



Michele Cardon/The Registe

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 Cabiglio 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.

As Villa Park residents prepare Sunday to celebrate the city's quartercentury mark, they also are rejoicing that they have been able to keep the close-knit residential community much the same as what pro-cityhood orces in 1962 fought to maintain.

Though most of the area's orange groves are gone, replaced by large omes and a small shopping center

VILLA PARK

25 YEARS OF CITYHOOD

that houses City Hall, the community remains a relaxing haven for residents who work in the hustle-bustle cities surrounding their 2.6-squaremile city, longtime residents said. cally sound, is 97 percent developed. City Manager Carolyn Wallace said. Its annual budget of \$1.6 million is

The city, which always has been fisaugmented by a reserve of approximately \$1.7 million, she said. For the city's immediate future, its

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.

Residents "like the rural-type atmosphere even though they are in an urban area," Wallace said. Homes "are well-maintained. Villa Park is not going to have to worry about substandard or deteriorated housing.

One parcel of land adjacent to the shopping center at Wanda Road and Santiago Boulevard, belonging to the Villa Park Orchards Association, someday could be developed into commercial property, Wallace said. City officials do not yet have plans to de-

velop that area, she said. Villa Park "is the kind of place where it's easy to get involved if you want to," said city historian Cathy Wells, whose husband, Jim, served two terms as a city councilman. "It's a small, cohesive community and a

wonderful place to bring up children. That cohesiveness is evident in the way Villa Park residents have gotten involved in planning the city's 10th, Please see ANNIVERSARY/12

which took in the area north of Santi-

Later the two tracts were combined

into what eventually became Cerro

Villa Heights, now the northeast por-

The first Villa Park school, Moun

tain View School, was established in

1880 in a small shed on the James M.

from Orange, Olive (now a part of

Orange), Villa Park, El Modena (also

now a part of Orange) and 'Orange

Park Acres formed to work on a zon-

ing plan that would benefit the entire

The committee agreed that the Or-

ange property abutting Villa Park

should be zoned for 10,000-square-foot

lots to ease into Villa Park's 20,000-

But a change in the Orange City

Council led to zoning of 7,000-square-

foot lots next to Villa Park and "that

blew up the people of Villa Park,"

"We didn't want crackerbox subdi-

visions (next door)," he said. "If it

had not been zoned as it is, you

In 1955, about 24 couples met at the

home of Robert and Patricia Hitt to

organize the Villa Park Property

Owners' Association, which soon af-

terward appeared before Orange

County supervisors and walked away

The supervisors' action prevented

sive dust and traffic through the Villa

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Villa Park Enjoys 1982 **Birthday Celebration**

occasion.

Chairman Mary Silzel

The community of Villa and Mayor Bob Helton Park delighted in a extend sincere thanks to successful 20th birthday the committee of hardcelebration Sunday, Jan. working chairmen and 17, in the Villa Park their volunteers who put Center. Citizens of all together a day of western ages turned out in large fun and nostalgia; Chuck numbers to participate in the day's events, run the 2 service; John Frackelton or 5 mile route, view the with Ev Elliott, beverage parade, feast on service; Mary and Dick barbecued hamburgers Wright, parade and birthday cake, and chairmen; Cathy Wells drink a toast to their mugs and tickets; Jim home town on the big Christensen, music; and Karen Christensen, Villa

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SPECIAL DESSERT - Party goers were treated to the city's Hirthday cake decorated by Georgia Anasis. (photo by Sikes)

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

Daylong activities are planned for Villa Park residents Sunday, when the city holds a celebration marking its 25 years of incorporation. The all-community party, which will be held in the Town Center at Wanda Road and Santiago Boulevard, will recognize the history and flavor of Orange County's smallest city, said Mary Silzel, who has been involved in

coordinating activities. An early morning 10-kilometer run through the city will kick off the festivities, followed by an 11 a.m. parade. The 21/2-mile parade route begins on

Taft Avenue at Villa Park High Street, where it turns south to Santiago Boulevard, then heads west and

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 costumed 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 Dis-

neyland characters, Silzel said. A brief ceremony opening the "birthday party" will be held in front of City Hall at the end of the parade, she said. Congressman William Dannemeyer will be one of the guests at the ceremony, she said. The continuous entertainment will

begin as the parade arrives at the center, stretching throughout the afternoon and ending at approximately 7 p.m., she said. Food and beverage booths featuring

all types of refreshments, games, con-School, and heads east to Sycamore tests, historical displays and activities involving youth, philanthropic and civic groups will form the backends at the Town Center at about 12:30 drop for a host of local professional groups that will entertain revelers. Special parade attractions will be Providing a widely varied musical

program will be Kent Christensen's contemporary group, Mudsters," barbershop quartets "Nickel Beer" and "Seanotes," 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

Ken Henderson and Billy Handy, Villa Park residents, will present "The Billy Bob and Ken Radio Show," spinning '50s and '60s records by request and sending out dedications. Also performing, under the direction of Karen Christensen, will be the past presidents of the Villa Park Women's League and past members of the Villa Park City Council. The group will present a song-and-dance

country-western entertainers.

Lining up the day's entertainment are Kay and Nick Rogers, with special hometown emcees handling the allday show presented on an outdoor

routine with fireworks and balloons.

A continuous drawing for the "Reverse Raffle" sponsored by the Villa Park Community Access Television

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 spe-

cifically for the silver anniversary by Taffy Sitzman, a Villa Park calligrapher and design artist. Proceeds from the sales will help meet the costs of presenting the cele-

bration, Silzel said. Arrangements for the all-city birthday party have been made by the Villa Park 25th Anniversary Steering Committee, chaired by Jim and Lorraine

Serving as assistants are Nick and Kay Rogers; John and Joel Johnson; Judy and Wayne Johnson; Ginger and Jim Kleerup; Pat and Stan Siegel; Scott, Woody and Marilyn English; Chuck and Peggy Beesley; Jean and John Broussard; Ann and Jolin Frackelton; Jeri and Hal Salda, ni; Joe and Marge Conway; Hal Tipton; Karen and Jim Christensen; Cathy and Jim Wells; Taffy Sitzman; and Mary and Wayne Silzel.

Kathy Barrish and Bob Helton serve as representatives from the Villa Park City Council.

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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

by Ken Salgado



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ... Villa Parkans enjoy themselves as they listen to the country band, at Villa Park's 20th birthday celebration last Sunday.

(photo by Sitzman)

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.

While Villa Park Mayor D. Robert Helton calmly introduced the contestants one by one, a horde of people (an estimated 2,000 to 2,500) buzzed with anticipation. "Oh, she's pretty," commented one lady in between bites

of her hot dog. Next to her stood a young boy, about the age of ten, sipping

on his coke and looking as though his eyes might burst out of his head at any given moment. Standing a few feet away were two teenage boys, decked out in their western duds and whistling to their heart's con-

Surrounded by such, the contestants were introduced and the moment of truth finally arrived.

After a slight pause, an excited Dr. Helton announced, "And the winner for Miss Villa Park of 1982 is . . . Laura Wyn-

But an even more excited, more overjoyed Miss Wynters began to cry as she was crowned admidst 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. With the inception of the parade, featuring the school bands of Villa Park and Cerro Villa, the day began rather

eventfully at the Villa Park center. As the parade ran its 61/2 mile route through the streets of Villa Park, many people wandered outside of their homes in acknowledgement of their city, a metropolis born in 1962.

Closely following the bands in the parade were a collection of antique and classic cars, including a 1947 fire truck on which the 12 Miss Villa Park contestants were carried.

Simultaneously, many bodies endured near perfect weather conditions to compete in the two mile and the five mile runs which climaxed on Villa Park's athletic field:

Long lines of people feasted on a western barbecue picnic consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, chile, potato salad, cole slaw, and macaroni among other edibles. Along with displaying the antique cars, celebrants were

treated to presentations of past Villa Park history and historical items courtesy of the Villa Park Women's League and

Wells Fargo Bank. In correspondence with the celebration's western theme, many people sported modern western attire. In addition, a western band provided entertainment for the people, many of

whom were seen square dancing. Souveniers, including decals and coffee mugs bearing the

seal of Villa Park on the inscription, and any profit resulting from them or the celebration will be set aside for an outdoor music concert in front of the city hall as a further extension in honoring the city's Twentieth birthday.

According to co-chairman Mary Silzel, in agreement with

Mayor Helton, "Participation was tremendous." Summing up the day as a definite success, Silzel pointed

out that, "Teamwork was the key."

ANNIVERSARY: Area's history stretches back more than 100 years and Wanda Road; and the Gray Tract.

FROM 1 20th and now 25th birthday celebrations, said Wells, 53, who has lived in the city since 1968.

"All have been done by citizen committees," said Wells, who with several other volunteers - including former City Council members and past presidents of the active Villa Park Women's League - Sunday will perform in a birthday celebration variety show. "That's one of the nice things about this town. Whenever something needs

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Villa Park School became part of he Orange Unified School District in

Olympic gold came to Villa Park in 1928-thanks to James Workman, who then was a student at the University of California, Berkeley. Workman, who in 1963 became Villa Park's second mayor, brought gold-medal fame to the United States as a member of the Olympic rowing crew at Amsterdam.

Agriculture When the area's first houses were built in the late 1800s, Villa Park's commercial business was grapes, mostly muscats for raisins. Until 1887, when blight struck the vineyards, the area was known as the raisin capital of the world.

Water, which Villa Park got from ditches and wooden flumes that carried it from the submerged dam in Santiago Creek, was in limited supply and ranchers sought drought-resistant crops.

