive one where only guests with the approval of the Liaison Officer are admitted. It is hardly possible that the institution and the behavior of the men will be a disgrace to the neighborhood or to its good name.

"The natives of the Netherlands are most gentle and quiet and my twelve years in Java enables me to say that these men will never cause any disturbance whatsoever. Their building is at 200 yards distance from the main house, about 300 yards from the San Pablo Dam Road, and is entirely hidden behind trees.

"The management will be in the hands of a Hollander by birth with 15 years experi-

ence in restaurants throughout the United States. He speaks the Malay language which is essential and has a good knowledge of seamen and how to deal with them. He is about 40 years old and has a strong and wise personality. He will maintain the peace and dignity of the community. It is my intention to visit the place frequently and every possible irregularity will be dealt with most severely. Men who don't behave will be sent back immediately and will never get a chance to reenter the premises."



## TOUSLEY ELECTED FIRE CHIEF

Eleven members of the Orinda volunteer fire department attended the meeting at the fire house on Wednesday, August 19, and adopted new by-laws and elected officers.

Owen Tousley, former assistant fire chief, was unanimously elected chief of the department to fill the position vacated by Chief Joe Varni, who has been called for army service. Leonard Harris was elected president, C. S. Bumgarner was named treasurer and Joe Navone was chosen secretary.

It was decided to take in ten auxiliary firemen to serve with the department for the duration of the war. Walter Hugh and Tommy Snow were elected as new members. A report on the recent firemen's benefit show held at the Orinda Theater was read.

Chief Tousley points out that the coming two months constitute the most hazardous season of the year for grass fires, according to past experience in Orinda, and he urges everyone to be especially vigilant during this period.

The first Tuesday of each month has been set as the regular meeting night for the department.

**CUBS DESCRIBE ACTIVITIES**

Two Cub Dens have been active in Orinda since their organization in May of this year. Known as Cub Pack 32, and directed by Cubmaster Al Reid. The individual dens meet weekly under the guidance of their den mothers, Mrs. A. D. Blalock and Mrs. John R. Fatooh.

The first den, known as the Navajos, and led by Mrs. Blalock and Den Chief Wendell Rawlins, includes many of the boys of the Haciendas del Orinda tract. Robert Haskins is denner; Wayne Bedwell, keeper of the buckskin; and Robert Beeman is whooper upper. Jerry Blalock, Norman Green and Reed Fisher are also Navajo Cubs.

The boys of this den have designed and made their own flag, are constructing a tool chest, and have collected over 550 pounds of rubber in the recent drive. The den chief printed clever illustrated reminders which the cubs have distributed among Valley residents, urging them to "Save your cooking fats and put them in a can, and the Cubs will collect them."

Den No. 2, Apaches, have assembled a flag with the eagle as their emblem, portrayed with Indian picture writing for "hills and valleys and wide open spaces", to symbolize their neighborhood. The Apaches include members from the Cotton Ranch section at the end of Miner Road. Their officers are: Richard Breuner, denner; Ross Wold, keeper of the buckskin; Jimmie Macomber, keeper of the wampum; Chuck Fatooh, totem toter; and Stephen Wood, whooper upper.

The den meets at the home of Mrs. Fatooh, and is led by den chief, Montie Dibern. The Apache den collected almost \$6 in the scrap rubber drive, and will use the money thus collected to buy tools for their own tool chest.

On Thursday, August 13th, Mrs. Rita Friesen of Berkeley conducted a nature trip for both the Apaches and Navajos.

A midsummer swimming party was held at the home of denner Richard Breuner for his fellow cubs of Den No. 2. The first part of August, Mrs. Walter Wood, mother of Cub Stephen Wood, entertained at a wienie roast at the Orinda Country Club, followed by a swimming party.



**ACALANES OPENS SEPTEMBER 14**

The Acalanes Union High School will open its doors on September 14th, at 8:30 a. m. Students are to meet their buses at the regular bus stops as of last year.

