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**ANNOUNCE FORMATION OF
CITIZENS' SERVICE CORPS**

Formation of a Citizen's Service Corps, an affiliate of the Orinda civilian defense organization, with Mrs. Robert Harrison in charge, has been announced by Coördinator Ernest Mathy.

"Civilian defense is organized to function during an emergency or disaster," Mr. Mathy points out, "but, as there are a number of projects that are a definite part of the war effort but not included as disaster problems, the Citizen's Service Corps is being established by order of the national office of civilian defense to handle them.

"Included among these projects are transportation, rationing, salvage, war bond and stamp sales, conservation and nutrition."

Mrs. Harrison has named committee chairmen for handling these projects and suggests that volunteers for service in the corps contact the civilian defense headquarters next door to the Orinda postoffice between noon and 2 p. m. any week day.



PLANE WATCHERS HONORED

Medals for 500 hours service in the aircraft warning organization were awarded October 11 to A. J. Carr, Marjorie McGregor, Mrs. Robert Bennett and Mrs. Sousa. Chief Observer Hammond made the presentations.

Arm bands for 100 hours service were also issued to Michael Larch, Otto Munsterer, S. G. Sanders, Frank Sanders, A. J. Stair, Alfred Carr, John D'Avila, Joe Freitas, Manuel Freitas, Dan Dwyer, Bobbie Hammond, Blanche Grennan, Mrs. Jessie Hammond, Mrs. Louie Bosa, Mrs. Hadie Hodapp, Mrs. Mabel Munsterer, Mr. and Mrs. George Tonken, Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carr. Mrs. H. T. Lynn will also receive an arm band for 100 hours service.

Thirteen former observers from this area are now in the armed forces and a service
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*Collapse of the
Victory Garden*
By Chas. L. Camp

It seemed a good idea when we started — what with four children to feed and prices going up. We had to fill in the pipe-line trench anyway — onions, beets and carrots would go in there. And the new terrace by the house was all ready for a load of topsoil — that's where we put in the pole beans, chard, lettuce and kohlrabi. Then we picked out a wet spot for the squash, and a nice warm place behind the retaining wall for cucumbers.

When late rains brought up the first plantings, enthusiasms also grew and we began to figure on clearing out the sandy piece by the creek, full of wild currant, poison oak, cow parsnips and thistles. By the time that was done the young tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, peppers and celery were crowding each other in the flats. And it was time to plant melons, potatoes and corn.

We got the tomatoes and all the other transplants re-set the evening before I left on a six week's trip. That was when we first spied a fat little brush rabbit nibbling our brand new beet tops. I should have known, for a week before, a bunch of quail discovered the sprouting lettuce, broccoli, okra, salsify, turnips and fennel down by the creek. At first they saved us the trouble of thinning out the rows. But they returned to the scene of their crime every day, picking out the little plants with a flick of their tufted heads and dropping what they didn't eat, to wither in the sun.

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The date of the next meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be announced later.

**NEW DIRECTORS NAMED TO BOARD
OF HACIENDA HOMES**

Increasing the number of directors of Hacienda Homes, Inc., from three to seven was the main order of business at the regular meeting of the Improvement Association held on October 2 at the Orinda School. The following were elected to the board of directors: C. E. Fleager, Edwin Miller, H. W. Gentry, Warren Harrold, Edward Sibbett and Grover Lavelle.

An accounting of the funds of Hacienda Homes, Inc., was made by Treasurer Edward Sibbett as follows:

	<i>uncollected</i>	<i>collected</i>
Past Due Accounts	484.50	
Jan., 1942, East Side	817.30	4207.70
Jan., 1942, West Side	111.00	261.00
Jan., 1942, County Rd.	25.00	49.00
Special Assessment —		
La Encinal Rd.	19.65	181.67
	972.95	5183.87

Disbursements:

Road Maintenance East Side	2870.50
Road Patrol East and West Side....	460.00
Special Road Work — La Encinal	201.32
East Side Collection Expense.....	248.46
West Side Collection Expense	67.85
Stationery and Supplies.....	58.41
Taxes	57.81
Refund Via Hermosa Road Com.	120.00

4084.35
Balance on Hand.....1099.52

Clarence Fleager, president of Hacienda Homes, Inc., reported that a contractor has been engaged to oil and gravel all roads that will require it. Funds are not available to macadamize roads that have never been paved, he stated, but an attempt will be made to replace worn-out gravel with base rock. Some work has been done on every road in Orinda, Mr. Fleager declared.

