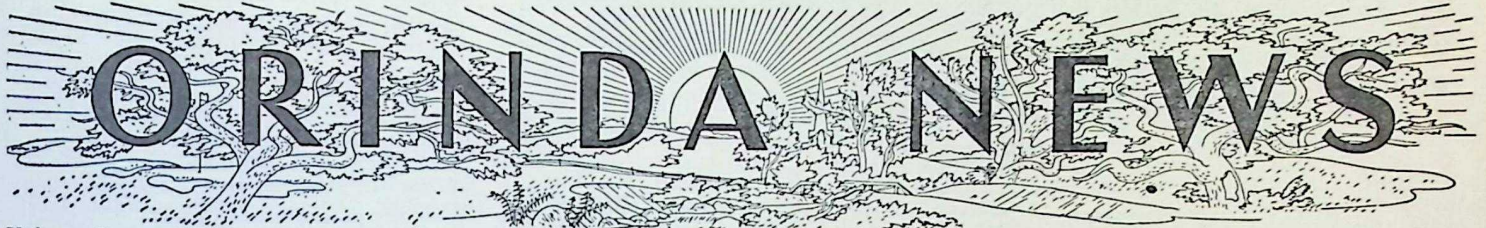


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## PERMANENT SOLUTION OF THE ROAD PROBLEM NEARING FINAL FORM

Orinda's road problem is rapidly nearing solution with general approval of all factors concerned in the basic plan developed by the roads committee of the Orinda Improvement Association, according to Committee Chairman Edward Sibbett.

The plan involves the assignment of all Hacienda Homes voting stock to the improvement association by E. I. deLaveaga. Since the authority to levy assessments for road construction and maintenance and to invoke the building restrictions rests with Hacienda Homes through stipulation in the original Hacienda Homes deeds, this authority will automatically pass to the association upon transfer of the stock.

A board of directors representing Orinda property owners will be elected annually to administer the new powers of the association. E. I. deLaveaga will serve on this board to represent the unsold property in the community, three directors will be chosen to represent the property owners on the east side of the San Pablo highway, and the west side property owners will also have three directors on the board.

The first formal election of this board probably will be held the first of the coming year and an interim board is to be appointed by President John Morrison of the improvement association to serve until the election.

Tracts included under the jurisdiction of Hacienda Homes are Hacienda del Orinda, Units 1 to 9, Orinda Park Terrace, Garden of Eden and Orinda Highlands. Assessments will be made on a front foot basis as provided in the original deeds. No assessments will be made for property fronting on county roads such as El Toyonal, Miner Road, and Camino Sobrante.

Effective with the transfer of the Hacienda Homes authority to the improvement association a small initial assessment will be made to care for immediate road needs over the coming winter months. This plan as outlined by Clarence Fleager, member of the road committee, is designed merely to prevent further deterioration of the roads and to provide temporary repairs until the full plan becomes operative. The permanent program will then function to provide revenue for complete restoration of the present roads that are in disrepair, construction of new roads as required and permanent maintenance.

Since the original deeds provided right to assess for road maintenance, Hacienda Homes had followed the practice of assessing \$2.50 per lot annually and a repre-

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held Friday evening, September 5, at 8:15 p. m.

All residents are urged to come to this meeting to discuss the plans made by the Roads Committee and the solution now offered for this problem in Orinda.

## ACALANES HIGH FALL SESSION IS STARTED

Acalanes High School opened for the fall term on Tuesday, September 2. Registration was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27. Juniors and seniors registered on Tuesday, freshmen and sophomores on Wednesday.

The school opened with a greatly increased faculty. In addition to the appointments of Miss Elizabeth Heffner of Orinda and Mr. Phillip Merritt, Acalanes has acquired the teaching services of Miss Margaret Millicent Hamberger, Mr. Monaco, Mr. Leonard Russell, Miss Betsy Penbroke, and Miss Veronica Cowan.

