

Dr. Richard A. Morton, Orinda dentist is equally at home in dental or artist's smock. Upper Left: "Repose." Painted in Spokane from live model. Upper Center: Dr. Morton finishing "Chinese Laborer." Upper Right: Prize-winning "Sun and Song." Lower Left: Tragic "War Madonna." Lower Center: Mood study "River in Washington." Lower Right: Dr. Morton is practicing his dental art on relaxed patient in his Orinda office at 11 Moraga Highway. Photos by Martin White

## MORINDA DENTIST COMBINES ART AND DENTISTRY FOR DUAL CAREER

By some of his more waggish friends, Dr. Richard A. Morton, who practices dentistry at 11 Moraga Highway, Orinda, is respectfully referred to as one of the area's top "bicuspid engineers"; within artistic circles he is equally admired as one of the community's leading painters in oil. In either case, drill or brush, the good doctor seems equally at home in either artist's or dental smock.

Richard, "Dick", to his friends, has the distinction too, of having put himself through 7 years of pre-Dental and Dental School at the University of Washington, class of '56 by painting portraits and landscapes. He is the oldest of a family of 14 and although he has had the distinction of exhibiting in numerous art shows in California, Washington and Oregon, and has won two scholarships he has never been able to take advantage of them, one being a full scholarship to the Sorbonne in Paris.

He will tell you, wistfully, that he has never received any formal training in art but started painting when he was seven. And it was after a stint in the U. S. Navy (1945-1948), that he returned to civilian life and first took a serious interest in art, first finishing

high school and thence to college and his Doctor's degree.

Many of his painting subjects are the products of his imagination with the aid of preliminary sketches before the finished product. Others are painted from life.

All of his exhibited paintings have won first or second ribbons in various shows and have always earned a warm appeal and acceptance by the general public.

When queried as to which of the paintings was the most difficult of execution Dick will reply:

"The War Madonna" (see illustration). There are so many skin tones and expressive requirements. The challenge lay in the attempt to re-create the savage despair of the war-torn spirit."

"On the other hand," Dick points out, "The portrait of the negro guitar player, which received more ribbons, was much easier to do."

When asked, with reference to dentistry and art, "where love runneth deepest," Dick adroitly side-stepped with the observation:

"I feel that dentistry and art are quite closely correlated; for the requirements today of the dentist overlap far into the artistic field of prosthetics and bridge-work—are they very far from being one and the same?"

## Miramonte High Boy Appears On TV

A junior at Miramonte High School with a hobby that dates back to 4000 B. C. made a guest appearance on the American Trust Company TV show, "Science in Action" last Monday night.

The student is 16-year-old Gary A. Beeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Beeman of 9 El Gavilan, Orinda.

His selection to appear on the popular TV series was announced by Merle D. Brown, manager of American Trust's Orinda office, and James A. Lewis, principal of Miramonte High School.

"Science in Action," produced by the California Academy of Sciences and sponsored by the bank for the past seven years, is seen on Channel 4 at 7:00 p. m.

Gary is a rugged looking boy with a deep interest in natural science and a hobby of falconry.

For the past six or seven summers he has traveled to the Mojave and Nevada deserts to collect specimens of reptiles and mammals. He now has one of the best amateur arrays of specimens in northern California.

It was one of these field trips that led to his present ancient hobby. He discovered a falcon's nest, captured one of the young birds, and has reared it and trained it. The bird will hunt at Gary's

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## HISTORY OF GIRL SCOUT MOVEMENT IN ORINDA AND FUTURE PLANS RECOUNTED

The Girl Scout movement started in Orinda in February, 1946, when a meeting of the parents and girls of Brownie and Girl Scout age was held at the Oak Springs Club House. Mrs. Eric Erikson, who has moved from Orinda, told at this meeting of the forming of the Committee in Orinda and of our joining the Walnut Creek Council. Previous to this time any troops we had were included in the Berkeley Council. The Walnut Creek Council included Alamo, Danville, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda and Pleasant Hill and was headed by Mrs. Peter Howard, as president of the Board. In 1947 the name of the Council was changed to Diablo Valley Girl Scout Council and 1948 Ygnacio Valley became a part of the area.

The first officers to serve on the Committee in Orinda were Mrs. Eric Erikson, Chairman; Reverend Fred Morrow, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Summers, Treasurer; and Mrs. Robert Galbraith, Secretary. In the ensuing years, Mrs. Robert Galbraith, Mrs. Vernon Axelson, Mrs. John Gompertz, Mrs. Arthur Bowman and Mrs. Ernest Fernsten have held the office of District Chairman.

