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\$5800 RED CROSS QUOTA FOR ORINDA AND MORAGA

Fifty-eight hundred dollars has been allotted to the Orinda-Moraga district as its quota of the national Red Cross drive for \$1,560,000 to meet the extraordinary demands of war emergencies. Voluntary contributions are the only means of financing the far-flung and essential work of this international organization.

According to Mrs. Franklin Kales, chairman of the Orinda chapter, this drive will be the only Red Cross appeal for funds of the year. It is not the former roll call, where a dollar enrolled one as a member of the Red Cross. This is an appeal for civilian aid to meet the demands made on the organization by the disaster of war.

More than \$66,000,000 will be spent in assistance to army and navy hospitals: supplying camp and home service for fighting men and their families, and for disabled ex-service men; for blood donor service; emergency morale and recreation supplies, produc-

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WILLIAM PENN MOTT, JR. ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Members of the Orinda Improvement Association inducted William Penn Mott into the office of president at the February meeting in the Orinda school auditorium after wishing godspeed to Retiring President Ed Sibbett, who resigned the position to become a sheep rancher in the Valley of the Moon. President Mott formerly served the association in the role of vice president.

The meeting struck a distinctly agricultural note with the presentation of two speakers from the Contra Costa County Farm Bureau and the distribution of government pamphlets on home gardening and chicken raising.

Clyde C. Barnum, county farm advisor, explained the intricacies of vegetable gardening and gave many helpful hints on the types of vegetables best adapted to Orinda soil. R. E. Goble, chicken expert from the farm bureau, then gave pointers on the art of chicken raising.

The Stroller

Last week spring had come to Orinda. The sun was warm, the hills were green, acacia flaunted its golden plumes on the hill-sides. The Stroller stood at the Cross-Roads and watched an army convoy hurry by — an almost unbelievable martial symbol against the peaceful country background. On a day when it was good to be alive, men were rolling west to an imminent possibility of death. Truck after truck of olive drab, asterisked with white stars rolled by, jeeps with jaunty soldiers driving west, assurance and adventure in their eyes.

The Stroller stood quietly, reverently, and thought of men going to war and the completion of the cycle — men coming home from war. Shortly before he had seen ambulances bringing in the wounded to a naval hospital from a transport across the Pacific. Stretcher after stretcher bore men who lay with jaws clenched, eyes closed or dull and unseeing. No moans, but no smiles. The sorry spectacle of the ambulatory cases, dirty and torn, steel helmets still on, waiting patiently for admission. There were youngsters with amputations, older men tired enough to drop in their tracks.

If you have ever stood as the Stroller has and watched a convoy go west, and felt that your burden of war was very light, too light, try putting your shoulder behind the war machine by making a contribution to the Red Cross. Here is an organization which can carry aid to the four corners of the earth. A blind naval officer made a spontaneous tribute to the Red Cross in a letter written for him by a volunteer: "I have made a very happy discovery since I have been here at the hospital. There is a

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FIRE DEPT. TO HOLD BENEFIT DANCE TO BUY RESUSCITATOR

The Orinda firemen are giving a "Resuscitator" Dance at the Orinda Country Club, Saturday, March 6, 1943. Jess Stafford and his ten piece band will furnish the dance rhythm.

Proceeds of the dance are to go toward the purchase of an Emerson Resuscitator for life-saving aid in drowning, asphyxiation, electrical shock, child-birth and heart failure cases. Orinda, under war conditions, with two swimming pools and lacking in hospital facilities, needs such a piece of equipment available in a nemergency.

Orinda firemen have contributed \$100 from their treasury to start the ball rolling, but need full support of the community to raise the necessary funds for full purchase.


The following committees, under general chairman H. K. Smith, were appointed to work on the drive: finance; Owen Touseley, chairman, Andrew Catherall, Dick Dawson; entertainment; Clyde Bumgarner, chairman, Bob Givens, Dan Lucas; publicity; Walter Hugh, Al Lucas; tickets; Jim Lucas, chairman, George Kerby, Russell Rasmussen, Joe Navone, Virgil Ramsey, Tommy Snow, Hugh Phair.



ORINDA SWELLS HOSPITAL FUND

At the annual luncheon of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay held recently at the Hotel Oakland, the Orinda branch of the Hospital reported a yearly earning of \$798. A portion of this sum goes to the general fund of the hospital for its maintenance and the rest is used specifically for children of Contra Costa County who otherwise could not afford proper medical aid.