By 1909, ranchers had converted from berries, vegetables and apricots to Valencia oranges, which for years were hauled to West Orange for ship-

The Villa Park Orchards Association was organized in 1912 and still is in operation, now packing fruit from orchards as distant as the area around Escondido in San Diego County.

Also in 1912, the Central Lemon Association formed on the north side of Villa Park Road. Many have said that Central Lemon was the largest lemon house in the world at one time, Louise Booth wrote in her 1976 edition "Villa Park, Then and Now." The ociation d'-solved in 1960, because

to be done, you can find someone with the expertise to do it." As revelers Sunday will find out,

Villa Park goes back a long way be-

fore its 1962 incorporation as Orange County's 24th city. Housing tracts In 1875, the two major tracts of Villa

Park were formed: the Lotspeich Tract bordered by Santiago Boulevard, Sycamore Street, the foothills

of poor profits and the uncertain future of old groves, as well as the rapid building of housing tracts in the area. By 1914 the Villa Park Orchards Association, which originally packed out of a small shed belonging to Southern Pacific Railroad, had its own

The first president of the association's board of directors was Willard Smith, who served for 36 years, to be replaced by Harold Brewer, who in his retirement in 1970 had logged 40 years with the organization, 11 of them as president-

In 1913, the first deep well was drilled to a depth of 450 feet on the Owen Handy property on Villa Park

In December 1927, the Santiago Well Co., the Grey Tract Well Co. and the Cerro Villa Mutual Water Co. consolidated to form the Villa Park Mutual Water Co.

In March 1953, Cerro Villa Heights residents Harold Brewer and Ted Walker circulated a petition opposing side of Valley Boulevard.

to me," said Brewer, a Villa Park resident since 1922, who celebrates his 96th birthday Friday. Brewer lives in a two-story colonial house he had built in 1930. The home is on Brewer Way, which was named after him.

The petition, which Brewer and Walker presented to Orange County supervisors, said area residents wanted their community zoned for small estates of no less than 20,000 square feet, with no commercial animal farms allowed, Brewer said. Within two years, all of Villa Park tween residents who felt Villa Park accepted the same zoning plan.

In 1954, a committee of residents

with a zoning policy for sand-andgravel companies. a proposed chicken ranch on the north the building of new asphalt plants and "I didn't want a chicken ranch next limited activities of the gravel companies, which had been creating exces-

Cityhood drive On May 4, 1961, the Property Own-Brewer said. After a bitter three-month battle be-

ers Association voted 61 to 4 to start a petition drive to incorporate the community and save it from possible annexation and zone changes by Orange,

could not survive financially as a city

and those who said cityhood was the

Smith ranch, with Julie Foster as the teacher. A two-room schoolhouse was constructed at the corner of Lincoln Circle and Center Drive in 1883 and the name of the school in 1910 was changed to Villa Park School to correspond with the community's postal address.

In 1903, Orange High School was built and the first graduate in 1904 was Helen Mae Billingsley from Villa Please see ANNIVERSARY/13

only answer, citizens on Jan. 2 voted 246 to 134 in favor of incorporation, he Five men - Arthur Craft, Carl G. Hays, Don Hein, Walter Schniepp and James T. Workman - were chosen to

act as the new city's first council. The

council members - who to this day receive no money for their time appointed Craft as the city's first The council, with the help of some of the property owners, constructed an office in the old Villa Park Hall on

Villa Park Road and employed a parttime clerk to help keep track of city business. Rezoning became necessary in 1967 because of problems selling and developing the land near the Orange border. Villa Park's Master Plan was revised for a buffer zone on the western section of the city. City officials allotted 52 acres for 8,000-square-foot lots to have no more than three dwellings per acre, which would blend into 33 acres of 12,000-square-foot units with 2.5 dwellings per acre, Booth said

in her book. That section gradually meets to the east the 20,000-square-foot lots with 1.75 units per acre that make up most

of the city. In the late spring of 1970, the Villa Park Shopping Center opened and included the city's civic center. Brewer, who was on the committee to incorporate Villa Park, is pleased

with his involvement. Was incorporation worth it? "Oh yes. Just drive around through the city and see what is here. Houses aren't side by side. I don't like to have somebody looking down the back of my neck every time he looks out the window," Brewer said, then smiled as he looked into his large, tree-filled

back yard.

Villa Park To Celebrate Anniversary With Parade be a mile-long parade starting at VILLA PARK - When the city 10 a.m. and an all-day festival at

of Villa Park marks its 10th anniversary, January 15, there will

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portions to guests. The parade will feature bands, riding groups, performing dogs, floats, clowns and even lion cubs. Parade units will include bands from Villa Park and Orange High

the shopping center, Wanda and

Miss Gretchen Robinson, the

city's new Miss Villa Park, will cut

a giant birthday cake serving up

Santiago Road.

For festival entertainment, there will be the Orange Town Four barbershop quartet in the beer garden and Emma's Mexican Dancers performing in costume. The Villa Park Women's League and Villa Park Property Owners

Schools, Cerro Villa Junior High and Santa Ana College, A trick car will be ridden by the Long Beach Elks Club clowns. Also appearing will be the Barclays Bank clowns, El Toro Dog Training Club and riders from the Linda Lahey Samrock Guards, Los Nobles Vaqueros and Villa Park Stables.

Association are joint sponsors of the event with the city. Mrs. William Zakowicz is birthday chairman.

EDITORIAL

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We Cast Our Vote Against Incorporation of Villa Park

Villa Parkers have one long-weekend per year, as budgeted. Other costs will go in which to decide whether or not to vote up.

for incorporation in next Tuesday's special election.

It is no easy "yes" or "no" decision. Emotions are involved, as are lifetime investments, political philosophy and personalities.

But The Daily News has tried to weigh the facts without emotion to arrive at its decision.

We have grave doubts that the new city's income actually will be as good as proponents of incorporation say it will be.

They say property taxes, business license fees, state tax rebates (on gasoline and auto licenses) and other state funds will produce \$34,450 per year.

We doubt the business license fees will flow in so easily. It will take some costly work to "bird dog" service contractors working in the area to collect from them.

Some of the state funds are earmarked for special uses and Villa Park's future planning for a "minimum service" community with little or no change probably will not allow the new city to use some of the funds.

We also entertain some sincere doubts that costs to the new city will stay as low as they are estimated. Sheriff's patrol is likely to cost more than \$5,700

Because of these economic storms on the horizon and because we fear the incorporation of Villa Park literally will hamper efficient development of sewer, water, street and other services in Orange

oppose incorporation. The Daily News is in complete sympathy with residents of Villa Park who seek the right of "self-determination" for future development.

areas abutting the proposed city, we must

We understand the overpowering desire they have to protect the integrity of one of the most beautiful—and one of the last remaining—rural areas in Orange County where \$100,000 estate homes are welcome and appropriate.

But we also believe that the overall good of the entire northeastern quadrant of Orange County—and, of course, the city of Orange-will best be served if the area is not incorporated as a seperate city.

The majority will rule after the votes are counted in Tuesday's election.

We recommend a "no" vote, but fervently hope the winners, the losers and their neighbors in Orange-regardless of the outcome of the election-will accept the majority decision and work the common good of the area.

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City council salaries in Orange County

Monthly pay for council members in Orange County's 26 cities ranges from a high of \$825 per council member in Santa Ana to nothing in Villa Park, where council members serve for free. Amounts listed below do not include mileage, meals or other reimbursed expenses, or pension and health benefits in those cities where they are available to council members.

Pay rank	City	member	members	Population r	ank
11	Santa Ana ²¹³	\$825	\$3.65	225,774	2
21	Anaheim 213	800	3.37	237,506	1
	Fullerton	700	6.40	109,319	5
3	Costa Mesa ³	630	7.15	88,127	8
5	Buena Park ³	610	9.28	65,699	11
		600	6.76	88,711	7
61	Irvine ³	600	5.90	101,639	6
7	Orange	594.07	8.85	67,125	10
81	Newport Beach ²	546.05	4.11	132,766	4
9	Garden Grove ²	460	10.76	42,735	14
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131	Cypress	377.14	8.85		24
14	La Palma	360	22.35		22
15	San Juan Cap.3	360	16.02		
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18	Stanton	282.86	10.14	Mark Control of the C	20
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201	Huntington Beach	175	0.95	184,280	3
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21	San Clemente Seal Beach ³	185	6.77	The state of the s	
221	Laguna Beach	150	8.05	The second secon	2
23		150	3.91		
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Mayors in these cities are paid higher salaries than are council

Amount includes extra pay for attending council, redevelopment,

housing authority or other meetings. 1-16-87 Source: City utiluis, State Department of Finance

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Villa Park is county's smallest city and residents find it a perfect fit

By Enrique Rangel The Register

nearly 7,000.

VILLA PARK - When the city incorporated in 1962, citrus trees outnumbered the 830 residents. Now it is the other way around. Only a few citrus trees remain and the city's population has grown to

Despite the population increase, Villa Park is, as it was 25 years ago, Orange County's smallest municipality in terms of population. Residents say they are proud that their 2.8-square-mile community was able to remain small and retain a semirural atmosphere while other county cities, particu-

larly those that incorporated at about the same time, grew considerably larger. The city's 25th anniversary celebration, to be held Sunday, "will recognize the history and flavor of Orange County's smallest city," said Mary Silzel, one of several or-

ganizers of the event and the wife of Councilman Wayne Silzel. A well-manicured island surrounded by the city of Orange and unincorporated territory, Villa velopment, Villa Park has stuck

Park is the only city in the county where there are no sidewalks, except on school sites, city officials and residents said.