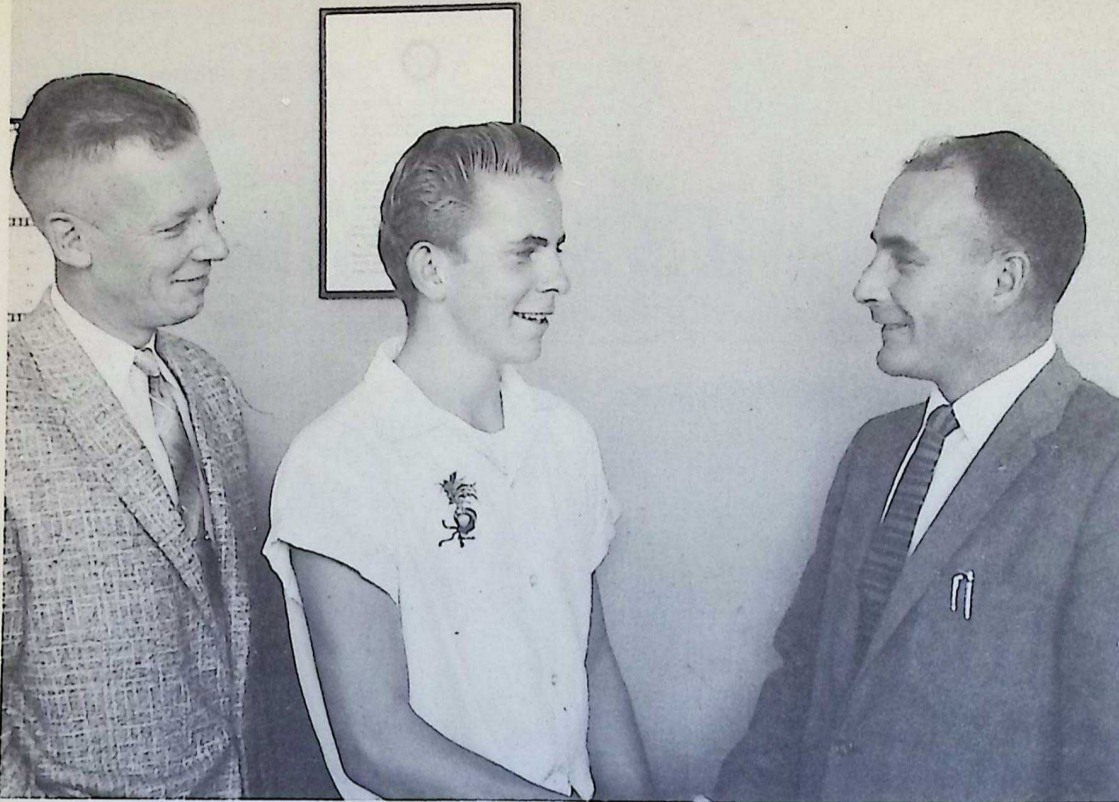
As with all organizations, there was the problem of finance. Dur-

ing the early years, an annual Girl Scout-Boy Scout Fund Raising Drive was held. According to the records, Mrs. John Gompertz was in charge of this drive in 1947 and 1948. Today, the Council is an agency of the United Crusade and receives from them the major part of their operating expenses.

The District of Orinda has a treasury maintained by the money the troops take in from the sale of cold drinks at the schools during open house; also, by money contained in a Wishing Well, established by Jack Snow and located in the Casa Orinda. (Boy Scouts share equally with Girl Scouts the contents of the Wishing Well.)

Money from the District Treasury has been used to purchase a Brownie Flag and Staff for each Brownie Troop, with these to be passed on to new Brownies as the troops become Intermediates. A Brownie Flag and a Girl Scout Flag were given by Orinda Brownies and Girl Scouts to the first Moraga troops as a friendly neighborhood gesture to their sister Scouts. (The way Moraga is growing it will not be long before they have their own District and Neighborhood Chairmen.) We

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Being congratulated by Merle Brown (right) local manager of the American Trust Company in Orinda, is Gary Beeman who was chosen to appear on TV's "Science in Action" with his trained pet Falcon. Extreme left is Miramonte Principal James A. Lewis. Photo by Martin White

## COMMUNITY CENTER PROPERTY IS TRADED

By a vote of four to three the board of directors of the Orinda Association at a special meeting Monday night agreed by resolution to accept an offer of the Orinda Community Church for transfer of a five and a half acre portion of the Community Center property.

In exchange for the parcel, the Church, as stated through Everett Howe of the Church Building Committee, will agree to purchase from the Water Company three parcels of land near the Crossroads opposite the Pine Grove—aggregating some 15 acres—eight of which will be deeded to the Association. In addition the Church will grant a five year option to the Association to purchase the remaining eight acres, and will also grant an access easement.

At the well attended meeting both pros and cons were voiced from the floor. Pointed out by some was the potential danger taht the property at a future date might be condemned by the Rapid Transit District for a station site and parking facilities. Opponents brought out that in such event, even though the Association received market value for the property, there would by that time be little adequate property available and suitable for an alternate community center site. To be considered also would be the cost of road access construction.

Opposing the move, Edgar Stewart stated that the present Community Center property was purchased some ten years ago by public subscription and title placed

in the hands of the Association as a matter of trust. "It is therefore the duty of the Association," Stewart further stated, "that every effort be made to see that any property acquired through trade of the present community property should be at least of the same level of utility and beyond any conjectural nature. Conditions should be imposed by the Association to assure the protection of the people's interest."

As stated by Everett Howe, the Church wishes to remain at its present site but normal growth necessitates either purchase of additional adjoining property or removal to another location with more acreage.

Proponents of the move brought out that the present five and a half acres is too small to serve the needs of the community for a center, and that the rapid growth of the community dictates the future acquisition of the fifteen acres involved in the new property.

Howe stated that he will recommend to the Church as a whole that the property transfer be accepted.

In opposition to the transfer, Stan Allen voiced the view that although the present property might not be large enough to fulfill all the needs of the community it would serve as an excellent site for a teen-age recreational center and emphasized the need "to start something in teh immediate future."

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Voting for the resolution were directors Marvin Baker, Robert Walpole, Dorothy Adie and Claire Ward. Opposed were W. E. Estes, Arthur Flint and Holland Dubois. Due to both Church and Association connections, Director Fred Twining refrained from voting. Absent was Norman Cunningham.

## MORINDAN ON TV

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command and return to a perch on Gary's hand.

Falconry exists in England today as a gentleman's sport. While Gary's American falcon is a small bird, its hunting cousins are large birds capable of capturing small animals and game birds.

