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Christmas Greetings

HIGH POWER ELECTRIC LINES TO BE MOVED FROM ORINDA SCHOOL GROUNDS

It is no longer a secret that the high power electric lines will soon be removed from our Grammar School grounds. It does, however, seem appropriate now to disclose some of the details of the many months of negotiations which ensued between the members of your former School Board and the officials of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

Let it be here recorded that, from the very beginning, there was extended every possible courtesy and understanding to us and viewed our request with the utmost willingness to cooperate.

Messrs. Paul Downing, Earl Fisher, Carl Urick and Homer Keesling placed their full weight behind our effort to find a way to remove the high power lines.

Numerous survey lines were run promptly but right-of-way difficulties nullified each proposed realignment of the towers.

Being harassed by hundreds of somewhat similar requests from other localities these efforts had to remain undisclosed until an equitable solution could be worked out, and the substantial sums which would be involved could be allocated.

Negotiations were also begun with the officials of the East Bay Municipal Utility District in an effort to secure right-of-way along the creek. Final decision had to be postponed until it had been decided definitely that the water company would retain the lands adjacent to the creek for a permanent water shed.

All of these essential details now having been straightened out, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company advised us at once that the high power lines will be removed.

It seems only just and appropriate to express publicly our great appreciation for the splendid cooperation given to us by the officials of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, and the East Bay Municipal Water District.

E. L. MATHY,
Former President of the Board
of Trustees of the Orinda
Union School.

DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The December meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held Friday, December 6, at 8:15 p. m., in the Orinda Grammar School.

At this meeting the By-Laws will be presented for adoption by the members.

Mr. William A. Davis, chairman of the Orinda Improvement Association Tax Committee, has secured Mr. David Dutton, director of the Contra Costa County Tax Payers' Association, to speak on taxes.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus is coming to Orinda on Monday, December 23, at 1:30!

Santa has sent word that he will need the Fire Engine and he expects to see more children this year than he did last year. At Christmas time, a year ago, he gave away 232 presents to Orinda children, so all you youngsters be on hand this year to see what he has in his bag. Invitations will be sent to all children in Orinda — little ones who don't go to school and all those in attendance in the Orinda School at the present time. Anyone hearing of a child failing to receive an invitation will kindly report the name and address to Warren Harrold.

Save the afternoon of December 23! Parents are invited as well as the children, and everyone will join in singing Christmas carols, and in bringing to Orinda the Spirit of Christmas.

NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Mr. Alden Macomber, of Miner Road, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Orinda Union School to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Owen Dibbern.

Mr. Dibbern is unable to complete his term due to business reasons.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Plans are being made by the executive board of the Improvement Association to conduct a judging of outdoor Christmas Tree decorations.

A committee will be formed with a member from each section of the community. It has been suggested that this committee, after having seen all the homes entered in the contest, should then select two or three of the best in each section and then have the final decision of the first, second and third prizes made by a landscape architect.

Further information of this contest will be announced at the December meeting.

ORINDA - MORAGA HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

A very important improvement in this vicinity is the proposed plan of the State Highway Commission to channelize the Tunnel Road at the intersection of the Orinda-Moraga Roads. The plan includes two safety islands in the center of the highway on either side of the intersection. These safety islands will reduce the hazards to cars making left turns, or cars crossing the highway, and will offer the minimum restriction to through traffic.

The Orinda and Moraga Improvement Associations are working together in urging the Highway Commission to put the plan through. They have received the support of all the local women's clubs, who have sent letters endorsing the proposal to the Highway Commission. Senator T. H. Delap and State Assemblyman Harold E. Swallish have promised their continued support of this project. In addition, more than five hundred signatures of residents of the area have been secured on a petition addressed to the Highway Commission requesting its support in the matter.

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HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1 Hark! the herald angels sing — Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth and mercy mild — God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise — Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King.

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the Incarnate Deity, Pleas'd as Man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!

3 Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Risen with healing in His wings, Light and life to all He brings, Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

REAL ESTATE

- Building permits issued within the last month: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dullum, Lot 492, La Espiral Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holmes, Lot 15, Canyon Road Mr. and Mrs. Norman M. Green, Lot 602, Las Vegas Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Foote, Lot 17, Ardilla Road Mr. and Mrs. Ted Freedman, Lot 27, Vallecito Lane Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevens Ballinger, Lot 44, Madrone Place Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Hutchison, Lot 19, Camino Del Diablo

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ORINDA

Many are the parties being planned by the various organizations in this community for the celebration of the Christmas season by both young and old. Most every Orindan celebrates with other residents at some one of these parties.