The minimum lot size is a halfacre. No other city in the county has such a requirement. Home prices range from \$350,000 to \$500,000, according to real-estate

The only lighting at night comes from those houses with outdoor lighting. The city has no street lights. Horse trails and stables are a common sight in some sections of

These elements give Villa Park semirural flavor, residents

"That's what we cherish so much," said Bill Morrow, 67, a longtime resident. "We like our horse trails, our large lots and the close community that we have." Villa Park has deliberately avoided the dense growth experienced by some other county cities, officials and residents said. While other cities have allowed condominiums, apartment complexes and industrial and commercial de-

firmly to its rule of only one housing unit per half-acre, said Council-

The only commercial development is the Town Center, a blocklong shopping center that includes small shops, a gas station and City Hall. Villa Park has no industry, and the City Council intends to discourage any commercial or industrial developers, Silzel said.

That has brought some criticism for the city, particularly from nonresidents who say that Villa Park's half-acre lot requirement contributes to the high housing prices and prevents many people from mov-

ing to the city. But the half-acre minimum has been part of the city's master plan since it incorporated and was not established to prevent people from moving to Villa Park, the Silzels

"For some it may be a dream to live here," Mary Silzel said. "But it is not the property values that make our community unique, it's the people who live here. We all care about one another.

Community groups such as the Please see VILLA PARK/B4



Stables are common among the large Villa Park residences. Cathy Salzman and son lan tend to their horses.

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VILLA PARK: City has one shopping area

FROM B1 Villa Park Women's League keep in touch with the residents, she said. If someone has a sick relative or a death in the family, league members help the family.

The desire to remain small and preserve a semirural atmosphere led to the successful incorporation drive 25 years ago, several longtime residents said.

Harold Brewer, 95, is credited with launching the incorporation drive.

At that time, unincorporated Villa Park was within Orange's sphere of influence, Brewer said. The sphere-of-influence designation meant Orange had a right to extend its city boundaries to include Villa Park.

Orange was allowing more development per acre than was desired by Villa Park residents, who wanted a community with no apartment complexes or commercial or industrial development, Brewer said.

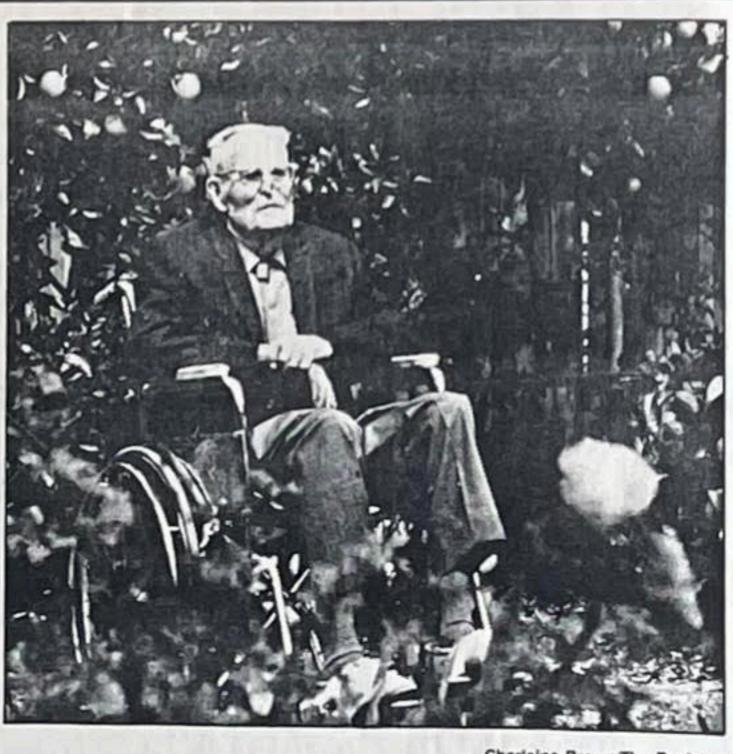
Orange's plans to annex some land to build a senior-citizen housing project finally prompted Villa Park residents to set up their own city, Brewer said.

After the city incorporated, it had to learn how to survive financially, said Louise Booth, 76, a lifelong resident and author of a city history book titled "Villa Park: Then and Now."

Other than a citrus-packing house, the city had no businesses or industry to generate commercial tax revenue to pay for city services, Booth said. Villa Park had to rely mainly on property taxes. Eventually, the packing house went out of business and the city allowed construction of the Town Center. It remains the city's only

source of commercial taxes, Booth

and city officials said.



Charlaine Brown/The Register Harold Brewer, 95, is credited with starting the Villa Park incorporation drive. Orange's plans to annex land prompted residents to act, he said.

Because the city's income comés mainly from residential property taxes, it must curtail spending and can only offer limited services such as street maintenance and police and fire protection - to residents, said Councilman Silzel. Villa Park contracts with the county for police and fire services.

"The City Council has always been very responsible," Booth said. "That is one of the reasons we have survived as a city. They watch how every dollar is spent." Residents understand the reason for limited city services.

"We like to take care of our own problems," said 19-year resident Cathy Wells. "We are all happy with the way things have turned

Other county cities that incorporated at about the same time as Villa Park looked more favorably

That growth was planned, officials from La Palma and Stanton said. The two cities wanted a bal-

ance of residential, commercial and industrial development La Palma, which had 500 residents when it incorporated in 1955, now has about 16,000 residents. Since 1962 the city has experienced upon growth. a 1,600 percent population in-

Cypress, Fountain Valley, Los Orange Alamitos, La Palma, San Juan Capistrano and Stanton incorporated unincorporated between 1955 and 1962. With the exception of La Palma and Stanton, those cities had plenof available, unincorporated land nearby and growth was expected, officials of those cities Orange County But even La Palma and Stanton, which like Villa Park had limited territory on which to build, grew considerably more than Villa

Villa Park

least populous city.

county's

\$500,000

at a glance

Population: 6,966, the

Size: 2.8 square miles

Median income: \$49,616 in

Only Newport Beach and

Home prices: \$350,000 to

Education: In 1980, 43

had four years or more of

percent of the adult population

Source: Orange County Administrative

Yorba Linda

Office: City of Villa Park: real-estate

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Thomas Ward The Register crease, compared to Villa Park's 843 percent increase during those same years, according to population figures from the Orange County Administrative Office. La Palma occupies a 1.6-square-mile area, 1.2 square miles less than Villa Park.

Small city has big plans for 25th anniversary party

The Register

A parade, food booths, music, raffles and historical displays 1980, the last year for which are some of the treats planned county statistics are available for Villa Park's 25th anniversary celebration Sunday. Laguna Beach ranked higher. A six-kilometer walk through

> the city will kick off the celebration, members of the event's steering committee said.

The walk will start at 8 a.m. at Cerro Villa Junior High School 17852 Serrano Ave., and conclude at the Town Center shopping complex, 17855 Santiago Blvd. The public is invited to participate. No registration or fees are required.

At 11 a.m., a parade will trav el from Villa Park High School, 18042 Taft Ave., to Sycamore Street. On Sycamore Street it will head south to Santiago Boulevard and then west to the Town Center shopping complex. The 21/2-mile, 90-minute parade will feature marching bands, marchers in costumes,

antique cars, local celebrities such as city founders and City-Council members - and youth groups, the organizers said.

In the afternoon, at the Town Center complex, there will be food and beverage booths, historical displays, music, sale of 25th anniversary T-shirts andraffles for prizes ranging from " \$2 worth of lottery tickets to. \$10,000 cash. The 300 raffle tickets cost \$100 each, said Mary Silzel, one of the organizers of the event. On-street parking is available nearby.

Proceeds from the sales and the raffle will help meet the costs of the all-day celebration, organizers said. The celebration is expected to cost \$15,000 to

In the event that the committee members cannot raise the entire amount, the City Council will contribute as much as \$3,500, City Councilman Wayne Silzel said.

La Palma grew rapidly during the late 1960s and the 1970s because it allowed condominium and apart-Councilman Dan Collins.

Stanton, which occupies a 3.1square-mile area, grew from about 11,000 in 1962 to approximately 28,000 in 1987, a 254 percent in-

crease. While not as big a percentage increase as Villa Park's, by 1962 "the city had grown considerably," said 20-year Councilwoman Martha Weishaupt. "We tried to

build the city and we did." The difference between Stanton and Villa Park is that the former

Councilman Edward Allen said. "Our priorities are probably different because of the characters words, the people in Villa Park are

ment complexes, said 12-year involved," Allen said. "In other more affluent and their priorities are bigger homes and more

And if Villa Park residents have their say, those priorities will remain, officials and residents said.

"Our city is nearly 100 percent developed," City Manager Carolyn Wallace said. "I don't expect it to pass the 8,000 population mark."

"The people are determined to maintain the small, rural atmosphere," she said. "I don't see how allowed construction of apartment it can grow." complexes and condominums,

Ballot measure may halt growth in Villa Park

Could open city to lawsuits By Cathi Firor Register staff writer

VILLA PARK - City residents next spring may wrest control over important land use decisions from their City Council when they vote on an initiative measure to appear on the April 13 ballot. The initiative, in fact, has drawn statewide attention

because of its potential impact on the zoning powers normally reserved to city councils. The measure, if approved, would require a special citywide election to approve any future zone changes that

allow more housing units on a piece of property than under existing zoning designations. Backers of the initiative collected signatures from 1,500 of the city's 4,100 registered voters to qualify it for the

The issue, however, formally came before the City Council last Thursday when councilmembers had the option to adopt the provisions of the initiative outright or place it on the ballot.