Gary plans to go on to Humboldt State College at Arcata, California, to major in natural history

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and perhaps become a teacher. American Trust Company features outstanding science students on its TV program as a means of encouraging young people to become interested in science and science careers.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Brown invited a group of local people to be their guests at the TV studio and at dinner the evening of Gary's "live" appearance. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Parsons, superintendent of Acalanes Union High School District; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Sheaff, superintendent of Orinda Union High School District; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lewis, principal of Miramonte High School; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Beeman, the student's parents; and Robert F. Campbell, Miramonte chemistry teacher.

## Local Items

Word has been received here that John Nie, son of Maud and Edward S. Nie of 1457 Meadow Lane, Orinda, is expected home shortly on a 30 day leave from Lackland Air Force Base in Texas before being dispatched to Germany for an 18 month tour of duty.

John is a graduate of University of California, having received his B. S. degree there on his 21st birthday.

He has completed his initial Air Force training and received his first stripe. If all goes according to plan, he will be able to visit his home town in England on leave accumulated during the duty period in Germany.

The Nies have two other children, Michael, 9 years old and Anne, 18, who is employed here at the American Trust Company.

Mrs. Richard Fayram and Mrs. Henry Strickland of Sleepy Hol-

low were neighborhood hostesses to two new neighbors, Mrs. Adele Beardsley and Mrs. Marie Edwards on Friday, Sept. 27. The Edwards have purchased the home of Frank Coffey on Sleepy Hollow Lane. The Coffey family recently moved to Iran.

## Dramateurs Await Curtain For Show

Tickets are now on sale for the Dramateurs presentation of "Uncle Harry" to be presented at the Berkeley Little Theater on October 11, 12, 18, and 19. Many local people are in the production.

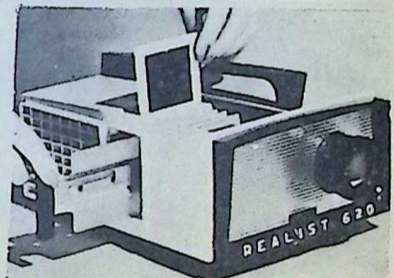
"Uncle Harry" is authored by Thomas Job and directed by Carl Rasmussen. The play has a plot unique in that the murderer is known to the audience and the suspense lies in his apprehension by the cast on stage.

Tickets are now on sale at Hinks Book department in Berkeley and locally by calling Paul Pollaczek at Cliford 4-5248. Tickets will also be available at the Box Office on performance nights.

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Pictured here admiring a mink stole to be given a fortunate guest at the Luncheon and Fashion Show on October 10th at the Castlewood Country Club are Mrs. Lawrence Hicks (left) and Mrs. Calvin Hagstrom (right). The show titled " 'tis Autumn" is presented by the Heidi Chapter of the Children's Home Society of which Mrs. Fred Costello is General Chairman and Mrs. Robert Lockey is president.

Photo by Geri Fry

on a private boat—the date to be set by the winner. This unusual type of prize is being offered by the manufacturer of Chlorodane.

Other features of the Orchard Nursery Open House, which is an annual affair attracting persons from all over the Bay Area is a Chrysanthemum show, this year especially emphasizing the early cushion varieties of mums. There will also be an African Violet show and a show and many other offerings of interest to garden lovers. Ernest Wertheim, noted landscape architect, will be on hand to answer garden questions.

active in Children's Foster Care Services, guest-modeled. Other honored guests included Mrs. Dunlap Clark, president of the Foster Care organization, and Mrs. Lewis Swenson, vice-president.

Mrs. George Shomar of Piedmont was the guest model at the previous week's show.

Among the localites seen enjoying the "Alma Mater Modes" show on September 25, were: Mrs. C. P. Baker, Orinda, and Mesdames E. William Palmer, Richard W. Olsen, Howard Burke, and Leo J. Kienny of Walnut Creek.

The ancestral home of Commodore Stephen Decatur still stands in Newport, R. I.

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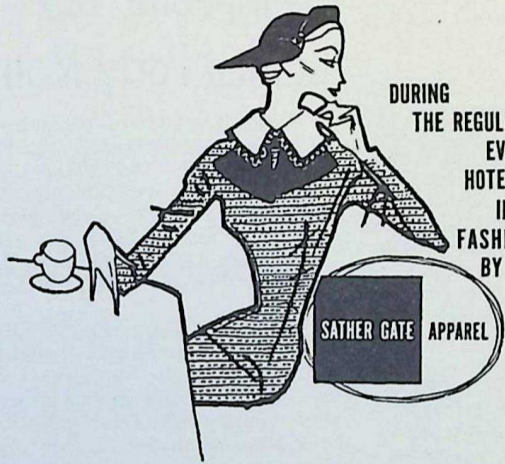
A final counting of ballots crediting favorite charities showed Children's Home Society of the East Bay as being the winner of September's "Wednesday at the Claremont" fashion show luncheon award.

Two branches, Snow White and Pied Piper, tied for first place, having the most representatives within the charity.

At this week's show, a cash donation was presented by the Hotel Claremont to a representative of Children's Home Society.

"Clubwomen's Matinee" was the theme for the Oct. 2 luncheon show. Fashions centered around club activities.

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Men and women of all denominations are welcome to attend.

The worship will begin with a service of Holy Communion at which the Rev. Albert Lucas, rector of St. Stephen's, will be the celebrant. He will be assisted by Mr. Calavan, who is rector at St. John's Episcopal Church, Montclair.