Miss Hamberger will teach Girl's Physical Education specializing in the Dance. She is a Smith College graduate and has studied in Europe at the Isadora Duncan Studios.

Mr. Monaco will teach mathematics. He is a graduate of the University of Montana and has also studied at the University of California.

Mr. Leonard Russell will assist with mathematics and mechanical drawing. He attended Occidental College and also did graduate work at Berkeley.

Miss Betsy Penbroke is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles and has had a year of Jurisprudence at Berkeley. She has worked as auditor and purchasing agent for the Associated Students at U.C.L.A. At Acalanes she will help with the school year book and the student body accounting as well as teach classes in English and Social Studies.

Miss Veronica Cowan will be librarian. She comes to Acalanes with two years of experience at Bakersfield High School. Before that she was located at Antioch High School. She is a graduate of the College of Holy Names and has done graduate work at the University of California.

The landscaping of the school grounds is being continued under the direction of William Penn Mott. Lawns of dicandra repens have been planted. A gardener, Manuel del torro Velasquez, has been hired to take care of the grounds. He has worked at the St. Mary's College in Moraga.

## ORINDA GIRL SCOUT GROUP MEMBERSHIP GROWS TO 75 GIRLS

Has Orinda grown? Well, if the number of girls interested in Girl Scouting in Orinda is a criterion, then we must all admit, that, at the present rate of increase, Orinda will soon be a town instead of just a beautiful place in the country.

Since Girl Scout Troop No. 27 was organized in the fall of 1936, the group has grown from eight, the number needed to start a troop, until now about seventy-five girls, Brownies, Intermediate Scouts and Senior Scouts, are on the roll call.

When several mothers in Orinda felt the need of some sort of group activity for their girls, Mrs. Sydney Rosenthal, President of the P.T.A. asked us to speak at their monthly meeting on the Girl Scout program. Mrs. George Shephard, now of Davis, was invited to speak on Camp Fire Activities. After the group had heard the objectives of both organizations a secret ballot was taken and it was decided the P.T.A. should sponsor a Girl Scout troop.

For the benefit of those who do not know about the Girl Scouts may we say a few words about the history and objectives of the National Girl Scout organization.

In 1909, Lord Baden-Powell, realized that girls must have an organization of their own as well as boys and formed the Girl Guide Association. Scouting for girls traveled to other lands before it reached the United States, Australia, Finland, and South Africa started the work and then it spread to Denmark, Poland and Canada.

Mrs. Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, lived in England part of her life and became interested in Scouting through Lord Baden-Powell, who was a friend of hers. When she returned to the United States in 1912 she was determined to have her own country share in this movement and began her work by gathering together a group of eight girls. Today more than 700,000 American girls enjoy Scouting and in peace time more than twenty-five countries have Girl Scout or Girl Guide organizations.

In the Girl Scout organization in the United States there are girls from seven to eighteen years of age, as well as many adults who are interested in helping girls to enjoy the program.

Because a girl of seven does not like to do the same things as a girl of seventeen, there are three separate programs for three different age groups. The Brownie Scout program is for girls from seven to ten years of age, the Intermediate Girl

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## ROAD, BUS PROBLEM DEBATED AT MEETING

Two issues of community significance occupied major attention at the August meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association at the Union Grammar School Friday night, August 1st. Debate centered around the report by Chairman Edward Sibbett of the committee on roads and the problem of bus transportation.

Representatives Thomas and Coldeway of the Greyhound Lines, explained their company's attitude toward serving the community with direct bus service and attempted to answer the numerous questions regarding schedules, tariffs, terminals, etc. that were presented.

Orinda residents naturally want the bus company to provide service into the community at tariffs at least comparable to those previously enjoyed and with schedules more nearly approaching the community's needs than those now available. Bus company contention that Orinda traffic does not warrant expansion of the present service indicates little change in the present service may be expected.