Plans are made for the county to take over Loma Vista when the road is widened to 40 feet. The county will also make the connection from Las Vegas to Monte Vista

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**RIGOROUS TRAINING FOR
PRE-FLIGHT PERSONNEL**

Aerial warfare in the present conflict has shown our navy department that, although we have men who are excellent fliers, many of them do not have the physical stamina to battle their way to safety after a forced landing at sea, in a jungle or desert. The pre-flight school system was established in order to train men not only as fliers but also to teach them to take care of themselves in any emergency. There are four of these schools, one at St. Mary's and the other three at the state universities of Iowa, Georgia and North Carolina.

The program of the pre-flight school has two main objectives: physical training for a high degree of strength and endurance and indoctrination into the Navy. The cadets receive a well rounded program including wrestling, swimming, tumbling, hand-to-hand fighting, boxing, track, soccer, football, baseball, basketball, and gymnastics. Indoctrination into the navy teaches men the essentials of naval service, naval traditions and conduct becoming an officer. Cadets also receive instruction in drilling, navigation, gunnery and recognition of planes.

There is no flying at the pre-flight schools. After three months there the men go to primary flight bases at Livermore, Los Alamos, Pasco or the lighter-than-air base at Sunnyvale. From these stations, they go on to secondary flight bases either at Pensacola or Corpus Christi. Then for a final three months they go to operating bases to complete their year's training and receive commissions as ensigns.

Cadets who enter the pre-flight schools must be between 18 and 26 years of age, must qualify physically and mentally and must be passed by selection boards which operate in the large cities. Cadets at St. Mary's come from the states west of Kansas.

The training is rigorous and the hours of work and study are long. In most cases the men gain weight after a few weeks, due to regular exercise and the carefully planned diet which provides 5000 calories a day.

GARDEN PROBLEMS

The most serious garden problem the average home owner will be facing is that of maintenance of existing plantings. Lack of help and increased personal activity has in most cases played havoc with the garden. This situation will become more acute next year when many plants, accustomed to regular care, will not be able to acclimate themselves to the sudden change.

There appears only one satisfactory way of correcting this condition, and that is to resort to a complete and extensive mulching of all planted areas. Most gardeners in their enthusiasm to keep the planted areas "spic and span" have destroyed the mulch which Nature provides for her wild plants to protect them from heat and drought.

If each gardener would "build up" a mulch over all planted areas that is at least six inches deep, he would not need to worry about next year's maintenance. This mulch and a thorough watering in the middle of August would carry most all plants through the year in perfect condition. Mulching should be done now before the winter rains.

The best and probably least expensive mulch is a four inch layer of straw or leaves and a two inch layer of cow manure. The straw may be obtained in bales from local feed and fuel houses. One bale of straw will cover about 1,200 square feet and one yard of cow manure will cover about the same area. Do not use any commercial fertilizer with this treatment and do not compact the mulch, but allow it to remain loose and fluffy.

William Penn Mott.



WOOL SCRAPS

Save your small scraps of wool to sell for the benefit of the Camp and Hospitality House. Mrs. E. I. deLaveaga, chairman, will call at your home and pick up any you may have. Call Orinda 6651.

ORINDA DONATES SCRAP

Vacuum cleaners, stew pans, old bed springs, even a bucket of nails were some of the items that helped swell Orinda's pile of junk collected in the scrap metal drive on Sunday, October 11. Ten truck loads were collected here, stated C. P. McVickers, chairman of the salvage for victory committee.

Harrison Ketcham, as temporary chairman to assist Mr. McVickers, worked with Walter Wood who donated the use of his truck. Jack Shepherd and Owen Towsley, also active in collecting scrap, were assisted by four Orinda boys, Bobby Gordon, Jack Morris, Bob Rhoades, and George Moore.