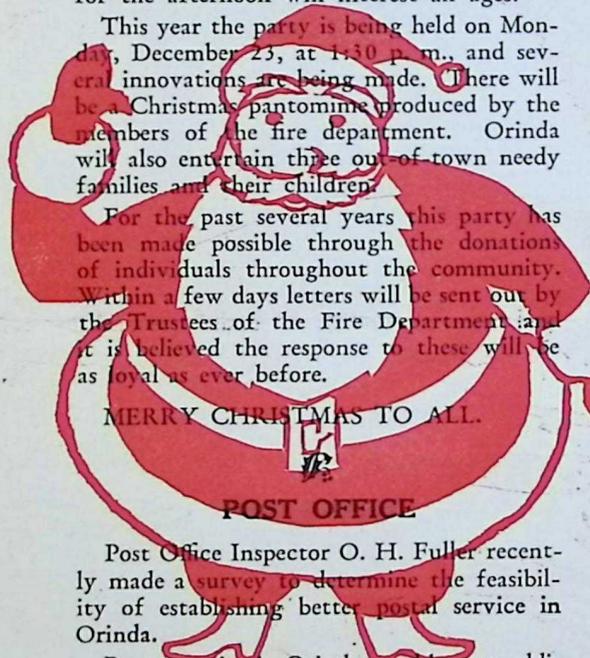
There is one party, however, which brings Christmas greetings to every member of the community and is eagerly looked forward to each year by both young and old. This is the Children's Christmas Party which is sponsored each year by the Trustees of the Orinda Fire Department. This party is a tradition of the town which we hope will live as long as there is an Orinda.

Each year as Santa appears over the hills we hear the siren as the fire engine goes to meet him and bring him more quickly to the eager throng that awaits him in the village. Santa's pack is filled with toys for all the children and the festivities planned for the afternoon will interest all ages.

This year the party is being held on Monday, December 23, at 1:30 p. m., and several innovations are being made. There will be a Christmas pantomime produced by the members of the fire department. Orinda will also entertain three out-of-town needy families and their children.

For the past several years this party has been made possible through the donations of individuals throughout the community. Within a few days letters will be sent out by the Trustees of the Fire Department and it is believed the response to these will be as loyal as ever before.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.



Post Office Inspector O. H. Fuller recently made a survey to determine the feasibility of establishing better postal service in Orinda.

Better service in Orinda would mean additional dispatches of outgoing mail. We would also obtain improved service on registered and special delivery letters, as this mail, if unable to be delivered, would be returned to the Orinda post office rather than to Berkeley.

It is the understanding that should an independent post office be established in Orinda, delivery service would be continued. It has never been the policy of the Post Office Department to reduce the type of service in a community once a suitable service has been established. Orinda meets all requirements for delivery service.

ORINDA IMPROVEMENT

The Telephone Company is placing underground the telephone wires in the village. This necessitated the tearing up of the highway in the village, but this inconvenience is happily borne when such an added improvement to Orinda is being made.

ORINDA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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NOTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING

At the November meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association, Mr. Edward Sibbett explained the By-Laws which are proposed for adoption by the Association.

Mr. U. B. Smith reported for the Safety and Public Welfare Committee and discussed the channelizing of the highway at the Orinda crossroads, and also the emergency service offered by the Telephone Company.

Mr. H. L. Ketcham advised the Association that the county would replace the trees in their proper position along the Orinda Highway. These are the trees which were placed there through individual donations from the people in the community.

Mr. Warren Harrold also announced that a Post Office inspector had visited the community with reference to an independent post office.

At the close of the business meeting the Orinda Boy Scouts held their Court of Honor.

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 meeting of the Santa Maria Church Association was held Tuesday evening, December 3, 1940, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Le Masney, on Camino Don Miguel.

**PARENTS' CLUB
FIRST PARTY**

The Parents' Club of the Acalanes High School wishes to announce its first social function on the night of December 3. It is to take the form of a card party, and will be held in the gymnasium of the school at 8:00 p. m.

As is usual with new schools, this one is no exception in finding many needs and desires, and the Parents' Club is most anxious to fulfill as many of these as possible. Therefore, everyone is invited to make a special effort to attend the card party.

