



ANNIVERSARY—Villa Park Queen Gretchen Robinson holds sword ready to cut traditional birthday cake during the city's 10th anniversary party as Mayor Don Winn formerly dedicates new civic building while VIP guests listen and are from left: Ralph Clark, county supervisor; Anthony Coco, Tustin mayor; and Don Smith, Orange mayor. Celebration was an all-day affair.

WHERE THE GOOD TIMES ARE: VILLA PARK BIRTHDAY PARTY

VILLA PARK SLOTTING CENTER
Saturday, January 15
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MILE-LONG PARADE

From Serrano down Santiago, past the shopping center to Lemon, and north to Taft.

HOT-DOGS A DIME PEPSI FOR A NICKEL

POPCORN! TACOS! COFFEE! DONUTS!

BEER GARDEN AND BARBERSHOP CHORUS!

BOOTHS, GOODIES, AND GAMES-----

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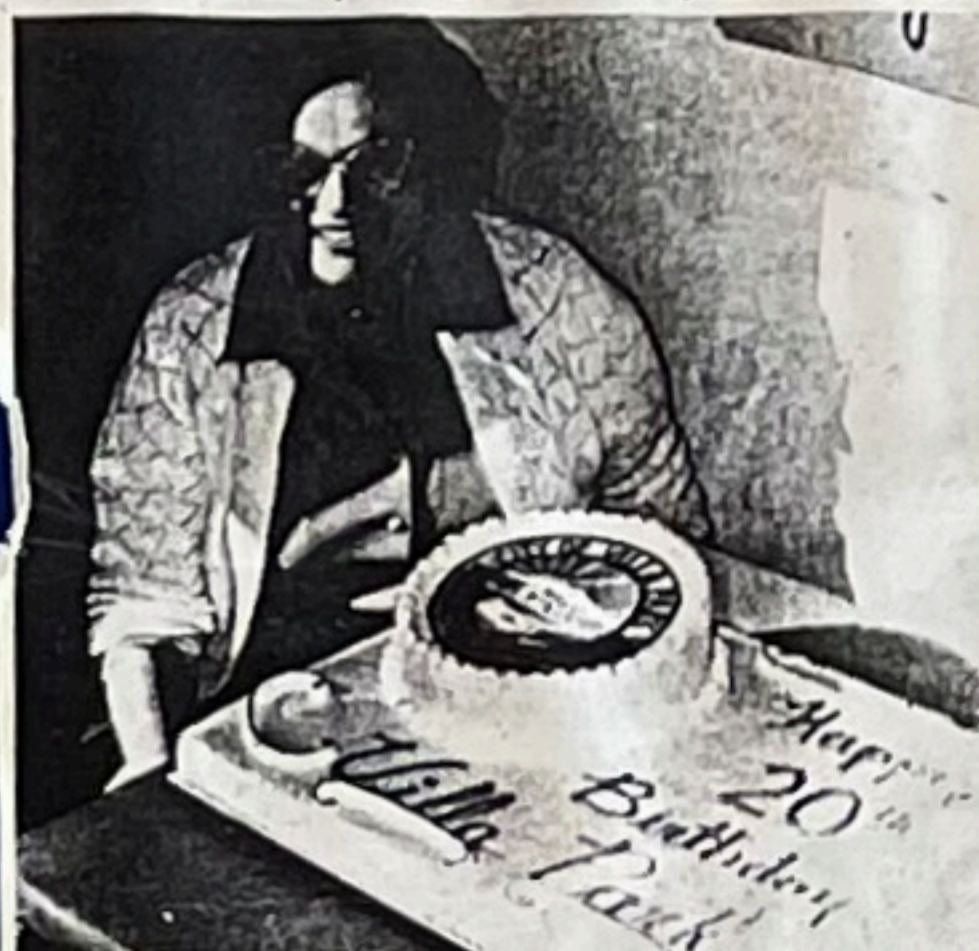
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VILLA PARK'S FIRST ANNUAL ART FAIR!

