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A HAPPY NEW YEAR



OUT-DOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The committee to judge residential Christmas lighting decorations, under the auspices of Mr. Martyn Warner, President of the Orinda Improvement Association, has made the following arrangements.

Judges have been selected in four arbitrary districts of the community. These judges will select the lighting decoration which is felt to be most worthy as a contribution to the beauty of the community. Of these displays selected, night photographs will be taken and an enlarged print will be sent to the owners as a token of the recognition they have received.

The judges on the committee are: Mr. William Siefker, Moraga section; Mrs. Dave Jones, Oak Springs; Mr. G. Stephen Perkins, Orinda (West slope); Mrs. Mable Hayward, Orinda, (East of Orinda Highway).

Particular recognition should be given to Mr. Ewey Phair of Moraga, for his time and skill in taking photographs and developing the prints.



ORINDA CHRISTMAS TREE

This year the Orinda Improvement Association, with the cooperation of the Business District, have erected a Christmas Tree and sign on the South corner of the Orinda Golf Course.

This is the first demonstration on the part of the business center to contribute to a display of Christmas Spirit for the benefit of the entire community.

The community should be particularly grateful to the following for their efforts: Mr. Martyn Warner, Orinda Improvement Association; Mr. Carl D. Wolters, Orinda Nursery; Mr. Guthrie Clark, Orinda Store; Hacienda Homes, Inc.; Orinda Boy Scouts.

Let us hope that this show of Christmas Cheer will be continued with bigger and better displays for future Christmas seasons.

JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held at the Orinda Grammar School on Friday, January 3, 1941.



DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

The December meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association was opened with the singing of "America."

Mr. W. M. Fleager read the minutes, which were approved as read. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$573.96 on hand.

Mr. Warner announced that Mrs. Robert D. Harrison would head the committee to judge the outdoor Christmas decorations.

Mr. U. B. Smith reported for the Public Safety and Welfare Committee and thanked Mr. Stanley Smith for his helpfulness. Mr. Walter Christie suggested that a committee be appointed to go to Sacramento to further the highway project. The committee so delegated included Mr. Stanley Smith, Mr. U. B. Smith, and Mr. Hauser.

Mr. Sibbett proposed the By-Laws for adoption and after two minor changes they were accepted by the association.

Mr. Walter Christie introduced a new member, Mr. D. M. Jones.

Mr. W. A. Davis, chairman of the Tax Committee, introduced the members of the Contra Costa County Taxpayers Association. The speaker for the evening was Mr. D. Dutton who gave a very interesting report on the tax situation in the county and in Orinda.

At the close of the meeting, Santa appeared with candy for all, and refreshments were served.

ORINDA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Because of the rain, Santa's visit to Orinda was postponed to Tuesday, December 24th, at 1:10 p. m.

The fire siren heralded his arrival in the community and all the children and mothers and fathers immediately went to the school house where Santa, after being assisted from the chimney of the J. R. Snow home, was greeted properly by the enthusiastic cheers of all.

Mr. Warren Harrold, the chairman of the festivities, greeted the guests, and made a short speech of thanks to all those who had helped him.

At the end of Mr. Harrold's speech, Santa appeared. Santa Claus can remember every little boy and girl in Orinda, for he began to call out the names of each one, and no one was forgotten. There were toys and cookies for the younger children, presents and candy for the older ones. Those who could not be present due to illness were not forgotten, for later on, Santa visited the homes of those children absent from the party.

This was truly a Christmas party, and will be well remembered by all the children who so enjoyed it.



ORINDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Orinda Grammar School closed for the Christmas holidays on Monday, December 16, which was several days earlier than was originally scheduled. Out of an enrollment of 161 pupils 40% were absent due to illness.

The Christmas party which had been planned for Friday, December 20, was given Monday afternoon, for the remaining pupils in school. Carols were sung and candy canes were distributed from the Christmas tree by Miss Parks, who was called on, at the last minute, to don the robes of Santa Claus. Four large Christmas baskets were packed during the afternoon with food donated by the children. The baskets were distributed to the needy families of the district.

Class work for the grammar school pupils will be resumed on Monday, January 6, 1941.

**ORINDA
RED CROSS UNIT**

Mrs. A. W. Elkinton, chairman of the annual Red Cross Roll Call, announces that her committee has successfully completed the Roll Call in Orinda and Moraga for the year 1940.

The work room, now located in the home of Mrs. Stanley Smith on Dias Dorados, will reopen after the holidays. The second quota of work will be completed and sent to the Walnut Creek Chapter by the end of January.