Council members unanimously chose to place it on the They criticized the measure because it would limit their own power and because it would place the city in a

precarious legal position. The initiative was generated by city residents afraid of future apartment and condominium construction. City Attorney Leonard Hampel said the measure already has received statewide attention because it could

make this small hillside community a state testing ground for other cities reluctant to adopt state-mandated housing plans for the lower-middle class and the poor. It also could open the city up to lawsuits from fair housing advocates, "To adopt an ordinance of this nature could have

precedent value," Hampel said. "Suddenly the issue would be 'Why couldn't we do this in Santa Ana?' Then we become a threat to the statewide housing plan." Villa Park, however, will draw the same fire from the state if the ordinance is adopted by the city voters, Hampel

But councilmen suggested that the ballot might contain other alternatives that would have the same effect without harsh legal consequences. The council presently has the right to approve or deny

any developer requests. Historically, councilmembers have opposed high-density or low-cost apartments, home or condominiums. But a recent request by the W.P. Warmington Co. to

convert the 8.5-acre Packing House property into 62 townhouses, was nearly approved by the council, some residents said, and that prompted the initiative drive. "I think the council understands our position now." Pam Fasbender, one of the initiative's petitioners said after the council's decision. "We have a very small community where everyone knows everyone else, and I think this will bring our community even more together

than before." Councilman Wayne Silzel criticized petitioners. He said the ordinance is unnecessary because "the issue in question is a mother-and-apple-pie matter to which we are all firmly committed; namely, preservation of the present rural lifestyle of Villa Park."

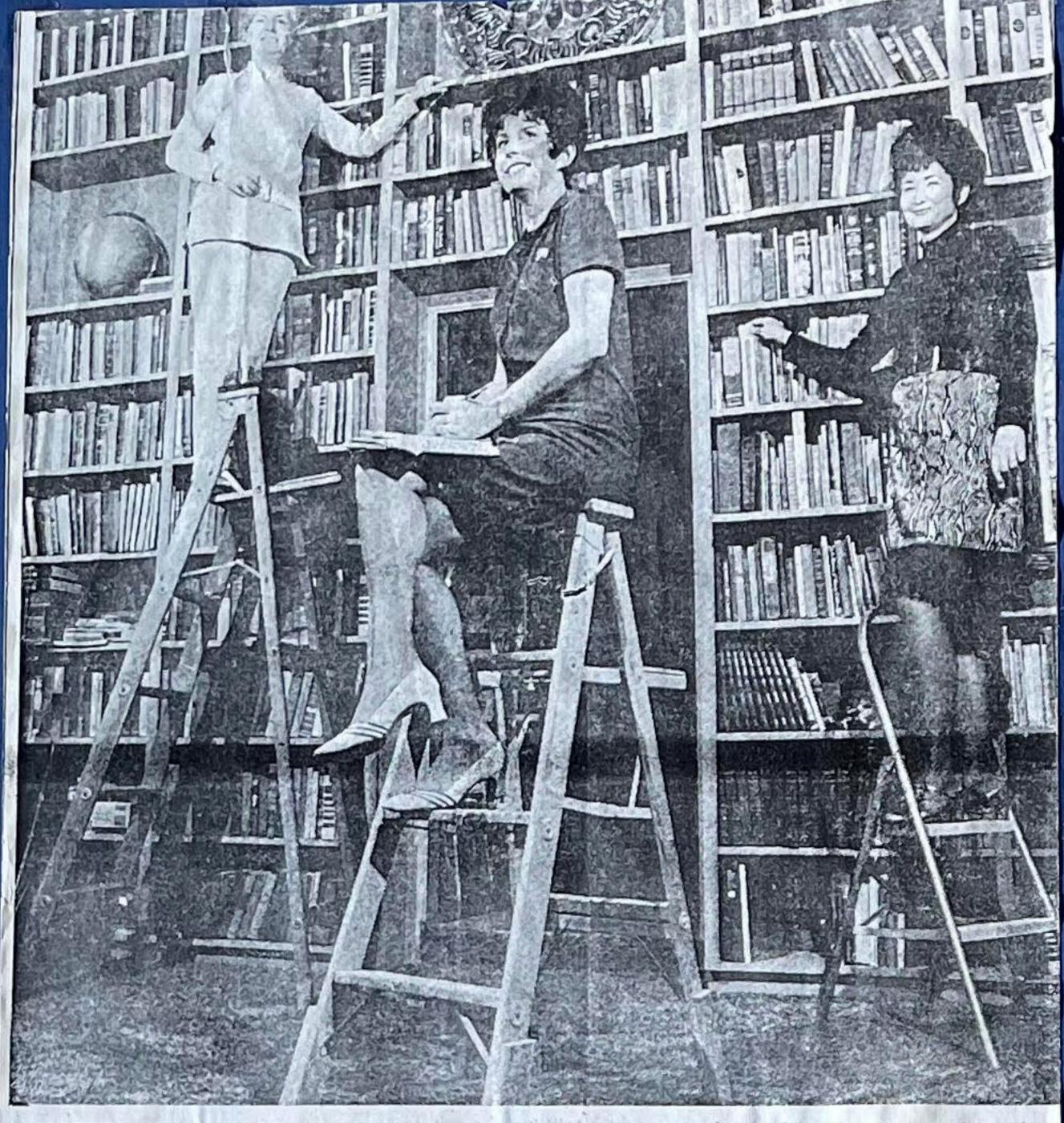
He and Councilman Robert McGowan agreed that petitioners wanted to take away the council's local control of housing, even though it historically had voted against low cost or high-density apartments and condominiums.

Villa Park has not presently adopted a housing element for lower-income residents, though the Southern California Association of Governments said it needs to build at least 147 units.

The city has received correspondence from the state Department of Housing and Community Development criticizing its lack of low-cost housing. In order to follow state laws, Villa Park must have a housing plan approved by the state.

Maxine Spellman, HCD community development representative, said the initiative may be against state law, but said she would not comment further until she saw it.

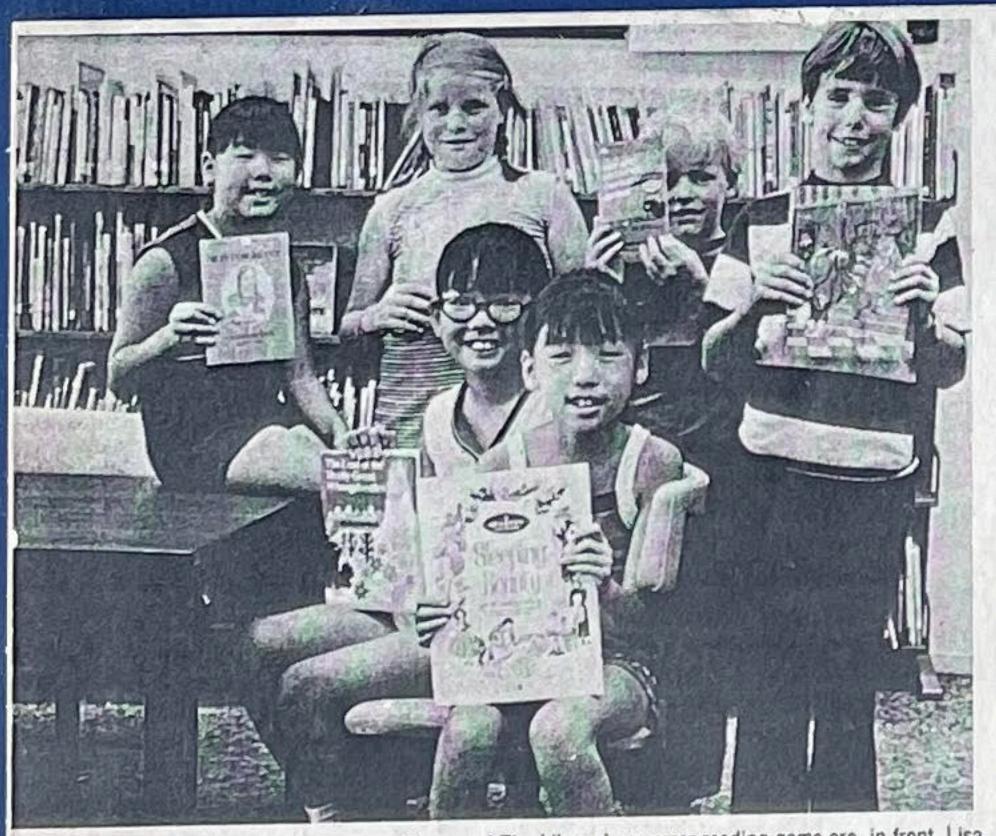
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HOME TOUR - Villa Park Women's League members (from left) Mrs. Bud Veregge and Mrs, Louis Haan help Mrs. Donald DeGroot tidy her floor-to-ceiling library for the organization's "Parade of Homes" tour to begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 19. In addition to the DeGroot residence, the homes of Messrs. and Mmes. Gary Cadwallader, Raymond Larson, John Robinson, Peter Pinson, and Al Cutler will be on display.