Freshmen and sophomores are requested to register on Thursday, September 10th, between the hours of nine and four. Juniors and seniors are to register on Friday, September 11th, during the same hours.

Dramatics, physiology, Pan-American affairs, aviation, and journalism will be added to the curriculum for the coming year. All students are advised to take more science, mathematics, mechanical drawing, and home-making, so that they will be better equipped to aid our war effort.

**P. T. A. TO HOLD RECEPTION**

Mrs. Melvin Jacobus, president of the P. T. A., announces that a reception will be held Friday, September 18th, at 8 p. m., at the Orinda school to present the new faculty members to the parents.

The P. T. A. is to sponsor the forum evenings and announces October 14th as the first date. Dan Farmer, director of physical education at San Francisco State College, will discuss the importance of physical education in elementary school. There will be a series of four forum evenings.

In addition, the P. T. A. is planning a social program for the seventh and eighth grades to held once a month at the school. The students will plan the evenings, which will comprise dancing and games, with the parents acting as advisors. October 2nd is the date for the first evening program.



**HOME DEPARTMENT STARTS YEAR**

The Orinda home department will hold its first meeting of the year in September at the home of its president, Mrs. Clarence E. Betz, 33 Orchard Road, Moraga Estates. The exact date of the meeting has not yet been determined and those desiring to attend are asked to telephone Mrs. Betz at Orinda 8331, for further information.

The home department is a group of women organized under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and the University of California extension division for the purpose of studying matters pertaining to homemaking. Miss Helen Burling, University of California demonstrator and lecturer for Contra Costa county, gives instruction on some vital subject each month, beginning at 9:00 o'clock in the morning. The subject for the September meeting will be canning of juices, especially tomato and grape. Anyone living in Orinda or vicinity is welcome to join the club or attend any meeting as a guest.



**DONATE JUNK FOR VICTORY**

Continue to turn in your waste materials, pleads C. P. McVicker, chairman of the committee of the Salvage for Victory Campaign. Less paper is wanted, but there is an urgent need for scrap metals of all kinds. See what old gadgets you can dig up. Rubber and old rags continue to be high on the list of desirables. Old electric light globes, worn-out kitchen utensils, discarded garden tools, all are wanted for the metal they contain.



**CHURCH TO HONOR MILLERS**

The regular meeting of the Santa Maria Church Association was postponed until September 25th when an evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miller will be held at the Fageol home with Mr. and Mrs. Tate host and hostess of the evening, assisted by the Santa Maria Church Association.

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Mrs. Garland Heinrici is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Evans, in Los Angeles.

During the past two weeks Mrs. Leon Woolsey with her two daughters, Judy and Joan, visited in Los Angeles with Mrs. Woolsey's sister. Upon their return Mrs. Woolsey will have as her guests her sister and her three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Warde Sorrick spent the last weeks vacationing at Lake Vera with their daughter, Barbara. Barbara will be married in the near future to Lieut. Scott Goodfellow, U. S. N., who is now somewhere in the Pacific.

Mrs. Carrie L. Smith has just resigned from her duties at the Orinda rationing office, where she has served during the summer. Mrs. Smith teaches at the Lincoln School in Berkeley and will leave at the opening of school. The rationing office will be kept open and her position will be taken by volunteers from Orinda.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kiesel and their small daughter, Barrie, are leaving Orinda for Oxnard, California, where they will make their home for an indefinite time.

Harold Long has been commissioned in the service and has left for Florida.

Clarence Fleager resigned from his position of chairman of the rationing board of Contra Costa county August 15th. Mr. Fleager finds it impossible to continue due to tire shortage.

Visiting her parents at Trinity Alps, Mrs. T. A. Goodrick and her daughter, Dorothy, have returned to their home on Davis road.

A summer spent on Mt. Lassen has been the vacation of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall and their three children. Mr. Hall was engaged in forestry work in Plumas county.

