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U. S. O. DRIVE IN ORINDA

Mr. Steve Ballinger, Treasurer of the Orinda U. S. O. Drive Committee, reported on June 23rd, that \$298.00 has been turned in so far by twelve captains who have completed their work, in designated areas, seeking funds for the United Service Organizations. Those whose reports have been turned in are: Arthur Burke, Lynn Bell, Phil Le Masney (aided by Mrs. Ida Scott), Dr. John Morrison, Mrs. Paul Vashell, John Lax, Beatrice Cleborne, Clay Ludlow, Esther Anderson, Steve Ballinger, Neil East, and George Brockhurst.

Other captains, including Charles Bailey, Miss Heffner, George Crary, Ned de Laveaga, Dick Steiner, William Penn Mott, Al Land, E. E. Hopping, and Eleanor Phillips, will complete their work by July 1, 1941. If they do as well as the captains who have finished, Orinda receipts should reach \$500.00 for the U. S. O. cause, according to Warren Harrold.

Our goal is over \$600.00. If by chance you have not been called upon, kindly donate at Warren Harrold's office, and help Orinda to do a good job for the service boys.



TELEPHONE SERVICE

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company work crews have become a familiar sight in Orinda because of the amazing increase in the number of Orinda subscribers.

In 1937 Orinda service was handled as Berkeley suburban. In 1938 the local office was completed and on April 1, 1938, the dial system went into operation with 338 stations. From that date the company show service demand increased as follows:

January, 1939	457 stations
January, 1940	607 stations
January, 1941	816 stations
May 1, 1941	893 stations

An addition now being constructed will double the size of the telephone office on Orinda Highway, and throughout the community wires are being replaced by cables to care for the rapidly expanding phone traffic.



NEW MEMBERS

New members of the Orinda Improvement Club are:

Mr. and Mrs. William O. Foott
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Dills.

JULY MEETING NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held Friday evening, July 11, at 8:15 p. m. in the auditorium of the Orinda Grammar School. The meeting has been postponed to this later date due to the holiday weekend over the 4th of July.



JUNE MEETING NOTES

At the June meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association the following officers were elected for the new term: president, John T. Morrison; vice-president, Richard M. Cross; secretary, Grover Lavelle; treasurer, Ralph Wilson; trustees, Harrison Ketcham, Geoffrey Mayo, and Clarence E. Fleager.

Mr. Stanley Smith introduced Miss Smiten of the Contra Costa recreational camps who spoke of the activities in these camps and showed delightful moving pictures from past years.

Mr. Heaton spoke on the zoning question in this community and explained what such a community could do about this problem.

At this meeting the standing committees also made their final reports. Mr. Cross of the publicity committee reported a net profit of \$32.43 and a growth of the paper from four to six pages.

Mrs. McDonald of the entertainment committee reported a balance of \$40.00 left from her allotted budget.

Mr. Smith of the Safety and Public Welfare committee reported that their greatest accomplishment during the year was in obtaining the channelization of the crossroads and the resurfacing of the highway. Work on this project will start soon after the first of July.

Mr. Hickok reported a balance in the treasury of \$713.92.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.



NOTICE

It has been recently arranged for the State Highway Patrol to cooperate with the Sheriff's office in answering calls from Orinda. In case of an emergency, a call to the Sheriff's office will result in quick response by the State Officer on duty in the neighborhood.

MARTYN WARNER REVIEWS YEAR'S WORK

Approval by state authorities of the plan for improving Tunnel Road and protecting the crossing at the junction of Orinda Highway and Tunnel Road was announced by Retiring President Martyn F. Warner at the annual meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association June 6.

In his review of work accomplished during his administration, President Warner commented on the successful Fiesta program staged last month, improvement in the transportation facilities with expansion of service by the Greyhound Lines, establishment of a budget designed to conserve funds of the Association under recommendation of a Projects and Planning Commission, and solution of the highway tree problem through assistance of County Commissioner Cummings.

