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ORINDA FORMS DEFENSE COUNCIL

On December 11th a meeting of all Orinda residents was held in the auditorium of the Orinda Union Grammar School. This meeting was called by Dr. Morrison and Mr. Hauser for the purpose of planning our Civilian Defense.

Dr. Morrison outlined briefly the plan that has been made by the county for Civilian Defense. He explained the various committees and outlined their functions. Mr. Crowley then spoke on the part that the Red Cross plays in Civilian Defense and announced that he had asked Mrs. William Pearson to act as Red Cross chairman in Orinda.

The Orinda Civilian Defense Council announced at that meeting is as follows: Coordinator, W. D. Scott; Assistant, U. B. Smith; Fire, Joe Varni; Finance, Kenneth Gelwix; Police, Walter Christie; Relief, Mrs. Lance Barden; Personnel, Mrs. R. D. Harrison; Roads, C. E. Fleager; Communications, George Bennett; Water, Bill Jordan; Power and Light, Homer Keesling; Transportation, Ben Randall. Executive, W. D. Scott, John T. Morrison, Herbert Hauser, Clay Sorrick and Ken Morrish.

These chairmen have been busy organizing their work and acquainting the members of their committees with their various duties. Everyone who signed a form at the meeting, or who has since filled out one, has been classified and placed on some committee. As soon as possible each person will be notified of his work and asked to assist. There is great need in Orinda of more workers for the various committees. If you have not yet registered for Civilian Defense in Orinda please do so as soon as possible.

Every resident of Orinda wants to be prepared for any emergency that may come during this war. We will be ready if, quietly and calmly, but diligently, each one of us does the work that we are asked to do. The fire wardens in each small section of this area are being trained in their duties and will instruct you concerning air raid regulations so that we all shall understand clearly what we are supposed to do. We ask for your co-operation.

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MEETING NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the Orinda Improvement Association will be held Friday evening, January 2, in the auditorium of the Orinda Grammar School. President Morrison announces that there will be further discussion of the roads.



PAY DUES NOW

On January 1st the fiscal year of the Orinda Improvement Association begins, and Martyn F. Warner, chairman of the membership committee urges all residents to help support the work of the Association by paying the 1942 dues; \$1.00 for each person in your household who wishes to share in this work. This can be done at the Association Meeting or by check to Mr. Warner at 72 La Espiral or by check or cash to Mr. Kenneth Allen at his offices with Mitchell and Austin in the civic center. Notices will be sent out as widely as practicable but many will inadvertently be missed, so whether or not you receive notice of dues, please see that your dues are paid.

Since the Association is indirectly joining the ranks of the tax and assessment levying bodies, it is to your interest to have a voice in the conduct of its affairs.

tain any information about the work in Orinda. All mail should be sent to post office box 36.

RED CROSS EMERGENCY FUND

Americans are called now to contribute to emergency war relief fund of the Red Cross. Fifty million dollars is the goal set for the nation. Orinda's quota is fifteen hundred dollars. This fund is to be used to provide relief in any war emergency that may arise in the civilian or armed forces. Medicine, provision for evacuation of civilians, hospitalization of the injured will be part of the humanitarian work done by this splendid organization.

Mrs. Malcolm Lamb is the general chairman of the Orinda drive. For convenience of the committee members, who may have to work during black-outs, they will solicit in the neighborhood in which they live. Mrs. Sheldon Duncan is the assistant chairman, Mrs. Warren Harrold, treasurer. Other members are: Mrs. C. B. Chantler, chairman of the Moraga district, under whom will work Mesdames Robert Muse, Don Dadgley, Alex Hayward, William Vaughn, Ralph Hall, N. S. Dodge, Jr., Harper Allen, John Stoffel, R. E. Nason, Ben Randall, and Ted Beckett.

North of the Tunnel Road, residents will be contacted by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jacobus, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Kales, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Campbell, Mr. Charles P. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Lamb, Mrs. Alphonse Pasteris, Mrs. Neal East, Mrs. Wm. Penn Mott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pace, and Mr. R. L. Givens.

If you care to send your contribution immediately, either contact your neighborhood worker or leave it at Warren Harrold's office in the village. A central filing system donated by Miss Barbara Sorrick during the drive in June, 1940, will aid the committee in keeping accurate records of donors.



CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST CALLED OFF

Called off because of the possible necessity for black-outs is the Orinda out-door Christmas tree contest for this season, according to an announcement made by Dr. John T. Morrison, president of the Improvement Association and Mrs. Malcolm Lamb, chairman of the committee.



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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

December 5, 1941

The December meeting of the Association was called to order at 8:15 p. m., with President Morrison in the chair. Following the singing of America, the minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer rendered his report, which showed a current balance of \$516.04, of which there had been allocated but not paid \$25.00 for rostrum furniture and \$300.00 for a loan to the new organization to be set up to administer the roads.

The Membership Committee reported receipt of application from Mr. Reece Jones, who was thereupon voted to membership.

Ralph Wilson, for the Recreation Center, reported the closing of the quarters in the Orinda Store building as of Dec. 1, due to inability to secure a WPA employee as a director, inability to secure less expensive quarters, and a general lack of sufficient interest in the movement. He asked that \$6.34 expenses incurred by the Center during its tenancy be reimbursed out of the \$25.00 contribution voted at the October meeting.

Joe Navone, who had been asked to accept the contract of taking care of the town refuse cans, kindly offered to donate his services to the Association and the community in this connection.

President Morrison announced receipt of a letter from the Walnut Creek Chapter, American Red Cross, per Dr. Feiler, asking for community cooperation in Red Cross and defense efforts. Letters were also read from the Girl Scouts, thanking the Association for cabinets and furniture; from Warren Harrold, in appreciation for the plant received during his illness; and from Mrs. Chapman, for our expression of sympathy.

Mrs. Barden spoke of the activities of local Red Cross workers, and of the difficulties under which they are working. In view of the poor condition of the sewing machines in use, she asked if the Association would share some of the expense to the extent of one machine replacement. Ralph Sisson moved that the Association appropriate approximately \$45.00 plus sales tax to purchase one sewing machine for the use of the Red Cross workers of the community. Carried.

Regarding Dads' Club needs for projects on hand, President Morrison called on Bill Fleager to outline their exact program and needs. It would be possible, he said, for school trustees to advance money for equipment if underwritten by the Dads' Club. In this connection he took the opportunity to report the outcome of a long-forgotten map selling project of the Association, in which \$75.00 had been invested. He moved that the proceeds of the maps sold, \$57.20, and the unsold 232 maps be donated to the Dads' Club. Some discussion followed as to the cost of various equipment, and as to the primary purposes for which this Asso-

EDITORIAL

In June, 1940, Orindians gave almost one thousand dollars to the American Red Cross for an emergency war relief fund. In sickening rapidity France, Belgium and Holland fell that month, and the British ferried two hundred and eighty thousand men across the channel in the most dramatic evacuation in history. What part our little one thousand dollars played in alleviating the suffering on the continent of Europe that summer only God knows. Confident we are, however, that through the American Red Cross, it went as far and as wisely as man could make it.

In December 1941, that American Red Cross is again raising a war relief fund, this

time not for Europeans, but for Americans in case of any war disaster. With a wisdom characteristic of its record, the Red Cross asks for funds before disaster strikes, in order to be prepared.

Let us remember that in total war civilians are as much a part of the front as the army and navy. One of the aims of the enemy is the creation of confusion and lowering of the morale of civilians. In this country the Red Cross has the organization and experience best fitting it to combat those aims of the enemy. Will you aid now in building a defense against panic and terror by helping the Red Cross to make adequate plans to handle such contingencies?



About three hundred residents of Orinda have signed up for Civilian Defense and have been assigned to their work. Many more are needed to protect this community and prepare it for any emergency that may arise. There is reprinted on page five of this issue the form which should be signed and filled out by every member of this community. If you have not already sent in your form please tear out this, fill it out and send it to Orinda Defense Committee, Box 36, Orinda. If more than this one form

is needed by your family they may be obtained at the Orinda Civilian Defense Council office, located in the Orinda Store building.

Every home in Orinda has now received a letter from the Finance Committee of the Orinda Civilian Defense asking for funds with which to carry on the necessary work for our protection. It is hoped that your response will be prompt and generous. We should all share in the expense of the protection that we shall all enjoy.

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12-15 CLUB

The last meeting of the year of the 12-15 Club was held at the home of Mrs. C. J. Cleborne, on December 9th. This meeting is always a gala costume affair and the theme of the gay nineties was carried out by all members dressed in that period dress, many old, beautiful gowns being worn.

