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Life in Orange during the Nineteenth Century



Albert Barnes Clark (1842-1883) and his wife Mary Teegarden Clark (1846-1909) brought their family to Orange in 1875, purchasing land on West Palmyra and becoming one of the community's pioneer citrus growers.

Paul Clark has written an article, entitled "Albert Barnes Clark: A Pioneer Community Leader". It has been accepted by the Orange County Historical Society for inclusion in *Orange Countiana VI*, which is tentatively scheduled to be published in November 2010. The article describes his great-grandfather's involvement in Orange from 1875 to 1883 and his activities with the Santa Ana Valley Irrigation Company first president and his campaign (unsuccessful) for Los Angeles County state senator in 1879 and his efforts to promote citrus marketing at his Orange orchard, known as the "Yale Grove".

**Join us for
this interesting program
and our ice cream social!**



**Thursday, September 23, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Church
2400 N. Canal Street
Orange, California**

Our September program will feature as speaker Paul Clark, former OCHS president and the great-grandson of Mary Teegarden Clark and her husband, Albert B. Clark.

Paul will use the recollections of two pioneer ladies, Mary Teegarden Clark, who wrote an unpublished manuscript, "Pioneer Ranch Life in California" about her time in Orange from 1875 to 1887, and Florence Flippen Smiley, using her CSUF oral history interview about memories of growing up in Orange during the 1890s. He will include a power point presentation, showing some of the earliest photographs of an Orange citrus ranch, and various newspaper clippings from that period.

Paul Clark graduated with history degrees from Cal State Fullerton, and formerly was employed by the Riverside County Planning Department. He retired from the department about 18 months ago, and has begun to devote himself to historical topics and presenting them in a relevant way to modern audiences.

Calling all Panther Alumni, Family, and Friends!



Annual Orange High School Reunion Picnic

Saturday, September 25, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
W. O. Hart Park
701 S. Glassell Street

If you ever went to Orange High, even for a day you are welcome to come join us. If you are a neighbor of one of our classmates you are welcome to join us.

Food and drinks will be available. We hope to see you all there.



HISTORIC ORANGE WALKING TOURS

The Orange Community Historical Society offers visitors a peek into Old Towne's history with its popular historical walking tours of Old Towne Orange. Docents share the story of Orange's founding and the significance of some of its downtown buildings.

THE SCHEDULE

2nd Saturday of the month: 10:00 a.m.

September 11, October 9

4th Sunday of the month: 4:00 p.m.

September 26, October 24

Meet at the Orange Public Library Fountain
407 East Chapman Avenue, Orange
Wear comfortable shoes!

Reservations required: Call (714) 998-0330
or email tours@historicorange.org
Each tour lasts 90 minutes
Donation: \$5.00

Donations support OCHS historical projects and preservation activities. In addition to the regular tours, speakers for special presentations are available for a fee. Check for availability and schedule at (714) 998-0330 or email tours@historicorange.org.

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DONATIONS to the Archives



▶ Two photographs of Valentine H. Ruiz of Santa Ana, California. Photographs taken in the early 1960s at Turner Egg Ranch. Donated by Laura Ramirez.

▶ Six images of Eric Johnson's school pictures (Handy and Cambridge) as well as City of Orange memorabilia, including an award for John Korn from the Orange Empire Chapter of the I.C.B.O. Donated by Mark Johnson.

▶ Papers of former Library Directory Martin Erlich - various writings on topics including libraries and chess. Donated by Judy Anne.

▶ Robert Windolph items: OCHS Yearbook 1928, Football team uniform photograph, newspaper clipping, Santa Ana Elks Lodge Certificate of Dedication, and high school related pamphlets.

▶ Orange High School Yearbook 1987-1988. Donated by Darlene Zepeda-Field.

List of donations courtesy of Lizeth Ramirez, local history librarian, Orange Public Library & History Center. If you have donations for the archives, you can reach Lizeth at (714) 288-2465, (714) 288-2449 or lramirez@cityoforange.org.

**From the front page [with photo!] of the
Orange Daily News, September 24, 1954:**

Dog Convalesces After Tonsils Out

Chibble Chan, one-year-old Chihuahua of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ryan, 631 N. Glassell St., is convalescing at home after a recent three-day stay in the pet hospital where doctors extracted his tonsils.

Mrs. Ryan explained that a tonsillectomy is a rare and delicate operation for a dog, but Chibble Chan is "doing nicely."

The dog, whose Chinese name means "Tiny," suffered a long illness preceding his operation and doctors said his tonsils would have to go. But the shots and surgery did not faze him, according to his mistress, who said he didn't flinch or scream.

Although he weighed four and one-half pounds when he went into the hospital, the dog lost a great deal of weight. However, Mrs. Ryan said he is gaining and is beginning to bark a little as his throat gets better.

"He is very happy to be back home with his hot water bottle which he has slept with since a puppy," she commented.

Excerpt from "Pioneer Ranch Life in California":
A Memoir completed in 1906 by Mary Teegarden Clark

MAY DAY IN ORANGE COUNTY PARK AROUND 1880

A custom of the country was the holding of a great festival, on the first day of May, in the beautiful Santiago Canyon . . . On this first day of May, forth the settlers fared from all the homes, in great wagons or stages, or on horseback; for to my certain knowledge, at this time, there was not a top buggy in Richland. All business was suspended for one day of enjoyment, and each family carried its basket, well filled with sandwiches, doughnuts and fruit, even flaky summer mince pies and delectable green gooseberry tarts were not lacking. . . As I recall these holidays, there was nothing at all formal; it was only a joyful reunion of all the settlers of Orange, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Gospel Swamp and Westminster. Under the trees were groups of friends sharing their picnic dinners, while children ran about, playing the old games we all loved once -- "London Bridge", "King William", and "Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grows". The tired horses were staked at a distance in the moist grass and faithful dogs guarded the wagons. Mirth and jollity were supreme as veterans of both sides of the Civil War vied with one another in stories of camp and field, sang once more old songs which have since become immortal . . . When the shades of night began to fall in the Canyon, the air grew too chill for those in summer garb, so preparations for departure began on every side, and soon the road was a moving panorama of all kinds of vehicles. As for head gear, everything from a sombrero to a Chinese hat could be seen on the men, and many more of the women wore neat blue or white sunbonnets, than expensive hats. Dame Fashion had not yet invaded this peaceful valley . . .



Walther League picnic in Orange County Park, Orange, California, 1909