Invitations to view the homes have been sent to members and gue of the Orange Women's and Junior Women's Clubs, Santa A Women's and Junior Women's Clubs, and the Canyon Women's Clubs, according to ways and means chairman Mrs. Thomas Dillon. Refres ments will be served at the final stop on the tour. (Register photo by Clay Mille





VILLA PARK'S SUPER WORD WONDERS - Winners of The Library's summer reading garge 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

Reading Program at the Villa June. Park Library has come to a Enthusiasm and interest

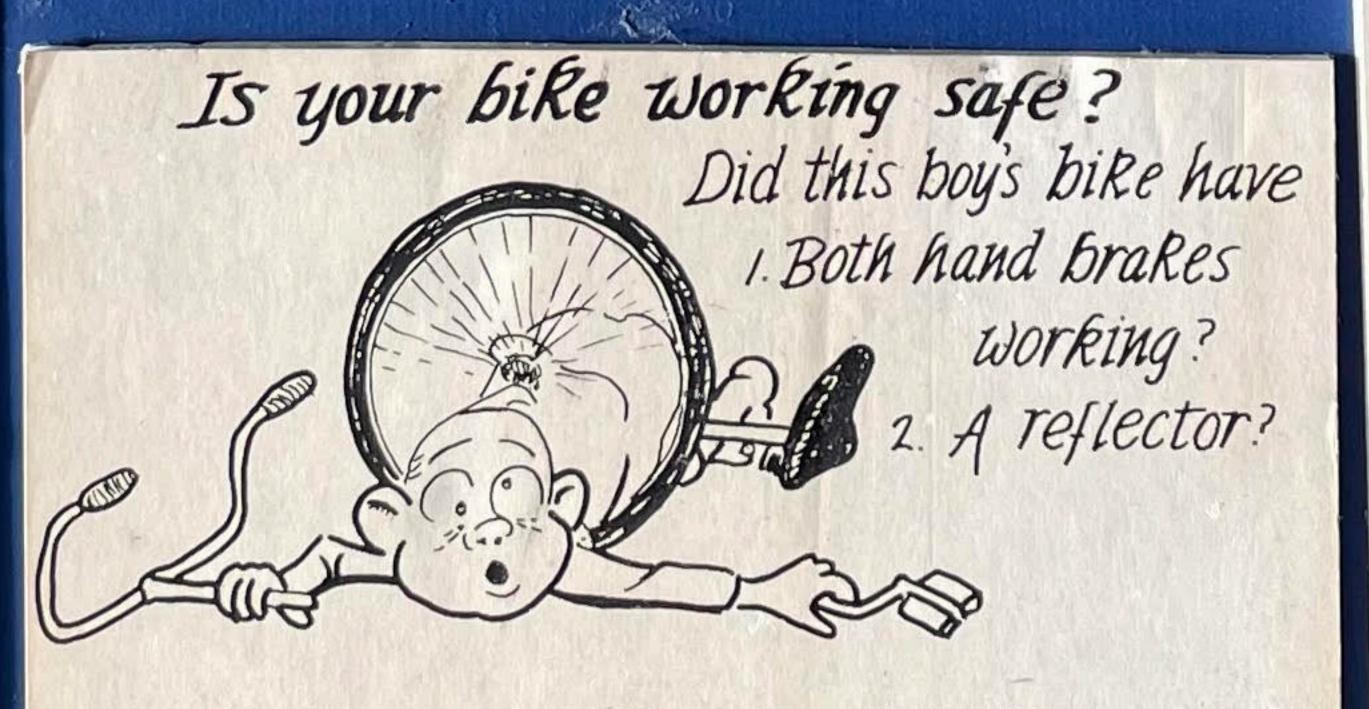
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The Time-Trek Summer week after school was out in

close. 172 children par- shown this year was extremely ticipated during the entire gratifying to the entire summer, starting the first 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

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

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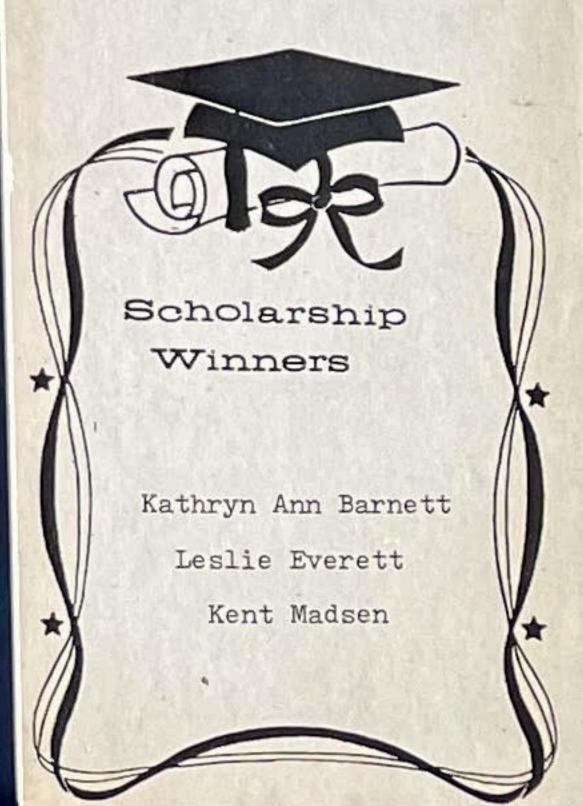
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Villa Park Women's League Scholarships

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.



may 15,1913 First Anniversary of Modern Priscillas

The Modern Priscillas of Villa Park celebrated their first anniversary as an organization last evening with a brilliant reception at the Park Club house, to which eighty guests responded.

The club hall was tastefully decorated with a canopy of pepper boughs and the beautiful handiwork of the club for the past year, was displayed in the shape of embroidery and lace which adorned the walls to splendid

advantage. A pleasing musical program AHE rendered, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Collins, and the Misses Hughes taking part. Mrs. James Williamson Paul of Los Angeles, appeared in two reading numbers with her usual grace and dignity.

Delicious fruit punch was servel with ice cream and cake.

A novel feature of the affair was the snowy club birthday cake with its single candle. This was cut at the conclusion of the program by the president, Mrs. Ethel Robb, and was sampled by each person present. The "baby show" was a very interesting occurrence, but it was impossible to decide which was the proudest grand mother present.

Much credit is due the Priscillas for the delightful occasion of last evening and for entertaining in such a cordial manner the many new as well as old members of the community.

Article written by Mrs. Ray Billingsley.

Priscilla Club Holds Merry Party

The Modern Priscilla Club enjoyed an innovation, Wednesday. In place of the regular afternoon meeting they were entertained with a pot luck dinner at noon with Mrs. Wm. Popplewell as hostess and Mrs. Geo. Carriker and Mrs. Linn Hanselman assisting.

The tables were attractively spread and a lovely red candle centered each table .- An unusually delightful dinner hour was enjoyed after the delightful meal the ladies left the table, and gathered near the stove for the exchanging of their Christmas gifts. Each year the club indulges in a "Woolworth Party" and the event is looked forward to with many happy anticipations. This year two dainty fairles, little Misses Beverly Hansel. man and Vivian Stanley, distributed the gifts to the ladies. When the packages were opened many lovely gifts were revealed.

At three thirty the older children were brought from school and enjoy ed their Christmas treat. A beautiful tree all decorated had been prepared by the hostess for their pleasure.

After the children's gifts were exchanged the ladies held an informal business meeting at which the hostess for the next meeting announced. Mrs. J. A. Bergen and Mrs. J. M. Gillogly will serve. The next meeting will b on January 11 and will be a pot luck dinner at'the hall.

Those present at this meeting were Miss Margaret Holditch, Mesdames J. F. Allen, Walter Adams, Walter Brubaker, J. A. Berger, Homer Baker George Carriker, Louis De Long, J. M. Gillogly, L. O. Hanselman, Waller Rasch, Roy Warren, A. W. Street Ed Stauley, Conger Thomson, and the hursday, October 14, 1943 Ora

Modern Priscilla club of Villa Par planned a Christmas project during monthly luncheon meeting yesterda; held at the Center drive home of Mr Myrtle Holditch.

Each young man in Villa Park wh is in the armed forces will receive a a Christmas gift from the club thi holiday season a three months' sul scription to Orange Daily News. Las Christmastide the club remembere the servicemen from Villa Park in th same way.

Mrs. Robert Graham, president, pre siding over a short business session announced that the November meeting of the unit will be held at the home of Miss Margaret Holditch, 2541 North Orange street.

Following the luncheon hour the club friends wrote a Round Robi cheer letter to an associate, Mrs. J. A Bergen. She incurred a fractured hij when she slipped on a rug in her hom several days ago.

ASSISTS HOSTESSES

Mrs. Holditch and her cohostesses Mrs. J. N. Adams, were assisted it their hostess duties by the former daughter, Miss Gwen Holditch. Bowl of garden flowers lent a fall atmos phere to the country home for the clu meeting.

Guests welcomed were Mrs. Rober Burns of Springfield, Mass, a sister In-law of Mrs. J. N. Adams, and Mrs. Roger Robb of Orange Park Acres, charter member of the club, founde

in May, 1912. Club associates feted by Mrs. Ho ditch and Mrs. Adams were the Misse Margaret Holitch and Elizabeth Le and Mesdames Homer E. Baker, Lav rence Collins, Frank H. Collins, C. Crawford, Branson Holditch, Georg Holditch, Ro, t Graham, H. I Nichols, J. H. Me ningstar, S. W. Mo

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Modern Priscilla Club Boasts Much Activity In Past 50 Years

Priscilla Club of Villa Park, organized May 15, 1912.

Lucy Tipple read a history of the club when the group cele-

10 young women making up the with it. charter membership were all a child older than 16.

Miss Margaret Holditch, club During recent years, several treasurer, has held that office members have celebrated their for more than 40 years. The Golden Wedding anniversaries. club has had 123 different mem- For many years, two luncheon bers but never more than 30 meetings a month were enjoyed. at one time.

meetings were given over to and meeting. bridal and baby showers as well as housewarmings for mem- were Florence Clayton, Eliza-Much attention was given to the Bess Gillogly, May Hardy, Myrbirth of a first grandchild.