Tickets are forty (.40) cents, and may be purchased from Mrs. Kenneth Gelwix in Orinda. Among the attractions of the evening will be a number of door prizes — Turkeys!! Individual table prizes will be furnished, and every effort is being made to insure guests a pleasant evening.



**STUDENT TEACHERS
VISIT ORINDA SCHOOL**

On Wednesday, December 11, the Orinda Grammar School will be host to a group of student teachers. Tea will be served and the Superintendent of Schools will be present.

The student teachers are visiting the best equipped schools in the country, and Orinda is proud to have been chosen one of these.



ROLL CALL

The Red Cross Roll Call is now being made in Orinda and it is hoped that the Community will respond wholeheartedly to the solicitor in each district.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The following is a report of the Public Welfare and Safety Committee as given by Mr. U. B. Smith at the last meeting of the association:

That your telephone operator will, in case of emergency, get the required help for you.

The procedure is simple.

Dial the operator and give her your name and address, then state the nature of the emergency, i.e., "I want to report a fire" or "I want the police" or "I want an ambulance," or "I want a doctor."

The operator, who has a special listing of the possible emergency phone numbers in this district, will call the required number and relay your report.

There is no charge for this service unless the operator has to call a number that would be a toll charge on your phone anyway, for example, we all know that there is a toll charge from Orinda on calls to the Sheriff's office in Martinez.

The phone company does not advertise that they have a special listing of doctors available for emergency service, but we were quite pleased to discover that such was the case.

This service, especially as it pertains to calling a doctor, is intended for people who are in a jam. Obviously you would call your own doctor if he was available, but situations do sometimes arise when you want a doctor immediately — can't get your own, and are too excited, or under too much stress to secure the required help in the usual manner.

For your information, the Orinda fire commission is contemplating the purchase of a respirator to be added, if purchased, to the fire department. We hope they will do so.

**ANNUAL MEETING
ORINDA PARK POOL**

The annual meeting of the members of the Orinda Park Pool was held on November 18. The first order of business was the election of directors for the coming year. Mr. H. L. Gilkey and Mrs. W. E. A. Loughrey having resigned, Mr. George Vurek and Mr. Sheldon Pfeiffer were elected to fill those places. Re-elected for the coming year were: Mr. J. W. Snook, Mr. A. W. Elkinton, and Mrs. G. M. Heinrici.

Several suggestions for improvement were discussed, including the need for a larger sunning area, and the possibility of deepening the pool sometime in the future.

The new lease has not as yet been signed, but this will be done before the expiration of the present lease in December. Until the new lease is signed, there will be no permanent arrangement made with the authorities of the P. W. A. play-school.



**RED CROSS
WORK ROOM MOVED**

The Red Cross work room has been moved from the Orinda School to the home of Mrs. Stanley Smith, on Dias Dorados. This change was made as the room in the Orinda School was needed for student work. Mrs. Smith kindly offered the use of her home so that our work might continue, and the quota be finished by the latter part of January.

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 O little town of Bethlehem!
 How still we see thee lie;
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by;
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.

2
 For Christ is born of Mary,
 And gathered all above,
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
 O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth!
 And praises sing to God the King,
 And peace to men on earth.

3
 How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming,
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him still,
 The dear Christ enters in.

4
 O holy Child of Bethlehem!
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Emmanuel.

TOUR OF HOMES

Under the guidance of their respective presidents, Mrs. C. B. Chantler and Mrs. Clay Sorrick, the P. T. A. and the Orinda Garden Club are cooperating to sponsor a Christmas tour of homes the afternoon of December 22, from two until five.

Homes portraying a variety of architectural styles have been chosen, and in each case emphasis will be made on the seasonal decorations. The homes of the following members of the community will be open:

Mrs. Melvin M. Jacobus, Orinda Highway. This is the rustic and informal type of design and decoration.

Mrs. Stuart V. Campbell, Dias Dorados. The dining room will be the scene of festivities here, with the table decorated and set as for a Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Earl A. Norton, Miner Road. This home will delight the younger members of the community, for it is to be a children's fairyland complete with toys and Santa Claus.

Mrs. R. W. Breuner, Miner Road. The informal sitting room will be the center of attraction in the Breuner home, and the decorating here will be planned and carried out by a group of men, husbands of interested members. The committee has not as yet been selected.