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Villa Park Enjoys 1982 Birthday Celebration

The community of Villa Park delighted in a successful 20th birthday celebration Sunday, Jan. 17, in the Villa Park Center. Citizens of all ages turned out in large numbers to participate in the day's events, run the 2 or 5 mile route, view the parade, feast on barbecued hamburgers and birthday cake, and drink a toast to their home town on the big occasion.



SPECIAL DESSERT — Party goers were treated to the city's birthday cake decorated by Georgia Anasis. (photo by Sitas)

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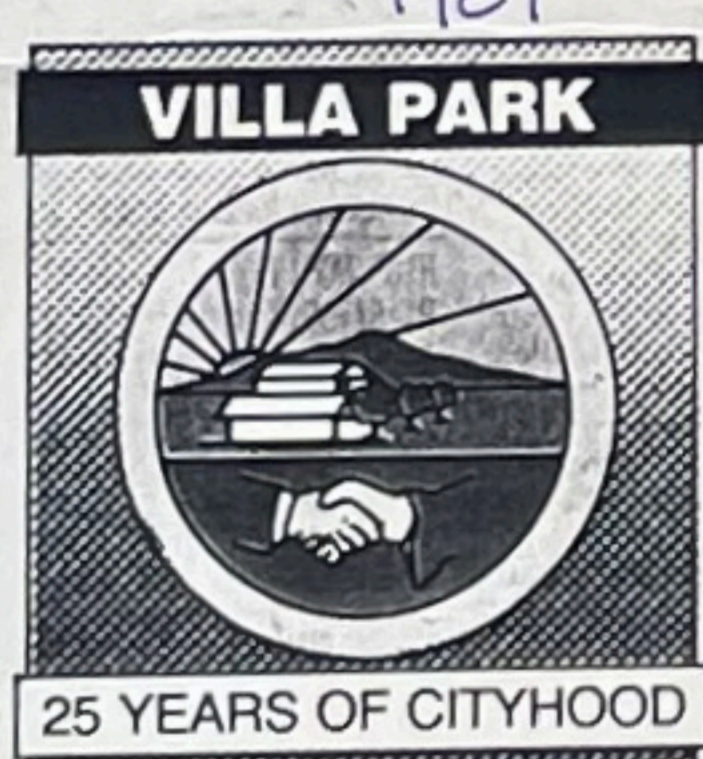
Richard Polley will lead the Cerro Villa Junior High School band during anniversary celebrations on Saturday.

Villa Park's silver anniversary

The city's only 25, but area history goes back over 100 years

By Josie Cabigligo
The Register

When the first residents came to Villa Park in the 1800s, they were surrounded by mountains, rolling hills and not much else. Despite construction of a shopping center and housing subdivisions during the past century — and incorporation 25 years ago — the community has retained its rural atmosphere.



that houses City Hall, the community remains a relaxing haven for residents who work in the hustle-bustle cities surrounding their 2.6-square-mile city, longtime residents said.

ANNIVERSARY: Area's history stretches back more than 100 years

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20th and now 25th birthday celebrations, said Wells, 53, who has lived in the city since 1968.

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approximately 7,000 residents are interested in maintaining the status quo and figuring out a way to deal with the increasing traffic caused by developments in East Orange, she said.

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VILLA PARK: 25 YEARS OF CITYHOOD

Full slate of activities planned for birthday

10K run, parade start off a day filled with entertainment

The Register
Along activities are planned for Villa Park residents Sunday, when the city holds a celebration marking its 25 years of incorporation.

the U.S. Marine Corps Band and Color Guard, a 45-foot-long replica of the U.S. Navy cruiser USS Los Angeles, the Wells Fargo Stage, the Villa Park High School flags drill team, children dressed as well-known books, an honor band of combined musicians from El Modena and Canyon high schools, the Cerro Villa Junior High School Band, Model-T Fords and Disneyland characters, Sitzer said.

program will be Kent Christensen's contemporary group, "The Mudsters," barbershop quartets "Nickel Beer" and "Seonotes," the Frank Amoss Dixieland Band "Mississippi Mudders," the Santa Ana Golden City Chorus, a 40-member barbershop chorus, the Cypress College Camarata Singers and bluegrass and country-western entertainers.