Born on June 23rd a new son, Richard Frank, has joined the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rossi on Davis road.

Summer has been no vacation for busy Mrs. Melvin Jacobus. On Mondays from 11 to 4 she has entertained children of Orinda at her swimming pool. The hour after lunch, that interminable sixty minutes that young swimmers must wait before going back into the water, passed quickly, for Mrs. J. read to her small guests.

In addition to this, Mrs. Jacobus has been conducting classes in square dancing on the third Friday of every month from 8 to 9:15 p. m. for any adults interested in this form of recreation and exercise.

Away on business in the East is Melvin Jacobus, who has been in Chicago, New York and Washington. He will be gone about a month.

Friends of Miss Virginia Hickok will be glad to know that she is convalescing after her serious illness.

Mildred Hickok, sister of Virginia, has been home on vacation this past month. She

has been associate director of the Girl Scouts in Santa Monica for the past year, but will return as executive director of the Girl Scouts in Inglewood.

Mrs. George Hickok left August 15th for a visit in Minnesota with her mother who has been ill.

Mrs. Robert Bennett, with her children, Maxwell and Robert, have just returned from a month's vacation on the Truckee River, where they visited Mrs. Bennett's mother.

Having received their certificates for completion of the Nurse's Aid course, Mrs. Homer Keesling and Mrs. Peter Radcliff are now eligible to be on call for emergency duty at Orinda. The course consisted of three weeks' training at Providence Hospital and three weeks at Fairmont, followed by 150 hours at Alta Bates Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harrold returned in August from a fishing trip up north.

Jimmy Dieterich, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dieterich of La Espiral, has been commissioned as a captain in the army. He is the commanding officer of a pre-glider school in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Bob, the younger son, will return to school in Pomona.

Harold Martin has been commissioned as a Senior Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He will be on active duty. His son, Gordon, will return to school at the San Diego Army and Navy Academy at Carlsbad.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Presher and their son, Bayliss, of Via Hermosa are leaving their Orinda home and moving to Berkeley.

Jerry and Clay Ludlow, Jr., of the Naval Reserve Air Station, Grand Prairie, Texas, have spent their ten day leaves with their parents, the Clay Ludlows.

With college and private schools opening we find that many of the younger Orinda set are going away to school while some are staying near home. Nancy Garoutte will attend Sarah Lawrence University. Nancy was awarded a nine hundred dollar scholarship because of her outstanding scholastic record and her interest in journalism.

Marilyn Martin has already left for Stephens College. Fred Allen has enrolled in the Kemper Military School at Boonville, Missouri. Barbara Mattes is planning on attending Oregon State College. Connie Pearson is going to attend the Ward Belmont School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Francis Allen, Bob Doten, Gordon LaVelle, Pat Rosenthal and Jean Wilson are attending the University of California.

Best of luck to all these young Orindans.

Congratulations are in order for Clyde Bumgarner, who will open for a week's engagement singing at the Golden Gate Theater in San Francisco on Wednesday evening. He won a contest sponsored by the Marin-Dell Milk Company.

### THE FILTER PLANT

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

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Our Orinda News expresses our Orinda views — at least, we pre-suppose that! Yet I know the majority of our citizens welcome the coming of our Dutch Allies as a real asset amongst us. I know there are many who deeply regret the unpardonable unfriendliness of the editorial in the August Orinda News.

How can we expect democracy to prevail unless we ourselves practice it? We are fighting to preserve a free world founded on the basic Christian principles. Every nation fighting on our side is, thank God, fighting for the same purpose. I feel the article referred to is a very poor example of democracy, its spirit un-Christian, to say nothing of its narrow provincialism.

Mrs. D. W. de Laveaga.

**THE EDITOR:**

Do you suppose there would be any individual or group who would donate a bench for commuters who wait for the busses at the Cross-Roads? A number of us do day work in Orinda, and we often have to wait as much as a half-hour for the bus, which is hard to stand after a hard day's work. Many people would be very grateful for a place to sit and rest if the bus is late, as it often is.