One of the oldest clubs in the Mrs. Tipple says. On one occa-Orange area is the Modern sion, the three young sons of one hostess invited all their classmates to go home from school with them to their mother's brated its 50th anniversary at party. On another occasion, a a lovely tea held in the hostess discovered, after the Orange Assistance League Club- meeting, that her children were breaking out with chickenpox. According to Mrs. Tipple, the The 10 or more children who club name was taken from a had attended with their mothers magazine, devoted to patterns were all exposed to the disease and advice on fancy work. The and in due time came down

Special attention has always interested in handwork of some been given to the birthday meetkind - crocheting, knitting, em- ing in May and to the Christbroidering - which they pur- mas party. On the 35th birthsued at their weekly meetings day of the club, a luncheon was on Wednesday afternoon. No one held in the old Villa Park Hall, was permitted to join who had which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Now, the members get together During the early years, many only once a month for a dessert

Charter members of the club bers moving into new homes. beth Copenhaver, Clara DeLong, tle Holditch, Elizabeth Lee, Ef-"A minor crisis has occasion- fie Nelson, Ethel Robb and

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VILLA PARK, Mar. 1.—The Modern Priscilla club members with their husbands and friends as special guests met at the hall on Friday evening and had one of their jolly celebrations. All were asked to come in Colonial costume so when the crowd had gathered there were a number of Colonial costumes, Japanese, Gipsies, Yama-yamas and farmers as almost everyone entered

into this part of the program. The evening chosen being midway between Valentine day and Washington's birthday decorations suitable for both occasions were used. The opening at the front of the stage was draped with a tennis net in which was stuck red geraniums and green leaves and was outlined with large and small red hearts while the large flag was hung at the back in full view. Red geraniums and flags were used in the main

The entertainment committee ha short program arranged for befor the games and it was greatly en loyed by all as some surprises wer sorung and all had to give an en core. The program follows: Solo Fenn Field; Reading, Mrs. C. A. Pal mer; Solo, Mrs. H. D. Nichols Quartette, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Nich ols and Miss Adams and Mr. Field. The hit of the evening was the en core given by the Quartette which was a parody on Wait for the Wag on." As buggies and wagons are a thing of the past in some communi ties, Mrs. Nichols changed the old words to suit the times and the fol lowing was the result and the club can now call it their song: Will you come with me, Priscillas

iear, To yonder County Park Where boating is delicious And we will have a lark? Tis every Sunday morning When I am by your side We'll jump into the Lizzie And all take a ride.

My Lizzie has the rattles And a defective clutch The tank's in poor condition Of paint there isn't much. But listen to my story It will relieve my heart, So jump into the Lizzie Altho' we may not start.

Do you believe, Priscillas dear, An old man with a Hup Or even a Pierce-Arrow Could keep your ardor up? We'll have a little Ford Absorbers for its jar And I will crank our Lizzie While you can push the car.

The remainder of the evening was spent in guessing games and con tests and judging by the shouts and laughter every one was thoroughly enjoying themselves. Refreshments of cheese sand

wiches, cake and coffee were served and disappeared like magic and the party broke up by midnight. Those in attendance were Misse Elizabeth Lee, Nellie Adams, Susar Collins, Margaret Holditch and Elsi Wuff of Anaheim; Mr. and Mr. John Holditch and Gwendolyne, M. and Mrs. W A. Knuth and Margare and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. long and Lois; Mr. and Mrs. W. I Adams and Wilma and Clarence Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Handy and Zeld Owen and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. A Leichtfucs and Harvey, Wilfre and Lawrence; Mr. Fenn Field an Messrs and Mesdames J. Ragan, (O. Field; J. M. Gillogly, F. O. Ha: selmann; C. A. Palmer, H. D. Nic ols, and J. R. Smith of San Jun Capistrano with their guests Mr. ar Mrs. Smith.

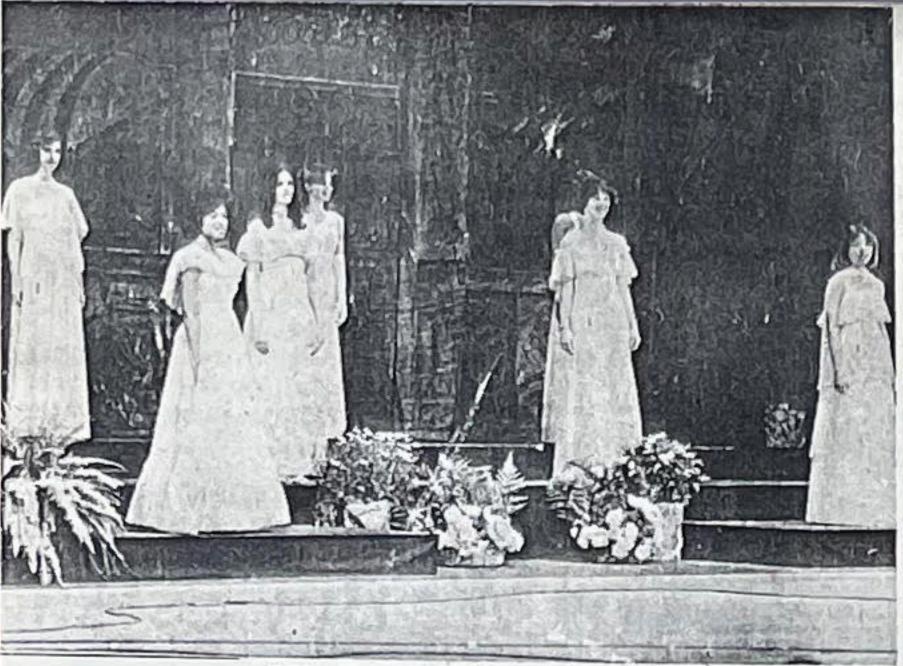
MODERN PRISCILLAS CAMP AT BEACH

Saturday evening the Modern Priscilla started out for one of their "grand good times" on an all night and day camp at San Juan beach. A number of mothers, sisters and cousins, besides the husbands were invited to round out the party, and with a full moon, a fogless morning, good bathing and a generous supply of good things to eat, for which the club is famous, no one who went was disappointed.

Between 35 and 40 sat down by the light of the auto lamps, to a hot supper, complete in every detail with fried chicken, green corn boiled in sea water, roast sweet potatoes and too many other things to mention.

The evening-or rather the first half of the night-was spent around a huge bonfire. Games, songs and good natured fun filled in the time until all were tired and sleepy Some had tents, but most of them took their quilts Indian fashion, rolled up in it and slept beneath the stars in the open. The children, of whom there were several, the youngest being 11 months, took to the life like ducks to water. They had a gool time, and let everybody else have the same, (as would be expected of Pri-

scilla children): - They were argeeably surprised next morning by the visit of a "service" car with the Sunday papers, And all went home that night happy and with the wish that every member might be present next time.



Miss Villa Park Pageant

Alesia Dean Boatright is Miss Villa Park for 1978. The ninth annual Miss Villa Park Pageant was held last week in the Chapman College Memorial Auditorium. The event was sponsored by the Villa Park Women's

Miss Boatright was chosem from a group of seven finalists including Kim Valerie Hauber, Darby McRie Allen Piper who was chosen second runner-up, Jan Laurine Fischle, Leslie Diane Hatton who was voted Miss Congenialty, and Jennifer Susan Warren. Photos by Bill Green



Villa Park News Mrs. Thos. Zweifel Phone 1198

The Priscilla club of Villa Park, one of the oldest clubs in Orange county, met Wednesday with Mrs. S. W. Morrow of Serrano road for a dessert luncheon served at 1:30 p. m. Floral decorations consisted of lovely home grown sweet peas with red shades predominating. One of the main features of the meeting was the revision of the club by-laws written 35 years ago. In looking through the old secretarial books many items of interest were discovered, among them being a set of minutes written in poetry by the late Miss Elizabeth Lee. The annual birthday meeting (this being the 35th) was discussed and it was voted to have the anniversary in the form of a home-coming to be held at Villa Park hall May 15. Plans were made to try and contact all absent members and all inactive members and all are looking forward to an outstanding day. Guests welcomed by the club were Mrs. Madge Christensen and Mrs. Walter Adams, with Mrs. Christensen becoming a new member. Included in the list of members present were the president, Mrs. Reger Robb, the hostess, Mrs. S. W. Morrow and Mesdames Roy Adams, C. O. Thomson, J. H. Mern-Ingstar, Homer Baker, Carl Crawford, Otto Ulrich, Myrtle Holditch, Joseph Adams, Robert Graham, A. E. Hughes, Bronson Holditch, Frank Collins, Harold Brewer. Howard Gardner, George Carriker, Lawrence Collins and Frank Nuslein. The mide make and the same and the