Progress report by Chairman Sibbett on the work of the roads committee in crystallizing details of the permanent roads plan was greeted enthusiastically. Further details of the general plan for road improvement are presented in another column of this issue.

Miles York presented a report on activities of the Orinda Boy Scout troop, which now includes 20 members, and paid tribute to the work of John Gardiner, popular Scout leader in this community. A motion offered by Ernest I. Spiegl to award the troop \$100 of the association's funds was passed and President Morrison then pointed out that while the Orinda Girl Scout organization had thus far been self-supporting, financial assistance by the community would be available if desired.

A communication from the Pacific Gas & Electric Company replying to the community's petition for re-classification that would result in lowering power rates explained that such re-classification is impossible.

Martyn Warner, named by President Morrison as chairman of the association's membership committee, announced the hearing to be held on the Orinda school budget and asked that the tax committee attend the hearing so a full report could be presented to the association.

Following handling of routine business the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

## COME TO MEETING

Residents of Orinda are in for a surprise when they attend the next meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association to be held Friday night, September 5th. For a number of years now dinner and bridge table conversation in this community has revolved around the subject of roads and building restrictions.

Few Orinda residents have failed to express their disapproval at some time or other of the condition of the roads and apparent laxity in enforcement of building restrictions. So, to give the people who live here full voice in final settlement of these twin problems, President John Morrison has issued an urgent appeal for a record attendance.

Never before have so many people lived in this community . . . and never before has a more important issue affecting the lives of every Orinda resident been pre-

sented for discussion. Preparations are being made therefore to accommodate the largest meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association that has ever been assembled to discuss a community problem.

Months of arduous preparatory work have gone into the final plan to be submitted by the roads committee for final approval of this meeting. Some questions are bound to be raised regarding some aspects of the general plan, however, and it is exactly for the purpose of giving full hearing to every possible objection that President Morrison is dedicating this meeting.

So, Mr. and Mrs. Orinda, if you wish to express your views on this vital issue, or if you merely wish to exercise your constitutional privilege to listen to the debate, better turn out for the September meeting. Don't say we didn't warn you!

## POST OFFICE

The subject of our new post office has caused considerable controversy in the entire district. There are those who are of the opinion that the office should be moved to the cross roads and given a new name. The advocates of this move feel that the above named locality will be the future center of business. This change has some merits in that it will centrally locate the post office for this area, however the fact remains that it will still be in the Orinda school district

and offers little advantage in changing the name.

This proposal is of such importance that it is definitely unwise to allow it to become a controversial matter. It would be well for representatives of the Moraga Highway Association and the Orinda Improvement Association to sit in conference in order to derive a feasible plan whereby both groups will benefit.

## BOY SCOUTS ASSIST IN ALUMINUM DRIVE

Orinda housewives dug into their cupboards for old aluminum pans when the call was given to help defend our country in this manner a short time ago. As usual the Boy Scouts were on the job and collected the utensils until quite a pile was accumulated for public inspection next to the fire house.

Our Boy Scouts really deserved the grand time they had at camp this year and Mr. Gardner receives the praise of all as a competent Scoutmaster.

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When the children come back to school on September 3rd, they will note that several changes have been made on the grounds and in the building. The yard in the back of the building has been graveled, the roads oiled, the building thoroughly renovated and one of the basement rooms has been sound proofed for boy and girl clubs.

Mrs. Grimsley is taking a leave of absence due to illness and Mrs. Margaret Anderson will take her place. Mrs. Anderson hails from Alaska where she taught for several years. She attended Chico State College and during the past summer has been doing art work at the California College of Arts and Crafts. She is a widow with three children, one of whom will enter Acalanes High School this term. The family will make their home in Orinda. Mrs. Anderson is especially interested in art but comes with highest recommendations in all academic work.

Due to the fact that Mr. Richard L. Davis, the new Principal, has not returned no mention can be made of the school program. However, we know that Mr. Davis is well qualified to meet all situations and are sure that a very successful year is ahead for Orinda boys and girls. The Davis family have taken the Fred Allen home while the Allens are back East on an extended tour of the Atlantic coast.

