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ORINDA DEFENSE CLASSES

The Orinda Defense Council during the past week has fingerprinted approximately 350 people serving on the Fire or Police committees. Other work of the Council is rapidly being accomplished so that Orinda may be ready to meet emergencies that may come.

Each Sunday morning at 9 a. m. mass meetings will be held at the Orinda Theatre where pictures will be shown explaining the incendiary bomb and how to extinguish it. There will also be a short talk on vital defense information of interest to all the community.

Sign up sheets for various classes are posted in the Defense Office, in the Orinda Store. Any one interested in taking Home Nursing, First Aid, Nutrition instruction, or Motor Corps classes may sign at the office or call Orinda 2027. The Defense Council Office is open each day from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., and information concerning the work may be obtained by calling at the office or telephoning. If you have not already registered for defense work please do so now.



ST. MARY'S BECOMES ANNAPOLIS OF THE AIR

Approval of St. Mary's College at Moraga as one of the navy's four pre-flight aviation instruction training centers was announced by the navy department in a wire to Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco.

Plans call for the training of more than 2000 cadets at a time on the Moraga campus, the navy department disclosed and each candidate will undergo three months of rigorous training which will include heavy labor, ditch digging, wood chopping and land clearing. In addition the men will learn to march forty miles a day from sunup to sundown and will be trained in jui jitsu, boxing and rough and tumble fighting.

Secretary of the Navy Knox described the program as the most strenuous in the history of American military training.

St. Mary's College is one of four universities and colleges in the United States to be selected as student pilot training centers under the navy's vast aviation expansion program. Under this program 30,000 prospective pilots will receive the pre-flight training course each year.

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MARCH MEETING NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held Friday evening, March 6th, at 8:15 p. m. in the Orinda Union Grammar School.

Dr. John Morrison announces that at this meeting there will be a discussion of the work being accomplished by the Orinda Defense Council.

Dr. Morrison suggests that there will be a clear picture given of all phases of defense work in Orinda, both that being done by Civilian Defense and that by the Red Cross. The personnel of each committee and the character of their work will be explained to all so that we may see how our unit of work fits in with the defense of our community as a whole.

The functions of each committee and the need for them show how much has been and is being accomplished in Orinda so that now we are as well prepared for emergencies as any other community in this section.

What to do when the siren sounds, the duties of your Aid Raid Warden and the Police and how you may best help will all be carefully outlined. Come and learn more of Orinda's defense.

The course is designed, the navy department said, to make the navy pilot the most daring, the strongest and most determined type of aviator in the world.

The training program will not interfere with the regular college program, at least for the current semester which ends in May.

DISASTER RELIEF STATION BENEFIT IS SUCCESS

A motion picture and fashion show benefit for the Orinda Disaster Relief Station was held on Thursday evening, February 26th, at the Orinda Theatre. The fashion show was staged by Mrs. Ethel Palmanteer Gibson, proprietor of the Country Shop, and Mrs. Marie Bennett was the hair stylist.

Models for the fashion show included Mrs. Chester Williams, Miss Dorothy Hockett, Miss Marion Fitch, Mrs. Leon Woolsey, Miss Connie Pearson, Mrs. Jackson Dorr, Miss Nancy Garoutte, Miss Betty Hassler, Mrs. Alex B. Hayward, Mrs. Harrison Ketcham, Mrs. Frank Dunne, Mrs. Thomas Telfer, Miss Barbara Darriman, Mrs. Stewart Walker, Mrs. Nathan Gray, Mrs. Robert Bennett, Mrs. Mahlon Jordan, Mrs. Talbot Evans, Mrs. Don White, Mrs. W. W. Whitener, Mrs. Kenneth Morrish, Miss Barbara Mattes, Miss Gene Olson, Miss Mary Margaret Bennett, Miss Helen Heinrici, Mrs. Walter Christie, Mrs. Richard Dawson, Mrs. R. K. Humphries, Mrs. John Morrison, and Mrs. Frank Fee.

The hair styles as arranged by Mrs Marie Bennett were styled to the new gowns and were simply arranged so that the individual may care for them at home.

The following merchants and residents donated door prizes: Orinda Gift Shop, Crystal Laundry, Gus Reuter, Casa Orinda, Craviotto Market, Minor Hardware, Orinda Store, Leon Woolsey and Moraga Pharmacy.

