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RED CROSS DRIVE FAILS TO RAISE QUOTA FOR DISTRICT

Sixteen hundred dollars short of its quota for the national Red Cross drive is the Orinda-Moraga district, according to Mrs. Franklin A. Kales, chairman of the local chapter. To make up the deficit the volunteer workers for this drive will continue their work through the month of April. It is their hope that some individuals who may have thought the former contribution of one dollar was sufficient this year, may realize by now that war time emergencies create great demands on the Red Cross, and that individual donations if possible should exceed a dollar.

Dwight Chapman, financial chairman of the Red Cross in the Orinda-Moraga district, reports that certain sections of the community more than contributed their quotas, but others fell below. If any individual still wishes to augment his contribution please contact your volunteer worker in your neighborhood or send your check to Dwight Chapman, Camino Sobrante. The quota was \$5800 and, to date, \$4200 has been collected.



RATION OFFICE ANNOUNCES HOURS

The revised hours of the Orinda rationing office to be effective April 1, are as follows:

- Tuesday, 2 to 5, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 2 to 4 p.m.
- Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Residents of Orinda are urged to obtain all current rationing books at once. Book 1 may be issued for babies on the presentation of their birth certificates and to members of the armed forces who are living at home. Other Orindans who have not received Book 1 may apply at the rationing office behind the Orinda store. Ration Book II will be granted upon presentation of a declaration and Book I.

All questions relative to lost ration books and to Books I and II may be referred to Mrs. Charles Ward, Orinda 8571.

The Stroller

One of the prices we pay for our democracy is freedom of choice, and the resultant bucking against regimentation on the part of the individual used to exercising that choice. Leaders in war-time activities, carried away by their view of the importance and necessity of a particular job, often forget that we work best in this country when the individual is allowed to choose the sort of work that he is best fitted for, whether it be paid or voluntary work. Not all of us have the same talents or interests. Look around and you will find a great variety of war work done by members of the community. Do not fret because all are not engaged in the work you are interested in. The individual who you may privately suspect of being a slacker may be quietly doing a very important job in another field.

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A sound full of suggestion is the fall of the water over the dam of Lake Cascade (the club lake to you). It is probably as near to a real water-fall as any of us will get this year of rationed gasoline. Well worth a walk is the sight of the tumbling water, with the catkins on the alders at its base, and the sound of music the water sings over the rocks of the baby pool.

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Down the road toward St. Marys' is a shack on the hill that houses the observers for air-craft of this district. For over a year some 150 volunteers man the post day and night, throughout the seasons so faithfully that not one shift has ever been missed. Quietly, without glory, fan-fare or publicity the personnel of the post have carried on this important war-time work. For a valuable community service the Stroller salutes the plane observers.

TREASURER URGES VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION TO ASSOCIATION

1943 dollar membership dues for the Orinda Improvement Association are now due and payable. Please fill in the form below and mail to Ralph E. Wilson, treasurer, 143 Canyon Drive.


According to President William P. Mott, there will be no committee this year to solicit your membership in the association, due to the full programs most residents are carrying in war activities. Since the organization is the only civic one in the community that sponsors affairs of interest to all residents, he urges that you comply with the request of the treasurer and mail your check to Mr. Wilson. The funds of the association are used to promote many activities for the benefit of the community. Many smaller organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, have been sponsored by the association. The publication of the Orinda News is made possible by the financial backing of the organization. Membership in the association is non-partisan and is open to all residents in the community.

Name

Address

Enclosed please find dollars for membership in the Orinda Improvement Association.

NOTICE
No Improvement Association Meeting this month.
Watch for announcement of next meeting in the May issue of Orinda News.



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DIM-OUT WARNING IGNORED

Citations have been given and Orinda residents have been fined for not obeying the dim-out regulations as issued by orders of General J. L. De Witt. The Light Control Committee asks that the dim-out regulations be printed again so that all residents may be reminded that they are under army orders regarding the showing of lights after dark, and that their whole-hearted cooperation in this vital matter would facilitate their work.