**ORINDA NURSERY SCHOOL**

Mrs. Walter Gibbons has re-opened her Kindergarten-Nursery School at her home on La Cuesta.

Mrs. Gibbons offers nursery and kindergarten training for children from 2½ to 6 years of age. The children meet in the mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 to do clay work, painting, group games and singing and many things that are a joy to every child.

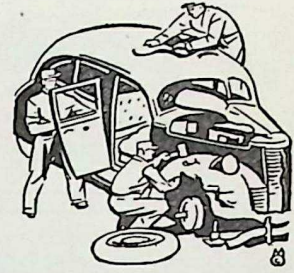
**New Office Building Occupied**

The Fred T. Wood Co. moved on August 28, into its new quarters in the recently completed office building constructed by Mr. Wood at the Orinda Crossroads. Tenants who will occupy some of the other offices are: The Gray Minor Hardware Co., Ethel P. Gibson and Julita G. Jones Exclusive Dress Shop, J. E. Thorpe Coffee Shop, Frank A. Delos Drug Store and Henry Hodap, Barber.

**LIONS CLUB**

About fifty members and their wives attended the annual dinner of the Lion's Club held at the Orinda Country Club. At this meeting the following new officers were installed: president, Dr. Wirt Eiler; vice-president, Mr. Victor Richet; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. K. Pettingill; directors, Mrs. Paul Vashell, Mr. C. Fratzke and Mr. Ben Courant.

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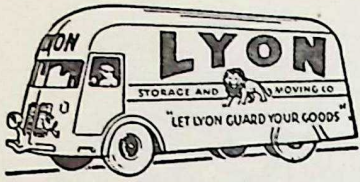
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## PERSONALS

Mrs. Geoffrey W. Mayo of Las Cascadas Road entertained at a tea on Friday afternoon, August 29, in honor of her daughters, Mrs. Charles Sumner Judy of Honolulu and Miss Margaret Mayo of Los Angeles. Mrs. Judy will be here for about a year and a half while her husband completes his course at the School of Business Administration at Stanford University.

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Mrs. Earl Norton and family have recently returned from a vacation at Tahoe.

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Dr. Alvin Wold, with his son, Ross, took a trip through the southern part of the state, visiting spots of interest on the way.

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Mrs. Alden Macomber, accompanied by her two children and Mrs. Macomber Sr., spent a week in Yosemite Valley. Another Orinda family who visited the Valley during August was the Walter Woods of Minerinda.

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Frank B. Hight who passed away on August 22 after an illness of several months. Mr. Hight came to Orinda sixteen years ago in 1925 and was a charter member of the Orinda Country Club.

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Mrs. Breuner and children enjoyed a grand trip to Alaska this summer.

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Mrs. Frank Bryant has purchased the Ryker home in Moraga Estates. Mrs. Bryant will make her home here with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

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Perry Dale Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Wilson has left for Albuquerque, N. M., where he has accepted a teaching position in a High School there.

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Mrs. Kenneth Morish and her two sons Billy and Tommy have returned from Wright Lake after enjoying a six weeks vacation in their summer home.

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Mrs. Edwin Miller and her daughter Nancy have returned home from the east where they spent the summer with Mrs. Miller's family.

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Mrs. Juan Ditmars and her son from North Hollywood visited with Mrs. Herbert Dills of Orinda for a week the latter part of August.

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Sally Fleager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fleager has fully recovered from a tonsilectomy she underwent in August.

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The Fred Allens on Monte Vista Road have gone to New York for a year's trip and are planning, if possible, to purchase a boat and sail home through the Panama Canal.

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Miss Mildred Hickok had as her guests during the past month, Miss Constance Jones and Miss Jeanette Frazer of Glendale, California. Miss Jones is President of the Senior Girl Scouts of Glendale and with Miss Frazer attended Camp Chapparal in Big Basin during the summer.

## COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

The swimming pool at the Country Club has been used many times the past month for delightful rashing parties for the young people who are entering college. The pool has been the center of attraction rather than golf this warm weather.

A number of members and their guests attended the birthday dinner dance at the club Saturday, August 23. The popular topic of conversation was the Lafayette Horse Show which took place earlier in the day.

## MOTHER'S CLUB MEETING

The Orinda Mother's Club held its first meeting of the new school year on Monday, August 26, at the home of Mrs. Edwin Wilson on Mira Loma. Ordinarily meetings are held on the first Monday of the month but because of the Labor Day holiday, it was necessary to set forward the date of this first meeting.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Church services will again be held at the regular hour of worship, eleven A. M., starting with September 7th, according to Dr. Miles B. Fisher, Pastor. A cordial invitation is extended to all new comers in the valley as well as to old members and friends. Sunday School is held at nine-thirty.

## Community Church Guild News

With vacation time ended, the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church will hold its first meeting of the new term on September 2nd at the home of Mrs. Ralph Sisson, 11 La Campanero. Mrs. Sisson's mother, Mrs. E. D. Casterline will be co-hostess for the afternoon.

According to Mrs. Edward W. Harrington, Program Chairman, Mrs. Ethel Root is to be the guest speaker and will have as her topic "Inter-racial Relationship from the Christian view-point."

Mrs. Sisson and her mother will also entertain the Dorcus Society on Thursday, September 18th at 10:30 A. M.

## 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 8:30 o'clock.

The Santa Maria Church Association will meet at the home of Mrs. Charles Malone, on Loma Vista, Tuesday evening, September 2.

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sentative sum is now collectable under this arrangement as it was not uniformly enforced. Authority to collect these back assessments is also included in the transfer proposal and it is expected that sufficient revenue will be provided in this manner to meet immediate costs of putting the entire road program into operation.

In addition to authority for road assessment transfer of the Hacienda Homes stock to the association will also include the right to enforce building restrictions and a special committee will be appointed to approve all building specifications. Specific functions of this committee will include approval of septic tank specifications as well as type and color of new building. It is expected that enforcement of adequate septic tank requirements will provide the answer to arguments now advanced for creation of a sewer district to cover this area.

Because Orinda roads have suffered considerable damage from trucks hauling heavy loads of construction materials, the restrictions committee will be authorized to insist upon owners of new buildings agreeing to reimburse the community for such damage before approval of specifications is granted.

Further function of this committee will include the study of beautifying the roads and it is planned that road assessments will be sufficient to provide a fund for this purpose.

While general approval to the plan has been obtained, some details of its operation remain to be worked out and the complete program will be outlined by Chairman Edward Sibbett at the monthly meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association Friday night, September 5th.

"The sole purpose of the committee on roads is of course to serve the community," Mr. Sibbett explains, "and we are therefore anxious that every interested individual in Orinda will be on hand at the September meeting when the permanent road plan will be fully discussed."

**FIRE DISTRICT**

**INSTALLS NEW HYDRANTS**

The Fire Commissioners for the Orinda Fire District have ordered ten new fire hydrants to be installed during the year July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942. During the month of August hydrants were installed at Valley View and Miner Road, Loma Vista Drive, and Via Hermosa between lots 312 and 312a.

During the month of October three more will be installed on Orchard Road between lots 142 and 146, El Toyonal and Canon Drive, and the corner of La Noria and Vida Descansada.

The last four will be installed in December on Ardilla Lane between lots 23 and 24, Moraga Highway and south entrance Camino Encinas, La Campana between lots 541 and 542, and El Patio and Mira Loma.

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## NEW THEATRE HOLDS GALA OPENING

The Park Theater in Lafayette opened on Thursday evening, August 21. The opening was accompanied with the usual gay excitement and blaze of lights and color. The feature attraction chosen for this opening was Abbott and Costello's "Hold That Ghost."