Mrs. Harold Martin had charge of candy sales during the show.



VICTORY DANCE FOR ORINDA

The Victory dance given at the Orinda Country Club Saturday evening, February 28th, was a great success and well attended by young and old. The Country Club orchestra supplied the music to which all danced with pleasure.

The Boy Scouts opened the evening with an effective flag ceremony and later the guests were entertained by the stirring voice of Mr. Clyde Bungardner who has just won a contract with R. K. O. in San Francisco.

Congratulations to Jim Brockhurst, the head of the dance committee, and his assistant, Mrs. Sheppard, who had charge of the decorations.

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MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 1942

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was called to order at 8:15 p. m. by President Morrison, and was opened by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes were read and approved, the report of the Treasurer was submitted, showing a balance on hand of \$312.00, and the Membership Committee reported 133 memberships paid up thus far for the current year, all of which were voted to membership.

Pres. Morrison discussed the feasibility of holding a Fiesta this year, and mentioned its desirability from a morale sustaining standpoint. Harrison Ketcham was asked to recall for us some financial statistics regarding past Fiestas and budgets. General discussion was brought to a close by a motion by Martyn Warner, which was passed, directing the Chair to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of holding a Fiesta this year.

A letter from the Greyhound Co. was read, advising us of additional bus service, and Clarence Fleager moved that a resolution be passed, commending the Greyhound Co. for extending its service and for working for a reduction of bridge tolls. Motion passed. Pres. Morrison also read a letter from Gene Schlotterbeck, Secretary of the Oak Springs Association, enclosing a copy of a letter from that Association to Sheriff Miller, complaining of the disturbance of the peace of that community by drunks. From the absence of any comments, the above condition was presumed to be fairly localized, and no action was taken by this Association.

Clarence Fleager reported the progress of road maintenance by Hacienda Homes. Patchwork, he said, had suffered from re-

cent storms, and the first dry weather would see the holes being filled in again. Out of approximately \$5000.00 to be raised by the five cents per front foot assessment, he reported about \$2200.00 already received, of which about \$500.00 had been spent, \$125.00 of it on the Grand Cañon of lower La Espiral. Facilities had been taxed, he said, to keep up with the damage from the rains. His offer to answer questions brought out that the assessment had been made on the basis of measurement at property lines, instead of the middle of roads. Also brought out was that the \$1.00 per lot assessment on the West side was for miscellaneous expenses, restrictions, capital stock tax, etc.

The Crossroads safety situation was discussed by Stan Smith and Geoffrey Mayo. It was stated that at this time there are not sufficient funds to remedy the condition, there being only 25 percent enough to take care of defense needs. Their opinion of the probable outcome was that if the rubber situation doesn't solve the problem automatically the Government probably will. General discussion followed, including a suggestion by Mr. Rowley that traffic at the Crossroads be controlled by a traffic officer.

Mr. W. D. Scott was asked for Civilian Defense news and announced that out of 700 contribution blanks mailed, he anticipated a response of around \$2000.00. He offered for our inspection one of twelve sirens just purchased, to be installed in pairs as soon as possible. The sirens are 115 volts, 4.4 amperes. We were reminded that the Orinda Defense Council, aided by the Scouts, will collect all salvage Saturday morning, February 7th, same to be sold and

TIRE RATIONING

The Tire Rationing Board for the Orinda district is to be located at Walnut Creek after March 1, 1942. Chairman of the board is: J. L. Ramelli, 1388 Main Street, Walnut Creek.

GUILD PARTY

As promised Orindans on December 12th, when we had our first blackout, the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church will put on the plays and entertainment on March 20th at 8 p. m. in the Orinda Grammar School which is now equipped for blackout. The same program as previously arranged will be presented at that time and it is hoped all our friends will venture forth again and enjoy the evening with us.

ORINDA SWEET SHOP

The Orinda Sweet Shop is now open and being enjoyed by Orinda residents.

The shop originally planned to sell ice cream, sodas, and candy, but due to popular demand now serves luncheon and dinner. Mr. Ben Randall states that the shop will continue to serve the community as they desire.

The Sweet Shop is achieving great popularity in Orinda due to the excellence of its food and its friendly atmosphere.

