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RED CROSS UNIT FORMED

A meeting was called Tuesday, June 18th, at the Orinda Grammar School, by Mrs. A. W. Elkinton, district chairman of the American Red Cross, for the purpose of forming an Orinda Unit of the Walnut Creek Chapter. The following officers and committee heads were elected: Chairman, Mrs. A. W. Elkinton; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. R. D. Harrison; Production Chairman, Mrs. J. T. Cotton; Assistant, Mrs. J. W. Dieterich; Sewing Chairman, Mrs. J. Stanley Smith; Knitting Chairman, Mrs. A. H. Winter; Assistant, Mrs. E. Matheson; War Fund Chairman, Mrs. Malcolm Lamb; Transportation Chairman, Mrs. George Robbins; Entertainment Chairman, Mrs. Delight deLaveaga; Assistant, Mrs. Frank Fee; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. George Pitt.

Mrs. A. W. Elkinton, assisted by Mrs. Lynn Bell, outlined our program of work and explained the quota that has been set for us. A work room was established at the Orinda Grammar School to be opened five days a week from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Everyone is urged to give their loyal assistance to this worthy cause. Won't you come and join in the work of this Orinda unit?

OFFICE

Mr. Warren Harrold has donated a desk in his office for the use of the American Red Cross War Fund department headed by Mrs. Malcolm Lamb. Red Cross donations are gladly accepted there as well as through all authorized solicitors in this community.

PHONE SERVICE

The Telephone Company has established a phone in the Orinda Grammar School free of charge to be used by the Orinda Unit of the Red Cross. We wish to thank this organization for this most practical aid to a great cause. You may reach all the officers of this unit by calling ORinda 4101.

WORK-ROOM FUND

It has become necessary to create a Work-room Fund to be used for incidentals, such as machine needles, thread, buttons, etc. All those who do not sew or knit and who wish to help us in this fund may do so by dropping a few coins in the box located on the bulletin board in the work-room in the Orinda School.

JULY MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held Friday, July 5, at 8 p. m., in the Orinda School Auditorium. At this meeting the committees for the ensuing year will be announced.

REMEMBER GREETINGS

I thank you for electing me to this office. Whatever talents I have are at the disposal of the Community in which I live. I hope I may be of service. When it comes to criticism, I want you to know that I can "take it." I believe in it, for only by bringing out all sides of a question can we arrive at the proper solution. When criticism is an exchange of opinions it loses its sting.

I emphasize the point that everyone whose interests are involved in making our community a better place in which to live is invited to attend our meetings and to apply for membership in the Association. No special invitation is needed, you are welcome. This applies especially to new residents, but the older residents should remember that their longer acquaintance with local problems is needed to supplement the enthusiasm of new residents. The combination is necessary for the best results.

Do your part.

MARTYN F. WARNER.

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the June meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association, the Nominating Committee made their report. The following officers recommended by this committee were unanimously elected: President, Martyn F. Warner; Vice-President, Harrison Ketcham; Secretary, William Fleager; Treasurer, George Hickok; Board of Trustees, John Morrison, Edward Sibbett, Kenneth Allen.

Following a report on our splendid response to our quota for the Red Cross the association voted fifty (50) dollars for this cause.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

A large class of 282 members was graduated from the Richmond High School on Wednesday, June 12. The students from Orinda who received their diplomas during the impressive ceremony were: Velma Edson, Jerry Hart, James Hayward, and Frank Bennett.

WAR RELIEF FUNDS

The Emergency War Relief Fund of the American Red Cross has received \$715 from 165 Orindans who have responded generously to the highly publicized drive for funds for relief in the war zones of Europe.

The drive at Orinda was started by Mrs. Warren Harrold, assisted by Stanley Smith and Mrs. J. T. Cotton. Under their guidance a number of volunteer workers collected over \$600 in two weeks. Since the beginning of the drive the national quota has been raised from 10 million dollars to 50 millions, with the result that the individual local quotas have been raised proportionately.

Mrs. Malcolm Lamb has been elected to carry on the work in Orinda with the aim of reaching all residents and giving them an opportunity to contribute if they care to. To date there are about 585 voters who have not been reached.

To contribute to this urgent cause see the chairman of your voting precinct or one of her assistants, or have your contribution at Warren Harrold's office in the village.

The following are the workers for your district:

Precinct 1: Chairman, Mrs. James Deiterich, Mrs. Emil Wickman, Mrs. Frank Bryant, Mrs. E. A. Dawson.

Precinct 2: Chairman, Mrs. Sheldon Duncan, Mrs. Walter Christie, Mrs. Leon Woolsey, Mrs. Allen Young, Mrs. Harrold Martin.

Precinct 3: Chairman, Mrs. Kendrick Morrish, Mrs. John Ratcliff, Mrs. William Fleager, Mrs. C. B. Chantler.