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Modern Priscilla Club

of

Villa Park

May 9, 1962

Charter Members

May 15, 1912

Mrs. Florence Clayton

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Mrs. Clara DeLong

Mrs. Bess Gillogly

Mrs. May Handy

Mrs. Myrtle Holditch

Miss Elizabeth Lee

Mrs. Effie Nelson

Mrs. Ethel Robb

Mrs. Queenie Strickland

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

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In Memoriam

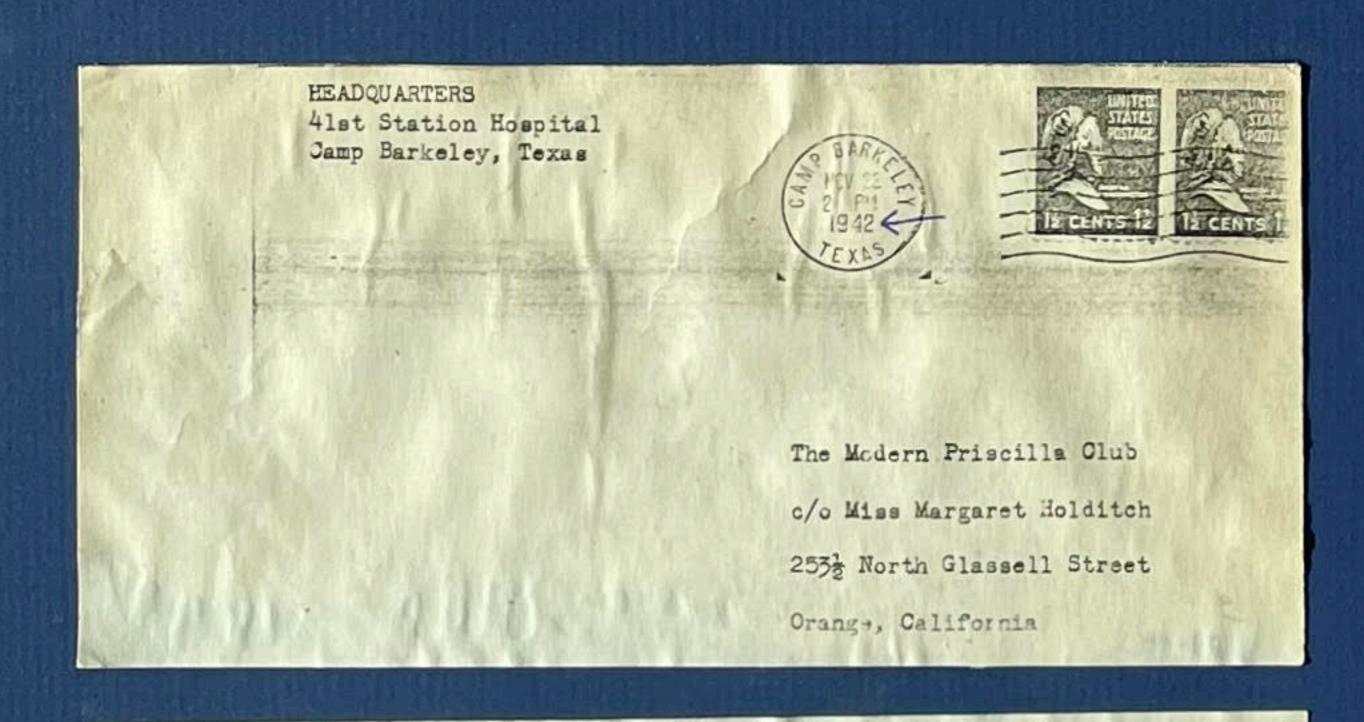
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The Priscellas met with Mrs. Goy Bell for a descert luncheon. After partaking of delicious salad and sandwicker served on individual traip, a pleasant afternoon was spent in conversation, sewing, crocheting and knitting.

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

Mrs. Parch invited the blub to meet at her home when she and Mrs. Florese Morrow will serve at 1 o'clock descert luncheon. There being no further business visiting was resumed.

Fora Gardner, Lecy.



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

The Modern Priscilla Club
c/o Margaret Holditch
2532 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 Grammer 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.

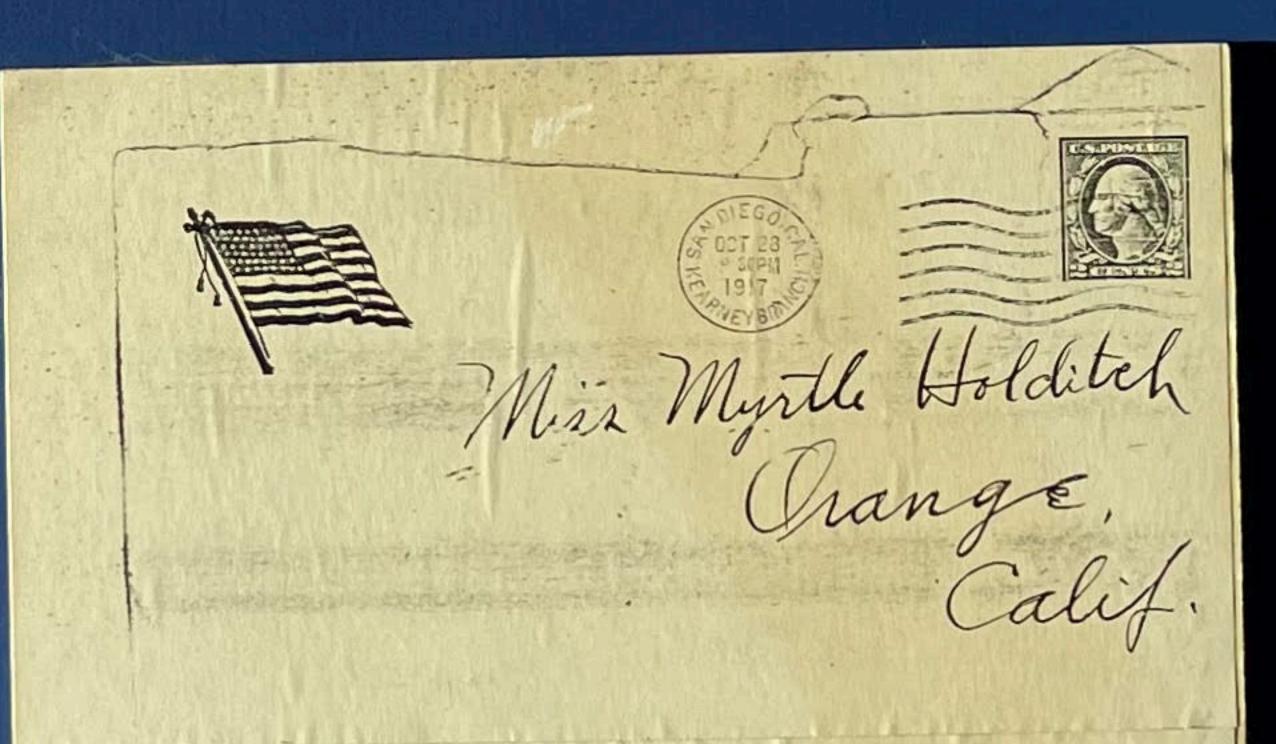
Let me thank you again for the subscription and should any of you care to drop me a line, I would be very glad to hear from you.

Sincerely Jours,

Lawrence E. Michols

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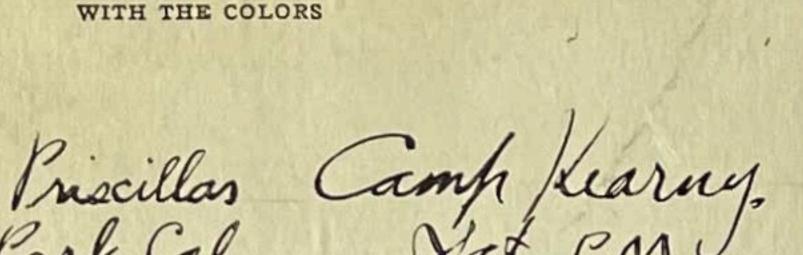






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Dear Friends;

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family friends when their 50 thannowners was celebrated. On the tables with the guest book mere other momentoles of click activities and membership lists going buck to the founding year 1912. There were letters of appreciation from servicemen from both Warred Wars. Hust class letters with I cent stamps were objects of interest and comment, It was a nostalyee occasion with stuglitie and unshed Ttaks. Two daughters of present members namely Elizabeth Clem and Catheyn raft accompanied their mothers to the Suncheon Dorothy Huge Twateran came from alhambea and found many mention of her childhood in Willa Vark among the records of formers years. Helda Ragan was a welcome visitar on this occasion. Minhers who attended were; Hayel Brewer, Weda Collins, Bellie adams, Malge Fugles, Lely Holdetch, Mystle Holdetch, ann Knutt, Clanes Chunen, Jusephine Skutt,

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Elsie Graham, Lucy Tipple and Olga Rosenau. Respectfully submitted, Olga Raseman Secretary

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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.

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 grandson Juan Pablo pleasant climate and Peralta were officially diversified opportunities. granted the land in 1810. And so the famous Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana came into being.

north. Villa Park, however, lots for the new city. did not become a recogniz-1880s.

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,



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

actually held rights to the with families as far away as land, his son-in-law Don the British Isles moving in Jose Antonio Yorba and to take advantage of the

One of Villa Park's highlights, certainly, came in 1962 when the city was incorporated. The old The Yorba family control-clicke that good things led most of the land during come in small packages the 19th Century, but by rings true in this case -the last quarter outsiders Villa Park began as the began to find their way into smallest town in Orange the area. By 1875 two County, with a population major tracts of Villa Park of 830 and situated on 2.6 had been formed. The square miles. After much Lotspeich tract consisted consideration, the Orange of 635 acres to the south of County Planning Depart-Santiago Blvd., and the ment adopted a basic Gray tract was to the concept of one-half acre

The old City Hall, built in able comunity until the 1904 on Villa Park Road, had been used since 1964, The Mountain View but it quickly became school was established in overcrowded and out-1880 with four pupils, one dated. Finally, the city Editor's Note: Our special new City Hall, which also opened in 1972.