The members of the branch are now busy doing their share to make the Easter Fair a greater success than ever before. All thirty branches of the Hospital participate in this annual affair which is held at the Hotel Claremont. The proceeds this year are to be used to add and equip a new and badly needed ward to the hospital.



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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.

Editor:

With a "good neighbor" movement under way it would seem that this spirit should begin with one's nearest neighbors but such is certainly not the situation in Orinda in more ways than one.

It is unexplainable why there are so few drivers who are willing to be "good neighbors" to the extent of assisting others to reach their homes or buses when their usual method of connection has been upset. We never fail to offer a lift to any one on the road and have always found it deeply appreciated. We do not, however, make a practice of doing this on the highways. There are a few who do as we do but they are the exceptions.

Another evidence of indifference in the people of Orinda is their failure to comply with the government's request regarding tin cans and also making the salvage depot their free garbage dump.

And these are the people who objected to the presence of Dutch sailors made ill or injured in helping to win the war for them. From developments the sailors evidently objected to them.

A Resident.

Dear Editor:

Two residents on Via Hermosa recently found their cats had been peppered with bird shot. In one case the cost to the owner was two trips to Lafayette and a seven dollar veterinarian bill.

It should be noted by the irresponsible gunner that shooting is prohibited in this area by both deed restrictions and state law. Anyone witnessing indiscriminate shooting in the neighborhood should report same to our deputy, P. R. Donaldson, so that willful violators will be appropriately dealt with.

Indignant.

Editor:

The Firemen have tried to contact each home in the Orinda district for the sale of tickets for their Resuscitator Dance, to be held at the Orinda County Club, March 6th.

If we have failed to contact you, it will be possible for you to purchase tickets at the following places: The Orinda Store, Sweet Shop, Moraga Pharmacy, Heine's Barber Shop, The Cross Roads, Hacienda, and The Casa Orinda; you can also call the Fire Station and your tickets will be delivered.

We hope to see you all at the dance, and in that way do your part in the purchase of a Resuscitator for use in this district.

The Orinda Fire Department.

NEED MORE RED CROSS WORKERS

More workers for the Red Cross work rooms in Orinda are urgently needed, states Mrs. Joseph Cotton, production chairman. 20,600 surgical dressings has been the monthly quota for Orinda. Starting March 15 this quota will be doubled. These dressings have to be made by hand, for all available machines will not be adequate for the major proportion of the national quota of 180 million monthly.

Workers on the home front may sit in comfortable rooms, and produce these essential dressings, declares Mrs. Cotton. If you are not already giving at least one day a week to this service, please go to your nearest production room and work. War means wounded men, and wounds are dressed by these bandages.

Work Rooms:

- McColm, 4 Valley View Drive....Wed., 9-12
- Fleager, Seven Oaks Circle.....Wed., 10-4
- Hockett, 11 Southwood Court....Thus., 10-4
- Blalock, 24 El Verano.....Wed., 10 - 9 p. m.
- Henriques, 46 California Ave.....Tues., 10-5
- Doten, 307 Via Hermosa.....Thur., 10-4
Fri., 12-4
- East, 114 Canon Drive.....Thur., 10-4
- Selby, Don Miquel.....Wed., 1-4
- Moulthrop, Dias Dorados.....Tues., 10-4
- East, Canyon Drive.....Mon., 7 - 10 p. m.

THE STROLLER

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Red Cross unit here, and I cannot express my appreciation for all the kind things they have done for me. They have supplied me with a radio, which has saved my mind. They have sent me workers to read and write letters for me. For years I have been a contributor to the Red Cross, but I never really knew what the organization meant until I became a patient in the hospital."

SCOUTS HOLD DINNER FOR DADS

The Orinda boy scout troop held a father and sons dinner on Tuesday night, February 9th, in the school auditorium. The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Dorrington and some of the scouts. Peter Wilkin was the master of ceremonies. At the speakers' table were Scoutmaster R. L. Davis, Contra Costa Scout Executive Victor Lindblad, Scout Commissioner Sidney Rosenthal and Committee Chairman D. W. Chapman.

The dinner was followed by a court of honor opened by the investiture of new tenderfoot scouts. They were Jim Selby, Philip Chapman, Tom Gentry, Ross Connell, Bob Symes, and Eugene Davis. Boyd Wickman, Neal East and Bruce Summers became second class scouts, and Bob Gordon received a merit badge. The court of honor was closed with a tumbling act by all the scouts.