This new theater is equipped throughout with the newest in decoration for beauty and for the comfort of the patrons. The seats are covered with Foamite rubber and upholstered in deep pile plush the color scheme throughout is blue and ivory. An excellent Western Electric sound equipment has been installed which will give excellent reproduction of sound. A fall season of outstanding motion pictures has been promised and will bring to Lafayette many screen favorites in their latest pictures.

## PARK POOL MEMBERS ENJOY SQUARE DANCING

In August the monthly Sunday supper at the pool was celebrated in a most entertaining manner. Over twenty of the old timers in Orinda were guests and they danced again to records obtained by Mrs. Sullivan that were played over thirty years ago. Mr. Hal Farquar called the steps for the square dances which were so popular among the one hundred and twenty dancers on the floor.

The new barbecue pit will be completed for the next supper and delicious barbecue steaks are promised to all who attend.

The children of Orinda competed in good form at the annual swimming races held Saturday, August 23. These races were opened according to age so all had a chance to enter and enjoy the fun.

## ORINDA THEATRE TO PROVIDE PARKING SPACE

A grand opening of the Orinda Theatre will be held around the first of October according to Mr. B. B. Randall, manager.

A large free parking area well paved and marked for easy parking will be provided adjacent to the theatre. If there is sufficient demand an extra parking lot across the street will be paved and opened for the use of the patrons.

The theatre will also operate a "sweet shop" in the building where candy and ice cream may be enjoyed. Plans are not as yet completed but Mr. Randall says it is hoped that this will also serve as a delightful tea shop for the Orinda district.

## ORINDA HOME DEPARTMENT

The Orinda Home Department will hold its first meeting of the new term on Thursday morning, September 4, at 9:30 o'clock. Facilities of the Orinda School building have been given to the Home Department and all meetings will therefore be held at the school. Mrs. George Vurek, president urges all Orindians to attend these interesting sessions which cover all subjects concerning the care of the home.

## GIRL SCOUT HISTORY

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Scout program for girls from ten through fourteen; and the Senior Girl Scout program for girls who are in senior high school or from fifteen to eighteen years of age.

The Girl Scout program is divided into ten program fields, Arts and Crafts, Community Life, Health and Safety, Home-making, International Friendship, Literature and Dramatics, Music and Dancing, Nature, Out-of-Doors, Sports and Games. In this program we feel every girl will find her particular interest.

Girl Scouting has as its objective the development of the girl along physical, emotional, mental, moral and social lines to the end that there may result not only a personally enriched individual, but also an intelligently participating citizen in a democratic social order.

The charter members of Troop 27, Orinda, included Mary Bennett, Carol Kales, Lily Dorrington, Beatrice Clebourne, Georgia Shepherd, Connie Pearson and Betty Lou Gunn, under the leadership of Mrs. G. F. Hickok. By July, 1937, we had increased our roll by three, Vida Schworer, Harriet Morgan, and Nancy Harrold.

Miss Barbara MacMillan, director of Berkeley Girl Scouts, at that time, completed a training course for the troop committee and several mothers. Mrs. Lloyd Farrar took over the duties of leader of the troop. Mrs. Marian Joost, Mrs. Fred Elkinton, Mrs. George Shepherd and Mrs. George Hickok served on the troop committee.

In March 1938, because of the rapid growth in the troop, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Farrar to enlarge the troop committee. Five new names were added, Mrs. Charles Bennett, Mrs. Maxine Thompson, Mrs. William Pearson, Mrs. Nina Schwoer and Mrs. Warren Harrold.

At a formal Court of Awards, held in the school on May 11th Jacklyn Mead, Connie Pearson, Nancy Lou Harrold, Betty Lou Bennett, Carol Kales and Lily Dorrington received their second class badges from Mrs. Leceister H. Williams, Berkeley Girl Scout Commissioner. Following the court a pageant "The Spirit of Scouting" was enacted by the members of the troop, under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Thompson new scout leader. Betty May Pfeiffer played the role of "The Spirit of Scouting."

