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"OUR EVER CHANGING FACE"— UPPER VIEW, ORINDA CROSSROADS 20 YEARS AGO TAKEN FROM PINE GROVE IN 1937—MORAGA HIGHWAY

IN CENTER OF CUT LOOKING SOUTH. LOWER: SUNSET VILLAGE, LA-FAYETTE, 1947, NOW SOLIDLY DEVELOPED. Photos Courtesy Fred Wood.

TANAGER GROUP TELLS HISTORY OF MT. DIABLO THERAPY CENTER PROJECT

"Those who help keep the art of healing alive share the timeless glory of the healer."

The members of the Tanager unit of the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center have the opportunity for service to the physically handicapped persons of the community and to assist and cooperate with Therapy Center in its endeavors.

Early in 1950 one of the Guilds of the Orinda Community Church was looking for a worthy project to sponsor. It was learned that help was needed by a registered nurse and physical therapist, Mary

Doyle, who had been working to help victims of the 1945 poliomyelitis epidemic as well as teach others to carry out the physician's orders for therapy. Patients with handicaps following diseases other than polio soon heard of the physical therapist and were calling Mary Doyle for help. She was taking on as many cases as she possibly could in her home but soon realized more space and assistance were needed.

In January, 1950, the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center was incorporated

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HAMSTERS?

Apparently in seven year cycles we have a scourge of meadow mice in Western Contra Costa much as the Scandinavian countries are invaded by Lemmings.

The Lemmings however, swim out to sea in mass suicide squadrons and drown themselves, but our little pests are not so obliging.

Some local residents have identified them as hamsters, but our sources of information state that the rodents are the meadow mice who visited us in 1950.

Bob Wachsmirth of the Moraga Nursery reported that his stock of rodent poison sold out in one day but follows to say that his shelves are loaded again in preparation.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT EXPLAINS DISTRICT'S POSITION ON CLOTHING

Several calls have been received at the Orinda Schools' Superintendent's office inquiring about "uniforms" or "uniform dress" for the girls who will attend Pine Grove School beginning in September. There seems to be some confusion in the minds of some parents as to whether "uniform dress" is compulsory.

Mr. Sheaff, District Superintendent of the Orinda School District, stated that "as far as the School District is concerned there should be a clearly defined understanding relative to the en-

forcement of any specific type of dress for school children in a public school. It is against the law for the School Board to enforce any type of uniformity when it pertains to clothes which children wear to school."

The question of school dress was instigated and has been encouraged by several parents in the community who feel that similar dress is one answer to the difficult problem of clothes for girls at the teen-age level.

Neither the School Board nor

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School Uniforms

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the School Administration has any jurisdiction over clothes children wear, except that there is a regulation in the State Law which provides that "pupils must be neat and clean when entering school." There is nothing in the law that would allow a School District to enforce a "similar dress" regulation. This is entirely up to parents. When school starts in September there will probably be some girls wearing similar dress and some will not.

The school will take no action on enforcement.

Local Items

Invitations are in the mail to twelve Orinda women who will become new members of the Orinda Woman's Club. Mrs. Carl Schroeder, Membership chairman, announces Monday, August 19, 8 p.m., as the date of a Dessert-Orientation meeting for new members and club officers at the home of Mrs. E. F. Nielsen, 47 Donna Maria Way.

The purpose of the Orinda Women's Club is to unite its members in philanthropic, educational and social projects and to promote the welfare of its community.

Prospective new members include Mesdames: Clifford Benjamin, Holland Dubois, William Gordon, Alan McDowell, John Slaughter, Henry Soubielle, Harold Staff, Wilbur Stephens, Stephen Stewart, William Thompson, Jack Wallace and William Van Voorhies.

Four Miramonte High School girls entered homemade items in the County Fair in Antioch through the 4H Club last week. They all came out with awards for their good work.

Judy Hopkins of 15 Hilldale Court went home with a red ribbon for her handmade skirt and a blue ribbon for her biscuits. Sylvia Howes of 87 Loma Vista Drive

won two blue ribbons, one for a skirt and one for a cake. Judy Baker of 44 Robert Road won a first for her chocolate cake, and Linda Hart, 38 Meadow Park Court, won a first on her plum jam and a second on her apricot jam.

Professor and Mrs. Frank Newman of 53 Acacia Drive, Orinda, have just returned from London where Professor Newman attended the Lawyer's convention. They thoroughly enjoyed the sights of the English city and the many social events given in honor of the group.