Mrs. Ritchie C. Smith, Don Miguel. This home tends toward the Spanish, and here Mrs. Smith's bedroom will be the focal point of interest.

Mrs. John B. Elman is general chairman, and she wishes to announce that tickets will soon be available from members of both organizations.

Some home will be decorated by the hostess. Others who have been assigned decoration tasks are: Mrs. Malcolm Lamb, Mrs. Miles York, Mrs. Leon Woolsey, Mrs. Ritchie Smith, and Mrs. Lonie Bee.

It is desirable that such an interesting tour could be made an annual affair and what is now a novelty could in time be a tradition.

CARE OF DECEMBER GARDENS

December is a cold month and we have to watch out for plants that may freeze. Cover them with sacks. Also fertilize flower beds heavily.

Annual plants that can be planted this month are: pansies, violas, winter blooming stock, primula, malacoides, and snapdragons.

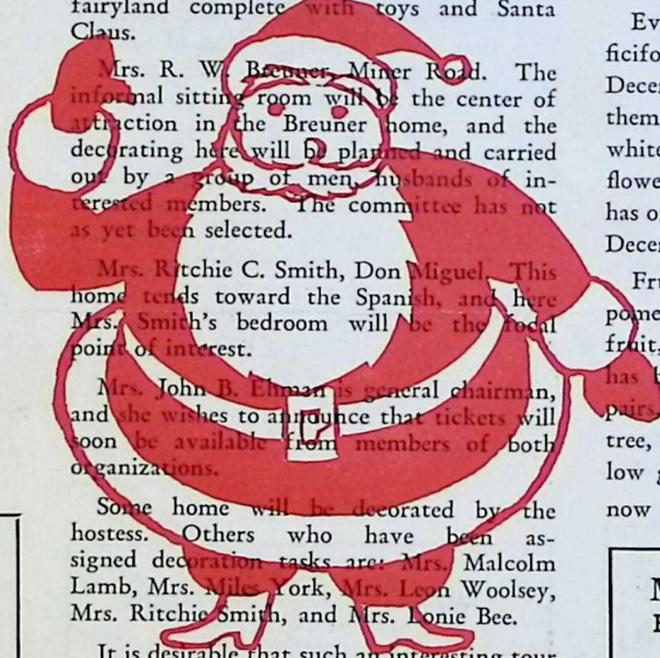
Perennials that may be planted are: Chrysanthemums, after blooming these should be divided if they are two years old. Gazania, if in clumps, should be planted. They have orange or yellow daisy flowers and are used for ground cover.

Bulbous flowers: Narcissus do best if they are planted this month. The best narcissus is Paper white, which tells the color. The common Calla Lily should be planted now if for flower at Easter.

Evergreen Flowering Shrubs: Eucalyptus ficifolia has a scarlet flower and blooms from December to February. It is good to plant them now. Pittosporum tobia has a creamy white flower. Choisa ternada has a white flower. Flowering oak, a low spreading bush, has orange flowers. These plants bloom from December to February.

Fruits and berries: Pepper tree, dwarf pomegrante which has a small pomegrante fruit, English holly, Accuba japonica which has black berries and should be planted in pairs, male and female, Toyon, Camphor tree, Strawberry tree, Contoneaster, tall and low growing ones. These should be planted now.

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Langridge have purchased the Wyman Wilcox home on El Toyonal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Collins have rented the Rochester home on Camino Sobrante, pending the completion of their own home in Lafayette.

Jimmy Hayward, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex B. Hayward, motored to Los Angeles with friends to attend the California-U.S.C. game.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Shapiro of La Vuelta have returned from a vacation in Palm Springs.

A daughter, Jane Annette, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Berry of Camino Don Miguel on Friday, October 25.

A son, John Herbert Freuler, was born on November 12, to Captain and Mrs. Herbert Freuler. John Herbert is named after his great-grandfather, on whose birthday he was born.

Frank Bennett, son of Marie Bennett, has enlisted in the Air Corps of the Army. Frank has been assigned to Fort McDowell, Angel Island.

Beatrice and John Cleborne were at home with Mrs. Beatrice Cleborne of La Espiral, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mrs. John Leslie Jones, the sister of Mrs. Stuart Campbell, arrived safely in India after a 15-day trip by air.