DIM OUT REGULATIONS

United States Army dim out regulations are now in effect in this Area and strict enforcement is demanded by General J. L. De Witt. You can assist your law enforcement officers and avoid embarrassment and fines by complying with the following simple rules:

1. All window shades must be pulled down below the level of the lowest light. (Why not be safe and fully cover your windows.)
 2. All porch and other outside lights must be hooded so as to prevent any rays of light above the horizontal. In no case may they be of greater intensity than to register more than one foot candle at the ground.
 3. There shall be no open fires—such as barbecues, incinerators and trash burning.
- The above regulations maintain from sunset to sunrise. No further warning will be issued. Violators will be subject to fines.

Light Control Committee,
Office of Civilian Defense.

ORINDA RESIDENTS ASKED TO ENTERTAIN CONVALESCENTS

Patients from the naval hospital at Mare Island are occasionally given therapeutic leaves of from seven to thirty days. Some of these men have no homes to go to. Doctors at the hospital have asked Mrs. Fee to arrange if possible, invitations for them from residents in this district. If you can take a guest for a week-end or for a longer period call Mrs. John Leslie Jones, Orinda 6151. For the longer periods every effort is made to place the convalescent in the kind of home where there would be compatibility. Some of the patients who have spent months in the service hospitals, say that Orinda offers so much in the way of charm and quiet for convalescents that it provides a welcome relief to the monotonous hospital routine.



AWARD GIVEN OBSERVATION POST

An award of 100% rating by the Fourth Fighter Command has been given to the Moraga-Orinda plane observation post. Since January 1, 1943, not one plane has been missed by the observers manning the post.

Instructions in plane identification have been given by Sergeants Emmett and Smith and identification of six types of planes was demonstrated by Sergeant Smith for the personnel of the post at the Orinda theater on March 7. There will be a special meeting for all observers in the American Legion hall in Lafayette at 8 o'clock on April 8. Observers must wear their identification badges in order to be admitted.

More observers are needed, according to Mrs. Robert Bennett, chairman of this service. About 150 volunteers serve from the Orinda-Moraga district, and the average shift is three hours long.

Gardening Hints

By WILLIAM PENN MOTT

Now that the spring rains are over and the days are becoming longer everyone is getting anxious to complete the planting of their vegetable gardens, but metaphorically speaking the early bird doesn't catch the worm in this particular case. The summer garden standbys, tomatoes, corn, beans, squash, melons, peppers, etc., will do very well if planted the first of May. It seems like a long time to wait but the results will justify the delay. All of these garden favorites require soil that is warm and mellow for rapid vigorous growth. Do not be misled into believing that the soil temperature is right just because we are experiencing a few balmy spring days.

Tomatoes do well in Orinda and should be planted by everyone. I have found the best varieties to be Stone Certified, a vigorous red fruited variety; Yellow Ponderosa, a large mild yellow fruiting tomato; Yellow Plum, a small pear shaped yellow tomato that is used in salads and preserves; Red Pear, similar to Yellow plum but with red fruit. The last two named varieties can be espaliered against a wall, making an ornamental as well as a practical feature in the garden or patio. Because of tomato mosaic and tomato wilt, it is best not to plant tomatoes in the same location as they were planted the year before.

Fresh picked corn is a favorite vegetable in our family. We've tried many varieties but we always come back to Golden Bantam. For all around delicious flavor and tenderness of kernel there isn't a better variety. Make one planting in May, another the first week in June, and a final planting the last week in June, and you'll pick corn from August to November. The last two plantings should be irrigated for best results. Overhead sprinkling of the corn when it is in silk seems to keep the corn borer worms out of the ears.

Beans are the easiest of vegetables to grow successfully. Kentucky Wonder, a green pole bean, is a heavy producer with tender stringless pods. Burpee's "Tender Pod" a stringless, green pod, bush bean, is one of the best. This variety requires no trellis to grow upon, which makes less work in the garden. Of the yellow podded varieties, Golden Wax or Burpee's Brittle Wax are the best; however, if you're limited for space you'll find the green podded varieties have the better flavor. Unless you are very fond of lima beans, don't waste time planting them, for they are not worth the effort. In our soil and under our climatic conditions the crop is generally light and confined to one picking.