Professor Newman is on sabbatical leave and will do research work at Stanford University this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doolittle and their young sons, Tommy and David, have returned from a two-week vacation trip into Oregon and Washington. Their home is at 35 Donna Maria Way in Orinda.

Robert Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blake, 26 Meadow Park Court in Orinda, left Orinda Monday for his basic training in Texas. He has enlisted for four years in the Air Force.

A farewell surprise dinner was given him Friday evening at the Martin Bekedam home, 9 Northwood Court in Orinda. The guests surprising him were the Luther Leaguers of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. The tables were decorated with small American flags and blue and white streamers. A blue duffle bag was given Bob as a going away gift.

CHURCHES

Plan to attend the church of your choice each and every Sunday in Western Contra Costa.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 22 Orinda Highway, Orinda, has Sunday morning services and Sunday School at 11 o'clock, also Wednesday services at 8 p.m. Nursery care is provided.

The Presbyterian Church holds services at 9:30 and 11 at the Park Theater in Lafayette. Sunday School is held at the same times in Town Hall. Rev. Carl Thomas is pastor.

The First Baptist Church congregation meets in the banquet room at the Willows in Orinda Crossroads on Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Bruce H. Parker is pastor.

The Community Church (Congregational) 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, holds services and Sunday School at 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Services are conducted by the Rev. Chauncey Blossom.

Services on Sunday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Stephen's Drive and Via Las Cruces, Orinda, will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Morning Prayer with a sermon by the Rev. Albert Lucas, rector at

10 a.m.

Nursery care is available in the basement of the rectory during the 10 o'clock service. On Wednesday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 294 Orchard Road, Orinda, holds worship services at 8 and 11 a.m., Sunday School

begins at 9:30 a.m., Luther League meets at 7:30 p.m.

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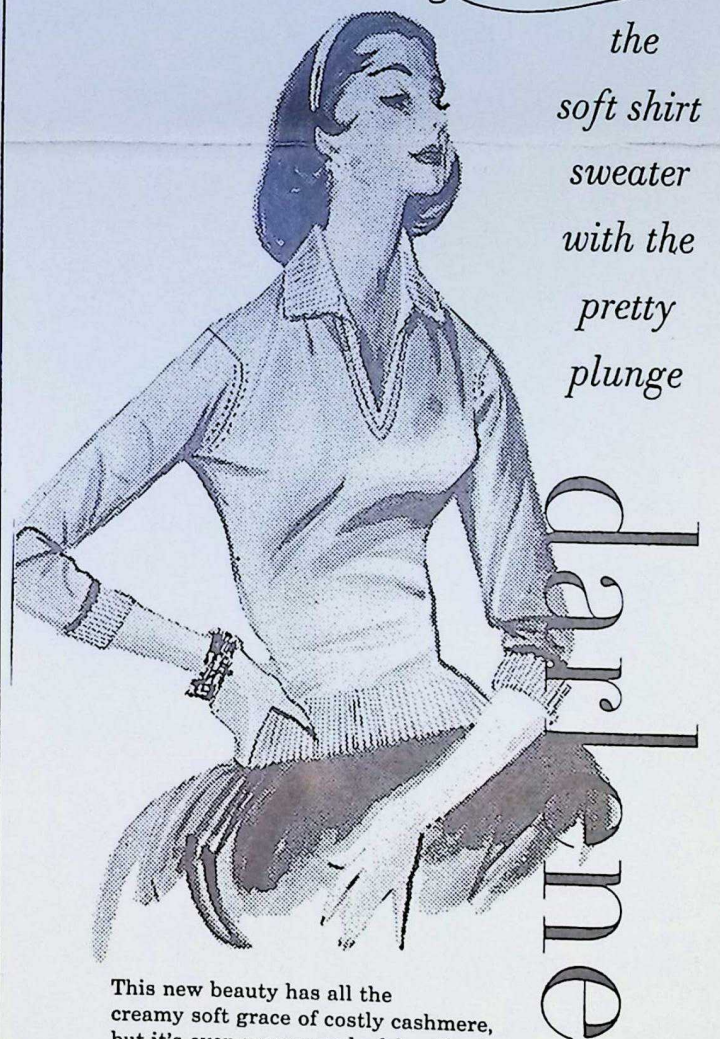
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Tanager Group

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 under the laws of the State of California as a non-profit community project, and was licensed by the State Department of Public Health's Bureau of Hospitals and was established for the treatment of the physically handicapped persons in the Mt. Diablo area.

It was to this newly organized, worthy group that the Guild of the Community Church offered assistance.

