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Highlights of the October Association Meeting

The Willows Liquor License up Again

A Mr. and Mrs. Muller have applied for a license to open the Willows as a night club with liquor license. They addressed the meeting to ask for our support for their petition.

In executive session, the meeting denied approval of the petition by unanimous vote.

It was also voted to petition the County Board of Supervisors to ask the State Board of Control to refuse any more liquor licenses in the Orinda School District, hoping thus to prevent a continuous flow of applications for such licenses.

Education Committee Reports

The report of the Education Committee was most interesting. It bears out the former comment that the various committees of the Association look ahead and plan well for the future.

From the report and the circulars distributed at the meeting, it appears as if a new High School District comprising the communities from Walnut Creek to Orinda would be financially possible without increasing but possibly reducing our present taxes. It appears that the present high school item in the tax schedule is up to the maximum possible under the law, and that this amount would be more than adequate to finance a new first class High School district.

Mr. Breuner and Mr. Symes of the Educational Committee spoke, quoting figures drawn up by Mr. Jacobus showing average

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Orinda Park Club Room To Be Kept Open

The pool and grounds at Orinda Park are closed for the season, but to meet the requests of the members, arrangements have been made to keep the club room available for ping-pong and card parties. Mr. A. W. Elkinton, Mrs. E. A. Dawson and Mrs. W. E. A. Loughery have been appointed a committee to accomplish this. The key will be in the keeping of Mrs. Dawson and any member desiring to use the Club Room may make arrangements with her. The same rules will be in force during the winter as during the summer, including the 25c charge for non-member guests. This move was made in an endeavor to meet the year-round needs of the membership, and it is planned to continue it as long as there is adequate response to the opportunity.

November Meeting Notice

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORINDA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, NOV. 4TH, AT 8 P. M. IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE ORINDA SCHOOL.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TOPIC OF IMPROVEMENT MEETING TALK

The program of greatest importance at the moment is scheduled for our meeting November 4th. Homer Buckley, Assistant city attorney, of Oakland, is to discuss and explain the proposed amendments which will appear on our November ballots. Come and bring your sample ballots with you. Mr. Buckley is a very able and interesting speaker.

THE STROLLER

We all have our own interests to look after, our job to do, and it keeps us all busy doing it. But this same thought applies to the men and women that are managing your Improvement Association. They are just some of your friends and neighbors that are willing to give up some of their time to try and improve conditions and supply entertainment for you folks that reside in Orinda and Moraga, and it is a lot of work for them—but they do it without complaint. You folks that read this in the *News* could make them feel a heap better if you would just come to the meeting, it is just a matter of one evening a month. Nothing pleases the officers better than to find the hall full, and it is an opportunity for you who are a part of the Association to get acquainted with the rest of your neighbors and also to get up and offer suggestions to the more than active committees that are working hard to make the Association a success. Right now accommodations at the school house are somewhat limited but it won't be long before our fine school board will have finished the additions and ample room will be provided for our meetings.

New Quarters for C. S. Meetings, Library

The Christian Science Society is now located in Casa Verano, the building just beyond the bridge from the old location. Arrangements also are being made to maintain a reading room.

Further Extensions Planned for Orinda's Mail Service

Word has just been received that the Post Office Department at Washington has acted favorably on the request of Postmaster F. M. Whiting, for some new improvements in the mail delivery in the Orinda District and in Moraga Estates Section. Delivery service will be established in front of the homes on Via Hermosa and El Verano.

In the Moraga Estates District the carrier will travel over Southwood Drive, Davis Road, Brookside Road, Orchard Road, and Camino Encinas.

Service also will become available to a considerable number of families on the Tunnel Road between the two junctions of that road and the Happy Valley Road.

It was pointed out that certain road work improvements would have to be made before the route would be changed. Assurance was given the post office officials that the necessary improvements would be made so that the new service could be inaugurated on November 15th.

Petition Needs Signers

Proposed new road connecting the upper portions of Hacienda Homes subdivisions with Tunnel Road through the Soule tract.

This project was announced in our October issue. However, it has not yet gone through because not enough signatures appear on the petition.

If you wish this road put through at no cost to the taxpayers, call at the office of Mitchell & Austin and sign the petition.

A Word from the County Health Department

Garbage grinders attached to kitchen sinks with ultimate disposal into septic tanks are a serious menace to the proper functioning of the septic tanks.