Sea Scouts, under the direction of Clarence Brown of Lafayette, will sort the scrap as soon as the walnut crop is harvested.

"Continue to save and turn in all scrap metal," urges Mr. McVickers. "The drive is not over. It has just started."

Betty Bunker, newly elected president of the Acalanes Girls' Athletic Association, announces the program for the year will include softball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis and swimming.

The girls also plan to have inter-school competition with Diablo High and with San Ramon.

Any contributions for the Orinda News will be welcome. Material for publication should be left in the box in the Orinda Store before the 20th of the month. To maintain a uniform style in the paper the staff frequently edits or rewrites stories. News should be of general interest to the public, stated as concisely and as precisely as possible. Give full names, addresses and state time and place of functions.

START CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Acalanes started new classes in its present night studies for adults last month. Registration fee of one dollar per semester entitles any adult to attend as many of these classes as he wishes.

The classes are as follows: Men's physical education, Monday and Wednesday; wood and metal shop, Tuesday and Thursday; bookkeeping, Tuesday; contemporary literature, Wednesday; aviation mathematics, Tuesday; mechanical drawing, Tuesday and Thursday; women's physical education, Thursday; typing and stenography, Monday; Spanish II, Thursday.

Any course for which a group of fifteen can be secured will be offered as soon as arrangements can be made for an instructor.

CAPTAIN WARREN LECTURES ON CULTURE OF GERANIUMS

"Geraniums, Pelargoniums and Fuchsias", was the subject for the talk at the October meeting given before the members and guests of the Orinda Garden Club.

Captain C. A. Warren was the guest speaker for the day. Captain Warren, a well known grower of these plants in the East Bay, gave some very interesting tips on the history, propagation and care of these very popular Orinda plants.

The common mistake made by most growers of pelargoniums and geraniums is over feeding and over watering. Both of these plants are natives of South Africa where for long periods of time they receive no water at all and the plants completely dry out. Captain Warren recommends a thorough watering two or three times a year for plants growing in the open ground. More frequent watering is necessary for potted plants but care should be taken not to give them too much water rather than too little. For insect control, Captain Warren recommends overhead watering with a fine spray.

A project for the garden club was discussed at the meeting. It was decided that the club would plant shade trees on the school grounds. Committees for the project were appointed and plans will be completed shortly. Mr. William Penn Mott will draw the plans for the planting.

The speaker for the November meeting will be Mr. R. J. Ammerman, Superintendent of Oakland city parks. Mr. Ammerman's subject will be "Cascade Chrysanthemums."



12-15 CLUB

Mrs. A. Pasteris entertained the members of the 12-15 club at a luncheon at the Orinda Country Club on October 13th. Table decorations were autumn leaves with the numerals 12:15 worked out in hydrangea blossoms.

Members and guests present were Mrs. Charles Malone, President, and Mesdames A. W. Elkinton, C. J. Cleborne, George Pitt, James Sullivan, H. T. Doten, G. F. Hickok, L. A. Mattes, Martyn Warner, Lee J. Alexander, Claude E. Donaldson, Warren Harold, Forrest W. Smith, Grace L. Kendall.

Co-operating with the Orinda High School Mothers' Club, the 12-15 voted to pay for the filling of ten individual kits for service men, which the Red Cross gives to each man entering the armed forces. The club also voted to send the British war orphan, whom they sponsor a Christmas present of \$2.50.



FIRST AID AND NUTRITION

Classes in first aid and nutrition are soon to be organized for Orindans, a Red Cross announcement states. Enrollments will be accepted at the defense council office in the Orinda store building. The telephone number is 2027.

HOME DEPARTMENT MEETS

The Orinda Home Department of the University of California will meet on November 5th at the home of its president, Mrs. Clarence E. Betz, 33 Orchard Road, Moraga Estates.

Miss Helen Burling, University of California demonstrator, will speak on the subject, "The care of yourself and family for prevention of colds." Because of the shortage of doctors, the University of California is sponsoring this educational drive. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the lecture. This is the final meeting of the Home Department this year on account of the tire shortage.



CUBS ENJOY ACTIVITIES

Orinda's Cub Pack 32 enjoyed a Halloween Jinx Saturday, October 31. A treasure hunt carrying the boys over spook-infested terrain started the evening with the proper spirit and the finale was a party in the headquarters of the Navajo Cubs.