12 - 15 CLUB

A costume Christmas party was held by the 12-15 Club on Tuesday, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Cleborne, on La Espiral.

The members enjoyed luncheon and a social afternoon.

LION'S CLUB

The next regular meeting of the Orinda Lion's Club will be held Wednesday evening, January 8th, at the Country Club.

**ACALANES STUDENTS
FOUND IN GOOD HEALTH**

On the basis of 350 fluoroscopic examinations already completed on Acalanes Union High School students, officials termed the local high school one of the "healthiest" so far studied for indications of tuberculosis.

About 60 or more examinations are yet to be made.

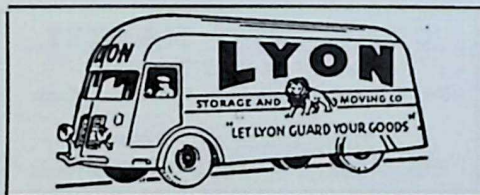
**ORINDA
GUILD FESTIVITIES**

During the month of January two parties have been arranged by the Guild members. A dessert bridge will be held at the home of Mrs. H. T. Doten, 51 Via Hermosa, at 1:30, on January 24th. Accommodations are limited to ten tables (40 people), tickets, 50 cents. Please call Mrs. Doten for reservations, Orinda 9931.

A mid-winter indoor garden party, designed by Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr., will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sisson, 11 La Campanero, on January 31st, at 8:00 p. m., for Guild members and their husbands. Mr. Mott is a landscape architect, having worked on the grounds around the Federal Building during the Fair, and is now landscaping our new Acalanes High School grounds. Accommodations are also limited to forty people, tickets, 50 cents. Please phone Mrs. Sisson, Orinda 3551, for reservations. Please park cars at the home of W. A. Davis, La Espiral — via Hermosa, where transportation will be provided to the Sisson home.

ACALANES PARENTS' CLUB

The Parents' Club of the Acalanes High School will have as its speaker on Monday, January 6, Mr. L. B. Williams, who is Director of the Dried Fruits Research Institute. The Institute has a laboratory in San Francisco where dried fruits and recipes for using them are tested before any magazine and newspaper advertising concerning their healthful benefits is released. Mr. Williams, in his talk to the Parents' Club, will stress food values and will give balanced recipes for children's lunches. He will bring with him literature about tipe olives and calavoes, as well as about dried fruits. The lecture is scheduled for 2:00 p. m., at the Acalanes School.



DR. SHOOK PASSES

Dr. Francis M. Shook, a prominent Oakland ear, nose and throat specialist, died December 27, at his home, Fairacres, in Orinda. Dr. Shook helped combat yellow fever during construction of the Panama Canal. He was a graduate of Michigan Medical School, and was a staff member at the Peralta Hospital, Oakland. Sympathy is extended his widow, Mrs. Cornelia Shook. January 1, 1941

**ACALANES
BASKETBALL NEWS**

The first league basketball game for the Acalane's team will be played against Martinez on Friday evening, January 10. Up to this time, the team has played practice games only, but has been quite successful in winning their share of those played.

Clever ball handling and accuracy in basket shooting gave Coach Karl Drexel's Alhambra High varsity five an easy triumph over Acalanes High, 24 to 10, at Lafayette, Friday night.

The Acalanes varsity team was handicapped with four of their varsity players out of the ranks. "Babe" Allen, Nourse Borden and Roger Harding, who is just recovering from an attack of the flu.

The Alhambra Bees had a much closer contest, but won from Acalanes, 19 to 15. Excitement was intense in the closing minutes of the game, with fans on their feet shouting most of the time, but the Lafayette casaba handlers just couldn't quite match the Panthers in the final drive.

Acalanes, however, won the Class C encounter, 11 to 8. Alhambra's defense was fairly effective but the Martinezans could not seem to hit the hoop for points, missing shot after shot.

Acalanes Varsity

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Woffer, g	0	1	1
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BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits have been issued during the month of December:

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ORINDA MAIL

Is Orinda Growing?

One way of judging this is by the amount of mail handled in the Post Office. Here are a few interesting figures.

For the three months, October, November and December of 1939, the outgoing first-class mailed numbered 12,567 pieces. For the first 24 days of December, 1940, the outgoing first-class mail was 12,600 pieces. The incoming first-class mail for like periods was 8,711 as compared to 3,911.

All parcel post and packages were handled directly from the Berkeley post office, so we have no records for comparison.