Corp., a non-profit organization also is planned. Special 25th birthday T-shirts and jackets will be on sale throughout the day. Each bears the logo created specifically for the silver anniversary by Taffy Sitzer, a Villa Park calligrapher and design artist.

Special parade attractions will be

providing a widely varied musical

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the oracle

villa park high school, villa park, ca.

friday, january 22, 1982

villa park celebrates 20th anniversary

16-year old area resident crowned as miss villa park in honor of the city's incorporation



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... Villa Parkers enjoy themselves as they listen to the country band, at Villa Park's 20th birthday celebration last Sunday. (photo by Sitzer)

As the veteran music came to an abrupt halt, a crowd began to gather around the stage. Twelve pretty Villa Park girls, dressed in attire fitting for the occasion, assembled behind the scaffold waiting intently and nervously for what each had anticipated would be their name.

But an even more excited, more overjoyed Miss Wynters began to cry as she was crowned amidst the admiring throng. The serving of a huge birthday cake, decorated with the city seal, ensued, capping the end of an exhausting, yet fun-filled day; the city's Twentieth Anniversary of its Incorporation.

Summing up the day as a definite success, Sitzer pointed out that, "Teamwork was the key."



HOME TOUR — Villa Park Women's League members (from left) Mrs. Bud Verege and Mrs. Louis Haan help Mrs. Donald DeGroot tidy her floor-to-ceiling library for the organization's "Parade of Homes" tour to begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 19. In addition to the DeGroot residence, the homes of Messrs. and Mmes. Gary Cadwallader, Raymond Larson, John Robinson, Peter Pinson, and Al Culler will be on display. Invitations to view the homes have been sent to members and guests of the Orange Women's and Junior Women's Clubs, Santa Ana Women's and Junior Women's Clubs, and the Canyon Women's Club according to ways and means chairman Mrs. Thomas Dillon. Refreshments will be served at the final stop on the tour. (Register photo by Clay Mills)

HOME TOUR



VILLA PARK'S SUPER WORD WONDERS - Winners of The Library's summer reading game are, in front, Lisa and Sharon Takata, and in back, Melanie Takata, Lori Bosse, Bryan Smith and Michael McGowan. Also winning, but not shown here, was Jeannie Holmes. (News-Times photo by Rick Vallens)

Villa Park Reading Program Concluded

The Time-Trek Summer Reading Program at the Villa Park Library has come to a close. 172 children participated during the entire summer, starting the first week after school was out in June. Enthusiasm and interest shown this year was extremely gratifying to the entire Library Staff. A special showing of "Bedknobs and Broomsticks" was held in the Community Room this afternoon as a special reward for all children who had read four or more books. There was an attendance of 125 present, for the movie and the presentation of awards to the outstanding participants for the summer. Miss Lisa Takata was the first place winner, having completed the Time-Trek Timeline Game 13 times. In a close second and third position were Sharon Takata and Michael McGowan. Three other finalists were named: Jeannie Holmes, Melanie Takata and Bryn Smith, with a special award for the "Hardest, Longest Books read being given to Lori Bosse.

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*Is your bike working safe?
Did this boy's bike have*

- 1. Both hand brakes working?*
- 2. A reflector?*

**THE BICYCLE ROUNDUP WILL TELL YOU
SATURDAY 17 NOV. 9 AM. - 3 PM.
Villa Park High school, parking lot**

- Bicycle safety films - safety inspection
- safe riding course and Awards
- A Schwinn sting-ray and other prizes
- see yourself on video tape

SPONSORED BY:
The Villa Park Women's League

**Poster Contest AT ELEM. SCHOOLS and
CERRO VILLA JR. HI. - JUDGING ON NOV. 9
PRIZES FOR EACH SCHOOL**

Villa Park Women's League Scholarships

The Villa Park Women's League annually grants scholarships to Villa Park residents who are high school seniors regardless of the high school attended. Applications may be obtained from Mr. Finlayson at Villa Park High School beginning March 15, 1981, and must be returned by April 15, 1981. Applications may also be obtained by calling Virginia Woidneck at 637-8014. The scholarships are awarded on merit only.