At a Reno wedding, Miss Doris Parks, principal of the Orinda Grammar School, became the bride of Mr. V. E. Mace, in the latter part of October. Mr. and Mrs. Mace have taken an apartment in Oakland, where Mr. Mace is a landscape architect.

Mrs. George Gibson returned home from an eastern trip. She purchased a car while away, and was accompanied on the trip home by Miss Virginia Dakin of Los Angeles, who is a guest at the Gibson home at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Seim of El Toyonal had as their Thanksgiving guests, their son, Benjamin Seim and his wife, of Berkeley; Mr. and Mrs. D. Hill, parents of Mrs. Benjamin Seim, and Mrs. Mary Hill of Los Angeles.

Miss Virginia Hickok spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hickok. Mrs. Sarah J. Hickok, of San Francisco, mother of Mr. Hickok, was a guest in the Hickok home.

Miss Jean Dunham, who recently announced her engagement to Jackson Grey Dorn, will be married on December 9th. Many parties are being planned in her honor.

Mrs. Gerald A. Woods of La Vuelta returned home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Mrs. Wood's mother, Mrs. N. A. Gouge of Santa Monica motored up with her for the visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snook have purchased the property at 6 Bonita Lane and will remodel.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cross motored to Ukiah for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Clark have moved into their new home at Claremont and Stanton Avenues.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ketcham entertained friends at dinner in honor of Mr. Ketcham's birthday.

The Orinda Nursery and Kindergarten School has been closed for a week due to illness. The school, however, opened on Monday, December 2, and many plans are being made for their Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Manning have returned from a business trip of a month's duration.

Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Smith entertained their families at Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scott have recently spent two weeks in Palm Springs.

Mrs. Marshall Shapiro is writing and directing the Christmas pantomime which will be given by the Junior Fire Department at the annual children's party on December 23.

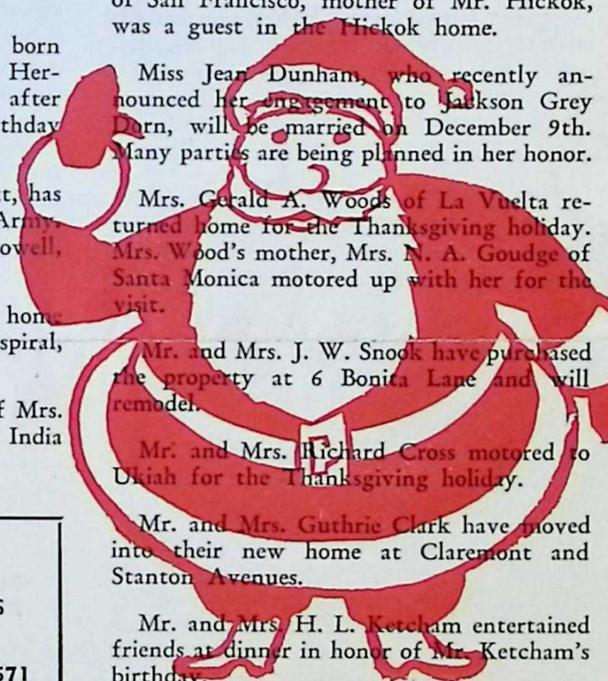
Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Harrison were guests at a house party held in the summer home of Mrs. Harrison's brother, Mr. George Prifold, at Rio Del Mar, over the Big Game week-end. The party enjoyed dinner-dancing at the Club House.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morrison entertained at a family Thanksgiving dinner.

On December 16th, the Girl Scouts will hold their Christmas party at the home of Virginia Perkins on Ardilla Road.

Master John Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Manning of El Patio, is attending the Glen Taylor School in Walnut Creek.

Mrs. Hilde Kley, publicity chairman for the play school held at the Orinda Park Pool, announces that there are now approximately twenty-six pupils enrolled.



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ORINDA HIGH SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB

Orinda High School Mothers' Club held a very well-attended monthly meeting November 18, at the Orinda Country Club. Luncheon was followed by a most interesting talk on Chinese Art and Poetry, by Mrs. E. R. Paxton of Berkeley, who is literature chairman on the Berkeley Women's City Club, and the past president of the Golden Gate Delphian Assembly.

The next meeting will be a Christmas party on Monday, December 16, at the home of the club president, Mrs. Fred Allen, on Monte Vista Road. Dessert will be served, followed by games and a Christmas program.