ORINDA SCHOOL GRADUATION

Graduating exercises were held in the Orinda Grammar School Auditorium on Thursday evening, June 13. The program consisted of two piano solos by Betty Lou Bennett and Monty Dibbern, and a short play. Mr. Stanley Warburton, principal of the Acalanes High School, talked to the graduating class. Presentation of the class gift was made by Curtis Harrison, and Jeanne Fellers accepted it for the school. The Farewell Address was given by Nancy Harrold.

The twelve members who graduated were: Nancy Harrold, Betty Lou Bennett, Helen Heinrich, Agnes Nixon, Alice Hayre, Curtis Harrison, James Ludlow, Herman Gericke, Monty Dibbern, Keith Bennett, Harold Schmelz, and George Chapman.

A party for the graduation class was given by George Chapman following the exercises.

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FEATURE POINTS OF
NEW COUNTY FIRE ORDINANCE

I. It is unlawful to have any open outdoor fire within one hundred feet of any building, unless written permit is granted by Chief of Fire Department, except for fires in an incinerator constructed of non-combustible material, equipped with a spark-arrestor of wire.

II. No outdoor fire may be left unattended by an adult. Fires must be completely extinguished to prevent rekindling.

III. The fire escapes of public buildings must not be obstructed in any manner and all exit doors must open out.

IV. No accumulation of rubbish, rags, or other inflammable material in public buildings.

V. It is unlawful for any person to disobey the lawful orders of any fireman or public officer at a fire.

VI. It is unlawful to drive over or on a fire hose or fire apparatus of any kind.

VII. No vehicle shall be parked within three hundred feet of a burning structure, excepting vehicles of police officers, firemen, owners, tenants or authorized agents.

VIII. Violations of this ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500.00 fine or imprisonment, not exceeding six months, or both. Each separate act of violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

IX. This ordinance becomes effective July 4, 1940.

OAK SPRINGS OPEN HOUSE

Chairman Bill Gordon reports that the Oak Springs Annual Picnic and Open House, held on Sunday, June 9th, was an outstanding success. The proceeds will be used to install a new filter plant at the swimming pool. Welcomed during the day were Past President Ralph Sisson; Treasurer, George Hickok and Mrs. Hickok of the Orinda Improvement Association, who tried their luck at the concessions.

Oak Springs residents, at a recent meeting, elected the following Improvement Association officers for the 1940-41 season: President, Carl Miller; Vice-President, Jack Eadie; Secretary, John Frick; Treasurer, Katherine Jones; Trustees, Roy Crowell, David C. Jones, and H. K. Rea.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday evening, July 11, 1940.

ROADS COMMITTEE REPORT

At a meeting of the Roads Committee held Friday evening the 21st of June, Mr. J. B. McFarland, Secretary of the Contra Costa County Taxpayers' Association, told the Committee of steps being taken by other subdivisions in the county to improve their roads. He continued to discuss a county-wide plan that has the support of the Taxpayers' Association, which incorporates improving roads in all subdivisions, so that eventually road maintenance can be taken over by the county. A comprehensive tax system is being worked out to provide money for this purpose. Under this plan taxpayers would be paying only for the work done in their respective districts.

However, the Roads Committee is still faced with the problem of bringing the roads up to the standards demanded by the county. Negotiations with Hacienda Homes Inc., to form an Orinda Home Owner's Association, are progressing favorably. It is hoped that in the near future the Roads Committee will be in a position to announce a complete workable plan, which will embrace the roads in the tracts controlled by Hacienda Homes Inc.

It is suggested that Hacienda Homes Inc. will transfer to this Association the powers of assessment for road improvements as contained in the deeds to these properties. This group will be empowered to recondition the roads and bring them up to the specifications required by the County Supervisors and to maintain them until such time as the roads are taken over by the county. The Association will be controlled by a board of five directors elected by the property owners.

ORINDA BARNSTORMERS

The Orinda Barnstormers have concluded a one-half year of activity, and already the community has adopted this interesting group whole-heartedly.

The Barnstormers have brought together a group of Orindans who are eager to play-act and who want fun out of it. They are planning, studying and enjoying their work.

Most of the productions have been given within the group for purposes of criticism. However, on the evening of May 24, two plays were presented in Mr. Mayo's garden, and friends of members were invited. The plays were "Tizzic" and "The Orchids." On a later occasion the members presented "The Beauty Shop," given in the patio of Mrs. Cleborne's home. Other plays produced during the spring months were "The Crow's Nest" and "All on a Summers Day."

Their plans for the future include a number of one-act plays, the first of which will be given August 28.