WORKER.

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Some of my neighbors and myself would like to raise chickens for the use of our families, but not commercially. Why doesn't Hacienda Homes, Inc., make a statement as to local restrictions so as to clarify our rights with respect to animal husbandry.

FARMER FOR THE DURATION.



### MOTHERS' CLUB TO MEET

Mrs. L. J. Alexander, president of the Orinda High School Mothers' Club, announces that tentative plans for the coming year will be outlined at the meeting to be held on October 5th.

The executive board consists of the following members:

- Mrs. Keene Pettengill, vice president
- Mrs. John F. Lax, recording secretary
- Mrs. W. E. Pearson, corresponding secretary
- Mrs. H. T. Doten, treasurer
- Mrs. L. L. Farrar, chairman of entertainment
- Mrs. J. E. Winfrey, courtesy chairman
- Mrs. Bradshaw Harrison, publicity chairman
- Mrs. Milton Selby, telephone chairman

### ORINDA SCHOOL OPENS

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who wish to enter children in kindergarten may bring them direct to Mrs. Doane in the kindergarten room. Pupils entering the first grade may report to Mrs. Williams in the first grade room at the south end of the school, and pupils entering other grades for the first time should report to the school office.

### ORINDA SCHOOL BUS

**BUS No. 1 — RUN 1**

**MORAGA SIDE OF TUNNEL ROAD**

Leave	Time
Valley View .....	8:10
Glorietta Boulevard .....	8:12
Brookside .....	8:14
Camino Encinas ( Badgley) .....	8:17
Northwood .....	8:19
Oak Springs .....	8:22
Arrive School .....	8:25

**RUN 2**

**MINER ROAD AND SAN PABLO HWY.**

Leave	Time
Norton .....	8:35
Macomber .....	8:36
Fatooh .....	8:38
Harrison .....	8:42
San Pablo — Bear Creek .....	8:47
Jacobus .....	8:49
Teiche .....	8:52
Barden .....	8:53
Fisher .....	8:54
Arrive School .....	8:56

**BUS No. 2 — RUN 1  
HIGHWAY**

Leave	Time
Pedder .....	8:05
Goodale .....	8:06
Fee .....	8:06
Charles Hill .....	8:07
Arrive School .....	8:10

**RUN 2**

**CAMINO DON MIGUEL, LA ESPIRAL,  
CAMINO SOBRANTE**

Leave	Time
Summers .....	8:15
Berry .....	8:16
Campbell .....	8:19
La Espiral — Camino Sobrante.....	8:21
Five Corners .....	8:23
Pettingill .....	8:25
Johnson .....	8:27
Sibbett .....	8:30
Around Lake .....	8:33
Arrive School .....	8:38

**RUN 3**

**EL TOYONAL**

Leave	Time
Canyon Drive .....	8:42
Vallecito .....	8:45
Loma Vista .....	8:48
Pfeiffer .....	8:52
Miller .....	8:52
Arrive School .....	8:56

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### MARSMAN DESCRIBES ESCAPE

A large audience of Orinda and Moraga residents heard Jan Henrik Marsman, author of the recent Saturday Evening Post articles, "I Escaped From Hong Kong", tell of his harrowing experience as a prisoner of the Japs, at a special meeting in the Orinda school August 11th under the auspices of navy relief.

Proceeds from the ticket sales resulted in a substantial sum being turned over to the navy relief cause by the program committee headed by Mrs. Robert D. Harrison. Serving with Mrs. Harrison on this committee were Stanley G. Smith, Warren Harrold, Mrs. F. A. Kales, Richard Breuner, Mrs. Harry Oakley, Mrs. F. B. Connell, Mrs. Herbert Freuler, and Mrs. Leon Woolsey.

Additional entertainment was provided by Lou Walter's orchestra from the Alameda naval air station.