Two cases have recently been found in the Orinda district where this arrangement has caused the tanks to become filled and resulted in overflowing.

Garbage is very difficult to digest, it results in "bulking," and fills the tanks in a very short time.

DID YOU KNOW—

Water and Telephone bills may be paid in Orinda. Mrs. A. J. Memmesheimer has made arrangements for these collections — which can be turned in at the Nursery. Many people will find this an added convenience.

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Month after month, year after year, THE ORINDA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION is working to protect your interests.

During the past ten years, this community has steadily improved and your interests have been greatly benefitted by Mokelumne Water, fire protection, the Broadway Tunnel, better road improvements, improved educational facilities, sanitary supervision, improved mail delivery, bus transportation, beautification, better community spirit, gas, etc.

THE ORINDA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION helped make possible these improvements, increasing the value of your interests.

Its officers and committee members serve without remuneration.

JOIN NOW, attend our meetings, take a part in our activities. Let's make THE ORINDA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION a 100% representation of property owners and residents of the Orinda School District.

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 Thomas Cope (has purchased Prof. Vaughan's
 home, which he intends to remodel and en-
 large El Patio

New High School Project

Plans are well on the way for the formation of our new Union High School District! Signatures have been coming in fast. The 250 mark has already been passed. If you are interested in lower taxes and better high school facilities, sign the petition at Warren Harrold's Office.

PRUNING SUGGESTIONS

By ARTHUR J. MEMMESHEIMER

The most appropriate time for the pruning of our trees, shrubs, roses, etc., is naturally during the winter months, as plant life is then in the dormant state. We must know that our different shrubs and trees should be pruned individually rather than uniform in order to keep the natural beauty of a particular variety of shrub or tree. We must also know that some of the varieties of shrubs and trees should hardly be pruned if we care to enjoy some of the exquisite flowers these shrubs produce during the late fall until late spring days. Some of the broad leaved shrubs of this class are: Azaleas, Andromeda, Kalmias, Camellias, Daphnes, Rhododendrons. It is advisable to leave some of the shrubs and trees untouched and others again to prune lightly to secure a compact growth. Quite a number of our shrubs grow out of bounds as they get older. These we should thin out, cut back heavily to induce young growth, in other words, rejuvenate.

One shrub we know of in Orinda that grows particularly vigorous—the common Summer lilac (Buddleia varieties). This shrub should be pruned back very severely every winter to secure new growth and abundance of flowers the next summer. Perennial shrubs such as the Matilija Poppy (Rhomneya coulteri), Sages (Salvia varieties), should be cut down to the ground as new growth comes out of the ground every spring. Perennials such as Carnations, Penstemons, Canterbury bells, Yarrows, Gaillardias, Physostegias, Hollyhocks, Michaelmas daisies, Columbine, and many others should also be cut back severely or cleaned out.

Coniferous shrubs and trees with the exception of a very few (the Italian Cypress for instance) should not be pruned at all (as the class of Broad leaved shrubs mentioned before) because we would rob them of their natural beauty. (Continued next month)

OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)
 taxes for such schools in 8 comparable communities at 46c per \$100—including amortization of bonds, as against Orinda's present tax of 75c plus 12c for amortization of bonds. They estimate that the proposed High School could be operated for 40c plus 25c for bond amortization, based upon a 'plant' valued at \$250,000—as against the 75c plus 12c now paid.

It is well that the Committee has been looking into this project, because it is estimated that two years would be needed for the preparatory work after the voters of the district have approved the plan.

Petitions are being circulated asking that such a district be formed. If you have not already signed it, give the matter consideration. The meeting seemed to approve the petition although there was no formal motion to that effect.

Progress of the New School Building and Grounds

Mr. Stanley Smith, representing the Trustees of the Orinda School District, made an interesting report on the progress of the new school and convinced us that the work was being done most economically and as rapidly as could be expected.

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Who Done it?

Orinda dog lovers are deeply concerned over the reported deaths by poisoning or shooting of a number of our friendly canine population. Our sympathy goes to the Chas. Bennett family who have lost their "Penny" and to Mrs. George Robbins whose faithful "Scottie" has gone to Dog Heaven.

Your reporter feels that the persons responsible for such despicable action will not be tolerated in a community where almost every home shelters at least one lovable pup.