These meetings are held regularly on the third Monday of every month. All mothers of young people in high school are invited to come, regardless of the schools attended. Members meet at the Orinda Store at one o'clock, and transportation is furnished.



ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The first student body dance at the Acalanes High School was held on the evening of November 19. Henry Gallagher's orchestra provided the music for the 400 in attendance.

A Father and Sons' dinner was held Tuesday evening, November 27, at the school cafeteria.

The Acalanes Parents' Club is planning to give a benefit bridge party at the school on Tuesday, December 3, at 8 p. m.



NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Christie of the membership committee report the following new members:

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Courant
Mr. Stanley Warburton
Carroll George
Shireley George
Gladys Hawkins
Joe Conley
Ruth Conley
Roy F. Stuart

Mr. Christie urges that all residents of Orinda who are not members of the Improvement Association join now. These meetings are a place where you meet new friends and discuss community projects.



DUES PAYABLE

Orinda Improvement Association dues are due and payable now for the year 1941. So come and pay your dollar.

BARNSTORMERS

The Barnstormers are now holding their weekly meetings at the homes of the members.

Mr. Gerald Woods has been elected Chairman of this group and invites all members of the community who are interested in dramatics to attend the meetings held each Wednesday evening.



GUILD PARTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church will be held at the home of Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, 1309 Spruce Street, Berkeley, on Tuesday, December 3, at 12:30 p. m. Mrs. Henry Harding and Mrs. B. B. Seim of Orinda will be co-hostesses.

A delightful Christmas program has been arranged by Mrs. Ruth Harrington, Program Chairman of the Guild, as follows:

Group singing of Christmas Carols.
Reading of the play "Old Lady 31," by Rachel Crothers, read by Mrs. Louis Palmer of Berkeley.

Christmas solos by Mrs. Guthrie Clark of Orinda including "The Birthday of a King" by Neidinger.

Ensemble Group presented by Miss Bigelow of Berkeley, consisting of Ellen King, flute; Barbara Schults, Violin; and Hellis Hay, Piano. They will play two movements from a Verocini Sonata; "The March" by Bach-Gounod, and "Salut Amour" by Liger.

ACALANES NIGHT SCHOOL

The Acalanes High School is starting a series of evening sports classes. These classes include badminton for men and women on Tuesday nights, and basketball for men on Wednesday evenings.

A fee of one dollar will be charged to cover operating expenses and any adult in the school district is eligible to register.



MORAGA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Moraga Improvement Association have made plans to publish a newspaper carrying the news of that district. This paper will have its first issue not later than January, 1941.

This association is also holding their own outdoor Christmas decorations contest. The dates for this contest are December 22, 23, and 24.

The regular monthly meetings of the Moraga Association are held in the Orinda Grammar School the last Friday of each month.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party will be held this year on the evening of Friday, December 20. Chorals will be sung by members of the upper grades. Instead of the usual play, Christmas boxes for the poor will be filled with contributions brought to the school by the children.

The P. T. A. will furnish the tree which will be on display in the auditorium. Mrs. Alden Macomber is in charge of its decoration.



ORINDA GIRL SCOUTS

The meeting of the Senior Girl Scouts, held November 14, was spent in making baby clothes for the Red Cross War Relief.

The coming Dads' and Daughters' banquet has been set for January, possibly the first or second Monday.

A Christmas basket will be donated by the Senior Scouts, to be given to a needy family, selected by the leader, Mrs. A. W. Elkinton.



BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Orinda Boy Scout Troop participated in the Contra Costa Area Merit Badge Exhibit, November 22 and 23. The troop received an "A" rating, the highest award possible.

At the Court of Honor, held as part of the Orinda Improvement meeting in November, the following boys were admitted to the Troop, and were awarded their Tenderfoot badges: Steve York, Dick Chapman, Alan Bodenhamer, and Mike Dills. Curtis Harrison and Bob Hulse were awarded their Second Class Badges. Ben Warrick was awarded his Star Badge.



GUILD MEETINGS

At the November meeting of the Guild, announcement was made of two parties to be held the latter part of January, to take the place of the Birthday Party which had to be cancelled.

One of these parties is to be a dessert-bridge, and the other an evening party.



DORCAS

There will be a meeting of the Dorcas Society of the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church on December 12th, at the home of Mrs. Lance Barden, to help with plans for the Christmas party of the Orinda Community Church Sunday School.