Recent elections resulted in the following new officers for both Dens:

Apaches: Jimmie Macomber as Denner; Billie Joslin as Keeper of the Buckskin; Ross Wold as Keeper of the Wampum; Lee Bates as Totem Toter, and Chuck Fatooh as Whooper Upper. Richard Breuner was given the responsibility of being property manager and Stephen Wood was appointed membership chairman.

Navajos: Norman Green as Denner; Bobby Beeman as Keeper of the Buckskin and Wampum, and Jerry Blalock as Whooper Upper.

Pack meeting was held on October 13 at the Orinda School and all Cubs ranked as Bobcats who had passed the various achievement tests for advancement were awarded their Wolf badges at the court of honor.

Mrs. Norman Green has taken over the duties of Den Mother for the Navajos and Mrs. Walter Wood is the new Den Mother for the Apaches.

The committee sponsoring Cub Pack 32 met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Beeman. Committee members present were Robert Harrison, W. Bedwell, Dr. Alvin Wold, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. Bion Atkinson, Mrs. Norman Green, Mrs. John Fatooh, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Blalock, and Cubmaster Al Reid.




BLOOD DONORS

More than twenty-five Orinda persons have signed up as blood donors, reports Mrs. G. M. Heinrici. Cards will be mailed for those needed in November and arrangements have been made to furnish transportation to Walnut Creek on the first Monday of each month.

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P E R S O N A L S



A real contribution to food conservation was made this summer by Mrs. Ken Morrish and her two children. They picked prunes on regular day shifts for three weeks at the ranch of Mr. Morrish's father in Healdsburg.

Mrs. Beatrice Clebourn has taken a position in the navy stores department of the pre-flight training school at St. Mary's.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Jordon and their family are leaving Orinda this month to make their home in Berkeley. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cranstone will occupy their present home.

Mrs. Richard Clendenin gave a "dim out" party October 24th in honor of her husband who is in service abroad. The guests were neighbors Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Klitgaard, Mr. and Mrs. Earl deSoto, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cockerton, Mrs. Paul Goodwin and Miss Marion Gorrill. A treasure hunt led around the hills to war savings stamps. A round robin letter was written to Capt. Clendenin for Christmas.

Nuptials held at St. Clement's Church in Berkeley on October third culminated the college romance of Miss Sidney Elizabeth Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reynish McCoy of Vallecito lane, to James Burgess Smith, son of Hugh Smith of Bakersfield. The bride wore the sixty-year-old brocaded satin wedding gown of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. John W. Gray, the daughter of Judge Baldwin of San Francisco.

The groom has received his commission as ensign in the U. S. Navy, but will not be called for active duty until he completes his senior year in engineering at U. C. next February. The young couple will live in Berkeley.

Donald Donaldson, son of P. R. Donaldson, visited his home in Orinda last month before leaving for the Pacific war area as a technical sergeant and gunner on a bomber.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles York, who left Orinda last March to make their home in the east, have entertained a number of traveling Orindans in their new home in Upper Montclair. Lonie Bee, Melvin Jacobus, Dwight Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Breuner have enjoyed the hospitality of the Yorks during the past month.

Orinda's Lonie Bee is the artist for the striking war chest poster that is being used in the bay area and San Francisco. The Orinda News is indebted to Mr. Bee for his sketch of Orinda Fairways and the little Santa Maria church which he donated as the mast head for the paper three years ago.

Mrs. E. E. Meyers of Los Angeles has come here to join her husband, Lt. Meyers, of the St. Mary's pre-flight school. They are occupying the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holt on Moraga highway.

Mrs. John Watts, wife of Lt. Watts, of the pre-flight school, is in the Peralta Hospital recovering from a major operation.

Lt. John Hooker and Mrs. Hooker, formerly of San Mateo, have leased a house on Charles Hill Road in Monte Vista.

Wives of the naval officers stationed at the pre-flight school have formed an auxiliary of the Walnut Creek chapter of the American Red Cross. They meet Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Veterans' building, Lafayette, to make surgical dressings. Their first assignment, 10,000 dressings for the medical department of the pre-flight school, has been completed. The monthly luncheon of the officers' wives will be held this month at the Orinda Country Club.