Guild Presented Benefit Program, Dessert

Nearly a hundred guests attended the program given at the beautiful Spanish home of Mrs. Arthur Mock on La Cuesta Drive the afternoon of October 25th.

Mexican folk songs during the luncheon followed by Mexican and Spanish dances and songs were presented. The dancers were Miss Dorothy Barron, Miss Juanite de la Cruz and Stewart Chenowith. The singers were Mrs. Virginia Reineke, Miss Phyllis Peirce, Miss Constance Koford and Roland Hill. Mrs. Martyn Warner, talented musician of Orinda, played a group of piano selections.

CHURCH NOTICES

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. The Society is located in the Casa Verano Bldg.

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday masses at 9:00 a. m. All are welcome.

Santa Maria Church Association meetings held monthly. Next meeting Tuesday evening Nov. 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tate (Fageol Home), No. 12 El Sueño, Orinda. All interested in the welfare of the Chapel are asked to come. Call attendance committee at Orinda 5746 for further information.

ORINDA COMMUNITY

SUNDAY SERVICES—Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Church Services at 11 a. m. Dr. Miles Fisher, pastor. Christian Endeavor for 'teen age young people at 7:00 p. m. Welcome!

PERSONALS

About 60 guests were served a fish dinner at Orinda Park on Tuesday, October 11th, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Schworer. It seems that Mr. Schworer is a fisherman,—and we mean "really," for he brought home three bass aggregating 51 pounds caught near Rodeo and these fish served as the principal dish at the dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ratcliff of Camino Encinas are spending a vacation on a ranch in Mendocino county.

Mr. Oscar Huebner, of Orchard Road, left on October 5th for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Catherine Huebner at Toledo, Ohio. He expects to return around the middle of November.

On October 22nd the R. S. Pflugs were given a surprise house warming by twenty of their friends. They have just moved into their new home on Camino Encinas.

Bryan Marshall, son of the C. E. W. Marshalls on Canyon Drive is leaving Nov. 12th for England to be with relatives. The Marshalls are hoping to leave for England in the spring where they intend to make their home.

Our High School Committee headed by Mr. R. W. Breuner has been doing excellent work. They deserve your support. Have you signed the High School petition? If not, *do it today!*

Following a recent football game in Berkeley, Virginia Hickok was hostess at a buffet supper. The occasion served as a reunion for the "Owls", a group of older girls who spend each summer at Camp Chaparral in Big Basin.

Fred Elkinton Jr. left recently for Chester, Pennsylvania where the home plant of the Philadelphia Quartz Co. is located. He has accepted a position with the company, and in so doing will follow in his father's footsteps.

The annual Fall dinner dance of the Chi Omega sorority was held at the Orinda Country Club recently. Miss Elizabeth Heffner and Miss Mildred Hickok of Orinda, members of the University of California chapter, didn't have far to go for the event.

Members of the Orinda Christian Endeavor enjoyed a progressive dinner party on October 22. Hallowe'en decorations were used, with ghosts and jack-o-lanterns grinning down on all the fun.

The Red Cross Annual Drive starts Tu., November 1st, with a luncheon at the Orinda Country Club.

John Cleborne was one of 30 boys selected out of 200 applicants, to enter the Calif. Nautical School, Calif. City, Tiburon.

Business must be on the up and up, as Paul Vashell has enough confidence in the growth of Orinda to erect a new business block on the Moraga Road. Good luck to you Paul!

Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan and family are enjoying a trip to Detroit, where they are buying a new car.

Sign the High School petition today!

Mrs. James Brockhurst is spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George Brockhurst in their Orinda home, while recuperating from a recent operation.

The community has lost three of its members by death since our last issue went to press. Mr. Robert Miller, whom we hoped was on the way to recovery, passed away on October 2nd. Capt. C. J. Cleborne passed away very suddenly in Berkeley on Oct. 14, while on a business trip relating to the completion of his home on La Espiral Road. Mr. G. B. Stirling who lived with his son, Mr. E. G. Stirling, on Canyon Drive, passed away Oct. 10. While Mrs. Bertha Stirling was in Berkeley making arrangements for the funeral, she was struck by a run-away truck and severely injured.