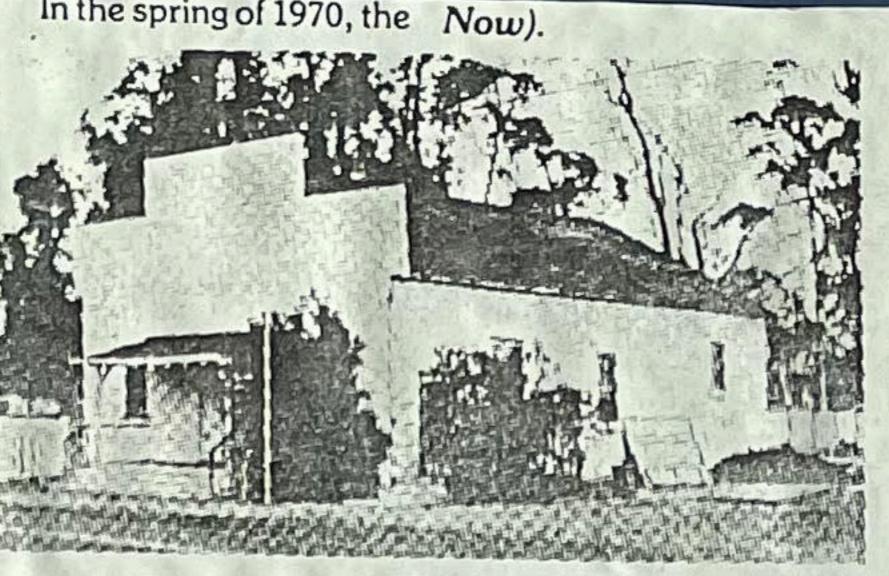
Villa Park Shopping Center was opened along Santiago Blvd. A few of the original businesses are intermingled among the more than 40 merchants and professionals that now complete the Center.

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

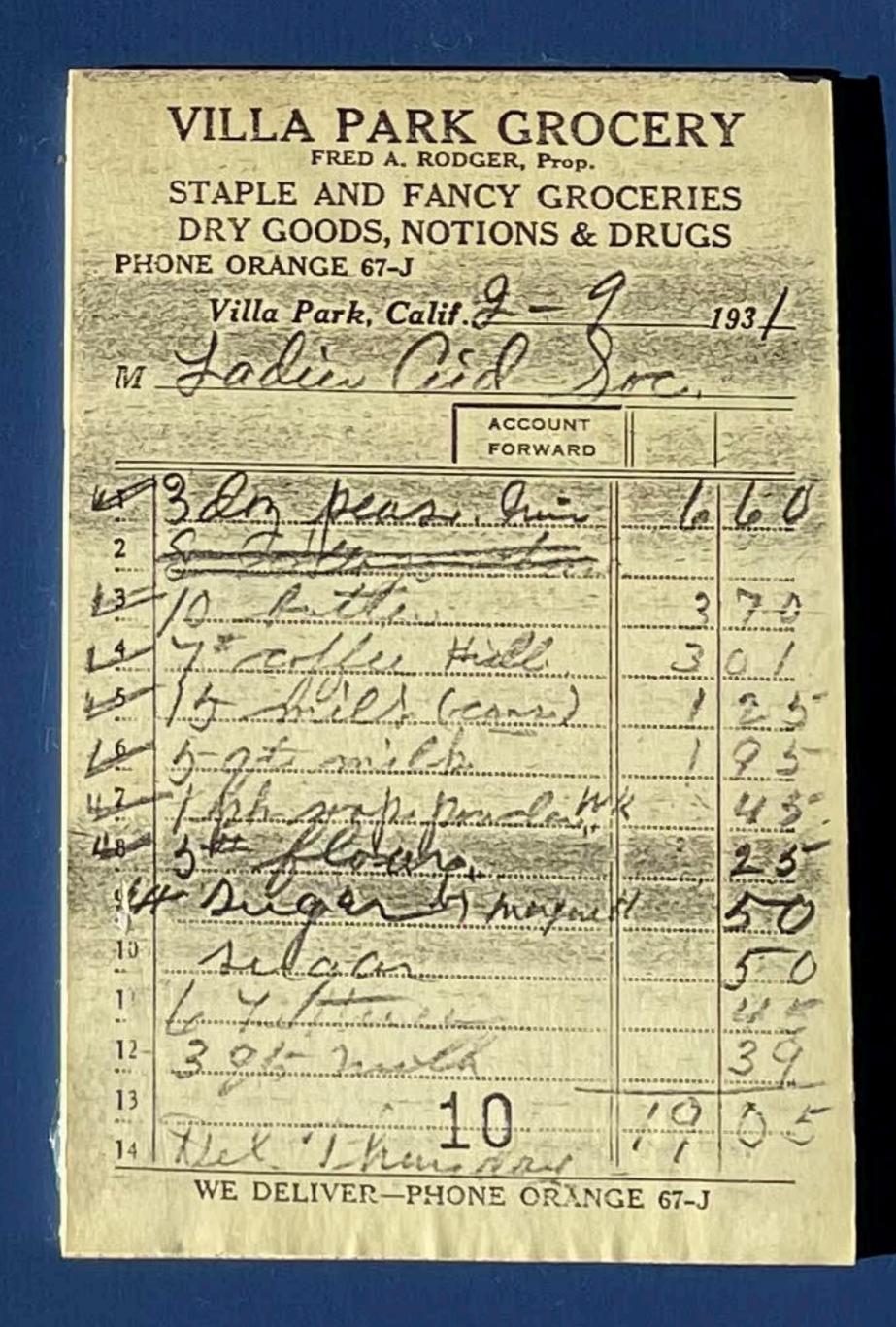
years earlier. While some refer to Villa Park as the "Bel-Air of Orange County," and others call it "rural suburbia," most likely the majority of residents think of their town as a very special home.

purchased one-half acre at thanks to Louise Booth, what is now the Villa Park author of Villa Park: Shopping Center, and a Then And Now, and the Villa Park Historical houses the library, was Society. (Photos from Villa Park: Then And

In the spring of 1970, the Now).



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



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, Lotspiech & Company's Tract'') to W.H. MacDonald, D.W. Gruwell, 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

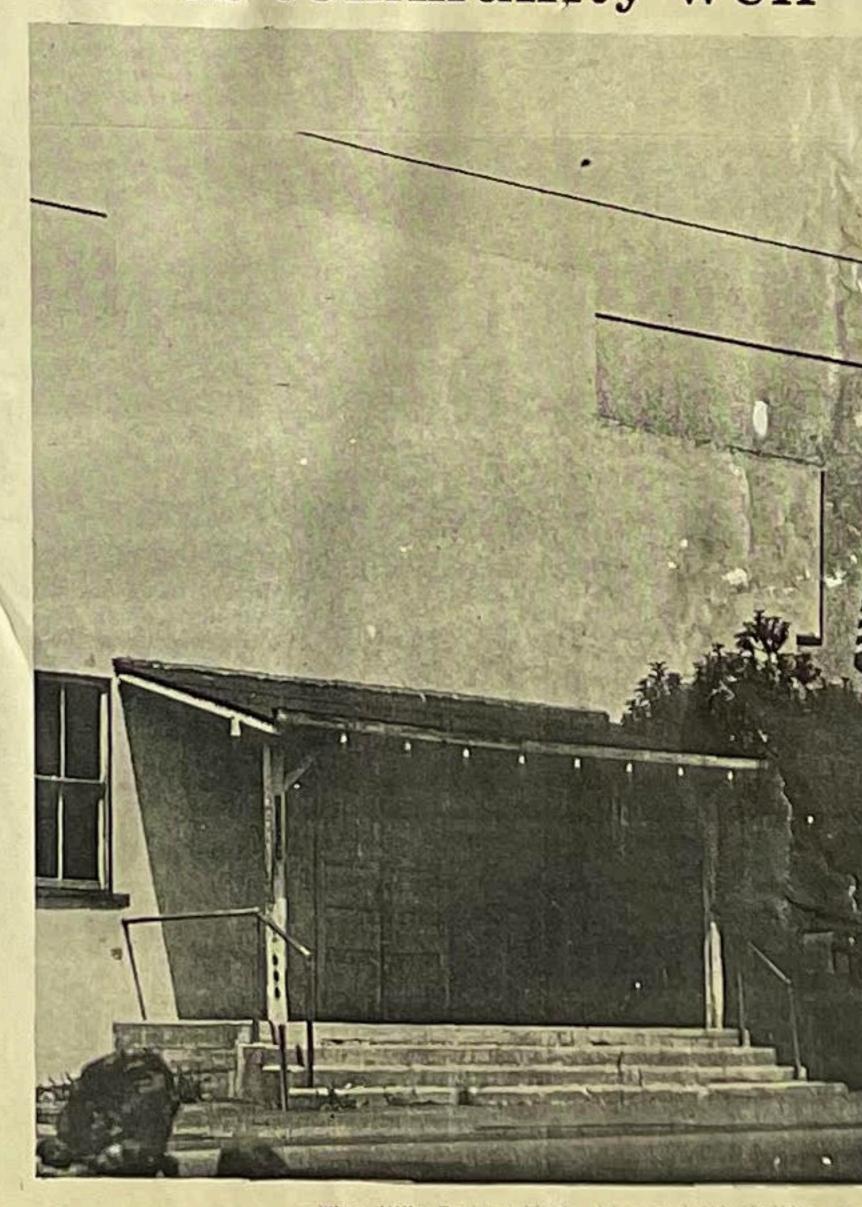
calf for \$15.00, buying three boxes with the money. "Competition for certain young ladies' boxes was fast and furious.

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 re-

novating 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.

(ORACLE photo by Mayfle)"

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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 Pricillas met at the home
of Mrs Palmer.

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