"Orinda is suffering tremendously from growing pains," President Warner stated. "The little close-knit community of five years ago is growing up, with all the problems and responsibilities which that entails, and it is of great importance that we see to it that this growth is not at the expense of the advantages which brought us to live here.

"The great majority of our members are directly concerned with our relations with Hacienda Homes, Inc. Our roads committee has worked on almost every angle of that relationship. One member said that perhaps incorporation as a city was the only solution, but later another suggestion was made which, if it should be found feasible, might offer a solution. I hope another year will see the culmination of the work done along this line. The problem includes not only roads but also building restrictions, sanitary control, and other items.

"Last but not least is the growing problem of sewage disposal, which will be more acute with the growth of the community. It would be advisable to have a committee working with the County Planning Commission on this and other subjects."

President Warner concluded his address with a plea for enlarged membership of the Improvement Association, emphasizing the importance of a healthy, active Association in the development of the community.

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EDITORIAL

The object of the Orinda Improvement Association is to develop a unified community spirit, to study needs of the community and to support such projects as will further its interests culturally, morally and physically. The purpose of this organization is not only a worthy one but commendable to the highest degree.

The community of Orinda will in the near future be confronted with several vital problems. In view of the fact that Orinda has no civil governing body these administrative duties fall upon our Improvement Association.

It is most necessary to have the expression and opinion of a complete representative membership in order that your officers and trustees may formulate future plans.

All residents of Orinda are invited to join the association and participate in the activities of common interest to the people of Orinda. Members are urged at all times to take an active part in furthering the aims of our democratic community.

The officers and trustees request that members make special effort to attend all meetings of the ensuing year.

John T. Morrison.



RAINFALL

Mr. U. B. Smith has given us the following report on the rainfall in Orinda for the season September, 1940, through May, 1941. The records by months is as follows:

September, 194033 inches
October	1.49 inches
November	2.41 inches
December	8.17 inches
January, 1941	9.42 inches
February	8.48 inches
March	6.08 inches
April	5.32 inches
May	1.81 inches

This is a total of 43.51 inches for the season.

YOUR GARDEN AND MINE

June is the harvest month for all those diligent gardeners who worked so hard under the adverse conditions of the last winter and spring and their gardens are the envy of those who were unable to properly prepare and plant those beautiful areas of spring and early summer flowers.

It requires continual work and planning to keep the garden going and now is the time to prepare for the perennial flowers for next year. Decide what you want for next season and where you wish to grow them. You may want to grow your own plants. If you do, the seed flats and soil should be prepared and the varieties of seeds carefully selected. The seeds must be started very soon now, for the small plants should be big enough to be planted in the open ground the latter part of August or very early in September if you wish flowering clumps next spring. They will make a much better showing if they are transplanted directly to their permanent location but may be grown in a bed set aside for that purpose and then transplanted again in the early spring.

The first thing to do after selecting your seed is to have well prepared soil in flats or seed boxes. Scatter the seed very thin, cover lightly and press the seeds into the soil. These seeds must be kept moist at all times and protected from the direct rays of the sun. Transplant into flats when the second leaves appear. Shade the transplants for a few days and gradually expose them to more light as the plants become stronger. These plants must be kept uniformly moist during this period and they will make small clumps with well developed root systems that will thrive in the perennial bed when they are planted late in August. These small clumps may be purchased in August and September if you do not wish to raise them from seed. The small slumps set out in August will produce large healthy plants to bloom next spring.

Some of the favorite perennials are:

Delphinium, Columbine, Foxglove, Transval and other Daisies, Lupines, Sweet William, Penstemon, Alyssum, Hollyhocks, Poppies (Oriental and Iceland) and Primroses.

Some of the more unusual types of perennials are:

Aconite (Monkshood), Anchusa, Anemone, Campanulas in variety, Pyrethrum (painted daisy), Dianthus, Siberian Wallflower, Geum and Ranunculus.