Swale Gordon recently returned from a successful hunting trip. Buffalo and coyote were among his prizes.

The Iral Stewarts of El Toyonal have left Orinda for an extended tour of the Pacific northwest.

Commissioned in the United States Navy as lieutenants, senior grade, have been George Gibson of Camino Sobrante and Ritchie Smith of Santa Lucia road. Mr. Gibson left last week for Columbus, Ohio, where he is being trained to serve as an instructor in plane recognition. Mr. Smith is waiting orders.

For the past month Mrs. Joe Varni has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Dieterich of La Espiral road. She will stay here until Mr. Varni, who is now training in Wichita Falls, Texas, receives further orders.

Capt. Jim Dieterich recently flew from Oklahoma with a fellow officer, for a weekend at the home of his parents. The family reunion was completed by the arrival of Bob, the younger son, from Pomona where he is attending college.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mead of San Marino were recent house guests of the W. A. Pattersons of Canyon Drive. During their visit here their daughter, Peggy, entered the University of California and was pledged to Gamma Phi Beta.

Jim Anderson is currently away from Orinda on an assignment in connection with the government housing program.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Heinrici of Los Dedos were pleasantly surprised by the unexpected arrival of their daughter, Mrs. Richard Evans, and her baby, Susan, from Los Angeles. Mrs. Evans will be with her parents for a two-week's visit. She drove up from the south with Mrs. Harry Doten and her daughter, Virginia Doten Robertson. Friends of Virginia will be happy to learn that she is planning to make her home here with her parents since the tragic death of her husband in an airplane accident.

The first week in October Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sutherland spent at Del Monte.

ROOM MOTHERS ANNOUNCED

The P. T. A. announces assignment of the following room mothers for Orinda school:

- 1 — Mrs. Dan Lucas
- 2 — Mrs. Ben Randall
- 3 — Mrs. Ernest Drews
- 4 — Mrs. Bion Atkinson
- 5 — Mrs. Walter Wood
- 6 — Mrs. Leon Woolsey
- 7 — Mrs. Robert Winter
- 8 — Mrs. A. W. Bowan.

Committee chairmen are as follows: Mrs. Richard Leavy, hospitality; Mrs. Kenneth Courtright, membership; Mrs. Frank Dunn, publicity.

The eighth grade mothers were hostesses at the October meeting when a program by the eighth grade pupils under Mrs. Wayne was presented.

PLAN GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Mary Waterstreet, dramatic impersonator, entertained the Acalanes Parents' Club, faculty, and students at a recent Parents' Club program in the high school gymnasium with her monologue, "Presidents' Wives."

After the dramatic program, parents enjoyed cards and visiting in the cafeteria, or watched students dance in the gym. Music was played by the school dance band. Approximately \$180 was taken in with nominal expenses, according to Mrs. Kenneth Gelwix.

The Acalanes Parents' Club meets on the third Monday of each month at eight o'clock, at the Acalanes High School.

GUILD HOLDS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Women's Guild of the Community Church of Orinda, was held November 3rd at the home of Mrs. W. E. Joslin, 611 Miner Road. Mrs. A. K. Pettingill and Mrs. E. St. Louis were assistant hostesses. The program following the luncheon was given by Mrs. Maude P. Pesante, on "My Trip to Labrador." A home-made food sale was one of the features of the afternoon.



GIFTS FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Those wishing to send Christmas presents to wounded soldiers at Mare Island may leave them at the Orinda School or the Defense Council office in the Orinda Store.

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:

In less than three weeks, the score for just one section of Orinda stands:

Two kittens

Three opossums

Five small mangled heaps testify to the judgment and caution (?) of someone at the wheel . . . or, are we getting tank corps minded?

Fortunately, no child has been ironed out — yet!

Importunate.

To the Editor:

When the salvage collection depot was established in the village center, it probably didn't enter anyone's mind that there lived in Orinda residents so lacking in a sense of public decency and propriety as to use the depot as a garbage disposal dump.