Scholarship Winners

- Kathryn Ann Barnett
- Leslie Everett
- Kent Madsen

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Modern Priscilla Club
of
Villa Park

May 9, 1962

Charter Members

May 15, 1912

- Mrs. Florence Clayton
- Mrs. Elizabeth Copenhaver
- Mrs. Clara DeLong
- Mrs. Bess Gillogly
- Mrs. May Handy
- Mrs. Myrtle Holditch
- Miss Elizabeth Lee
- Mrs. Effie Nelson
- Mrs. Ethel Robb
- Mrs. Queenie Strickland

Present Members

May 9, 1962

- Mrs. Georgia Adams
- Mrs. Nellie Adams
- Mrs. Faye Baker
- Mrs. Bessie Bergen
- Mrs. Hazel Brewer
- Mrs. Lucile Brubaker
- Mrs. Vida Collins
- Mrs. Frances Collins
- Mrs. Martha Crawford
- Mrs. Agnes Cruzen
- Mrs. Lora Gardner
- Mrs. Elsie Graham
- Mrs. Anna Holditch
- Mrs. Lily Holditch
- Miss Margaret Holditch
- Mrs. Myrtle Holditch
- Mrs. Madge Hughes
- Mrs. Bonnie Morningstar
- Mrs. Eunice Nichols
- Mrs. Mary Robinson
- Mrs. Olga Rosenau
- Mrs. Clara Shadown
- Mrs. Marjorie Talmage
- Mrs. Lucy Tipple
- Mrs. Josephine Tritt
- Mrs. Clara Ulrich

In Memoriam

	Died
Agnes Adams	1947
Pearl Adams	1948
Emma Allen	1955
Maggie Boden	1913
Annie Caldwell	1943
Jessie Carriker	1962
Madge Christiansen	1949
Ellen Crowell	1925
Veve Durmbaugh	1953
Ella Englehardt	1925
Vera Goetsch	Unknown
May Handy	1949
Erma Howe	1949
Ethel Hull	1919
Elizabeth Lee	1946
Erma Lee	1940
Elsie Leichtfuss	1961
Mrs. Herbert Livingstone	1960
Linna Morningstar	1950
Mary Murdock	1940
Madge Newcomb	Unknown
Elizabeth Perkins	1940
Bess Rasch	1941
Queenie Strickland	1959
Bella Thomson	1961
Edythe Thomson	1943
Mary Wait	Unknown
Geraldine Williamson	Unknown

March 5, 1941

The Priscillas met with Mrs. Roy Bell for a dessert luncheon. After partaking of delicious salad and sandwiches served on individual trays, a pleasant afternoon was spent in conversation, sewing, crocheting and knitting.

In the absence of the President, the U. P. Mrs. Vida Collins presided over the short business meeting. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

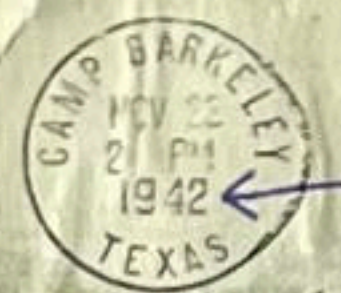
Mrs. Rasch invited the Club to meet at her home when she and Mrs. Flovie Morrow will serve a 1 o'clock dessert luncheon. There being no further business visiting was resumed.
Bora Gardner, Secy.



MEMORIES - Looking over a scrapbook of the Modern Priscilla Club of Villa Park, which they have kept for 50 years, are (from left to right) Miss Margaret Holditch, Mrs. Myrtle Holditch and Mrs.

Lucile Brubaker. Margaret has served as treasurer of the club for 40 years and both she and Myrtle are charter members. Mrs. Brubaker is current president of the club. (Register photo)

HEADQUARTERS
41st Station Hospital
Camp Berkeley, Texas



The Modern Priscilla Club
c/o Miss Margaret Holditch
257 1/2 North Glassell Street
Orange, California



Miss Myrtle Holditch
Orange,
Calif.



NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL

ARMY AND NAVY

Young Men's Christian Association

WITH THE COLORS



The Modern Priscillas Camp Kearny,
Villa Park Cal. Sat. P.M.

Dear Friends:

You can't imagine how surprised & pleased I was to get your package. You people at home do not know how much something like that is appreciated or how much a rarity and novelty it is in a confinement like this.

The cake and candy were the best ever. I can prove this by seven other fellows who share my tent.

Again, thanking you for your thoughtfulness as well as the gift & remain yours sincerely

Walter S. Buntak

"E" Co. 100 Inf.

41st Station Hospital
Camp Berkeley, Texas
November 22, 1942

The Modern Priscilla Club
c/o Margaret Holditch
257 1/2 North Glassell Street
Orange, California

My dear ladies,

Or should I say "dear members". But that would make me feel that I had not given up my membership in the Modern Priscillas and I assure you that I gave that up when I graduated from the Villa Park Grammar School. However, I think I use to take in the "alumnae" meetings each summer at the Brewer cottage while still in high school.

I wish to thank each and everyone of you for the three month subscription to the Orange Daily News. It is a great pleasure to get the home town paper when so far from there, and to be able to keep track of the goings and comings of those we know and love best.

At present I'm a member of what in the army is referred to as "a numbered hospital". That means that it has no special location and to be more specific we have no hospital until we take a ride in a boat. But there is plenty for us to do in an administrative way, hospital or not. The boys attend classes at a central point here as there are several of these hospital units and some of them get actual experience in the post station hospital. The medical officers for the most part are understudies at the post station hospital and that leaves us (the Medical Administrative Officers) to keep track of all the paper work the army demands.

Let me thank you again for the subscription and should any of you care to drop me a line, I would be very glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence E. Nichols
2d Lt, Med. Adm C

On May 10, 1972 the Pucelle Club held their 60th anniversary luncheon at the Western Federal Savings Loan Building on No. Justin Ave. Orange. One of our members, Mrs. Lawrence Collins, secured the use of the actual room for the meeting. It was a spacious room with large windows revealing a peaceful, quiet atmosphere in spite of being located in a very busy area.

At 12:30 a pot-luck luncheon was served with Olga Rosenau and Myrtle Holditch as hostesses. As usual in such circumstances there was an abundance of delicious food. No one hurried through the main course as there was much to remember and talk about. A beautifully decorated, 60th anniversary cake graced the end of the buffet table and was cut and served by Lily Holditch with assistance from numerous members. The guest book was one used

when the club entertained guests and family friends when their 50th anniversary was celebrated. On the tables with the guest book were other mementoes of club activities and membership lists going back to the founding year 1912. There were letters of appreciation from servicemen from both World Wars. First class letters with 2 cent stamps were objects of interest and comment. It was a nostalgic occasion with laughter and washed tears.

Two daughters of present members namely Elizabeth Clem and Catherine Craft accompanied their mothers to the luncheon. Dorothy Daye Oakman came from Alhambra and found many memories of her childhood in Villa Park among the records of former years. Hilda Ragan was a welcome visitor on this occasion. Members who attended were: Hazel Brewer, Vida Collins, Nellie Adams, Madge Frasier, Lily Holditch, Myrtle Holditch, Ann Knuth, James Crum, Josephine Pitt,

Elice Graham, Lucy Triple and Olga Rosenau.

Respectfully submitted,
Olga Rosenau
Secretary

The Way We Were

by Barbara Miller

Sit back for a moment and picture stately rolling hills reaching to the Pacific Ocean, bounded by mountains to the north, a winding creek to the west and Red Hill to the east. One can easily imagine the reverence Spaniard Juan Pablo Grijalva must have felt as he looked out over the land that now holds Orange County.



Courtesy of Alice and Jay Cornelison
Villa Park Grocery Store, Katella and Wanda. Torn down 1969 to widen Katella Avenue.

In 1801 Grijalva petitioned the King of Spain, requesting a tract of land to pasture his cattle and horses. Although there is no proof that Grijalva actually held rights to the land, his son-in-law Don Jose Antonio Yorba and grandson Juan Pablo Peralta were officially granted the land in 1810. And so the famous Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana came into being.