ORINDA COUNTY CLUB

On Saturday afternoon, December 21, the Orinda Country Club will hold its annual Christmas Party for the children of members.

The little folk will be well entertained with movies, a short play, and the arrival of Santa Claus later in the afternoon with his pack full of Christmas surprises for all.



LADIES' GOLF NEWS

The Ladies' Golf Club will hold its Christmas party on Friday, December 20.

This will be a luncheon at one o'clock in the afternoon, and will be a gala Christmas party for all.



CADDIES' PARTY

The annual Caddy dinner and show, given by the Orinda Country Club, will be held on Monday evening, December 23.



P. T. A. MOVIE

The Orinda Parent Teachers' Association recently invited the public to a free movie in the school auditorium. It was held the night of November 29, and the members were gratified at the enthusiastic turn-out.

Five short pictures were shown and greatly enjoyed. The association expects to continue presenting occasional movies, charging a small admission price, thus adding to a fund so badly needed to buy kitchen equipment and help pay for the playground director.

NEW GIFT SHOP

Mrs. Myra Manasse, a resident of Orinda for the past six years, opened her Gift Shop in the village on Thursday, November 28.

This shop is a welcome addition to the community, as Mrs. Manasse carries many novelties, gifts, toys, and notions. For the Christmas season her stock will include a special line of Christmas toys and gifts. During the holiday period, Mrs. Manasse plans to remain open until nine o'clock for the convenience of Orinda people who are away during the day.

As the people of Orinda make known their needs, Mrs. Manasse will endeavor to include them in her stock.



ORINDA HOME FARM DEPARTMENT

At the last meeting of the Farm Bureau an interesting discussion was held concerning cooking utensils, old and new, their uses and care. There were seventeen members present. Three new members joined the department at this meeting.

The Bureau will hold a Slipper Chair meeting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Norton on Miner Road, sometime in January. Members will be advised as to the definite date.

The Christmas party for members is to be held on December 6th, in Danville, at the new school house. The party starts with luncheon at 12:00 o'clock, and all members are asked to bring a fifteen-cent gift. Please notify Mrs. St. Louis, Orinda 231, if you plan to attend. Transportation will be arranged for those who desire it.

The next meeting will be held on December 9th, at 1:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. George F. Hielok, on El Toyonal Road. The subject is to be "Entertainment." Many interesting suggestions for Christmas will be discussed, and all members are invited to attend.

LIONS' CLUB

During the last month the Orinda Lions' Club entertained at a Ladies' Night on Thursday, November 7, at the Orinda Country Club. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Morris Hurley, Principal of the San Leandro High School, and past president of the Oakland Lions' Club. His topic was, "Can Democracy Survive?" The sixty-five members and guests present were further entertained by Mr. Al Capelli, accordionist. Later in the evening bingo and card games were enjoyed.

The athletic prowess of the Orinda Lions' Club was successful in defeating the members of the Lafayette Lions' Club in a bowling match by the score of 1935 to 1811. The contest was held at the new Berkeley Bowl, and a return match is being scheduled for the near future.

The members of the Orinda Lions Club bowling team were Guthrie Clark, Lance Barden, Arthur Burke, Cliff Coakley, Joe Whetstone, and Red Johnson.

Among a number of new projects on hand, the Orinda Club has started a movement to buy the new high school an electric scoreboard for the gymnasium. The Lafayette and Walnut Creek Clubs have joined in this project, and the three groups expect to make definite plans for a money-making function within the near future.



P. T. A.

There will be no regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association this month, due to the fact that special seasonal activities are demanding the thought and time of all members.

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS

The following are the proposed by-laws of the Orinda Improvement Association which will be presented for adoption at the December meeting.

SECTION 1. Corporate Powers. The corporate powers of this association shall be vested in the membership of the Orinda Improvement Association but said powers are hereby delegated and shall be exercised by an executive board of seven (7) members or directors, and shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Trustees. Provided, however, that all corporate powers of this association may be exercised, revoked, withdrawn, amended, revoked and redelegated by a majority vote (except appropriations and commitments of money which shall require a two-thirds vote) of the members at any regular or special meeting of the association.