Unfortunately, the appearance of decayed garbage in the salvage collection not only presents a serious health hazard for the community, but its segregation and disposal requires many hours of unnecessary work on the part of the volunteer workers who are donating their time to the salvage cause.

Dumping garbage in the salvage depot ought to be a military offense.

Indignant.

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed to those people who profess they would like to do something to help their country in this war emergency. The aircraft warning service needs volunteer observers.

The observation post in this area has been largely manned to date by volunteers from communities other than Orinda. The service is an essential one but Orindans apparently are not disturbed that residents of other communities in this area are carrying Orinda's load. Let's see a few more volunteers from Orinda.

Plane Watcher.

DEFENSE COORDINATOR ILL

Despite his extended illness that has kept him confined to his bed for several weeks, Coördinator Ernest Mathy of the Orinda civilian defense council has managed to steer the affairs of the organization with the aid of a bedside telephone. Those active in civilian defense work know the tremendous amount of time Mr. Mathy has devoted to the defense work of the community and they join with his many other friends in wishing him an early recovery.

VICTORY GARDEN

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I left with some misgivings, even though the children had promised to water all the stuff, and we had sprinkled poison again all over the place. Reports were favorable except that the cabbage and cauliflower transplants mysteriously disappeared. Got home to find the potatoes all up but spindly, the peppers, cantaloupes and beans mostly eaten off, probably by the rabbits, and a whole section of the garden a bare expanse of dirt.

I went out and borrowed a shot gun. Lay in wait that evening and spotted a prosperous looking cottontail watching from under a fern while I rassed with a jammed shell in the breech. But he waited too long and got a dose of lead where it did the most good. The peppers then started to put out new shoots and at least two out of a dozen hills of new corn were saved.

By this time we were picking beans, chard, squash, and kohlrabi, beets, radishes, carrots and romaine. I wondered how the lettuce and chard held out so long and found that Jessie, being faintly Scottish, had picked the lower lettuce leaves instead of the heads and no one would eat the chard except me.

About this time the family bought a young goat. I didn't know about this until the deed was signed. Of course when the goat got loose — almost daily — another batch of beans, beets and lettuce bit the dust. All we got from the third planting of beets was three beautiful puff balls, one young enough to fry in butter. So the goat project ran competition with the garden, reminding us of some much greater projects we have known.

The gophers, thanks to our colony of cats, weren't so bad. We caught four in the carrots and beans, and a grey whiskered patriarch in the potato patch. They say there's only one gopher in each burrow, but two bobbed up in the same trap setting — twice. The garden was getting popular.

Grass was late drying up this year. Wild oats grew eight feet tall and one mustard plant measured thirteen feet. This, following last year's heavy growth, has furnished fodder for thousands of meadow mice. Their tunnels go through weeds in every direction. Even in the day time they jump about and the cats seem to be sick of them.

On hot summer evenings these wretched mice develop a tremendous thirst. Every succulent stem in the garden is a potential drinking fountain. So they chewed through the main stems of squash, pumpkins, zinnias, and watermelons; ruining the plants, flowers and fruits, just for a little juice. They seem to thrive on poison. There are so many they just drive on over the bodies of their deceased comrades, like the Axis Armies in front of Stalingrad.

Now with tomatoes maturing, the woodrats are having the time of their lives, lugging off the big green fruits just before they start to ripen. The few red ones that escape are perforated with holes nibbled by mice and rats who find this a good substitute for Vitamin A pills.

The few remaining Hubbard squash provide a cafeteria for a swarm of yellow bugs that suck the juice, leaving a festering mass of bleeding sores.

There is one so-called vegetable that we can heartily recommend — that's cardoon. Nothing will eat this bitter thistle, not even the family. We tried a batch and were lucky to get rid of it before the pressure cooker corroded.

Has anybody any suggestions? Or should we give up this garden business altogether? As Chuck says there seems to be more animals than vegetables. The place is full of barefoot burglars.



HACIENDA HOMES

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and will get the right of way from the water company. However, government war time restrictions limit road work to \$1000, so there is some question as to when this work can be completed, stated Mr. Fleager.

Hacienda Homes is a separate corporation whose stock is now owned by the Improvement Association. It covers only the part of Orinda where the original deeds were received from Hacienda Homes.