The day, which is sponsored by the St. Stephen's Woman's Auxiliary, will provide an opportunity

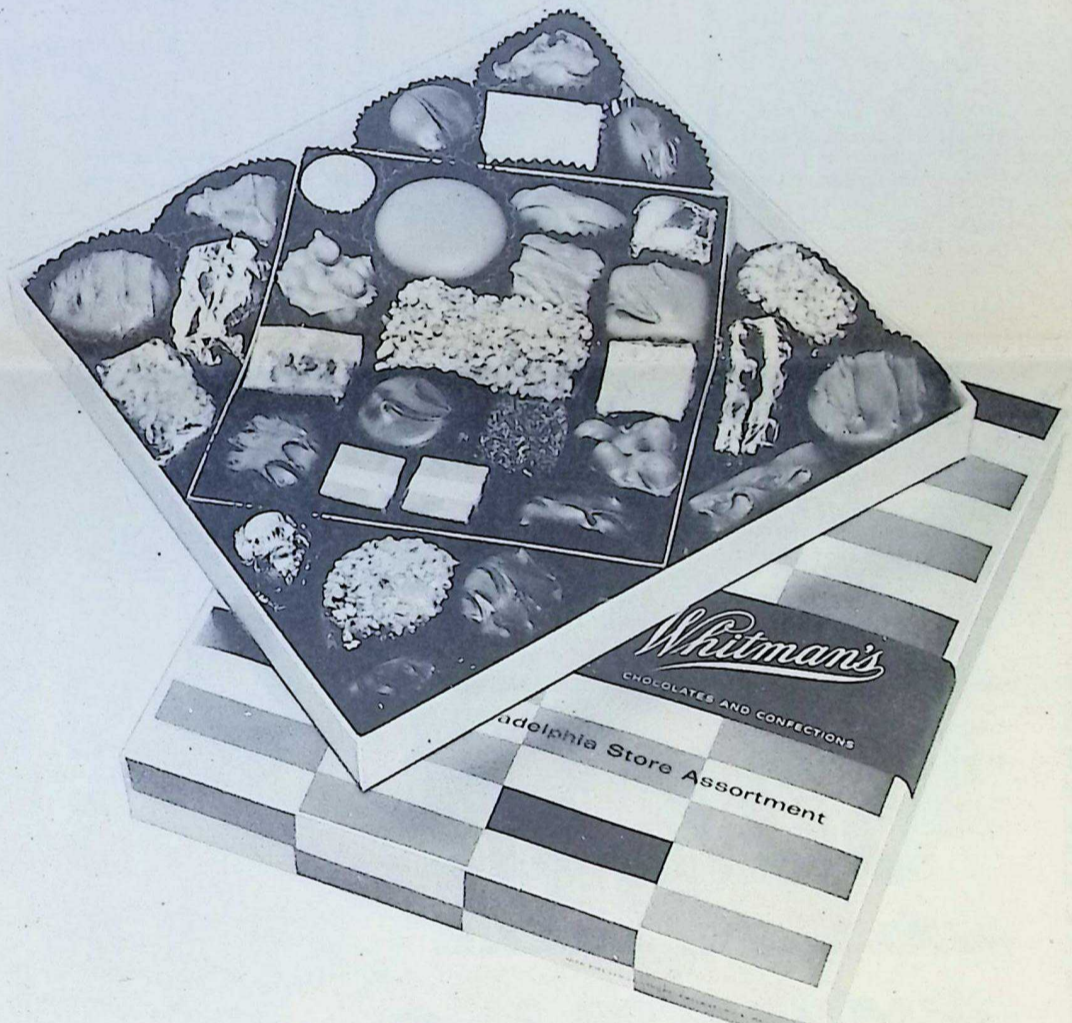
for silent meditation and personal reappraisal similar to that offered in a retreat. An occasional meditation aloud, designed to open new avenues of thought, will be given by Mr. Calavan, but there will be no conversation or discussion.

Those attending are asked to bring paper and pen and a box lunch. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served at noon. Child care will be available in the basement of the rectory at a charge of \$1.00 per child.

St. Stephen's Church is at St. Stephen's Drive and Las Vegas Rd.

## Annual Open House At Orchard Nursery

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The Christmas Bureau of Mount Diablo Valley is seeking the early cooperation of all civic, church, school and fraternal organizations to help plan a happier Christmas for the needy families of our community. Last year the Bureau provided over 50 families and 200 children with toys, food and clothes.

Mrs. Robert Weeks of Lafayette, acting chairman of the group, stated in a recent letter, "The purpose of the Christmas Bureau, which works closely with the County Welfare Department and the American Red Cross, is to discover the needs, certify the worthiness of recipients and act as a clearing house to avoid duplication in giving."

In the past many individuals, churches, schools and other organizations were duplicating help to needy families at Christmas. Eight years ago the Christmas Bureau was set up under the sponsorship of the Junior League and the American Red Cross to compile the names of those in need and to provide each group who wished to help an opportunity of doing so.

This year the Bureau urges organizations with regular annual programs of giving to register immediately. It will assist any person or group who wishes to plan a Christmas project involving gifts or food. Those seeking information may call the Volunteer Bureau, YE 4-0424; Mrs. William Beckett, Jr., CL 2-2029; Mrs. Lawrence Hudson, VE 7-6905; or Mrs. H. D. Welch, VE 7-2111.

The Christmas Bureau will accept cash contributions to be used for food baskets, clothes and gifts. From October 15th to December 1st, fire stations in Danville, Saranap, Moraga and Lafayette and the American Red Cross in Walnut Creek will accept wheel toys, dolls, other toys and books new or in excellent condition. NO

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The Executive Committee of the Christmas Bureau includes Mrs. Harmon Howard of Walnut Creek, Honorary Chairman; Mrs. Robert Weeks of Lafayette, Acting Chairman; Mrs. John V. Hook of Danville, Danville Representative; Mrs. Nancie B. Keane of Walnut Creek Buying and Packing; Mrs. William Beckett, Jr. of Orinda and Mrs. Lawrence Hudson of Danville, Needs and Resources.