All these and many more can be used to get away from the constant replanting of annual types and your garden can be in bloom almost the year 'round.

—Galen C. Darr.



NURSERY SCHOOL

Mrs. Walter Gibbons wishes to announce that she will continue her Nursery School through the month of July. Payment during this period will be by the day, at the rate of fifty cents. The school will be closed the entire month of August, and will re-open for the regular fall term on September 2.

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CONTRA COSTA ASSOCIATION DINNER

Over 500 residents of Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco counties paid tribute to Fred D. Parr, chairman of the executive committee and county booster, at the annual dinner of the Contra Costa Development Association at the Orinda Country Club on Tuesday, June 24. Mr. Parr a well known industrialist and head of Parr-Richmond Terminal Corporation, has been chairman of the Executive Committee for the past five years.

Attorney Thomas M. Carlson of Martinez acted as Master of Ceremonies. George Foye of Lafayette, Mayor McCracken of Oakland, Judge A. F. Braq, J. A. Christie and R. Irwin of the Santa Fe, Bert Sooley, and Hugh Donovan, spoke in appreciation of Mr. Parr. Senator Will R. Sharkey presented a resolution of appreciation of Mr. Parr on behalf of the Directors of the County Committee.

La Rue Matson of Lafayette entertained with her harp, and Peggy Turnly and Carl Haig sang several delightful songs. Constance Willis Camp of Berkeley read a poem written by her and dedicated to Mr. Parr.

The Contra Costa Development Association, as a token of its appreciation, presented Mr. Parr with a handsome desk set.

The speaker of the evening was Lewis F. Byington, a well known San Francisco attorney and Past Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West, who spoke most interestingly on the Early Days of California.

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 not meet until further notice.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scouts of Troop 27, Orinda, held a formal Court of Awards in the Orinda School auditorium on Monday evening.

After the presentation of Colors, achievement badges were awarded: Troop Dramatics, Claire Breuner, Jean Norton, Joan Norton, Nancy Campbell; Interior Decoration, Claire Breuner, Nancy Campbell and Sally Tinkham; Glass, Sally Tinkham and Claire Breuner; Games, Nancy Campbell, Jean Norton, Claire Breuner, Joan Norton and Sally Tinkham. Handywoman and House-keeping, Sally Tinkham; Hostess, Jean Pettingill, Nancy Campbell and Sally Tinkham. Claire Breuner also received Photography, Explorer, Tree Finder and Foods badges.

Second Class badges were awarded to Jean Pettingill, Sally Tinkham, Connie Goodale and Joan Jacobus by Mrs. John Ratcliff, the leader of the troop.

A First Class Scout badge was awarded to Claire Breuner by Mrs. G. F. Hickok.

A new award has been added this year, called the Service award, and Service pins were given Nancy Chantler, Nancy Campbell, Sylvia Martin, Claire Breuner, Joan Norton, Sally Tinkham, Pat Lax, Jean Norton and Jean Pettingill. Membership stars were awarded to Sally Tinkham and Nancy Campbell.

Following the awarding of badges, the troop presented several songs. A skit "Master of All Masters" by Nancy Chantler and Connie Goodale; a group of songs by four girls in the troop and a playlet, "Three Wishes" given by Janet Lou Field, Patsy Tiecke and Nancy Macomber, completed the program.

Mrs. Lloyd Farrar, who has worked with the girls for the past three years, presented several of the badges and Mrs. Martyn Warner assisted at the piano for the ceremony.

The Troop Committee wishes at this time to thank the School Trustees and faculty for their cooperation during the past year.