Under new business, Stanley Smith stated that he had contacted the Greyhound Lines and suggested that they erect a shelter at the cross roads for the convenience of commuters, and that they were agreeable, providing that permission be obtained from the state highway commission, as the building would have to be placed on the highway. A committee from the association will meet with representatives from the Greyhound company.

Seventy-five dollars for the maintenance of the boy scout organization in Orinda was donated by the association.



PLANE WATCHERS

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flag with 13 stars has been presented to the post by the four assistant observers.

An automobile has been obtained by the post to furnish transportation for observers to and from shifts and a call for volunteer drivers has been issued. Volunteers for the aircraft warning service are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Robert Bennett, who is in charge of registrations.

The present schedule calls for three and four hour shifts; however, Chief Observer Hammond advises, the schedule will be shortened to two hour shifts as soon as a sufficient number of volunteer observers are signed up.



ORINDA BRANCH

The Orinda Branch of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay has chosen for its fall project the assembling and raffling of an infant's layette. The attractive layette represents a very complete wardrobe for the baby-to-be. Tickets are on sale at the moderate price of 25 cents. Mrs. Edward Sibbett is in charge of the tickets and can be reached by phone at Orinda 6356.

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The Calendar

RED CROSS WORK ROOMS

Mrs. Joseph Cotton, production chairman of the Orinda unit of the Red Cross, announces that 5,800 surgical dressings in addition to a great deal of sewing have been completed by the six Red Cross work rooms organized in September. Volunteers wishing to assist in this work are asked to get in touch with persons in charge of the rooms since each room accommodates a limited number of workers.

JUNIOR RED CROSS DRIVE

The Junior Red Cross membership drive at Acalanes will continue until November 15. Funds will be used to buy materials for student-made articles to send to service hospitals and recreation centers for men in the service overseas.

Games, scrap books, joke books, favors, sewing kits, puzzle books, greeting cards, and ash trays, are but a few of the projects which will be undertaken. Collection of games and puzzles has already begun under the leadership of Gladys St. Louis and Peggy Pearson.

THE MOTHERS' CLUB

The Mothers' Club of the Orinda Park Play Center held its first meeting of the fall term October 13. Present problems and plans for the coming year were discussed.

Interest in the pre-school has been very high with many new children enrolled. There are still a few vacancies to be filled before names must go on the waiting list. Anyone interested may call Mrs. Evelyn Sonnie at Orinda 2097.

It will be necessary to remove all belongings left by children formerly enrolled and the school will dispose of any blankets, pads, bags, or clothing not called for by November 10.

Nursery School Teacher Wanted

Call Mrs. Russell Sonnie
at Orinda 2097

Private party would like to contact principals for purchase of home consisting of three bedrooms and den, near country club.
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Orinda Theatre

Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat. Nov. 4, 5, 6, 7

"CROSSROADS"

William Powell — Hedy Lamarr
Basil Rathbone

ALSO

"HENRY AND DIZZY"

With Jimmy Lydon

Sun., Mon., Tue., Nov. 8, 9, 10

"LADY IN A JAM"

Irene Dunne — Patric Knowles

ALSO

"FRIENDLY ENEMIES"

Charles Ruggles — Charles Winninger

Wed., Thu., Fri., Sat.

Nov. 11, 12, 13, 14

"THEY ALL KISSED THE BRIDE"

Joan Crawford — Melvyn Douglas

ALSO

"SWEATER GIRL"

Eddie Bracken — June Priesser

Sun., Mon., Tue., Wed.

Nov. 15, 16, 17, 18

THE YEAR'S OUTSTANDING PICTURE

"MRS. MINIVER"

Greer Garson — Walter Pidgeon

Time Schedule Sunday: Mrs. Miniver starts at 2:18, 4:55, 7:32, 10:09

Monday to Wednesday, 7:18, 9:45
(No increase in admission prices)

Thu., Fri., Sat., Nov. 19, 20, 21

"THE PIED PIPER"

Monty Woolley — Roddy McDowall

ALSO

"THE FALCON TAKES OVER"

George Sanders — Lynn Bari
Allen Jenkins