BOY SCOUTS

Mr. J. N. Gardner, leader of the Orinda Boy Scouts, announces that Boy Scout Day will be held on Treasure Island Saturday, July 6. He warns that on that day Boy Scouts will be admitted free to the Island between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 10:00 a. m. only.

ORINDA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Officers

PresidentMartyn F. Warner
Vice-PresidentHarrison L. Ketcham
SecretaryWilliam Fleager
TreasurerGeorge Hickok
Trustees.....John Morrison, Kenneth Allen,
Edward Sibbett

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New members voted to membership in the Orinda Improvement Association are:

Mr. Gene Schletterbeck, Barbara Road, Oak Springs; Mrs. Carl C. Miller, Brookwood Road, Oak Springs; Mrs. C. E. Fleager, 36 via Floredo; Mr. Marshall A. Shapiro, 18 La Vuelta.

Approximately 50 new members have been voted into the Orinda Improvement Association during the past year. It is hoped that new residents in the district will attend our meetings. Membership in our Association is of value to the Community and we hope that those who have not attended our meetings will be with us in the July meeting. The meetings are held the first Friday of each month.

ORINDA CLUB NEWS

One of the outstanding golf tournaments in Northern California is to be played on the Orinda Course this month. This event is the popular Orinda 4th-of-July Invitational Tournament and is made up of 160 of the leading Northern California Amateur men golfers. This group is made up of club members and a select list of guests. The defending champion is W. D. "Bill" Higgins.

The finals will be played on Sunday, July 7. Those interested in seeing a fine exhibition of golf should follow their favorite players. No gallery fees will be charged.

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 to all services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Christian Science Society of Orinda holds regular Sunday services at 11:00 a. m., and one evening meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p. m. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a. m. Pupils up to 20 years are admitted. Reading room open every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock. Everyone welcome.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Morning Masses the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 10 o'clock, and the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8 o'clock.

The next meeting of the Santa Maria Church Association will be held Tuesday evening, July 2nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Siefker on Moraga Highway.

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NEW BUS SERVICE

The problem of this community for adequate transportation facilities to and from metropolitan areas has been solved by the announcement of the Rhodes Bus Franchise that beginning approximately July 15, they will operate bus service between Orinda and Berkeley, according to the following proposed schedule:

RHODES PROPOSED BUS SCHEDULE

LEAVING			
ORINDA		BERKELEY	
X	7:17 A. M.	X	6:35 A. M.
X	7:27	X	7:42
X M	7:57	X	8:00
X	8:03	X	8:30
X	8:32	X	9:00
*	9:12	*	10:00
X M	9:47	X	11:00
X	9:53	*	12:00
X	10:12	S	12:20 P. M.
*	11:12	X	12:40
X	12:12 P. M.	*	2:00
* M	1:22	X	3:10
*	1:28	*	4:00
X	1:32	X	4:40
* M	3:22	†	5:10
*	3:28	*	6:00
X	4:12	X	7:00
* M	5:22	*	8:00
*	5:28	X	9:00
X	5:32	*	10:00
* M	7:22	S	10:55
*	7:28		
X	8:12		
*	9:12		
X	10:12		
S	11:47		

ARRIVING			
ORINDA		BERKELEY	
X	6:58 A. M.	X	7:40 A. M.
X	8:05	X	7:50
X	8:23	X	8:26
X M	8:29	X	8:55
X	8:53	*	9:35
X	9:23	X	10:16
*	10:23	X	10:35
* M	10:29	*	11:35
X	11:23	X	12:35 P. M.
*	12:23 P. M.	*	1:50
* M	12:29	X	1:55
S	12:43	*	3:50
X	1:03	X	4:35
*	2:23	*	5:50
X	3:33	X	5:55
*	4:23	*	7:50
* M	4:29	X	8:35
X	5:03	*	9:35
†	5:33	X	10:35
*	6:23	S	12:10
* M	6:29		
X	7:23		
*	8:23		
* M	8:29		
X	9:23		
*	10:23		
* M	10:29		
S	11:18		

Key to Symbols

- X — Daily except Sunday.
- * — Daily.
- † — Daily except Saturday and Sunday.
- S — Saturday only.
- M — Busses leaving or arriving at Moraga.

Passenger Fares	Orinda	Moraga
One-way	20c	25c
Round Trip	36c	45c
Children between 5 and 12 years of age half fare.		

LIONS CLUB

The first meeting of the Orinda Lions Club was held Wednesday night, June 26.

Sponsored by the Lafayette Lions Club, the Orinda organization will receive its charter July 10. The following officers have been elected: President, Guthrie Clark; first vice-president, Joe Varni; second vice-president, August Reuter; third vice-president, Dr. Wirt E. Eller; secretary-treasurer, Lance S. Barden; Lion Tamer, P. R. Donaldson; Tail Twister, Paul Vashell; Directors, Wilbur Johnson, J. E. Snow, Ernest St. Louis, George Benson.