RED CROSS DRIVE

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ing sweaters, kit bags and extra comforts for the armed forces; maintaining servicemen's clubs overseas and in supplying comforts to Americans held prisoners of war by the Axis powers.

Dwight Chapman, chairman of the financial drive for Orinda and Moraga, states that in some instances the response for aid has been very meager. If you wish you may make your contribution in two installments; but he begs you to consider the seriousness of the appeal, and what the Red Cross, by means of its army of trained volunteers, is able to do for our fighting men abroad and overseas. In talking with men who have recently returned from the Pacific war zones, wounded in action, a most favorable report is given of the work of the Red Cross wherever they have been in contact with it.

P E R S O N A L S

The Thomas Telfers have had as their house guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Edward Friendly of Nevada.

Mrs. G. M. Hawkins has sold her house on El Caminito and bought the Miller house on Via Hermosa. Her daughter, Mrs. Alan Young, also of Via Hermosa, has had Mrs. E. A. Pattison and her son as her house-guests recently. Mrs. Pattison is planning to join her aunt in Portland. Lieutenant Pattison is stationed in Newfoundland.

Back from a short trip to Los Angeles are the Richard Breuners.

Mrs. Richard Clendenin left February 24 with her daughter for a short visit in Los Angeles. Mrs. Clendenin's husband is in Glasgow, Scotland.

Mrs. deLaveaga is home from the South where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Harrell Warde, who has been ill.

Friends of the Victor Cranston's will be glad to hear that their son, Jim, is up and around after his accident, a fall from a horse that resulted in a concussion and three broken ribs.

Ensign W. Stuart Davis, Supply Corps of the Amphibious Command, Atlantic Fleet, has been injured in service and is now at the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia.

Orinda residents have registered for their third rationing books and must feel grateful for the organization of Mrs. C. B. Chantler, who has handled the program each time. To most residents what appeared to be an arduous task turned out to move with such facility and ease that they were amazed. Much credit is due Mrs. Chantler, her many volunteer workers, and the girl and boy scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Deryck W. Fernhout of 404 Camino Sobrante, Orinda, formerly of Summit, N. J., and New Wilmington, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Bertram, to Norris William Fluke, U. S. Army, son of Mr. Thomas W. Harkness of Ashland, Ohio.

Her father is Chief of Plant Engineering for the Maritime Commission, West Coast Region.

Mr. Fluke attended Ashland High School, Ashland College, and was graduated from Ohio State University's College of Commerce in 1939. He is affiliated with Sigma Nu Fraternity. Formerly connected with the F. F. Myers and Bro. Company. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and is accepted and awaiting orders for Officers Candidate School.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sibbett have bought a 600 acre ranch with a Spanish style house eight miles out of Santa Rosa on the Sonoma Highway, and they are now raising 400 pedigree sheep. They also have 4,000 chickens and 60 angora goats.

Billy McVicker, son of Mr. C. P. McVicker of Orinda, reported February 22, to the Army Air School at Santa Ana. Mr. McVicker's daughter is coming from the south to stay with him for some time.

Professor Charles Camp left Monday night for Los Angeles to see his father who is seriously ill. We understand the Camps' son, Chuck, has written a Theme for Piano, which was played recently by the Berkeley Piano Club and was very well received. Congratulations, Chuck.

Mrs. Virginia Soulé is now back in her house which has recently been occupied by Lieutenant John Hooker and his family who are now in Del Monte.

Edward Pierce is training for the air corps in Texas.

Richard Greer Sugden, the 2½ month old son of the Greer Sugdens, is now well established as an Orinda resident, and is looking forward to his share of ration tickets.

Franklin and Sheldon Kales, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kales, are now cadets in the Army Air Corps. Franklin reported at Santa Ana last Sunday, and Sheldon leaves the end of this week.

Congratulations from Orinda to Dr. Clifford Feiler, who last Saturday became the proud father of a baby son.

Lieutenant Ritchie Smith, who graduated from Quonset Point on February 19, was able to fly home for a short visit with his wife and daughter before reporting to the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D. C., for duty on March 1, 1943. Mrs. Smith and Deborah will join him as soon as he is able to locate a house for them. Orinda hopes to see them back as soon as the war is over.

Ensign Harry Goodfellow of Seattle stopped in Orinda for two days recently to meet his future sister-in-law, Barbara Sorrick, fiancée of Lieutenant Scott Goodfellow, on his way to communications school in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Moulthrop, 33 Dias Dorados Road, will be host and hostess at the next meeting of the Orinda High School Mothers' Club on the evening of March 8th. Special guests will be members of the Acalanes High School faculty. Supper is to be served at 6:30 p. m.