Mrs. Ida Zamloch felt that auxiliaries could be formed to help support the Therapy Center. Representatives from the various churches and schools in Orinda were invited by Mrs. Zamloch to a luncheon meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to have each person there make a list of people who might be interested in joining an auxiliary to work for and help support the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center.

In the Fall of 1950 a tea was held at the Neldahm home in Orinda to which the women whose names were listed were invited. It was hoped to have at least 50 women attend the Tea—over 100 women were there. With this wonderful interest and enthusiasm, two units were formed—one to meet in the daytime and the other to hold evening meetings. These units were called the Tanagers and the Orioles, the first units of the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center.

Mrs. Donald Anderson was elected the first president of the Tanagers who held their meetings one evening each month. Those who have served as President since Mrs. Anderson are: Mrs. Alexander Morris, Mrs. Alan Waddell, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. William Cary, Mrs. Frank Juch-

ter, Mrs. Stanley Majka and the new president for the coming year, Mrs. James Seaman. Those who will serve as officers for Mrs. Seaman are: Mrs. Robert Boyle, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Caldwell, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Rockwell Smith, treasurer; Mrs. Donald Krotz, board representative, and Mrs. Stanley Majka, council representative.

Membership in Tanagers is limited to forty and each member works hard to make successful the various projects of the unit as well as giving aide work and supplying transportation to and from the Therapy Center for handicapped persons.

This past year 150 hours of Aide work were given by Tanager member Lois Staff and approximately 200 round trips to the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center were made by various members transporting patients. Some of the fund raising projects of the Tanagers this year included the Author's Tea, Valentine Cocktail Party, June Bridge Luncheon, sale of magazine subscriptions, rummage, sale of old newspapers. All money raised by the Tanagers from the sale of

newspapers collected at the fire-house in the Orinda Village goes to the Memorial Fund of the Therapy Center. This is one of the continuing activities of the Tanagers as are the rummage and magazine subscription sales. The special projects such as the bridge-luncheon and cocktail party were held in homes of Tanager members. The Authors' Tea was held at Orchard Nursery. The bridge luncheon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Richard Leland, was held in the homes of nine members, with three others helping each hostess prepare and serve the food. The June luncheon became such a successful project for the Tanagers that this year marked the third annual such affair for the

unit. On February 9 the Valentine Cocktail Party, chairmanned by Mrs. Cecil Cantrill, was held in five member's homes.

These projects, along with continuing activities, enable the Tanagers to give the Mt. Diablo Therapy Center approximately \$2000 (some years more, some years a little less) each year, over and above the transportation and aide work supplied by members of the Tanager unit.

Since 1950 the number of units (or auxiliaries) of the Mt. Diablo

Therapy Center has grown from the original two to fifteen. The Mt. Diablo Therapy Center is the only entirely community supported rehabilitation center in the United States and moved into its new plant in December of 1956. The Tanagers are happy and proud to be among "those who help to keep the art of healing alive--."

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Orchids to Women of Orinda

By Edith Erickson

There are a large number of people in Orinda that have worked hard and faithfully to realize a wish all of us have had for a long time. That wish is a library for our community. With the building to start in the near future, we would like to tell you of the busy life of one person that has helped bring our library from a dream to a reality.

Mrs. Clinton Scarich, Marge, is the busy mother of three children, who has given many hours to make our community a better place to live. The Scarich family live at 23 Las Piedras, husband Clinton and children Stephen, 10, Shelley, 8, and Greg, 12.

They moved to Orinda in 1953 and within a week Marge was in the Absurdia choir, and fund raising event of the Mothers' Club for that year. In the years that followed she became a Room Mother, and also served on the Mothers' Club Board. During all this time Marge has worked in the school libraries as a substitute and plans to continue to help in the schools. Each of our five schools have libraries that are gradually being filled with books with money from the Mothers' Club annual project. Marge is one of the many volunteers that staff the libraries for our schools.

Ms. Scarich has been very active in the Woman's Club of Or-

inda. She has been President, corresponding secretary, and philanthropic chairman of the Club. The Woman's Club have donated time and money toward having our own library in Orinda.

In 1955 Orinda had a Fiesta that raised a considerable amount of money that was turned over to the library fund. Marge was the ticket chairman for the Fiesta, but those of you that remember that busy weekend know Marge was doing a lot more than selling tickets. She worked hard to make the Fiesta a success and raise money for the community.

Marge has been on the Orinda Library Board for three years. The Orinda Library is housed in the Community Church until our own

library building is built. The Library Board helps out by paying utilities, building shelves and book drops.