GIRL SCOUT TRAINING COURSE

With the completion of the Girl Scout Training Course which has been held each Wednesday morning for the past eight weeks at the Orinda Community Church under the direction of Miss Mildred Hickok, at least thirty residents in Orinda and Lafayette have a better understanding of what the Girl Scout Program really is trying to do for girls in the Community. Women taking the Intermediate Course include Mesdames James Brooks, Melvin Peugh and John A. Mallet of Lafayette and Mesdames Richard Laney, Alden Macomber, J. N. Gardner, Byron Nelson, George A. Cockerton, Jr., C. L. Parham, G. Tinkham, Douglas Williams, R. E. Nason, John Stoffel, H. A. Summers and C. B. Chantler of Orinda. Those taking the Girl Scout Brownie Training Course were Mesdames W. J. Field, Chester Williams, Swale F. Gordon, Kenneth Courtright, Donald Badgley, Melvin Jacobus, Phil Le Masney, Samuel E. Briggs, F. B. Connell, Wm. F. Gordon, George Thunen, Richard Laney, and C. B. Chantler of Orinda and Mrs. Lee Smith of Oakland.

ORINDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION

Orinda Grammar School held very successful graduation exercises on Thursday evening, June 12, at the grammar school auditorium. The Glee Club opened the program with three songs. This was followed by a two-act play, "A Gentleman in the Making." The cast was composed of pupils from the upper grades.

Mrs. Doris Parks Mace, principal of the school, introduced Mr. Harold W. Karr, Director of Supervision for Contra Costa County, as speaker for the evening. Mr. Karr had chosen as the topic for his speech, "Friends Instead of Material Things." After viewing the play, however, he decided to speak extemporaneously, for, according to him, he felt that the play showed the students already had a fine understanding of the importance of stressing spiritual development over the material. He applauded highly this attitude of the Orinda students.

Mr. Karr, later, made the presentation of diplomas to the graduating class. Those who received their diplomas were: 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.



NEW GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHER

Miss Lillian Bryant, according to an announcement by the Board of Trustees, will be added to the teaching staff of the Orinda Grammar School when the fall term opens. Miss Bryant is from Richmond and is a graduate of San Francisco State College. She comes to Orinda very highly recommended. Miss Bryant has a strong musical background, having sung with the Madrigal Singers and the Capella Choir. She plays the piano, violin, and clarinet and has had experience in orchestral work.



PLAY CENTER NEWS

Like all children, the Orinda Park Play Center tots are having a wonderful time now that vacation is here, but they are happy because they are still busily having a good time at the Orinda Grammar School. Now that the older children are no longer at the school, the play center has full use of the school playground and the children spend most of their time outdoors enjoying the large open space available for tricycles and wagons, teeters and slide. Some of the girls prefer to play house under a big beach umbrella while near by several future artists do landscape scenes with paint and easel.

Of course there are a few skinned knees but our leaders, Miss Bostwick and Mrs. Ver-west, say the children try to see who does not cry when they are getting fixed up. The children all enjoy themselves — and are learning to live and play pleasantly with their neighbors.

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HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises for the first graduating class of the Acalanes High School were held Thursday evening, June 12, at the school gymnasium. Sixty-four students received their diplomas at this time. Those from Orinda were: Mary Bennett, Barbara Herzog, Barbara Jackson, Fred Allen, and Floyd Loughrey.

The program for the evening was as follows:

- PreludeAcalanes School Band
- ProcessionalRoberts
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- National Anthem Audience
- Announcement of Scholarship Awards
- Senior Speaker "Pioneering" Don Huovinen
- Vocal SoloMrs. Charles E. Chapman
- Senior Speaker "Patriotism in a Democracy" Virginia Le Pierce
- Edward RobinsonSenior Class President
- Presentation of ClassStanley Warburton
- Presentation of DiplomasJ. E. Lawrence, Chairman, Board of Trustees
- School HymnSung by Senior Class
 Written by Martin Stowe
- BenedictionReverend Robert D. Portet
- Recessional.

