

President's Message

Our Meeting on May 16 was all about the opening of the Time Capsule that was found on the campus of Orange High School when the administration building was being demolished.

Thank you to Scott Harvey, Senior Executive Director of Administrative Services for Orange Unified School District, for a very interesting presentation of the contents of the time capsule which contained documents from 1905-1952. Scott also shared renderings of what the new building will look like when completed.

Our meeting was very well attended by so many alumni of Orange High School over many years. We even had several alumni attend who were the first students to attend the new Orange High School in 1952. These alumni recounted many funny stories about life on campus in 1952. They even told us how they had to carry books from the original cam-

pus, now Chapman University, down the street to the new Orange High School campus!

The current Patty Panther and two of the current student leaders were at our meeting to meet and greet our guests. Of course, we then had to do a memory test of who the Patty Panther was when you were at Orange High!

The meeting was fun, interesting and full of Orange High School history. If you were not able to attend this meeting the presentation by Scott will be available soon at the History Center at the Orange Public Library.

Remember, if you have old photos, yearbooks, etc. that you do not know what to do with, please contact Aida Cuevas in the History Center at the Library. She would love to talk with you. Her phone number is: (714) 288-2465.

Carol Summo - President

Next Meeting - July 11, 2023 - 5:30 P.M. at Immanuel Lutheran Church's 100th Anniversary - 802 E. Chapman Ave. - Tour led by Immanuel's Reverend/Dr. Robb Ring. The congregation was founded on October 12, 1922 and the dedication of their sanctuary and parish hall held on March 9, 1924. Meet at the Church Office on Pine Street.





Under the Orange Peel

Rev. Nathan Riley



Mow—trim—weed!

That's how we made our money growing up. First for Bessie Mahoney who cared for unwed mothers and for an aging, ailing father, Mr. Mapson. I weeded her property often with an older brother. Once we dug up an entire scrap cement sidewalk of hers 'cause Dave thought it easier than weeding between the closely placed bits and pieces of concrete. Seem to remember we had some difficulty fitting the pieces back together again and raising them above flood-stage! For Bill Schmidt, former Nebraska teacher and, I believe, principal who taught me my 9 times tables showing how if you added one number to the tens column while decreasing one number in the units column...well, those were the products of the nine times tables! For Nina Hager, wife of Hager Bros. cement contractor, Royal Hager, for Mrs. Snodgrass a time or two... she the mother-in-law of long-time County Supervisor William Hirstein, for a widow of a former principal of Orange High who lived on Orange Street here in town. This is the Orange High when it was located where Chapman University now stands. Can still hear her saying, "Go out & get the mower machine. It's out behind in the tool shed"...an old garage with side-sliding entry suspended on a rail with rusted metal rollers. Problem, after getting that dang door open, was the mower itself - it had all-metal wheels which slid on wet grass and you got no purchase! Then there was Mrs. Blaine & Mrs.. Barton & the dog whose gigantic head easily looked over a 5 ft fence scaring me half to death and whose chain pinned the Mrs. to her clothes line pole once! For Mrs. Sondericker whose berry patch was overrun by difficult-to-

remove bermuda grass. For Emma Klintworth-Nielsen, my grandmother's friend, who came to Orange from near Paso Robles where mom's people lived from 1887 to 1918. And then every Saturday for three homes on north Glassell, one of which was occupied by the taxi dispatcher for the city of Orange.. She collected from her neighbors and we walked to the former Pacific Electric Railway Depot on the 100 block of N. Lemon St. west of town to pick up our pay.



We got about a dollar an hour for these jobs although one dear older neighbor with a double wide lawn lived enough in the past that she paid just \$.50 for the two lawns and then threw in a dime for ice cream...Sigh! Ah, those were the days.



May 16 Meeting at the Library - Board Members with "Patty Panther" - OHS Mascot

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Our Mission

The mission of the OCHS is to commemorate the rich heritage of our community. Our purpose is to collect photographs, written materials and related ephemera, promote research, events activities and programs celebrating Orange history, and sponsor local history endeavors. We remain self-supporting through memberships, donation bequests and special projects.

- We welcome everyone -

The City of Orange website provides a brief history of Orange, as well as demographics and contact information for schools, businesses and organizations in the area.

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