The service from the mail department this year was much more satisfactory than in any previous year. This was due to the increased number of auxiliary help allowed by the Berkeley Post Office in the Orinda District.



ORINDAN WINS HOME CONTEST

James H. Anderson, architect, and well-known resident of Orinda, has been given the First Prize for the West by "House Beautiful," in the 1940 small home competition conducted annually for the entire United States.

We are particularly proud to have the winner of this prize not only a resident here, but also to have the home itself in our community. The home of Robert H. Bennett in the Monte Vista Tract is the one submitted by Mr. Anderson in the competition. In view of the fact that the number of plans submitted by architects in the West outnumbered those sent in by the three other sections of the United States put together, we are more than proud of Mr. Anderson's achievement.

Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus!

Back in 1897, little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the following letter to the editor of the New York Sun: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth — is there a Santa Claus?"

The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here:

"Yes, indeed!

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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ORINDA HOME DEPARTMENT

On December the 9th, the Orinda Home Department met at the home of Mrs. George F. Hickok. There were twenty-four members present and the subject for demonstration was "Indoor and Outdoor Games and Christmas Lighting and Decorations."

Four new members were welcomed at this meeting. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Hickok was surprised with a birthday cake.

At this meeting it was decided to hold all future meetings in the Rumpus Room of Mrs. Hickok's home. The meetings will be held at 1 o'clock, on the second Monday of each month.

During the next meeting the members will receive complete instructions as to material to be brought to the slipper chair meeting to be held at Mrs. Earl Norton's home sometime in January.

The Orinda organization also will entertain the Contra Costa Committee of the Home Department of the Farm Bureau at a luncheon on the first Friday in February, at the home of one of the members. It is expected that about twenty-five members will be present.

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 o'clock.

The Santa Maria Church Association will meet Tuesday evening, January 7th, at the home of Mrs. Delight deLaveaga, Bien Venida, on Miner Road.

**ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB
CHILDRENS' PARTY**

The annual party for children of members of the Orinda Country Club, was held Saturday afternoon, December 21st.

A joyous afternoon was enjoyed by all the children who were entertained with the following program:

- Violin solo by Baylis Presher
- Trained Dog performance
- Magician
- Spanish dances
- Accordion solo
- Moving pictures

As the afternoon drew to a close, Santa Claus appeared with gifts for all.



**JANUARY
GUILD MEETING**

The January meeting of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church will be held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Elkinton, 39 Ardilla Road, on January 7th, at 12:30. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Ralph Wilson and Mrs. G. Stephen Perkins.

The program for the afternoon will include a lecture by Mr. Howard O. Welty, Principal of Technical High School, Oakland, "An Adventure in International Friendship." Mr. Welty has made many trips into Mexico and South America, and will bring an interesting and helpful talk on the problems of these countries and their relation to ourselves. Mrs. Guthrie Clark will be the guest soloist.

After the meeting a food sale will be held under the auspices of the Dorcas Society.

YOUR GARDEN AND MINE

Here we are at the beginning of a new year, and an excellent time to make those resolutions all over again. It is also a fine time to plan ahead for those early flowering harbingers of spring, some of which are already showing promise of what is to come.

Most of these flowering plants are handled bare root at this time of the year, and many of them will produce flowers the first year if they are planted early enough for them to make strong root contact with the soil. Remember, half of any plant is under ground, and no roots, no top.

Early planting will assure blossoms this spring on a wide variety of flowering material such as flowering quince, spireas or bridal wreath, both single and double, weigelia, forsythia or golden bells, viburnum Carlesi and the grafted French lilacs with their wonderful fragrance.

Space limits mentioning all of the beautiful flowering trees that are available, but a few of the outstanding varieties that must be mentioned are flowering peach, apple, apricot, plum and cherry, which may be had in many colors, as well as laburnum (golden chain), hawthornes in variety and flowering locusts.

Now let's go and do some pruning on those rose bushes that we have been threatening since that last frost. Remember the first rule for good roses is Prune Heavy and Feed Heavy. This is a fine time to get started on a tough job, so get out a pair of heavy shears and see that they are sharp.

Thin out the weak canes, leaving three or possibly four, well-spaced around the plant. Cut them to within three or four buds from the ground. Some of these buds are hard to find but you will find one at the base of every leaf stem. The buds are small pink, red or green swellings, varying with the variety of rose.