## Champagne, Velvet Garden Party Motif

Coinciding with the observance of National Wine Week, October 12-19, will be the Valley Art Center's fall benefit, "Champagne and Blue Velvet" to be given Saturday, October 12, in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cashin, 1611 Orchard Lane, Walnut Creek.

J. Gordon Ainsworth, Orinda, general chairman, announced that champagne will be served by Weibel, Paul Masson and Almaden wineries from 4 to 7 p.m. Exhibition chairmen, Mr. and

Mrs. William Wilkinson, Orinda, stated that an impressive showing of modern jewelry is being secured through the Metal Arts Guild. Kay Lane, Berkeley, will show a collection of ancient Egyptian beads acquired on a recent visit abroad, as well as finished jewelry combining these carved antique stones with gold.

Dr. David Harris, Danville, a hobby jeweler, will exhibit set stones in gold and silver rings. Invitations for the event have been extended to Valley Art Center members and their friends, who must reserve tickets by Oct. 5, according to Mrs. Irving Roemer, ticket chairman. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Roemer or members of the reservations committee, who include Mesdames Peter Howard, YE 4-2435; Robert Clough, YE 4-3798; and Arthur Wagstaff, YE 4-8361; all of Walnut Creek; J. Gordon Ainsworth, CL 4-2192 and Arthur Sassone, CL 4-3340, Orinda.

Social committee members assisting Mrs. Frank Gardin, Lafayette, in charge of arrangements, include Mesdames Lyle Lund, Howard Stafford, Frank Malley, George Monheit, John Ellis, Harold Powell, William Ornduff, Rawlins Simon and Philip Morrill, Lafayette; Mrs. Frank Cashin, Walnut Creek; Mrs. J. Gordon Ainsworth and Mrs. Arthur Sassone, Orinda.

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According to Mrs. John Ellis, chairman of the Permanent Art Center committee, the purpose of this function and the recent "Mosaic and Wine" benefit sell-out is to provide funds for a permanent building where Diablo Valley residents may have an opportunity to view the best in art. Plans also call for space to provide for classes in art, dramatics, music and the allied arts. A meeting room and art gallery are also

drawn into building plans now under consideration, Mrs. Ellis said.

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## Heart Association Selects Officers

Dr. Howard Flanders, Walnut Creek, was elected president of the Contra Costa County Heart Association at the sixth annual meeting held at Acalanes High School.

Dr. Flanders took over the gavel from Dr. James F. Embick, Richmond, president for the past two years. Dr. Flanders served the organization as chairman of the postgraduate education committee for four years. In 1956 he was a member of the research committee of the California Heart Association. He has been a member of the Contra Costa County Heart Association's board of directors for the past four years. Mrs. Flanders has served in the same capacity for five years.

Dr. John W. Gofman, professor of Medical Physics at the University of California, addressed the meeting on the subject, "The Status of our Progress with the Problem of Coronary Heart Disease."

At the conclusion of his talk, Dr. Embick presented Dr. Gofman with a check for continuance of his research on diet as it affects hardening of the arteries, which was also financed in part by the Association last year.

Another research grant was presented to Dr. George Degnan, medical director of Contra Costa County Hospital, for a pump to be utilized to perfect the team approach in heart surgery.

Dr. Embick stated that funds for both grants were obtained during the Heart Fund conducted last February.

Elected to assist Dr. Flanders as officers were: Mrs. Melvin Stauffer, Pittsburg, vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Schwarck, Orinda, secretary; and Mrs. W. B. Marschner, Walnut Creek, treasurer.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors: Mrs. Robert Clough, Dr. Mary Eilert, William C. McIntosh, William Palmer, Chester Bekins, Douglas Cowan and Dr. Harold Robinson, Walnut Creek; Ivan Chappell, Danville; Dr. Marvin Epstein, Alamo; Mrs. Harold Powell, Lafayette; Dr. Louis Girtman, Martinez; Dr. Irving Fine and William Hogan, Concord; Mrs. George Ramos, Antioch; Dr. Solomon Weil, Rodeo; Mrs. Harry Freed, Dr. Edwin E. Boyson, Dr. Henrik Blum, and Mrs. Mary Williams, Pittsburg; Fred Bold, Jr., Dr. James Embick, Mrs. Dorothy Schroeder and Dr. George Eisen, Richmond; and Mrs. Don Wilson, Kensington.

In charge of arrangements for the annual meeting was Mrs. Robert Clough, Walnut Creek.

## CHURCHES

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 9:30 and 11 a.m. Services are conducted by the Rev. Chauncey Blossom. Assistant Minister Jack Biersdorf.

Sunday services at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Stephen's Drive and Las Vegas Road, Orinda, are Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Morning Prayer with a sermon by the Rev. Albert Lucas, rector, at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the later morning services on the first Sunday of each month.

Church school for all grades meets during the 9:15 service. Duplicate sessions for kindergarten through the fourth grades are held during the 11 o'clock service. Nursery care for pre-school children is available in the basement of the rectory during the latter service only.

The Young People's Fellowship meets on Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the undercroft of the church.

On Wednesday, there is a celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church holds regular worship services at 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Albert S. Hidy, jr. is pastor.

The Church of Christ is holding services at present in the home of Jack Osborn at 11 Crest View Drive. Services include Bible School at 10 a.m. and Communion and preaching at 11 on Sundays. Prayer meeting and Bible study at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.