Following the turkey dinner served and prepared by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Charles Malone and Mrs. Charles Bennett with Mrs. James Sullivan, President, carving the turkey, the election of officers was held.

New officers for the year 1942 elected were Mrs. Charles Malone, President, Mrs. A. Pasteris, Vice-President and Mrs. Charles Bennett, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. G. Stephen Perkins will assist Mrs. Pasteris by handling the knitting instruction for the group.

A farewell token was presented to Mrs. R. L. Mack who has been a member since the club was organized. Mrs. Mack is now living in San Francisco and is unable to attend meetings, but still retains an associate membership. Mrs. H. T. Doten was welcomed as a new member.

The first official business was made in the form of a motion by Mrs. Sullivan that the 12-15 purchase a sewing machine, to be used by the Red Cross during the emergency, so that more women may help with the much needed sewing. This motion was carried. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Claude Donaldson, 261 La Espiral on January 13, 1942.



CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Orinda Branch of the Children's Hospital, with the cooperation of the community, has earned \$500.00 for the hospital from March 1941 to Dec. 15, 1941. This money was earned through sale of tickets for Easter Fair; two bridge luncheons; a turkey drawing and work done for the spring Tea and Fashion Show. Shortly after the territory boundaries in Contra Costa County were determined for Orinda Branch, two emergency cases were brought into the hospital for which Orinda Branch was financially responsible.

Throughout the year there are a few "general events" sponsored by the hospital for all branches to participate in. All money earned by members for such events must necessarily go toward the maintenance of the hospital. However, one hundred per cent of the dues paid by Orinda Branch members and one hundred per cent of every dollar earned by Orinda Branch members from events planned by Orinda Branch goes exclusively for the care of needy Contra Costa County children.

The officers for 1942 are: Mrs. Everett Taylor, chairman; Mrs. Sheldon Duncan, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Harry Sutherland, Treasurer, and Mrs. Ambrose Macdonald, Secretary.

PERSONALS

The Misses Mildred and Virginia Hickok spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hickok. Miss Mildred is now Associate Director of the Girl Scouts in Santa Monica and Virginia is attending school at UCLA in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Barden and son Steven spent the Christmas holiday at Balboa Island visiting Mr. Barden's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Barden. This will be a happy re-union for the Bardens as it is the first time in seven years that they have been together.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dills and family spent the Christmas week visiting Mrs. Dill's sister, Mrs. Ivan Ditmar, at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott Curtiss journeyed to Los Angeles for the Christmas holiday to visit with Mr. Curtiss' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fleager of Glorietta Boulevard, entertained at a cocktail party on Saturday, December 20, in honor of Mrs. Fleager's sister, Mrs. Richard Weeks, who has recently moved to Moraga. Mrs. Weeks formerly resided in Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Shapiro entertained on Saturday, December 20th, in honor of Lt. and Mrs. George Horton of Spartansburg, South Carolina.



RED CROSS KNITTING GROUP

Starting January 2, the new Orinda Red Cross knitting center will be open from 2 to 5 on Wednesdays and Fridays, in the home of Mrs. George Brockhurst, 21 El Toyonal. Yarn for home work will be distributed, and lessons given, with emphasis on afghans and sweaters. Those who have never knitted, are urged to come and learn.

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 next meeting of the Santa Maria Church Association will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitt, Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette.

ORINDA, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL
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2 Last name (Print) First name Middle

3 Home address Phone Change of address

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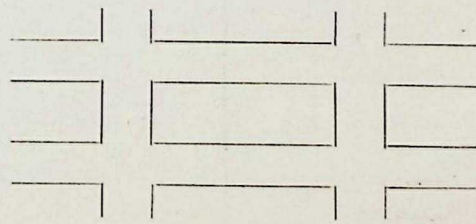
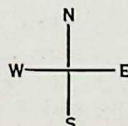
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ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Acalanes closed for the Christmas holidays Friday, December 19. Classes will be resumed Monday, January 5.

The last basketball game before the holidays was played between Acalanes and Pittsburg on Friday night, December 12. This was the night when all Contra Costa was blacked out. Lights were dimmed in the gymnasium and the 500 people in attendance were orderly and without panic. The band played and, with dancing and music, the crowd soon settled down to wait for the All-Clear signal. When the signal came the game was played as scheduled, Acalanes defeating Pittsburg. A high school board meeting was being held at the school on the same night.