There are many fund drives in any community that must have volunteers to do the collecting. They are all worthwhile causes and Marge donates her time to help on all of them. With a family it is not easy to do house-to-house collecting but in her busy day she finds time to collect for Red Cross, Heart Fund, United Crusade and other drives.

At one time Marge was secretary of the Civic Affairs Committee and helped on the Orinda Association membership drive. With children and their love for scouting she has been Den Mother for the Boy Scouts.

Our appreciation to you, Marge, for all your hard work and effort on behalf of all of us. When our new library is built you may well look at it with pride for your part in its completion.

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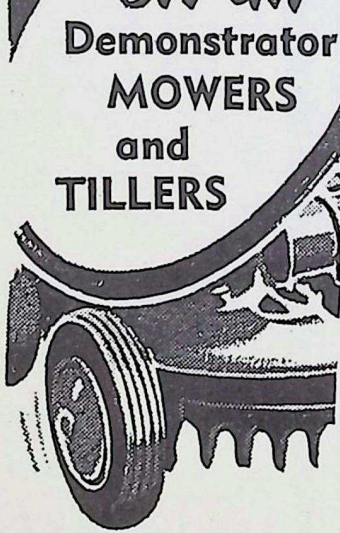
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LOW CALORIE DIET

(Note: All meals to be eaten under microscope to avoid extra portions.)

MONDAY

BREAKFAST: Weak tea
LUNCH: 1 bouillion cube in 1/2 cup diluted water
DINNER: 1 Pigeon Thigh
3 ox. Prune Juice (Gargle only)

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST: Scraped crumbs from burned toast
LUNCH: 1 doughnut hole (without sugar) and 1 glass dehydrated water
DINNER: Bee's knees and mosquito knuckles in vinegar.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST: Boiled out stains of table cover
LUNCH: 1/2 dozen poppy seeds
DINNER: 3 grains cornmeal, broiled

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST: Shredded egg shell skins
LUNCH: Belly buttons from a navel orange
DINNER: 3 eyes from Irish Potatoes (diced)

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST: 2 Lobster Antennae
LUNCH: 1 Guppy Fin
DINNER: Filet of Soft Shell crab Claw

SATURDAY

BREAKFAST: 4 Chopped banana seeds
LUNCH: Broiled Butterfly livers
DINNER: Jellyfish vertebrae—and a map

SUNDAY

BREAKFAST: Pickled Hummingbird Tongue
LUNCH: Prime Ribs of Tadpole—Aroma of Empty Custard pie plate

DINNER: Tossed Paprika & clover leaf (1) salad.

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The champ was raised by young Al Gaddin of Hayward.

Stan Estep, of Walnut Creek "Stan's Brick House" note was successful bid-runner-upper,

bringing home the three top lambs ... the shish kabob kind yet.

"Out of the mouths of babes" department: Judy Rolley, 8 years old, accompanying her mom who officiated at the recent Rheem Center Aquacade, earned the geranium for this week. Judy, over-hearing one of the guests speculating upon the purpose and utility of two Gruen watches decorating the \$2000 bathing ensemble came up with the logical solution: "Why mom, they're the very thing for keeping under-water appointments."

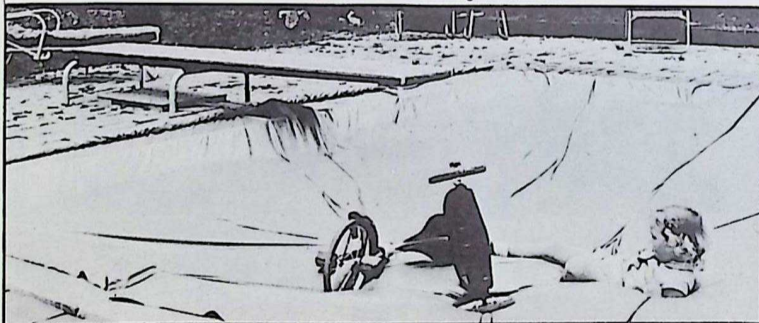
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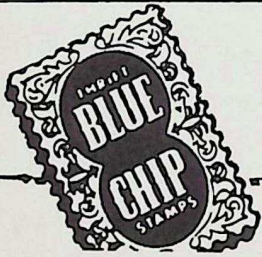
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ONIONS U.S. no. 1
yellow globes 3 lbs. 14¢

Liquors
WALNUT SPRINGS
Kentucky Whiskey
a blend
\$3.39 4/5

CELERY
crisp, tender lb. 7¢



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