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The Calendar

NEW GIRL SCOUT OFFICERS

Orinda Girl Scouts of Troops 27 and 74 are meeting together now under the leadership of Mrs. H. A. Summers, assisted by Mrs. C. B. Chantler and Mrs. Nathan Gray. New officers elected recently were: Scribe, Jeanne Tourney; Treasurer, Jane Field; Patrol leaders, Nancy Campbell, Ellen Galbraith, Nancy Miller and Norma Harrington.

A course in home nursing has just been given by Mrs. Sam Cook, in which the girls have learned how to select a suitable room for the care of the sick in the home, how to make a bed "hospital style", how to bathe a patient in bed, and many other useful facts about the care of a sick person at home. Mrs. Chantler assisted in this course.

At present the girls are busy learning leather craft under the direction of Mrs. Gray, and another new project just started is the making of large candles for the Red Cross to be used by our armed forces overseas.

During registration week for Ration Book No. 2 the Girl Scouts did guard duty in two hour alternating shifts with the Boy Scouts.

ENTERTAIN CONVALESCENTS

Mrs. J. L. Jones is now in charge of placing the Mare Island boys in Orinda homes for weekends. Taking these boys for the weekend is very little trouble, and you are repaid so many times by the enjoyment they have, and the good it does them to be in a home. They do not need to be entertained. Please phone Orinda 6141 if you can possibly take any. Convalescent nurses are now being placed singly or in pairs, so possibly some of you that are not able to take boys can find room in your home for them.

GARDEN CLUB THEATER PARTY

The Garden Club Theater party to raise funds for the planting of the school grounds has netted \$185. Cotoneaster microphylla has already been planted in the front beds next to the building. Monterey pines and scarlet oaks are being planted now to provide shade for the play grounds.

GIVE BOOKS FOR SERVICE MEN

Books, magazines, games and cards are being collected for service men at Marie Bennett's Beauty Salon, according to Mrs. Frank Fee, chairman of the Camp and Hospitality Committee of the Red Cross. Magazines of all types are welcome, except women's. Life, Time, the Post, Liberty and Collier's should not be more than six weeks old. Particularly desirable are funny books and movie magazines. Esquire, Reader's Digest, The New Yorker, and the National Geographic are good regardless of date.

ST. MARY'S PRE-FLIGHT SCHOOL

New construction at St. Mary's Pre-Flight School is ahead of schedule, and it is expected that the drill hall will be ready for use by the end of February. Other additions are a supply building, a swimming pool and band building. These, in addition to the playing fields graded and planted last autumn constitute an expenditure of \$1,750,000. The sod on the fields is firm enough now for use.

Many changes in officer personnel are being made this month. Captain G. W. Steele, former commanding officer, has gone to the new pre-flight school at Del Monte, in the same capacity. Lt. Cmdr. G. D. Fitzhugh, former head of the military department here, has become executive officer at Del Monte. The new commanding officer at St. Mary's is Cmdr. Clyde W. King, who recently received a promotion to the rank of commander. Lt. Comdr. F. W. Pierce is the new executive officer. Other new positions are Lt. Cmdr. Lee Weston, head of academics, and Lt. Cmdr. A. J. Badger, head of the military department. These men have been at St. Mary's since the beginning of the pre-flight program. Approximately twenty-five officers have left the school, and the same number of new officers will soon come aboard.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church had its regular monthly luncheon and program, Tuesday, March 2nd, at 12 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. M. H. Groves, 25 Camino Encinas, Moraga.

Miss Isabella Heminway, a nurse recently returned from China, spoke on, "A Chinese Hospital in Wartime."

PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

The Contra Costa County Principals' Association and teachers of the Orinda School met at the Orinda School on January 24th. The eighth grade girls served dinner to the guests and the entire eighth grade recited the verse choir, "Creed". Dorothea Miner and Miss Phillips sang, and Mrs. Caughey was the principal speaker.

12:15 CLUB

Mrs. Hickok entertained the members of the 12-15 Club, Tuesday, February 23rd, at a luncheon, followed by a busy afternoon sewing. Thirty kits were made for the soldiers, also tray and wash cloths.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

County maintenance of roads will be restricted for the duration of patching, according to County Surveyor Joseph Barkley. An attempt will be made to keep the gutters clear and to fill in any holes that appear, but WPO restrictions on the use of road oil make it impossible to plan any extensive all-over road work, states Mr. Barkley.