The Orinda graduates, for the most part, expect to enjoy a well-earned vacation with their parents during the summer, but, with the arrival of fall, the five graduates all expect to continue their education. Mary Bennett, first editor of the Aklan (Acalanes' first annual book), intends to study Journalism at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Barbara Herzog will prepare for elementary teaching by studying at San Francisco State. Barbara Jackson plans to attend business college. Fred Allen intends to enroll at San Francisco Junior College where he will study aeronautical engineering as preparation for his entrance to Boeing School, while Floyd Loughrey hopes to become a freshman at Berkeley when the University of California opens in August. Orinda is proud to have these young people, with their high hopes and ambitions, a part of its community.

ORINDA PARK POOL

Jim Hayward, the Life Guard at the Orinda Park Pool, is now giving swimming lessons. The price is fifty cents per lesson, and appointments must be made in advance. It is difficult at this time to give group lessons, due to the fact that the ages of those taking lessons are too scattered.

The next community dinner at the pool will be held on July 6, at five o'clock in the afternoon. The menu will be posted two weeks in advance, and those planning to come are asked to sign for whatever part of the meal they wish to offer. An effort is being made to interest those who attend in folk-dancing and old-fashioned square dancing, if suitable phonograph records can be obtained. If this is successful and meets with general approval, further plans along this order will be made.

ACALANES BUILDING NOTES

The contract for the building of the three new units at the Acalanes High School has been given to Mr. Elmer J. Freethy of Richmond. Two weeks from the day he was awarded the contract all excavations were finished, forms built and cement poured for the new constructions. If this cooperation and speed continues the buildings will surely be ready for the opening of school in September. The contract for these buildings is for a little over \$58,000.

There was a special meeting of the school board called for June 27 to approve the budget for the following year. From all indications there will probably be a lessening of approximately ten cents over last year's Acalanes High School tax rate.

A new four inch water main has been installed from the school grounds to the football field to accommodate a sprinkler system to water the contemplated turf for the field. This work is being planned so that the football field will be turfed by the coming season.

The landscaping in the front of the school, planned by William Penn Mott, is practically completed and the front of the buildings should take on a pleasing aspect from now on.



ACALANES' YEAR BOOK

Acalanes High School is mighty proud! A first year has been completed. A first year rich in problems, struggles and successful solutions. There are so many "firsts" in a brand new school. "The Aklan" is a first—the school's first annual book. Putting it out presented problems. Ask the staff. Ask the faculty. Ask the students. Then glance at the book. No wonder Acalanes is proud!

They had to start from scratch. No precedent. No funds. No experience. But they had willing students. Mary Bennett from Orinda was chosen Editor. Bill Pitt accepted the job of Business Manager, Bonnie Smith edited the Art and Frances Neilsen became Literary Editor. Now they had a staff as well as an enthusiastic student body—but they still had no experience, they still had no funds. The engravers, the printers gave invaluable aid. The school photographer, Mr. Mattson, and their faculty advisor, Miss Merkel, helped them over many of the rough spots. But the business men of the locality—they were the ones who were fine! They dug deep in their pockets. They sponsored the book. And now Acalanes has an annual! A record of good times, good will, good sportsmanship. "The Aklan" has been achieved.



REAL ESTATE

New Residents:

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Edwards, Vallecito Lane
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PERSONALS

Art Anderson, our friendly Golden State milkman, and his wife are the proud parents of a daughter, Patricia, born May 16.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Walter Gibbons whose brother, Lt. Baylies V. Clark, was killed in a plane crash over the Atlantic May 23. Lt. Clark was a graduate of Annapolis in the class of 1930 and had led two mass flights of Navy bombers from San Diego to Panama.

A son, Robert Franklin Courant, was born June 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Courant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dawson and son, Philip, are planning a three weeks vacation trip to New Mexico.

A new son, Gary, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lucas on June 7.

Mrs. Edwin W. Miller and daughter, Nancy, are visiting Mrs. Miller's parents in Ohio.