The Acalanes Parent's Club postponed its December meeting Monday, December 15, due to the fact that the student's Christmas program was scheduled for Friday of that same week. In order to encourage attendance at the program, it was thought best to cancel meeting plans.



MOTHERS' CLUB

Mothers of high school students in the Orinda-Moraga area will hold a Preparedness meeting at one o'clock next Monday in the home of Mrs. E. J. Hertel, 17 Camino Encinas. As dessert will be served, reservations should be made.

Fire Chief Joe Varni will present the Preparedness Program developed for residents of the Orinda-Moraga area by the National Defense Council, the FBI, and the Military and Naval Intelligence services. Mr. Varni stresses the importance of specific training to prepare for bombing and surprise attack. High School Mothers will hear about the particular tasks for which they can be responsible. They will also learn how they may lead the youth of the community in preparing themselves for whatever may come.



BLACK-OUT

Of course black-outs come first. At least that is what happened to the grand program and night of fun which was to be held on December 12th by the Women's Guild at the Orinda School and after the black-out—well, everyone just hurried home, so the entire program had to be postponed.

Although it was a disappointment to the many people gathered to see the show, still we were grateful that we were in a well-heated comfortable place, and our hearts were kept light by the playing of the accordion and by the singing of Mrs. Leroy Sowers and audience of old time songs and Christmas carols.

ACALANES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

At the Acalanes Christmas program held at the school gymnasium Thursday, December 18, the Modern Dance Group made its first formal public appearance and was well received by the audience. "Ave Maria" music formed the background for the Madonna in this modernistic presentation. Acalanes is fortunate in having Miss Millicent Hamberger, who has studied the Dance extensively in Europe, to direct this popular activity which has been added to the schedule this year.

Another major feature of the evening's program was "Christmas Greetings," an original offering of the students which consisted of a variety of scenes representing Christmas cards. After the program the gymnasium, which was decorated by the Freshman class in keeping with the Christmas season, was filled with the voices of the audience as well as those of the students as everyone joined in community singing.



ACALANES PLANS DEFENSE STUDY

Defense plans of the Acalanes High School are following the policy of the other schools of the county, according to Stanley T. Warburton, principal of the high school. Principals of all the county schools met with Bryan Wilson, County Superintendent of Schools, to formulate a uniform policy according to the best available information. This policy consists in keeping the students in school until raid is over, imparting information as to the safest place to take shelter, and training by drills held once a week. It is the endeavor of the teaching staff to minimize the danger as much as possible to avert hysteria, yet to train the students to react automatically and without panic if an emergency should arise.

All teachers at Acalanes are enrolled in a First Aid Class. This class is held twice a week at the school between the hours of four and six. Other teachers in the district who wish to attend are invited to do so. In addition to the First Aid classes at the school, Miss Margaret Nichol森 and Mr. John Hopkins are conducting classes in Orinda. Others of the teaching staff are contributing their services to Civilian Defense by taking their turns at the Lafayette Fire House.



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MEETING MINUTES

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ciation was formed; also refutation was made to the assertion that the sale of the maps had had little cooperation. The motion was then put to a vote, and carried.

President Morrison remarked that we were now ready to get rid of some real money and called upon Ed Sibbett, who reported the details of the transfer of powers from Hacienda Homes and E. I. deLaveaga to the new Hacienda Homes organization. Directors will be Clarence Fleager, President, H. W. Gentry, Vice-President, and E. I. deLaveaga. Ed Sibbett will act temporarily as Secretary. The Improvement Association will act as Trustee and will call the first election. Ralph Wilson's motion that the Association's Roads and Restrictions Committee be discharged with thanks, was carried.

The new President of Hacienda Homes was then called upon. He announced that a meeting of directors was held Dec. 1, and as a result Joe Navone has been employed and gutters have already been cleared of debris, and will be kept open throughout the winter. Also, a survey of the roads on the East side has been made by a contractor, who stated it would cost less to rebuild some of them than it would to repair them. Some of the holes, he reported, were too bad to fix. Mr. Fleager stated it may be necessary to request a token assessment of perhaps \$1.00 per lot for corporate expenses, before the first regular assessment is levied. He reported that he and Supervisor Cummings and Mr. Jordan of the Water District would meet soon to go over the roads, the repair possibilities of some of which he discussed. General discussion followed on maintenance and preventive measures, etc. Mr. Fleager invited questions on all phases of the problem. Leo Alexander raised the point as to private agreements between Mr. deLaveaga and various groups who have carried out their own road program. It was answered that amounts due from property owners who did not meet the assessment should be reimbursed upon their receipt to the group who had met the obligation for the repairs, providing all proper records were available.