The Yorba family controlled most of the land during the 19th Century, but by the last quarter outsiders began to find their way into the area. By 1875 two major tracts of Villa Park had been formed. The Lotspeich tract consisted of 635 acres to the south of Santiago Blvd., and the Gray tract was to the north. Villa Park, however, did not become a recognizable community until the 1880s.

The Mountain View school was established in 1880 with four pupils, one of them only four years old! Soon they had 20, though, and moved to a new building with all of two rooms.

A post office was finally

opened in 1888 at the home of B.C. Barber near Center and Lincoln. Interestingly, the name Villa Park was used only as a postal address at the time, since Mountain View, the name by which the area was known, was already a postal address in Northern California. Soon after opening, the post office was moved to the Adams Store at Center and Villa Park.

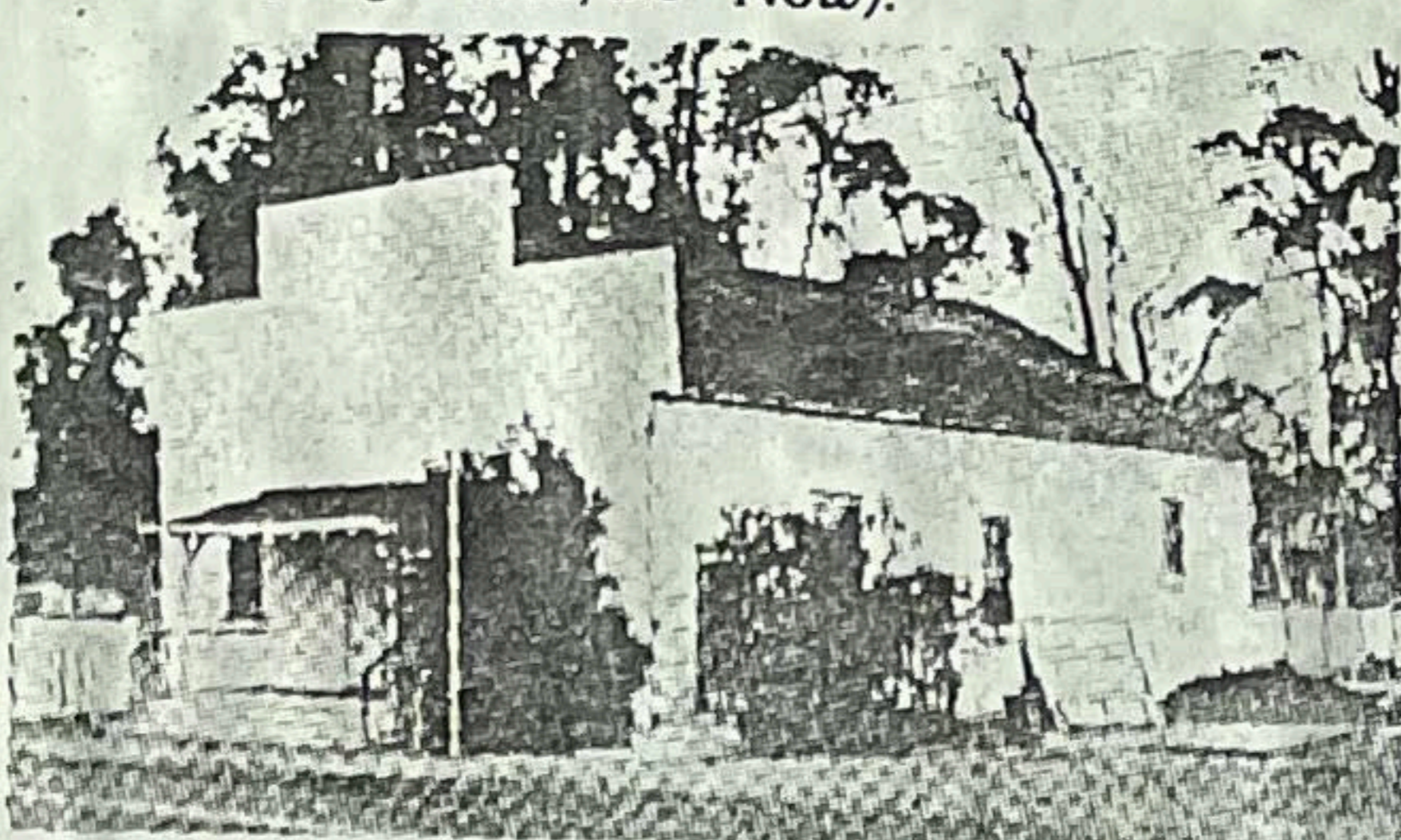
The area grew steadily,

with families as far away as the British Isles moving in to take advantage of the pleasant climate and diversified opportunities.

One of Villa Park's highlights, certainly, came in 1962 when the city was incorporated. The old cliché that good things come in small packages rings true in this case -- Villa Park began as the smallest town in Orange County, with a population of 830 and situated on 2.6 square miles. After much consideration, the Orange County Planning Department adopted a basic concept of one-half acre lots for the new city.

The old City Hall, built in 1904 on Villa Park Road, had been used since 1964, but it quickly became overcrowded and outdated. Finally, the city purchased one-half acre at what is now the Villa Park Shopping Center, and a new City Hall, which also houses the library, was opened in 1972.

In the spring of 1970, the



Courtesy of Levora Smith
Villa Park Hall (1904-1973) on Villa Park Road.

Villa Park Shopping Center was opened along Santiago Blvd. A few of the original businesses are intermingled among the more than 40 merchants and professionals that now complete the Center.

The close-knit community atmosphere, so dear to Villa Park residents, has seemed to prevail over the inevitability of population growth. And grown it has! By January of 1975, there were more than 6,000 residents, quite an increase from the 830 of 13 years earlier.