MOTHERS' CLUB

Orinda High School Mothers' Club met on Monday, February 2nd, at the home of Mrs. Leo Alexander, 50 Via Hermosa, with Mrs. A. K. Pettengill assisting the hostess.

Mrs. Pearl Watson, of Piedmont, gave a talk on incendiary bombs. Mrs. Watson is an authority on the subject, and has given her talk for many clubs in the bay region.

BOY SCOUTS

A troop committee meeting was held on February 19th when Mr. Grover LaVelle was appointed new troop committee chairman and Mr. Dwight Chapman secretary treasurer. Mr. Rodger Bates, the Scout Executive, attended this meeting.

The Boy Scouts will present a play April 20th on the evening of their troop Court of Honor.

ORINDA HOME DEPARTMENT

The next meeting of the Orinda Home Department will be held March 5th, at 9:30 a. m., at the home of Mrs. Frank Hight, 46 Camino Sobrante Road. The subject of the meeting will be "Care and Conservation of Clothing." County Chairman, Mrs. Moody, and Mrs. Van Horn, Director at Large, will be guests at this meeting.

Home Department members will note that the Nutrition Institute program will be held March 10th, at Ambrose.

proceeds used for defense purposes.

Stan Smith announced that in the recently concluded Red Cross Drive, Orinda had gone over the top with \$1620.66, exceeding our quota by \$120.00.

ORINDA P. T. A. PAST PRESIDENTS HONORED ON FOUNDER'S DAY

At the Founder's Day meeting of the P. T. A., held at the grammar school auditorium Tuesday afternoon, February 17th, the past presidents of the Orinda organization were honored. Mrs. E. I. deLaveaga, one of the first presidents, told of the difficulties confronting the first group when the Orinda P. T. A. membership was only nine.

Preceding the meeting the dramatic club of the school gave a Lincoln play, and the glee club contributed several songs.

Mrs. deLaveaga cut the huge Founder's Day birthday cake which was served for refreshments.



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Children's Hospital of the East Bay presents the fourth annual Easter Fair, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, March 5, 6, 7, 8. There will be intriguing exhibits by leading East Bay firms and grand entertainment for the whole family.

The Children's Hospital is more important than ever before in our community and is definitely one of our basic lines of civilian defense. The Hospital is cooperating with the Red Cross in preparing for any emergency and Hospital Branch members are to be found in all phases of Red Cross and Defense work.

Again Orinda Branch is taking a very active part in the Easter Fair which is the most important source of funds for this child welfare work. Tickets for dances, lectures, fashion show events may be secured by phoning Mrs. Phil LeMasney, Orinda 3651, or at the Hotel Claremont.

Orinda Branch invites the attendance of all Contra Costa County residents at the Easter Fair and its accompanying events. The Branch is sponsoring an interior decoration display from Jackson's Furniture Co., which tells of color correlation and period harmony to be had through little expense. The housewife today, thanks to this Decorating Studio, can determine her own scheme of home decoration. While attending the Fair be sure to stop at this display.

Come to the Fair and help build the Children's Hospital War Chest.



RED CROSS KNITTING

The Red Cross knitting group, which formerly met at the home of Mrs. George Brockhurst on El Toyonal, has been discontinued because of Mrs. Brockhurst's illness. Her many friends hope she will soon be well, and are very grateful for the use of her home in the past.

Contrary to current rumors, Red Cross knitting is still needed, although the supply of yarn is limited. Knitters please contact Mrs. G. S. Perkins at Orinda 7811. If yarn is available then, knitting classes will be held at meetings of the Dorcas Society, which sews for the Red Cross on the third and fourth Thursdays of each month.

ACALANES HOST TO RESEARCH GROUP

During February, a group of men outstanding in the field of research on school illumination, inspected the Acalanes plant. They were very much impressed with Acalanes' light walls, and its use of the north light, which is by far the best light for close work. The men who inspected the school were: Dr. Leland H. Brown of Stanford, C. Baker, of California Electric Bureau, and R. L. Dearborn.

Acalanes finished its basketball season on Friday, February 19th. The A team took third place in the conference, being nosed out of second place by Pittsburg who won the game by just two points. A good season for next year is predicted as very few of the Acalanes' team will be lost through graduation. Track and baseball are the sports now under way. A special Board Meeting was called this month to discuss finishing work on the track and baseball diamond using the County Road Crew under the direction of the Surveyor's Office.