EXTRA RATIONS FOR SERVICEMEN

People who entertain service men for week-ends may get extra ration coupons for meat and groceries, according to an announcement by Mrs. Forrest Engelhart of the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Committee.

P E R S O N A L S

Mrs. Ted Almquist has completed her nurse's aid course and is now working at Peralta Hospital.

Mrs. Gene Shurtleff's father, Professor Robert Kerner, delivered the Faculty Research Lecture at the University of California on March 24th.

Ensign Margaret Ann Russell, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Frank Russell, is engaged to Lieutenant Charles Leighton, Jr., brother of Mrs. Lonie Bee of Orinda. Lieutenant Leighton is in the Intelligence Division of the Navy.

William Fleager, of Seven Oaks Circle, is a Captain in the Signal Corps of the Army for the duration. Captain Fleager's wife and family will remain at their home in Orinda.

Mrs. Evert Young is to be a hostess one day a week at the new and modern recreation and rest center for service men in San Francisco, that is being sponsored by the Pepsicola Co., with the assistance of the U. S. O.

Lieutenant John Schroll has been stationed at Pasco, Washington. Mrs. Schroll and their daughter are planning to join him shortly.

Barbara Breuner is home from Stanford enjoying her spring vacation with her parents, the Richard Breuners.

Managing the 100 acre ranch at New-castle of the J. W. Dieterichs is the new position of Joe Varni, former manager of the country club here. Mrs. Varni is with him at Newcastle after a separation of several months while Mr. Varni was in the army.

Captain James Dieterich is the C. O. at Fort Stockton, Texas, a primary training school for the army air force. A pleasant surprise to him was finding Willard Miller, Jr., and his wife (Nancy Shurtleff) stationed there. The Millers own a house on Las Cascadas, Orinda, and were neighbors of the Dieterichs here.

Among the new poultry raisers in Orinda are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dennis of Camino Don Miguel. They have moved thirty-six chickens into their new and modern chicken house. Among their first surprises was an egg with three yolks.

Francis and Fred Allen, sons of the Fred Allens, have been home on leave recently visiting with their family.

Mrs. Harold Martin and her daughter, Sylvia, have returned from visiting Lieutenant Martin in Florida due to the sudden illness of Mrs. Martin's mother. With the fine care of Mrs. Sam Cook, Orinda's local nurse, Mrs. Graves has been recovering very speedily.

Bud Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dawson, is home on a short furlough from the Army Air Corps.

Mark and Frank Hefflefinger have left Stanford University and have gone to Minneapolis. They are planning to enter the Navy very soon. Lieutenant Hefflefinger's father arrived from Minneapolis around the first of the month for a visit with his son and family.

NaAmy Hedberg of Tacoma is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jacobus for two weeks.

Sheldon Kales of the Army Air Corps has been stationed in Lincoln, Neb.

The Camp and Hospital Unit of the Red Cross is starting a Courtesy Bureau at St. Mary's headed by Mrs. Frank Fee.

Mrs. John Watts' mother, Mrs. Boyce, has left Orinda to visit in Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Shirley Ward is going to visit her mother in Bel Air for two weeks. Lieutenant Ward will join her for the second week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett have had a baby girl, Patricia Louise. Frank, is stationed in Tacoma, Wash. and is the son of Marie Bennett who became a grandmother for the first time.

The Grover LaVelles of La Encinal have taken over the Colonial Inn in Walnut Creek. We understand that they are doing a rushing business and wish them much success.

Mrs. William Corbett and her son Hart are leaving Orinda shortly to join Captain Corbett who is stationed at Fort Banning, Georgia.

Mrs. James Kincaid Dobbs of Atlanta, Ga., has been house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Vance Killingsworth of Hacienda Circle. Mrs. Dobbs came west by plane to visit her son, James, who just returned from the South Pacific.