PIANO RECITAL

A recital by the pupils of Alice Hayek Morrison was presented on Thursday evening, June 13, at the Orinda Union School.

Those participating were, Anne Bagley, Jacqueline Adler, Anthony Biggs, Phyllis Culver, Bob Symes, Janet Chandler, Marilyn Adler, Lois Ann Haworth, David Woods, Joan Woolsey, Charlene Bennett, Joan Jacobus, Michael Biggs, Nancy Chandler, Joyce Herzog, Philip Chapman, Joan Norton, Jean Norton, Claire Breuner, Dick Chapman, Brad Gleason, Patricia Lax, Betty Lou Bennett, Monte Dibbern, Barbara Herzog, Dick Symes.

ORINDA HOME DEPARTMENT

The regular meeting of the Orinda Home Department was held at the home of Mrs. Alfred M. Sands on Moraga Road, where the ladies of the Lafayette Home Department were entertained with a luncheon celebrating the first birthday of the Orinda Home Department.

Mrs. George Robbins, the Orinda chairman, gave a welcoming address to the seventy ladies present.

The hostesses of the day were Mrs. Charles Malone, Mrs. W. R. Layne, and Mrs. Warren Harrold.

GARDEN PARTY

The Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church gave their annual garden party at the home of Mrs. Melvin Jacobus on Tuesday, June 4. After luncheon, which was served by the members of the Guild, bridge was played.

The routes traveled between Berkeley and Walnut Creek shall be as follows:

From the corner of Addison and Shattuck Avenues in the city of Berkeley, southerly on Shattuck Avenue to Durant Avenue, easterly on to Telegraph Avenue, southerly on Telegraph Avenue to Russell Street, easterly on Russell Street to the Tunnel Road, following the Tunnel Road to Highway 24, following Highway 24 through the low level tunnel to the junction of the Orinda Highway and Highway 24, north on the Orinda Highway to Orinda. Reversing the direction to highway 24, thence eastward to Lafayette and Walnut Creek. The schedules going through Moraga and St. Mary's College will turn southerly at the junction of Moraga Road and Highway 24 to Moraga, then easterly and northward past St. Mary's College to the junction of Highway 24 at Lafayette, following Highway 24 to the city of Walnut Creek. The return trip is made inversely over the same route.

NURSERY SCHOOL

The second successful year for the Nursery School and Kindergarten, under the guidance of Mrs. Gerald A. Woods, has come to a close. Since it began, in September, 1938, it has provided a splendid training for pre-school age children.

In such a location as ours, where the distance between homes is considerable, a nursery school solves a problem for the younger child. It gives them an opportunity to contact and play with other children of the same age and to learn the proper behavior in association.

The school itself offers every conceivable means of helping children adjust themselves to this strange world. They have indoor activities, which include singing and dancing, clay work, easel painting, cutting out, and the morning fruit juice and rest period. The outdoor work envelops gardening, nature study; and a swing and sandpile add to the fun. There is a story-telling hour, a puppet show and a dramatization work. An effort is made to honor the seasonal celebrations with spirit, and great is the excitement of making plans for Christmas, Easter, etc.

Besides the obvious pleasure in it, the school gives the children definite training and forms good habits, such as proper table technique, cleanliness and neatness.

Personals

Orinda patrons welcome the re-opening on June 27, of Marie Bennett's Beauty Shop in the village. It promises to be most attractive, inviting to all comers with its gay outdoor furnishings and growing plants. In summer it will be refreshing and cool; in the winter it will remind patrons of the warm days to come. All thanks to Mrs. Bennett for bringing us this splendid service in such enjoyable surroundings!

A new business enterprise comes to Orinda with the opening, on July 1st, of the Revelation Cleaners who have taken a long lease on the store next to the Orinda Nursery.

The John Ehman's are the proud parents of a boy, John Bartelme Ehman II, born on June 10. Mrs. Ehman is the sister of Mrs. Malcolm Lamb and for the past six months has been a member of the staff of the ORINDA NEWS.

Jimmy Hayward entertained some of the members of his graduating class on Friday evening, June 14, at his home. After a barbeque supper was served, he and his guests attended the Junior Dance at the Orinda Country Club, which was held out on the tennis court.

Mrs. Gerald A. Woods of 44 La Vuelta, sails on the S. S. Mariposa, July 10, for a visit to Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Taylor of Loma Vista Drive, announce the arrival of a son, Calvert Taylor, born June 18th.

Mrs. Delight deLaveaga entertained at tea a group of ladies interested in Red Cross work. Everyone present indicated their willingness to work on the projects of this organization. The formation of a unit of the Walnut Creek chapter to be established in Orinda was discussed.