The sale of Defense Stamps, being carried on at the school during the Monday assemblies, is increasing each week. The first three weeks of selling the stamps brought in \$40, \$50, and \$60, in that order. The Superstition Dance, held by the student body on Friday, February 13th, brought in enough money above expenses to buy a \$50 bond for the student body. The dance was very informal, most of the students wearing jeans and clamdiggers outfits.

On Monday, February 16th, the assembly celebrated Susan B. Anthony Day with a program concerning suffrage. Mrs. Alice Hobart was the speaker. The program was sponsored by the Girls' League, with Nancy Larsen acting as chairman. On Friday, February 19th, a group of boys from St. Mary's College presented for the student body their program which they give over KROW called "St. Mary's Speaks". The presentation gave the student body a chance to see what happens during a radio broadcast. The program was presented under the direction of Brother Cyprian of St. Mary's.



12-15 CLUB

The monthly business meeting of the 12-15 Club of Orinda will be held at the home of Mrs. Martyn Warner on La Espiral on Tuesday, March 10th.

The second meeting of each month is devoted to sewing for the Red Cross, at the home of Mrs. G. F. Hickok. Mrs. Charles Malone, President of the Club, was hostess at the February sewing meeting. As the Red Cross sewing materials are not yet available, the club voted to purchase some outing flannel to make stretcher quilts. Mrs. A. Pasteris, sewing chairman, was instructed to buy the needed material at the February 10th business meeting held at the home of Mrs. Warren Harrold.



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FORUM DISCUSSION POSTPONED TO MARCH 4

The February Forum Discussion, which is sponsored by the Board of Trustees and the Orinda Union School, has been postponed from February 26 to March 4, due to a conflicting date with the Red Cross Benefit Movie and Fashion Show.

Dr. Edith Byron, of the Berkeley School department and University of California, will be guest speaker for that evening. Mr. Stanley Warburton, Principal, Acalanes High School, will be chairman. The panel: Mrs. Gertrude Williams, Orinda School teacher; Mr. Mervyn E. Gibson, Principal, Walnut Creek Grammar School; Mrs. Anna S. Bennett, President, Board of Trustees, Orinda Grammar School; Mrs. Violet O. Bedwell, School Nurse, Contra Costa County; Mr. Wilbur Ellis, Principal, Lafayette Grammar School; Mrs. G. T. Cooper, Supervisor, Contra Costa Schools; Miss Mary Siefker, teacher, Orinda Grammar School.

The subject of Dr. Bryon's talk will be "The Mental and Physical Growth of the Child". Discussion of home, school, and community factors involved in bringing our elementary school children to the adult stage mentally and physically equipped for the responsibility of leadership.

The third Forum of the series will be held Tuesday, March 24th, at 8 p. m.

Chairman: Dr. George Gibson, Professor of History, San Francisco State College.

Speaker: Dr. Mary Woods Bennett, Mills College.

Panel: Mr. C. B. Chantler, member of Board of Trustees, Orinda Union School; Mrs. Emil E. Wickman, President P. T. A., Orinda; Mrs. Violet Bedwell, School Nurse, Contra Costa County; Mrs. Margaret Anderson, teacher, Orinda Union School, Mr. Mervyn Gibson, Principal, Walnut Creek Grammar School; Mr. Richard L. Davis, Principal, Orinda Union School; Mr. Stanley Warburton, Principal, Acalanes Union High School.

Subject: "The Place of the Child in the Community." Discussion of home, school, and community influences directly involved in the behavior of elementary school children. How best to adapt radio, motion pictures and other modern mediums to the best educational advantages.



DORCAS SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Dorcas Society is now being held at the home of Mrs. G. F. Hickok, where the group is sewing for the Red Cross, making quilts from donated material. Mrs. Ralph Sisson is in charge of the quilt making.



ORINDA CHURCH NEWS

Due to the stress of the times and threat of blackouts, the members of the church council voted not to hold services at night during Lent as in the past. However a Good Friday service at 2 p. m. will be held on April 3rd. Palm Sunday, March 29th, will be Communion Sunday and new members will be received into the church.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church will be held at the home of Mrs. G. F. Hickok, on El Toyonal Road, on Tuesday, March 3, at noon. Mrs. Herbert Dills and Mrs. B. B. Seim will be co-hostesses.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year will be installed by Dr. Miles B. Fisher, Pastor of the Church. Mrs. Lance Barden will serve a second term as President, Mrs. William Penn Mott, Jr., Vice President; Mrs. A. W. Elkinton, Secretary; Mrs. L. R. Givens, Treasurer; Mrs. Charles Ward, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, Program Chairman; Mrs. Howard Fisher, Chairman of the Dorcas Society.