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The Calendar

HIGH SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB

Orinda High School Mother's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. G. M. Heinrici, on Los Dedos, Orinda, at 12:30 o'clock, Monday, April 12th. Mrs. L. J. Alexander, Mrs. Herbert Mills and Mrs. Fred Allen will assist Mrs. Heinrici. There will be a very timely talk by the Chaplain of St. Mary's Pre-flight School, Lieut. Victor Morgan.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

At our next meeting Joanne Torney and Dodie Bee will get pins for passing their tenderfoot test.

Right now plans are being made for an ice-skating party during the coming Easter vacation.

Our next Court of Awards will be held sometime in May. Because of this some of the girls are working hard to win badges.

The Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale will begin in April.

Scribe Joanne Torney.

TRI-DELTA ALUMNA GROUP

Newcomers to Orinda who are members of Delta Delta Delta National Sorority are invited to join the local group at its monthly meeting. Get in touch with Mrs. John A. Torney, Jr., 10 Dias Dorados. Phone Orinda 2155 for details.

ORINDA PLAY CENTER

Mrs. William Murphy, president of the Orinda Play Center, has announced that the Center will re-open Monday, April 5th. Children between the ages of 2 and 4 1/2 are accepted. The charge is \$2.50 per month, with a cooperative one day a week service by mothers. The Center will be open from 9 to 12 each day. Mothers interested in the Play Center are urged to get in touch with Mrs. William Murphy, Orinda 2055, or Mrs. Harold Corbett, Orinda 2135.

12-15 CLUB

Mrs. Warren Harrold entertained the members and guests of the 12-15 Club on March 23rd, at a luncheon at the country club, followed by cards.

FOURTH GRADE PARTY

Under the supervision of Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Dion Atkinson, the fourth grade of the Orinda school had a party on March 12th at the school. The children and their families enjoyed a pot luck supper and play given by the fourth graders.

"GRAY LADIES" COURSE

The Red Cross announces that there are openings for Camp and Hospital recreational volunteers, otherwise known as "Gray Ladies" to work at Camp Stoneman. Transportation from Orinda will be provided. Anyone interested may phone Mrs. Franklin A. Kales, Orinda 2232.

OLD MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Old musical instruments are in great demand for convalescent patients in the service hospitals. If you have one to donate please call Mrs. Frank Fee, chairman of the Camp and Hospital Service, Orinda 5741.

P. T. A. BENEFIT

To raise money for the coming year, the P.T.A. will give a benefit program at 1:30 on May 7 at the Orinda school. Mrs. Page will give a reading. Mothers of pupils will be asked to sell two tickets at 50c each.

According to Mrs. Melvin Jacobus, the committee chairmen for the function are: tickets, Mrs. Donald Badgley; decorations, Mrs. Leon Woolsey; tea, Mrs. King Wilkin; reception, Mrs. Kenneth Courtright.

During the past year, the Orinda P.T.A. has bought playground equipment and made donations to the Red Cross and the Girl Scout organizations.

ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Orinda Community Church will hold meetings on Wednesday evenings, April 7th and April 14th. Friday, April 23rd a meeting will be held at 2 o'clock. Palm Sunday will be observed with a service and reception for new members.

SANTA MARIA CHURCH

Masses at the Santa Maria Church are held at 10 o'clock a. m., on the first, third and fifth Sundays. On the second and fourth Sundays, mass is held at 8:30 a. m.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church will have their regular monthly meeting April 6th at the home of Mrs. Dion Atkinson and Mrs. Charles Ward.

Mrs. James Muilenburg, vice-president of the Berkeley Council of Church Women, will speak on, "Women Organized for Service." Mrs. Richard Davis will give a violin solo accompanied by Mrs. Robert C. Winters.

CUB CALENDAR

- March 25th, Friday.....Pack Meeting
April 27th, Tuesday....Scout night with cubs under Mr. Davis
April 30th, Friday.....Marble tournament
May 6th, Thursday.....Pet show (Prizes)
May 26th, Wednesday.....Dads and sons baseball game
June 20th, Sunday.....Garden show (Prizes)