Mrs. A. W. Sands and daughter, Shirley, are visiting Mrs. Sand's parents in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Miles B. Fisher entertained members of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church and friends at tea at her home in Berkeley, on June 26.

Frank Bennett has spent a short vacation with his mother, Mrs. Marie Bennett. Frank is in the army and is stationed at McCord Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Berry and their two older children are visiting in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Duncan are planning a three weeks vacation in July at Fallen Leaf Lodge at Lake Tahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dennis of Camino Don Miguel spent two weeks in June at Coffee Creek Chalet at Trinity Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hough of Hollywood were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Wold of Minerinda, Friday, June 20. Mr. Hough is the author of many amusing Saturday Evening Post stories.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Le Masney of Camino Don Miguel spent ten days in Seattle during the latter part of June. Their daughter, Carol, accompanied them.

Captain and Mrs. Alex B. Hayward are now settled in their new home at 56 Orchard Road in the Moraga district. Mrs. Helen B. Sheddon bought the Hayward home on La Espiral.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Briggs of La Espiral left for a fishing trip up the Eel River, June 21. They were gone nine days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Farquar of El Toyonal spent a few days in the Sierra Nevada near Hetch Hetchy where the Oakland Boy Scouts have a camp. Mr. Farquar gave some courses in physical education while there.

Miss Elsie Lueck of Calexico spent a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lueck before she resumed her journey to Wisconsin to visit her parents. During her stay, she motored with Mr. and Mrs. Lueck to Sebastopol for a weekend at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill of Minerinda are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Ralph Hill, II, at Alta Bates Hospital, May 30.

Mrs. King Wilkin of El Toyonal traveled to the southern part of the state during the middle of June to spend a few days with her husband who is on a business trip in Los Angeles. During her stay, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin spent a pleasant weekend at Arrowhead.

Mrs. E. M. Armstrong, Jr. of Vallecito Lane was rushed to Alta Bates Hospital Tuesday night, June 17, for an emergency appendectomy. Occupying another room on the fourth floor at Alta Bates is Mrs. Fred Broderick of Underhill Road, who has just undergone an operation. Both Mrs. Broderick and Mrs. Armstrong are doing nicely, their many friends are glad to hear.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese D. Jones of Camino Don Miguel returned in June from a three weeks trip in the east. They went by train and returned by automobile, traveling east as far as New York City and south as far as Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. Gladys M. Hawkins recently entertained a large group of friends at a dessert-bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Woods are moving away from Orinda, and expect to sell their home here. Mr. Woods' business connection is taking him to Los Angeles, and they will make their home there.

Professor and Mrs. Charles E. Chapman recently entertained friends at a delightful buffet supper-pingpong party.

Miss Virginia Hickok has returned to her home in Orinda from Los Angeles, where she has been attending the University of California at Los Angeles, for the summer vacation.

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ORINDA NEWS

COUNTY NEWS

At the supervisors' meeting held Monday, June 16, the entire day was taken up with approving subdivisions in Contra Costa County. On that day ten new subdivisions were approved for filing. Most of these were in Jack Cummings' district which is our end of the county. Through these subdivisions the growth of residential areas in the county is assured.



The city of Crockett has asked the government for 100 to 125 defense housing units as the defense workers in Vallejo are overflowing into Crockett and overcrowding the town. They have asked that these be built in individual units so that after the emergency is over they may be sold to local people as housing in Crockett is badly needed.



The Civil Aeronautics Association is going to locate a flying field in Concord. The Board has approved the purchase of property for this purpose. It is also rumored that the Navy is seriously considering a training field in the Concord area. Surveys are being made at this time. Concord may come to be the new aviation center.



The Board is now busy taking the preliminary steps necessary for the setting up of the tax set up for the following year. All district budgets were due June 30.

ORINDA HOME DEPARTMENT

Mrs. B. L. Kaufman's home on El Toyonal Road was the scene of the June monthly meeting of the Orinda Home Department. Miss Helen Burling's demonstration on "Home Canning" was enthusiastically received by those present at this meeting.