A very interesting program has been arranged by Mrs. Edward Harrington. Mrs. Sidney K. Rosenthal of Orinda will review Bertita Harding's book, "Amazon Throne", which is a very timely book in these days when Brazil and the United States are allies in this great struggle for freedom. Bertita Harding is a personal friend of Mrs. Rosenthal's and has autographed the copy of the book which Mrs. Rosenthal will use. Many will remember the film, "Juarez", which was the film name of "Phantom Crown", also written by Bertita Harding.

"Amazon Throne" traces the history of the Braganzas of Brazil from the time that country was a colony, then a kingdom, empire, and finally a Republic in 1889. It is interesting to note from an historical aspect that Don Pedro II, the last Emperor, was the first Goodwill ambassador to the United States in 1876.

Mrs. Rosenthal has made a study of history and autobiography her chief interest. She is a graduate of the University of California, a Phi Beta Kappa, taught high school in Arroyo Grande, been active in Delphian circles and has given many book reviews and lectures, both in Berkeley and in Orinda.

Miss Marion Bryant, Music Director in the Orinda Grammar School, will render two piano solos.

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 8:30 o'clock.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scouts elected to serve from February through May of Troop 27 are: Patrol 1, Leader, Joan Norton; Assistant, Lee Dills; Patrol 2, Frances Grove, Leader; Connie Goodale, Assistant. Nancy Chantler was chosen Treasurer, and Donnie Mae Mote, Scribe.

New members to join the troop since October are Donnie Mae Mote, Frances Grove, and Ann Winters. Ann, who is the niece of Mrs. C. B. Chantler, is here from Honolulu with her mother.

The troop has been active in defense work since the first of the year and plans to participate in some special service each month. Their contribution for January was 25 bars of Hershey Chocolate to the Berkeley Red Cross Canteen Service. Mrs. Beauchamp, in charge of the canteen, was extremely grateful. For February the troop gave \$1.50 to the Red Cross War Fund. This amount represents three cents a week of each girl's regular five cent Scout dues, which is ordinarily set aside for Scout activities. In addition the girls are collecting razor blades for Britain, enlisting the co-operation of their fathers to give them new blades when they can. The men of England are unable to buy razor blades over there, and the Girl Scouts, nationwide, are helping in this drive.

A Scout Valentine party was given Friday evening, February 13th, at the home of Jean and Joan Norton. Formal Valentine costumes were provided for each girl and twelve lovely Valentines played games throughout the evening. Mrs. C. L. Parham, leader, presented each girl with a 1942 Scout Diary, in appreciation of the fine work and generous service of the troop so far this year. Their outstanding work has consisted of making two knitted afghans, which were sent to England for war relief; a tea for the mothers for which girls baked the cookies and presented a style show; the outfitting of a poor family at Christmas, a widow with three small children, doing such a generous job that Mr. Jacobus, who furnished his truck for the transportation of packages, said he wished he were on the receiving end. In addition a Christmas tree and a money gift of \$2.00 was given the family, 85 cents of which the girls earned from the sales of magazines and papers, the rest was donated by the girls. The Christmas window in the office of Warren Harrold was decorated by the girls with the help of Mrs. C. B. Chantler, Assistant Leader, and was the troop's contribution to the community. Fine work has been done earning the Hostess and Junior Citizen badges and last but not least, all girls are buying Defense Stamps each week.

Berkeley Girl Scouts have been asked to take over the filling of the Cookie Jars at the Veteran's Memorial Building and the Armory one day each month and girls of Troop 74, assisted by troop committee members and leaders, sent in about a thousand cookies on Monday, February 16th. Each girl was asked to contribute at least three dozen cookies, but many of the girls were so generous our supply was over three times

ALL-STUDENT PROGRAM FOR PARENT CLUB

An All-Student program was presented at the February meeting of the Acalanes Parent Club. Those on the program were: Clifford Straub, violin solo; Beverly Thompson, essay on Americanism; Jack Tagg, saxophone solo; and Don Irwin, who gave his speech on American Rights which won him first place in the American Legion Contest. Also, eight members of the Modern Dance Group presented a dance number under the direction of Miss Millicent Hamburger.