Following the announcement that the Dads' Club would assist in decorating the school's tree for the Christmas contest, the meeting was adjourned to hot coffee and doughnuts — also hot, thanks to Mrs. Ketcham and Mrs. Dorrington.



BOY SCOUT DEFENSE NEWS

In Orinda, as elsewhere, the Boy Scouts are working in cooperation with the home guard for civilian defense. At this time they are preparing in communications and first aid for this community. A number of the Scouts are planning to attend a training conference near Soda Springs for emergency service.

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ORINDA THEATRE HOLDS GALA OPENING

The Orinda Theatre opened Saturday evening, December 27, with two complete performances. The featured picture was "Texas" a saga of the west in which William Holden, Claire Trevor and Glenn Ford starred. There were several short subjects including the latest edition of "Information Please," a comedy entitled "Superman at the Zoo" and Paramount News.

George Fisher, 20th Century Fox player and well known Hollywood commentator acted as Master of Ceremonies at the premiere. He introduced the screen stars Jean Parker and Guy Kibbee who received great acclaim from the audience. Paul Winchell also entertained with his unique ventriloquist act which was greatly enjoyed. It was indeed a gala performance for the opening night.

Those who attended the theatre spent much time in admiring the design and furnishings. The color scheme of American Beauty Rose, Bright Blue and Midnight Blue in the foyer is especially pleasing. The theater proper is decorated and designed by Tony Heinsberger of Los Angeles. The wall paintings represent the lands bordering the Pacific and the ocean itself. The seats are luxuriously comfortable and are spaced so that the room between rows allows others to enter without those seated having to stand to let them pass. Everthing has been

done for the comfort of the patron. This is indeed a theatre in which the community can take pride and which is offering to us the newest in entertainment at all times.

We extend to Mr. Randall best wishes for the success of Orinda Theatre.



RED CROSS SEWING GROUPS

The Orinda Red Cross has received many offers of workrooms and sewing machines. Among the residents who have offered their homes are:

Mrs. George Hickok, on El Toyonal Road; Mrs. M. H. Groves, 25 Camino Encinas; Mrs. A. K. Pettengill, 235 La Espiral; Mrs. H. T. Doten, 51 Via Hermosa; Mrs. H. J. Henrique, in Orinda Oaks, and Mrs. W. F. Brown, 7 La Bolsita. Mrs. John L. Stoffel is organizing a group in Moraga Woodlands. The knitting group will meet at the home of Mrs. George Brockhurst, 21 El Toyonal.

New sewing machines have been bought for the Red Cross by the Orinda Improvement Association, the Women's Guild of the Orinda Community Church, and by the 12-15 Club. Generous offers of machines have also been made by Mrs. A. B. Hayward, Mrs. Edward Adams, Mrs. Louise Bosa, Mrs. M. H. Groves, and Mrs. H. B. Oliphant. Cutting tables are urgently needed, and experienced workers, as the need is greater than ever before.

DEFENSE ENTERTAINMENT

On with the show!

When approached about canceling the patriotic revue "You Can Defend America," presented by the Moral Re-armament Group, Mr. Hassler, city manager of Oakland, proclaimed that now, more than ever, its message must be given to the public.

On Sunday afternoon, December 14th, the first war-time use of this show in the nation to build morale thrilled a large audience at the Rockridge club in Oakland. The simple truths portrayed in each act warmed the hearts which had so recently been chilled by a complete black-out up and down the Pacific Coast. Young laughter filled the hall over one act of comedy and old and young feet tapped the floor in time to the gay tunes and martial airs throughout the revue. As Mr. Larry Moore, Mayor of Piedmont, said in his talk between curtains that afternoon: "This show is not only entertainment, but a national necessity in the most critical time of history. Every city, every community in the country should make use of the privilege to put on this revue to build the inner defense which is our only hope of complete victory."

Residents of Orinda who have seen the production agree with Mr. Moore and we hope soon after the first of the year such a demand will be felt here that it will be necessary to present "You Can Defend America" to Orinda.

ORINDA THEATRE

We wish to thank the people of Orinda and the surrounding communities for their most wonderful response to our new Theatre. You have literally swept us off our feet.

BEN RANDALL