SECTION 2. Executive Board. The executive board, also designated and known as the Board of Directors in the Articles of Incorporation, shall have powers to conduct and control the affairs and business of this association and exercise all its powers set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, and to make rules not inconsistent with the State of California for the guidance of its officers and the management of the routine affairs of the association. Subject, however, to the provisions of Section 1, as hereinbefore set forth. Vacancies in the executive board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining board members and such appointees shall serve until their successors are elected at the next annual election.

SECTION 3. Officers. The officers of this association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Trustees. The persons who hold such offices shall be directors and members of the executive board of the association and shall be elected at the annual meeting of the association as hereinafter provided and they shall serve for one year and until their successors shall have been duly elected. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time and shall not hold the same office for two consecutive years.

SECTION 4. President. The President shall preside over all meetings of the association and of the executive board. The President shall sign all contracts and instruments in writing which shall have first been approved by the executive board and shall perform such other duties as prescribed from time to time by said executive board.

SECTION 5. Vice-President. In the case of the absence of the President from any meeting of the association or executive board, the Vice-President shall act as President with full power of that office when so acting.

SECTION 6. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the association and of the executive board; shall draw orders on the Treasurer; shall read official communications to the association; shall be custodian of all property of the association; shall attend to the correspondence of the association and keep on file all important communications and copies of said correspondence; shall procure receipt books and issue them to the Treasurer, maintaining a careful record thereof; and shall keep a membership book and in the event that a non-member shall be appointed to a committee or attempt to speak from the floor at any membership meeting he shall immediately notify the president.

SECTION 7. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all funds of the association; shall pay all bills by check only, signed by him as Treasurer and countersigned by the active President after being so ordered by the executive board; shall present a monthly report in writing at each meeting and at the end of the association's fiscal year which shall be May 31st, and perform such other duties as prescribed from time to time by said executive board.

SECTION 8. Trustees. The Trustees shall act with the other officers of the executive board and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by said board.

SECTION 9. Election of Officers. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the regular meeting in June of each year. Candidates for said offices shall be nominated by a committee of five (5) members appointed at the regular May meeting and/or from the floor at the June meeting of the membership. A majority vote of the members present at the June meeting shall constitute an election. Said officers shall assume their duties upon adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected.

SECTION 10. Membership. The membership of the association shall be unlimited as to number. In addition to the existing membership the name of an applicant for membership may be presented by any member or by a membership committee. Said applicant shall become a member upon receiving a majority vote in the affirmative. The annual dues shall be \$1.00 per member, payable in advance at the regular January meeting of each year. Each application for membership shall be accompanied by the amount of money sufficient to pay the current annual dues of \$1.00. Provided, however, that if the application is presented at the regular July meeting or thereafter the accompanying amount shall equal one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the annual dues. Any member becoming in arrears for dues for a period of two years shall be automatically suspended from membership of the association and said member may be reinstated upon written recommendation of the membership committee and the payment of current dues in advance.

SECTION 11. Membership Meetings. There shall be a regular meeting of the association held on the first Friday of each month during the year at the hour of 8:15 o'clock P. M. at the Orinda Union Elementary School, Contra Costa County, California, or other location designated by the executive committee. Twenty-five (25) of the members of the association present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum, and any resolution duly passed by the members of the association at a meeting shall be binding upon the executive board. Suspended or non-members shall not speak from the floor at any meeting without a resolution suspending the rules.

SECTION 12. Executive Board Meetings. The executive board shall hold a regular meeting each month of the year at a place and time to be designated by the President. A special meeting of said executive board may be called at any time by the President of the association and must be called by the President upon application of three (3) members of said executive board. Written notice mailed three (3) days prior to said special meeting shall be given to each member of the executive board by the Secretary or the President unless duly waived by each of said members. Four (4) of the members of the executive board present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

SECTION 13. Committees. The President with the approval of the executive board shall have the duty and power to appoint from among the membership in good standing a chairman and at least two other members for each of such standing or special committees as he deems necessary from time to time. The chairman of a special or standing committee shall serve with the other committeemen until the next annual election. If any such chairmanship or membership in said committee becomes vacant prior to the said annual election said vacancy shall be filled by the President with the approval of the executive board. It shall be the duty of each of the foregoing committees to engage in such activities as may be hereinafter designated and prescribed by the executive board or President and to furnish said board and President with such information, advice and counsel as requested.

SECTION 14. Amendments. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) affirmative vote taken at a regular meeting of the association. Provided, however, that notice of the proposed amendment has been presented in writing and read at the previous meeting of the association.



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