While some refer to Villa Park as the "Bel-Air of Orange County," and others call it "rural suburbia," most likely the majority of residents think of their town as a very special home.

Editor's Note: Our special thanks to Louise Booth, author of *Villa Park: Then And Now*, and the Villa Park Historical Society. (Photos from *Villa Park: Then And*

Now).

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3	10 lbs. apples 3.70
4	9 lbs. apples 3.01
5	15 lbs. milk (cream) 1.25
6	5 qt. milk 1.95
7	1 lb. soap 48
8	5 lbs. flour 2.50
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10	1 doz sugar 50
11	6 1/2 lbs. 45
12	3 1/2 lbs. 39
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WE DELIVER—PHONE ORANGE 67-J

Villa Park city hall serves community well

by Linnea Lagerquist

Villa Park's city hall, located on Katella Ave. (or Villa Park Road, as some old-time residents insist) has seen it all.

Presently housing Villa Park city offices, the false-fronted edifice was originally built in 1904 as a social hall. Previously, the Villa Park Community church and the two-room Mountain View School were utilized for this purpose.

Unfortunately, neither building was suitable for dances or gatherings, according to an anonymous local historian.

A few other local residents began canvassing the community in 1903 for support of the then-proposed hall, forming the Villa Park Hall Association.

Mrs. Amelia Durfee virtually donated the one-third acre which the hall now occupies, deeding the parcel (described as "100 feet East and West by 145 feet North and South in the South West Corner of the South East quarter of Lot No. 3, Lotspeich & Company's Tract") to W.H. MacDonald, D.W. Grwell, and H.T. Thomson as trustees.

Construction, all of it done by hand, was begun in September 1904 by Charlie Knuth and R.V. Durfee. Men of the community pitched in and the ladies often brought lunch and coffee to the workers, much like a house-building party.

Controversy surrounded building of stage

"The design and construction of the stage and dressing rooms led to a great deal of discussion," notes the historian, "and some objections; a few felt it was not proper to have a stage at all." The stage curtain was paid for by selling advertising space on it to local merchants.

When the hall was finished, complete with a cafeteria-style kitchen, members of the community commenced raising money to finish paying for it.