The Home Department will give its annual picnic on July 15, at the Orinda Park Pool. The directors at large of Contra Costa County are to be the department's guests for the day and all members are invited to come and spend the day of the fifteenth in the park. Mrs. James E. Sullivan is in charge of arrangements for this picnic.

There will be no further meetings held until the first Thursday in September. The place of meeting has not as yet been announced, however all members will be notified prior to that date.



PIANO RECITAL

A recital by the pupils of Alyce Hayek Morrison of Orinda was held at the Lafayette Grammar School Auditorium on Friday, June 13. Those who participated in the program were: Lois Ann Haworth, Barbara Berry, Robert Wickman, Jacqueline Capell, Ardith Nave, Anthony Biggs, Phyllis Culver, Margaret Weiss, Michael Biggs, Anne Summers, Nancy Miller, Joan Woolsey, Philip Chapman, Anne Badgley, Marilyn Adler, Janet Fields, Janet Chantler, Nancy Chantler, Boyd Wickman, Bruce Summers, Joan Jacobus, Dick Symes, Charlene Bennett, Jean Norton, Joan Norton, Barbara Lasher, Dick Chapman, Patricia Lax, Monte Dibbern, Betty Lou Bennett, Carol Le Masney, and Lennie Lamb.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CONVENTION

Christian Scientists of the Bay Region found particular interest in the election of John Randall Dunn as president of the Mother Church for the coming year at the annual meeting held in Boston June 2 for it was in San Francisco that the incoming president received a large part of his schooling.

Some 6,000 Christian Scientists from many parts of the world assembled in Boston for the annual meeting of the Mother Church and were called upon by the board of directors to consecrate themselves to the defense of the democratic system of government as the best human instrument for preserving the basic rights of mankind to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Incoming President Dunn accentuated the theme of spiritual progress with the reassuring statement that "the present mighty world upheaval does not portend the breaking up of Christian civilization or the plunging of humanity into chaotic darkness."

He viewed the present conflict in the light of a world house-cleaning, during which individual and national sin, tyranny, greed, self-will, and lust for power are being brought to the surface of world thinking, ripe for destruction. And these ills, rather than world civilization, he said, are the things that will be destroyed.

Reporting on war relief, Ezra W. Palmer, clerk of the Mother Church, pointed out that the War Relief Committee in Boston began its work on September 19, 1940. Today over one thousand committees serving as a recognized activity of the branch churches are shipping war relief material to Boston or to one of the other three depots now functioning in New York, Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon.



GUILD

The annual Garden Party of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church held on June 3rd at the home of Mrs. Melvin Jacobus on Orinda Highway, was a very delightful affair. About two hundred guests enjoyed the afternoon of cards. Mrs. B. B. Seim was General Chairman of the day, assisted by twelve hostesses and older girls of the Sunday School serving the refreshments.

BUS SERVICE

Leave San F.	Leave Oakland	Leave Berkeley
*8:00 a. m.	8:20 a. m.	
x9:00	9:20	*8:15 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	1:23 p. m.	
*3:00	3:23	
		*3:15 p. m.
4:15	4:40	
*4:45	5:10	
*5:20		*5:30
Orinda	Crossroads	
7:31	7:35	
*7:31	7:35	
*8:01	8:05	
*8:01	8:05	
x9:17	9:21	
*2:42	2:46	
5:13	5:16	

Arrive Crossroads	Arrive Orinda			
8:39 a. m.	8:52 a. m.			
8:39	8:52			
9:48	9:51			
1:46 p. m.	1:49 p. m.			
3:46	3:49			
3:42	3:49			
5:10	5:13			
5:33	5:36			
5:55	5:58			
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Oakland	San. F.	Berkeley		
	8:15			
8:05		8:00		
	8:45			
8:28				
	10:05	9:45		
3:08	3:30	3:10		
5:39	6:05			

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