## ASSOCIATION MEETING

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good behavior of the men. He has been in the Royal Netherlands Navy for 22 years and has lived in Java for 12 years, where he found the Javanese to be gentle and docile.

The second speaker of the evening was Guy E. Needham, Pacific Coast representative of recruitment and manning of the War Shipping Administration. He stated that the movement for similar manning homes was started after a visit to Canada where it was noted that the morale of men was greatly improved where such facilities were provided. Crews of all our allies will be given rest homes in the future, he hoped.

According to Lt. D. H. Harkleroad, U. S. N., sharing our community with seamen of our allies will allow Orindans the privilege of shouldering the burden of the war which will get heavier as time goes on. Admiral J. W. Greenslade, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, indorses the plan of the Netherlands government, stated Lt. Harkleroad. Shipping facilities and naval morale are of the utmost military importance, was his opinion.

Jack Cummings, county supervisor for this district, the last speaker of the evening, stated briefly that representatives of the Netherlands government had appeared before the Contra Costa board of supervisors on August 17th, and had requested that their plans be approved. Such approval was not necessary, he pointed out, inasmuch as the property involved is not zoned or restricted in any way. He suggested that members of the community who wished protection against the erection of similar projects apply to the board of supervisors for zoning.

On a motion from the floor a resolution was passed for the president to appoint a committee to meet with and assist the representatives of the Netherlands government in any problems concerning the community. This committee will consist of Ralph Wilson, chairman, Mrs. D. W. de Laveaga, Galen Fisher, Stanley Smith, and Geoffrey Mayo.

President Sibbett was empowered to appoint another committee of five to investigate and recommend plans for zoning of the Orinda community. The recommendations of this committee, if approved by the members of the association, will be submitted to the county planning commission, and then passed by the board of supervisors.

The question of the disposal of the property now owned by the Netherlands government after the war remained unanswered. Members of the association were assured that the manning pool was to be maintained for the duration of the war only. It had been suggested that the property may be given to the state for an institution when peace comes.

## DIM OUT EXPLAINED

By E. L. MATHY

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There apparently exists, in the minds of some of our neighbors, a question in regard to the recent order emanating from Lt. General DeWitt in regard to dim out versus restricted lighting area.

The dim out area covers only such locations which are definitely visible from the ocean. These particular areas, streets or roads are now being identified by placards. There are no such dim out areas in the Orinda-Moraga section. Where dim out areas do exist, in the East Bay area, it is necessary for all motor vehicles to proceed either with parking lights or with two special lights not exceeding 250 beam candle power.

Your standard headlights are likely to have from 25,000 to 30,000 beam candle power. It is not permissible to alter your standard automobile headlights to comply with the dim out regulations. If in doubt, communicate with any garage or repair shop authorized to test driving lights.

The so-called restricted lighting area covers all of the Orinda-Moraga section and the majority of all counties in the state of California. Within the restricted lighting areas no outdoor lights may be employed which permit any light rays above horizontal. Likewise no outdoor lights are permissible illuminating ground areas beyond one foot candle power. The distance of the light from the ground determines the maximum wattage permissible per electric light.

May we remind you that in addition to the dim out and restricted lighting area instructions, there exists a Contra Costa county ordinance prohibiting the use of outdoor fire-places after dark. May we recommend that you get in contact with your nearest air raid warden for any additional information.

Because our civilian defense organization is becoming more and more organized to transmit any vital information swiftly, requests often are made upon the defense organization to distribute circulars or pamphlets or other information not directly connected with civilian defense activities.

Instructions from Washington are to the effect that air raid wardens should not be employed for any purpose not strictly connected with civilian defense.



## BOY SCOUTS HOLD MEETING

The first meeting of the Orinda boy scout troop was held Monday, August 31st, at the Orinda school. The scout program will be expanded this year to include blackout first aid for the older boys. At the beginning of vacation several of the boys from the Orinda troop produced a play, "Mac Decides", for the court of honor of the Walnut Creek troop.

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