"Probably one of the most effective means of raising money" comments the historian, "was through box socials. The young ladies would do their best to make up the most attractive looking box with the best pie and cake inside. The young men, and some not so young, would bid the price up as the auction started. I remember one young man who had sold a calf for \$15.00, buying three boxes with the money.

"Competition for certain young ladies' boxes was fast and furious. One such box social brought in \$150.00."

Hall deeded to water company

Since by 1914 the community had experienced some attrition in population, the trustees proposed that the hall be deeded to "what was then the Serrano Water Company, now the Villa Park Mutual Water Company." The property was transferred on November 19, 1915, with the stipulation that the building be kept in good repair and that members of the community be allowed to use it cost-free.

In 1946, another issue emerged. The Villa Park Hall was by then in need of remodeling; also, Villa Park Elementary School had no auditorium. Faced with such a conflict of interests, the people decided to build the auditorium and use it for community meetings instead of renovating the hall.

Between that time and the incorporation of the City of Villa Park, the Hall has been used once by some El Toro Marines who staged a dance. The structure then stood virtually unused until incorporation approximately nine years ago.



67 YEARS OF SERVICE TO VP

When Villa Park residents drive past this building on Katella Ave. west of Santiago Creek they sometimes look twice. In this day of multi-million dollar edifices and sophisticated architecture, VP's 67-year-old city hall remains one of the oldest in Orange County.

(ORA-LE photo by Mayfio)

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Rules & Regulations

Name Modern Priscillas of Villa Park
 Motto Help one another
 Time Wednesday afternoon from 2-5
 Place With members at their homes alphabetically
 Refreshments To be served or optional with the hostess, and not to be more than two articles of food.
 Expenses Dues to be 5cts a month payable the 1st of month.
 Election 1st of January and Officers 1st of July.

2
Report of each meeting to be sent to Orange Daily News by the Sec.

Hostess must be notified if a member is unable to attend.

Age Limit No unmarried women under 20 and no married woman with children over 16 shall be admitted to membership of the club

Intellectual work & Members to take turns in giving at each meeting entertainment in form of current events, music or any subject in which the club would be interested

Modern Priscilla Club
Original Rules and Regulations



The MODERN PRISCILLA CLUB OF VILLA PARK was organized in 1912 by a group of young women who met regularly until 1972; a span of 60 years. The Club was named after a popular needlework magazine of the time.

Meetings included a business agenda, refreshments and either entertainment or information on topics of current interest provided by the members. There were many social events, which included families, such as picnics and beach parties. Involvement in community affairs was an important part of the Club's activities, especially during the two world wars. The members gave blood and sent many packages and letters to young men in the armed forces. The membership never exceeded 30 members at one time. These women were a close-knit group of friends and shared the special events of each other's lives - birthdays, weddings, births, anniversaries and later, sadly, deaths.

Although the Priscillas did not disband until 1972 and the Villa Park Women's League was founded in 1969, the League is, in many ways, the spiritual heir of the Priscillas, serving as the hub of social life, activities and community service in Villa Park. The League was, therefore, greatly honored by the gift of all of the minute books, records and correspondence of the 60 years of the Priscilla's existence. These papers were given to the League in 1982 by one of the Priscillas' founding members, Mrs. Myrtle Holditch. To ensure that these unique documents would be preserved and made available to local historians the Women's League is placing them in the keeping of the Special Collections of the University of California at Fullerton. The Priscilla documents are currently being used by a graduate student for a research paper on women's organizations.

July 14, 1915

Modern Priscillas met at the home of Mrs Palmer.

Six members and the following visitor were present. Mrs E. J. Brown and daughter Clara, Mrs W. S. Jackson, Mrs Sherman Gillogly and daughters Helen and Florence.

Mrs Brown favored us with two piano solos and Mrs Palmer sang two solos accompanied by Mrs. Brown. One of the solos was especially for the children present entitled "Poor Sil' Sam" by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

Delightful refreshments were then served after which we adjourned to meet next week with Mrs. Holditch.

Mrs Holditch
Sec.

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Signed

Mrs. Clara de Long, Pres.

R. E. Lee

Mrs May Hardy Sec