Mrs. Reinke, president of the Parent Club, announced that a nominating committee would be named at the March meeting to choose officers for the next season. At the March meeting, she also announced, the Orinda Mothers' Club, under Mrs. Edward Wilson, president, will have complete charge.

On April 17th a dance and card party under the joint sponsorship of the Acalanes students and the parents will be given in the high school gymnasium.



THEATRE PARTY

Orinda's high school students held a theatre party on Saturday, February 21st, at the Orinda Theatre, as guests of the Orinda High School Mothers' Club. About sixty-five Orinda students and their guests enjoyed Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in the "Corsican Brothers", then adjourned to the Orinda Grammar School for food and dancing. Mrs. G. M. Heinrici was in charge of the party. Mrs. Leo Alexander, Mrs. H. W. Dills, and Mrs. O. S. Dibbern were the refreshment committee, with Mrs. Elmer Hertel and Mrs. L. S. Mattes handling the reservations.

our quota. Mrs. Macomber, Troop Committee Chairman, took charge of getting the cookies in to the Little House in Berkeley from Orinda. Diane Davis was welcomed into the troop recently. Patsy Teiche was chosen to represent Troop 74 at the Juliette Low tea on February 25th at the Little House. Now more than ever it is important to keep alive the memory of our Founder and her ideals of International Friendship, and each girl is asked to contribute toward the Juliette Low Memorial Fund during the Birthday of Girl Scouting, March 12th. Nancy Chantler represented Troop 27 at the tea.

Mrs. Alden Macomber, Troop Committee Chairman, Mrs. C. B. Chantler, Mrs. Homer Keesling, and Mrs. John Ratcliff have been taking both the Standard and Advanced Red Cross First Aid courses.

Several troop committee members and leaders will attend the annual meeting of the Oakland Girl Scout Council on March 7th at the Claremont Country Club. Mrs. Alan Means, National Girl Scout President, will be the guest speaker and will tell of the part Girl Scouting is playing in our National Defense Program.

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PLAY CENTER THEATRE PARTY

Two three and a half star pictures are to be featured by the Orinda Theatre for the Orinda Play Center Theatre Party on Thursday evening, March 19th. The pictures are Bob Hope in "Nothing but the Truth", and Claudette Colbert in "Skylark". The show will begin at 6:45, and tickets are 40 cents and 55 cents.

The Play Center is sponsored by the W. P. A. and the County Board of Education, and the equipment is provided by the Mothers' Club of the Orinda Play Center. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to purchase badly needed outside play equipment for the youngsters. Tickets are now being sold by members of the Mothers' Club. Let's all support this endeavor.

Spring and summer enrollments are now being taken for youngsters from two and one-half to school age at the Orinda Play Center. The Play Center, sponsored by the W. P. A. and County Board of Education, is open each week day for supervised play from 9 a. m. to 12 noon. If you have a child of that age, you may enroll him at the Christian Science Church Building on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons before 3 o'clock.



ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, February 16th, was Planting Day at Acalanes High School. Plants, purchased with the \$150 donated by the Parents Club, were set out in the Central Court. 19 Plane trees, 15 wisteria, and 350 Pittosporum were planted under the direction of Mr. Elmo Heard who has charge of the Landscaping Class at the school. Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr., of Orinda, who drew the plans, checked the work. Each organization of the School sponsored a tree, digging the required holes and seeing to the tree's proper planting.

Under Mr. Heard's direction, picnic tables and benches of redwood are being constructed by the Shop Class for the outside cafeteria in the patio. Ten tables are being made and each table will seat twelve children. The Shop Class, too, is working with the Homemaking Department in constructing Red Cross stretchers and first aid kits. The first aid kits are large plywood boxes with suitcase hardware. When the stretchers and kits are complete, they will be distributed throughout the area.



LIONS CLUB

The Lion's Club had their regular meeting Wednesday evening, February 25th, when their new members were initiated. Judge Harrold Jacoby of the Superior Court talked on National Defense and everyone was cordially invited to hear him.

Many have answered the call for papers by the Lion's Club in their defense project and they will be glad for a continued response.



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