## Community Church Families Weekend

One hundred friends and members of the Orinda Community Church spent a week-end together at the San Francisco YMCA camp

in the Santa Cruz mountains. The families left for this first annual Family Retreat on Friday afternoon, September 20, and returned to Orinda Sunday, September 22. It was an outing long to be remembered by those who attended because of the wonderful spirit of fun, fellowship, and worship. The program included morning devotional and discussion times, afternoon swimming, volleyball, and baseball, and evening skits, campfire, and worship.

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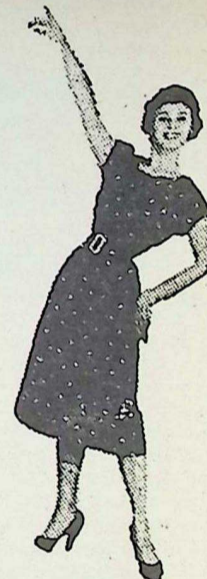
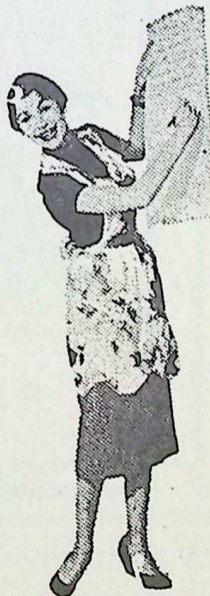
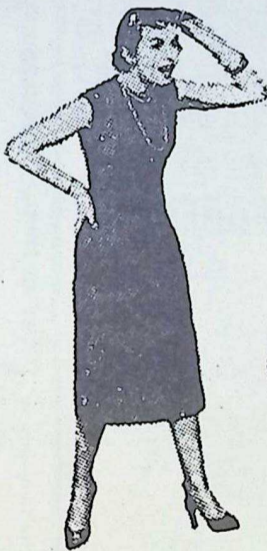
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Girl Scouts pictured here from left to right are Sue Fernsten from the Pine Grove area; Candy Jacobs from the Sleepy Hollow area; Karen Fernsten from the Miramonte area and Susan Gren-don from Del Rey area.  
Photo by Martin White

## GIRL SCOUT HISTORY

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also gave \$100 from our treasury when "Twin Canyon", the day camp in Lafayette, was being purchased.

There was no established camp for our girls prior to 1949. They attended a camp rented from another Council. In 1949 the Diablo Valley Council contracted for "Sierra Woodlands" which has been developed with a fund that had been established and much hard labor on the parts of the families of girls in the Council. The cookie and calendar sales the girls hold each year have also helped to make possible the camping we give them today.

During the early years of Scouting, Day Camp was held at Live Oak on Mt. Diablo. In 1955 the Diablo Valley Area Girl Scout Council purchased, with community help, 65 acres at the end of Springhill Road, Lafayette, to be used as a day camp. This camp is called "Twin Canyon" and at least 1600 girls and over 500 adults from the Area were expected to use it this year.

When Scouting came into existence in Orinda, we had only one grammar school—how we have grown! There are now 50 troops which include 269 Brownies and 328 Intermediates. Until this year there has been no Senior Girl Scout troop, but one has now been formed with Mrs. John Goldeen as leader. This presents quite a different picture to that of 1946.

To keep this number of troops operating smoothly, 98 troop leaders, 46 Troop committee, 24 Neighborhood committee, and 11 Board and Committee are involved. Four of these have two or more jobs. All workers are volunteers and are striving to help build within our girls, character, knowledge and ability to get

along well in our modern world. There is always an increasing need for more volunteers and anyone interested in working with girls may find further particulars by a phone call to Mrs. Ernest Fernsten, District Chairman, at CL 4-2917.

Orinda has been divided into three neighborhoods—Sleepy Hollow, Glorietta and Del Ray. For each of these neighborhoods, there is a chairman for the Brownie troops and a chairman for the Intermediate troops. The women who hold these offices have an important job to do, as they carry to the Troop leaders the plans made at the monthly Board meetings.

Neighborhood Chairmen for this year are: Sleepy Hollow—Mrs. Jack Wallace, Brownies; Mrs. Leonard Mjolsnes, Intermediates. Glorietta—Mrs. Frank Shiery, Brownies; Mrs. Gregory Englehard; Intermediates. Del Rey—Mrs. John Goldeen, Brownies; Mrs. Robert Nichols, Intermediates.

When the girls enter Scouting, their promise is:

"ON MY HONOR, I WILL TRY: to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times, to obey the Girl Scout Laws."

Some of the service projects the girls have participated in through the years have been the planting of fir trees in the Community Center; care of the bus shelter before the clover leaf was put in; clean-up of the lot beside Black's store before it became a parking lot; participation in the parade at the

Walnut Festival; donation of money to CARE for food; collection of clothing for the Indians. An all-out major service project for both the Brownies and Girl Scouts for three years was the making of tray favors and bed toys for the children at Weimar Sanitarium for Halloween, Thanksgiving Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter.

The board then felt that possibly the girls and their leaders might like to choose their own philanthropic projects, so now each Troop decides for themselves. Weimar Sanitarium still is in need of help and any troop interested may contact Mrs. A. Doty, at Cliford 4-3381.

All the leaders, Neighborhood Chairmen, Board Members and anyone who has helped with Girl

Scout work must have a deep and rewarding satisfaction from knowing they have given a helping hand to our girls who will in time be the future leaders in our community life.