Now another thing to consider, remember the rose that sprawled all over the place last year? Look for the buds on the inside of the stems and prune the canes just above

these buds. The direction of the bud determines the direction of the growth in the spring. If the plant is one of those tight, erect growers, be sure to cut just above the buds on the outside of the canes to make the new growth spread out this coming season.

Next month, or early in March, is the proper time to fertilize. Clean all the leaves and cuttings from the ground and burn them.

The last thing to do is to give the plants a thorough spraying with Bordeaux, Bordelo, or Lime Sulfur, diluted to winter or dormant strength. A little work now will save you many hours of spray work next summer, and you will be rewarded with much finer roses.

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**MORAGA ASSOCIATION
MEETING**

The Moraga Highway Improvement Association held its monthly meeting in the Orinda Union Grammar School on December 27th, at 8 p. m., with President Herbert Hauser presiding.

Proposed zoning of the region bordering the Moraga Highway, south of the Tunnel Road, was the principal topic of discussion.

Consideration also was given to seeking Railway Express deliveries in the Orinda-Moraga area.

Ninety per cent of the eligible residents in the Moraga Highway district south of the Tunnel Road are now members of the Improvement Association, the president revealed, and efforts are being made to bring the membership to 100 per cent.

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**ACALANES
HIGH SCHOOL**

The influenza epidemic which has closed many of the schools in Contra Costa County passed its peak at the Acalanes Union High School without making it necessary for the school to suspend class work. This is a very fortunate situation for it will not be required now to prolong the school year beyond the scheduled summer closing date in order to make up the lost time. Many students were absent during the peak of the epidemic but the number was never sufficient to force closing down. A medical examination of the pupils held in the middle of December, gave a gratifying report as it showed the students as a whole to be a very healthy group.

Because so many of the Orinda parents have objected to the late return of their children from school, the bus schedule has been revised, according to Mr. Stanley Warburton, principal. Orinda pupils will now be able to reach home ten minutes earlier than formerly.

The Christmas play was given on Thursday, December 19, with 550 people in attendance. Nearly everyone in the school took some part in making the play a success. Those not in the play built scenery, made costumes, and attended to the lighting of the stage.

Another holiday festivity for the school was a dance held on Friday, December 27. It was sponsored by the Acalanes Parent Club. The dance was informal, and the music was supplied by the orchestra of Bobby Oz.

The next regular board meeting for the school will be held January 11, 1941.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
DISPLAY**

Despite rain, Christmas shopping, and all of the hub-bub that accompanies the holidays, the Garden Club and Parent Teacher members who worked for weeks to put on a tour of Orinda homes decorated for Christmas, were rewarded with success.

Mrs. Miles York and Mrs. Sheldon Duncan were responsible for the lovely effects at the Stuart Campbell home on Dias Doradas. Mrs. Ritchie Smith and Mrs. Lonie Bee applied their talents to the Ritchie Smith home. Mrs. Earl Norton's charming home made a most intriguing background for the children's fairyland. Mrs. Norton and her family did all of the arrangements. Mrs. Melvin Jacobus and Mrs. Leon Woolsey are to be complimented for their efforts in decorating the home of Mrs. Jacobus. At the home of Mrs. R. W. Breuner, a most stunning display of modern Christmas arrangements were created by Mrs. Harrison Ketcham and her committee, Mrs. H. J. Sutherland, Mrs. H. W. Gentry, Mrs. Malcolm Lamb, Mrs. R. W. Breuner, and Mrs. Clay Sorrick.

Congratulations goes to the satire achieved by some of the husbands of Garden Club Members. For the formal table setting, drain tile and rock were used for the centerpiece, with flower pot holders for dishes, sack doilies, a most realistic skunk roast reposing on a platter of chicken wire, garden tools for silverware, and hose and leaves for the salad course.

Congratulations to the men's auxiliary of the Lettuce and Begonia Club whose members are Dick Breuner, Jap Symes, Lonie Bee, Ritchie Smith, Harrison Ketcham, Miles York, and Jack Elman.

Mrs. H. B. Symes was general ticket chairman, and Mrs. Chantler, president of the P. T. A., was responsible for ticket distribution. Traffic at the various homes was directed by the Boy Scouts.

**HIGH SCHOOL
MOTHER'S CLUB**

Orinda High School Mother's Club will meet on Monday, January 20, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Winfrey, 85 Camino Encinas, Moraga Woodlands. All mothers of high school children are invited. Those desiring transportation meet at the Orinda Store at 1:00 o'clock.