We also have to report the death of Mr. Geo. Prifold, at his home in Berkeley. Mr. Prifold was a member of the Orinda Country Club and was the father of Mrs. Robert D. Harrison, of Orinda.

Mr. Owen Dibbern, in his capacity as manager of the Association of Credit Men, delivered one of the principal addresses at the State Insurance Agent's Association in Fresno, on Oct. 25, his talk referring to the relation between commercial credit standing and complete insurance protection. Mr. Martyn F. Warner also attended this meeting at Fresno.

The Orinda friends of the Les Dana's were pleased to know that they were here for a short stay, while transacting some business. Mrs. Dana and her mother Mrs. Jeffery were also visitors at the Mexican Afternoon program held Nov. 25th at the home of Mrs. Arthur Mock.

The many friends of Dick Grayson, Standard Oil employee, were sorry to hear of his accident, but are glad to know that he is getting along very nicely.

It is rumored that Mr. Ralph Sisson has designed a very beautiful Wayfarer's Shrine to be erected under the ancient oak tree at the Santa Maria Church grounds. Where could there be a more beautiful place to sit and meditate on the wonders of nature and the glory of our fair Orinda!

Sign the High School petition today!

Boy Scout News

Orinda Boy Scouts are launching their Fall program with the aid of a newly re-organized troop committee. H. B. Symes is the new chairman while Jim Snook will continue in the position of secretary. Other committee men are Dick Breuner, Melvin Jacobus, Jack Neal, Harry Craviotto, Henry Gentry, Kenneth Thompson, F. A. Kales, H. L. Martin, Grover La Velle, Donald Badgley, Kenneth Gelwix and Lowell Berry. Dr. Austin Cary will continue to lend his help and support to the committee as an ex-officio member.

The Orinda Boy Scout troop meets at the school every Friday night. All boys of scouting age are welcome.

Girl Scout News

Mrs. George Hickok, El Toyonal Road, entertained the Troop Committee of the Girl Scouts with a luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Plans were completed for a Hallowe'en party to be given the Scouts, Friday, Oct. 28th, at the home of Mrs. Hickok.

An investiture tea will be held for the new Scouts by the troop leaders. Mrs. Maxine Thompson and Mrs. George Hickok at the latter's home, November 3rd from 3:30 to 5. The following girls may be invested at this time: Patricia Zamloch, Patricia Lax, Betty Jean Farrar, Agnes Nixon and Claire Peterson.

Mothers of scouts and prospective scouts are cordially invited.

New Turn at Temescal

The congestion at the Lake Temescal turn-off from Berkeley to the Tunnel Road has been ended. Arrangements have been made for drivers coming out from Berkeley to go over the bridge, thus crossing over the main line of travel to Oakland and San Francisco, and to come back on the East Oakland Road.

Warren Harrold has some fine ideas and plans about an outdoor park and playground for us. Why not drop in and chat with him about it?

Sign the High School petition today!

New Bus Schedule in Effect October 23, 1938

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Bus marked * does not run Sundays

Leave Orinda.....	7:45	*9:01	11:15	*2:32	4:02	*5:22
Arrive:						
Coll. & Shafter.....	7:58	*9:14	11:28	*2:45	4:15	*5:35
40th & Broadway.....	8:01	*9:16	11:30	*2:47	4:17	*5:38
14th & Broadway.....	no stop	*9:24	11:40	*2:56	4:28	*5:48
San Francisco.....	8:20	*9:45	12:01	*3:20	4:50	to Oak. only
Leave San Francisco...		8:30	*11:30	2:00	*4:00	5:15
Leave:						
14th & Broadway.....	*8:00	8:51	*11:53	2:23	*4:23	no stop
40th & Broadway.....	*8:07	8:58	*12:00	2:30	*4:30	5:38
College & Bdwy.....	*8:09	9:00	*12:02	2:33	*4:33	5:40
ORINDA.....	*8:24	9:15	*12:17	2:48	*4:48	5:55

To Points East of Orinda

Leave Orinda—
 *8:24 to Walnut Creek only.
 9:15 to Pittsburg.
 *12:17 p. m. to Concord.
 2:48 to Concord.
 *4:48 to Walnut Creek.
 5:55 to Pittsburg.

Arrive at Orinda—
 7:45 from Pittsburg.
 *9:01 from Walnut Creek.
 11:15 from Pittsburg.
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