Following is the list of officers and chairmen for the 1957 Orinda District:

Mrs. Ernest Fernsten, District Chairman; Mrs. Arthur Bowman, Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. George Myers, Day Camp; Mrs. Henry Harris; Established Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McConnell, Finance; Mrs. Rudy Grah, Membership-Nominating; Mrs. C. J. Goebel, Organization; Mrs. M. A. Peacock, Public Relations; Mrs. Robert Davis, Site Development; Mrs. Everett Tranberg, Products.

Neighborhood Chairmen are: Sleepy Hollow—Brownies: Mrs. Jack Wallace, Chairman; Mrs. Frederick Johnson, Products; Mrs. W. B. Sheppard, Membership-Nominating; Mrs. W. W. Lincoln, Special Events.

Sleepy Hollow—Intermediates: Mrs. Leonard Mjolsnes, Chairman; Mrs. H. L. Fastabend, Products; Mrs. Albert Guinther, Membership-nominating; Mrs. Paul Stafford, Special Events.

Glorietta—Brownies: Mrs. Frank Shiery, Chairman; Mrs. Charles Ivy, Products; Mrs. Frank Thomas, Membership - Nominating; Mrs. Edward Patterson, Special Events.

Glorietta—Intermediates; Mrs. Gregory Englehard, Chairman; Mrs. John C. Bascom, Products; Mrs. Marvin Bonds, Membership-

Nominating; Mrs. Bruce Montgomery, Special Events.

Del Rey—Brownies: Mrs. John Goldeen, Chairman; Mrs. David Coker, Products; Mrs. Richard Wagner, Membership-Nominating.

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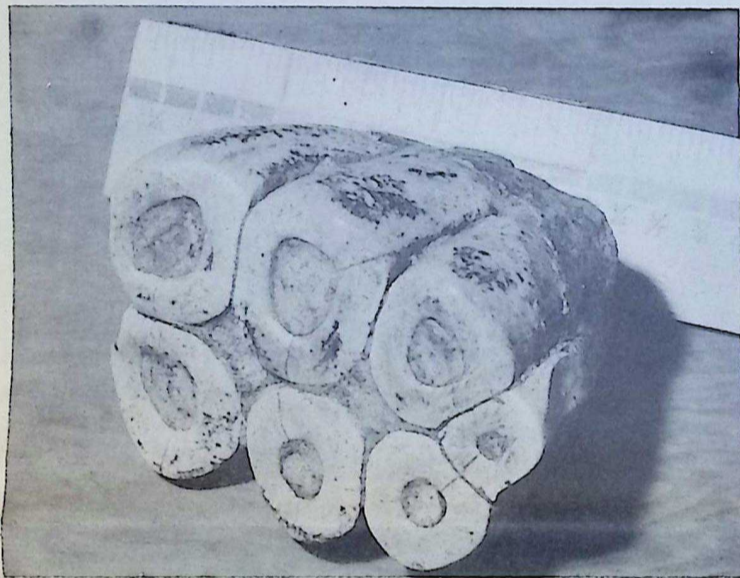
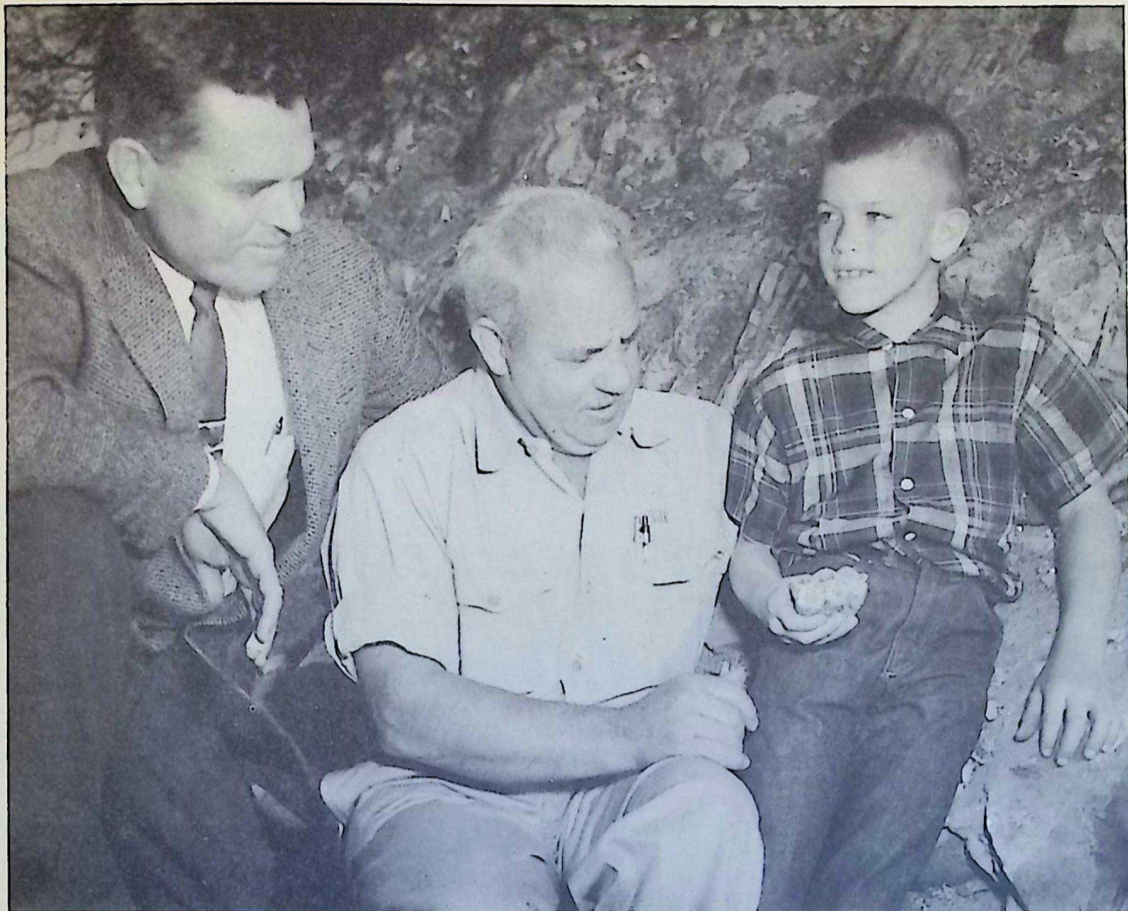
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Left to right are Don Savage, University of California Paleontologist; William Gerke, and John Finch studying a fossil tooth of a Desmostylus found on Gerke's property by 8-year old John. Tribune photo