On June 8th, in the beautiful gardens of the A. W. Elkington home, the above pageant was presented again honoring Mrs. Carrie Hoyt, patriotic instructor and Mrs. A. D. Kennedy, treasurer of Lookout Mountain Corps No. 35, Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. After the program, Mrs. Hoyt presented the troop with a lovely American flag and gave an inspiring talk to the girls on their place as future leaders in America, good citizenship and loyalty to the flag. Betty Lou Bennett received the flag for the troop and thanked Mrs. Hoyt.

Because of the bus schedule to Richmond, many older girls were unable to attend troop meetings, so in October 1939 it was decided to form a new senior troop under the leadership of Mrs. A. W. Elkinton.

When the new Orinda school was dedicated the Girl Scout troop had charge of the flag ceremony. Betty May Pfeiffer was color bearer and Nancy Campbell and Patricia Lax were color guards.

Honoring National Girl Scout Sunday on

October 29, 1939, Brownie and Girl Scouts attended the Community Church. Dr. Miles B. Fisher spoke to them on "Life Is Becoming" and emphasized the value of the word "Promise."

In April 1940 Mrs. John Ratcliff took over the leadership of the troop. It is with a great deal of regret that the troop committee has to accept her resignation this year.

Since the organization of the troop, the girls have enjoyed a number of special events in addition to their regular troop activities. They have had many parties; several bean feeds for their parents and the troop committee; learned how to do leather work under the direction of Mrs. Val Daniels; enjoyed an overnight at the Berkeley day camp; made puppets under the guidance of Mrs. Reed Smith of the program committee, Berkeley Council, giving the play "Hansel and Gretel" for both the Improvement Association and the P.T.A.; helped take care of the Girl Scout Booth for the Berkeley Council during the fair; knitted squares enough to make three afagans for the British relief; filled baskets at the holiday seasons for needy people; and last but not least rendered Community Service whenever possible, donating a tree for the improvement of the highway and taking part in both the Children's Parades during the annual fiesta. This year an international theme was used.

Due to the resignation of Mrs. Ratcliff and Mrs. Alan Young, Brownie leader, the question of trained leadership presented itself to the troop committee. After a meeting of Brownie Scout and Girl Scout mothers, it was decided to have a course in both Brownie and Intermediate group work. Miss Mildred Hickok kindly consented to give the courses.

As a result of two eight week courses held in the Orinda Community Church, about thirty Orinda women have become acquainted with the Scout program. Leadership for two Intermediate groups and two Brownie groups has been secured.

The dates of future meeting of the Brownies and the Girl Scouts will be announced after the committee has met with Mr. Davis, the new principal of the Orinda School. Meetings of the Girl Scouts are held in the school building and it is necessary to consult Mr. Davis in reference to available time and space.

Yes, Orinda has grown and with it the Girl Scout movement has become a vital part of the community for nearly one hundred girls and adults are now enjoying Girl Scouting.

## GIRL SCOUTS EXPERIENCE TRIAL BLACKOUT

Ten Senior Girl Scouts accompanied by their leader, Mrs. A. W. Elkinton; Mrs. Byron Nelson, Assistant Leader; Mrs. James Sullivan and Mrs. Warren Harrold, had an overnight at the cabin of Mrs. West Smith in Paradise Masonic Grove near Santa Cruz, on August 20th. Highlight of the trip occurred while the girls were strolling along the Board Walk in Santa Cruz when a ten minute black-out was held by the city. Squadrons of bombers flew overhead followed by pursuit planes.

Girls enjoying the outing were Connie Pearson, Margaret Pettingill, Nancy Harrold, Kathleen Sullivan, Barbara Mattes, Nancy Garoutte, Beverly Steiner, Barbara Jackson, Virginia Perkins and Betty Lou Bennett.