Dessert will be served, followed by a short business meeting. Mrs. M. Stidham of Oakland, will review "Mrs. Miniver," by Jan Struther, who frequently appears on "Information Please." Mrs. Stidham, a former Mills College student, is a prominent club-woman, who gives many reviews for the benefit of British Relief.



GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Co-operating with the 12-15 Club, the Orinda Girl Scouts provided a lovely Christmas basket and bedding for a very needy family during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. A. W. Elkinton was in charge of delivering the gifts. The Senior Scouts made stockings and filled them, while the Intermediate Scouts provided the turkey and staple groceries.

The Intermediate Scouts held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. G. F. Hickok, on El Toyonal, on Sunday evening, December 29th. Plans to go Christmas Caroling Sunday evening had to be abandoned on account of the rainy weather, but the girls enjoyed an evening of games and exchanged gifts. Those present were Betty May Pfeiffer, Betty Dill, Sally Tinkham, Lee Dill, Claire Breuner, Joan Jacobus, Joan Norton, Pat Lax, Jean Norton, Nancy Chantler, Nancy Campbell, Earledeen Torbet, Sylvia Martin, and Diana Ludlow.

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Personals

Miss Elsie Lueck of Calexico spent Christmas week at the home of her brother Herbert Lueck in Minerinda.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory moved into their new home in Minerinda in time for the Christmas holiday.

The Alex B. Haywards gave an eggnog party at their home on La Espiral, Sunday, December 29.

Mrs. Nelson Scotchler of Camino Sobrante, had as her guests during the holidays, her niece, Mrs. Lou Ruffridge of San Diego, her daughter, Mrs. Edward Alva Solmon, and her two grand children, Ned and Harriet Ann. Mrs. Solmon's husband was unable to join the family at Christmas due to the fact that he is now stationed in Hawaii, where he is commander of the U. S. Destroyer Gridley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins on El Toyonal, are visiting in the south, where they will attend the Rose Festival. Mrs. Robbins plans to remain there for several weeks.

Mrs. Gerald Woods of La Vuelta returned home from the south for Christmas. When Mrs. Woods returned south she was accompanied by her son David.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins entertained Miss Thelma Ott, of Stockton over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Donald Hanna is visiting in Los Angeles for the Holidays.

Miss Virginia Hickok spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hickok, on El Toyonal Road. Miss Hickok is attending the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, Jr., entertained their Orinda friends, Sunday evening, December 22nd. The holiday party was held amidst unusually beautiful Christmas decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fleager on Glorietta Blvd., entertained at cocktails on December 22, for their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Snook and son Tommy, are spending the Christmas holidays in the East. Mr. and Mrs. Snook will drive a new Pontiac home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barden entertained Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Barden, of the Balboa Islands, over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Lillian Krath was married to Mr. Samuel Stevens on December 6th, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. E. J. Land, of 150 Orinda Highway. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Miles Fisher of the Community Church, in the presence of sixty guests.

The Christian Endeavor held a skating party at the Senior Roller Rink in Oakland, on Friday, December 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fratzke and daughter, Margaret, visited in Death Valley for a week during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Herzog are entertaining 150 neighbors at a cocktail party on New Year's Eve.

The Orinda Nursery and Kindergarten School will reopen after the holidays on January 6th, in the Orinda Community Church building. Mrs. Walter Gibbons will be the director of the school for the coming semester.

The Barnstormers will hold a meeting January 8th, in the home of Mr. Gerald Woods, 44 La Vuelta. At this meeting a short one-act play will be studied.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen visited Mr. Allen's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Meyer and their two children in Modesto, for the Christmas holiday.

Linda Lee Kenny was born to Mrs. Vern Henry, sister of Mrs. Kilmer Sibley of Brookwood Road, Orinda, on December 10th.

The Fred J. Allens of Monte Vista Road left for San Diego where they plan to spend the holidays.

Eliot G. Baker, son of Mrs. Marjorie Chelson of Underhill Road, Orinda, was married at 3:30, Saturday afternoon, at All Souls' Episcopal Church, in Berkeley, to Miss Shirley Ann Simonds of Berkeley. Mr. Simonds, Miss Simonds' grandfather, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Baker is on leave from Pennsecola, Florida, where he is in the Naval Reserve.

Mrs. Marie Bennett's mother, Mrs. B. Baker, is back in Orinda from a visit with another daughter, Louise Baker, in Santa Barbara. Mrs. Bennett is on La Encinal in Orinda.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zamloch and their daughter, Pat, of Moraga Road, visited Mrs. Zamloch's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Everding at Balboa Island.

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