## JOHN FINCH DISCOVERS FOSSILIZED DESMOSTYLUS TOOTH IN LAFAYETTE

John Finch, an 8-year old Lafayette boy started something when his observant eyes caught sight of an odd-looking "rock" in a new road being cut on the property of W. F. Gerke, nurseryman at 3174 Gerke Way in Lafayette.

John took the rock to a neighbor, Dr. Donald Savage, assistant curator of the University of California's Museum of Paleontology and was informed that he had discovered a fossilized tooth from a rare Desmostylus, a hippopotamus like creature that lived around here some 25,000,000 years ago.

Approximately 24,992,000 years before John was born—give a few million years here or there.

The Desmostylus tooth is about four inches long and two inches wide and according to Dr Savage it resembles a bunch of tiny bananas cemented together.

The only complete skeleton of a Desmostylus is at the Hokkaido University in Japan. Paleontologists wish to learn more about the mammals whom they think spent their lives in the shallow inland bays of central California eating various types of shellfish.

The museum's world-famous artist, Owen J. Poe who specializes in drawing fossil animals, pictures the Desmostylus as probably having a pair of fork-like tusks so located that it could root the silt and sand of sea shores as they were millions of years ago.

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## Mothers Club Has First Fall Meeting

First fall meeting of the Orinda High School Mothers' Club for all mothers of high school students living in Orinda will be held at 12:30 p. m., Monday, October 7, at the home of Mrs. T. M. Harner, Seven Oaks Circle.

The deans of Acalanes and Miramonte will discuss "Programming for the Future, fellowship, and college requirements". Present will be Alex Winchester and Miss Vera Richardson from Acalanes, and William Ross and Miss Naomi Giddings from Miramonte.

Refreshments will be served at the start of the meeting according to Mrs. Ralph Glass, president.

Officers of the club for the 1957-58 school year include: Mrs. Glass, president; Mrs. Everette Howe, vice-president; Mrs. Boone Robinson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Richard Lelenad, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Davis Romine, treasurer.

Appointed officers include: Mrs. Stanley Thompson and Mrs. Fred Fowkes, program chairman; Mrs. David Puddy and Mrs. Vernon Frederickson, hospitality; Mrs. A. S. Hartanov, civic affairs; Mrs. Peter Saputo, recreation; and Mrs. Kenneth Brown, publicity.

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Young Mr. Finch is undoubtedly searching further to find the rest of the skeletal remains to complete the entire specimen.

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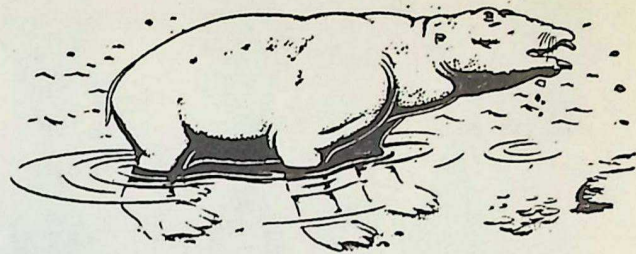
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RECONSTRUCTION—Owen J. Poe, fossil animal artist, prepared this sketch of what the Desmostylus probably looked like. Scientists believe it lived in the Oakland area some 25,000,000 years ago.

## Republican Women Plan Fashion Show

The Contra Costa Republican Women's Club held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank E. Young, 1573 Webb Lane, Walnut Creek, presided over by Mrs. Young, chairman of the co-ordinated unit of Contra Costa Republican Women's Clubs.

The meeting was called to plan a Fashion Show Luncheon to be given jointly by all of the Republican Women's groups in the county. It was decided that the Fashion Show would be called Valentine Fantasy and be held on Feb. 11, three days previous to St. Valentine's Day at the Diablo Country Club in Danville.

Heading the Fashion Show Committee will be Mrs. J. C. Keading, Richmond, Chairman, with Mrs. L. M. Hartman of Kensington and Mrs. Harmon Howard of Walnut Creek acting as co-chairman. Area Chairman heads will be

Mesdames A. P. Reck, Orinda and Moraga; Angelo Dadi, Pittsburg; W. B. Bliff, El Cerrito; E. Hughes, Richmond; E. Wells Smith, Walnut Creek; M. D. Osborn, Danville, San Ramon and Diablo; J. H. Gillan, Pleasant Hill and Concord; E. F. Tesche, Martinez.

Special Committee Chairmen will include Mrs. F. E. Young, Walnut Creek, Award Chairman; Mrs. J. L. Farley, of Lafayette, Tickets and Reservations; Mrs. John L. Tokich, Publicity. Attending the meeting in addition to members of the committee were Mrs. Donald Krotz of Orinda who is Vice-president of the Northern Division of Republican Women and Mrs. R. E. Galbraith, President of Republican Women of Orinda.

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