VILLA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HISTORY & MEMORY BOOK

-The scholars of the Villa Park School soon be called to their studies by a belt. fine bell was delivered at the school

Ball Games

The baseball club of the Villa Park school went to Olive Friday afternoon and crossed bats with that aggregation. The rooters were there with their vociferous yell; but the boys from the Park kept quiet, played ball and won to the tune of 9 to 8. This is the second time Olive has been beaten by Villa Park. The first game resulted in a score of 18 to 6,

eachers and Janitors\$	1,562.00	
ooks and Supplies	98.84	
epairs and Improvements	85.00	
surance	5.00	
iscellaneous Expenses	6.75	\$ 1,757.

VILLA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

VILLA PARK SCHOOL

week on account of so many cases of measles among the pupils.

GRADUATES GIVE **CLOSING PROGRAMS**

VILLA PARK SCHOOL FACULTY RETAINED

From Tuesday's Daily-

Villa Park school's teaching staff was re-elected for another year when the school board met last evening. The principal, Elmer H. Ball, and Miss Fannie Hasty, are retained for next

VILLA PARK REOPENS SCHOOL AND CHURCH strong and had a very jolly afternoon

Villa Park Bond Election For Completion of School Plant to be Held Saturday

Villa Park School Splendid Program

The graduating program of the Villa Park School, last evening was the finest that has ever been given by that school. The play "Nine Rahs For The Nine," was written by the Principal, Miss Elizabeth Fisher, especially for the school, as they could find no play suitable for their memhers. The play is both beautiful and The Villa Park school is closed this clever, showing great charm and originality. The story of the play is the preparation for, and the winning cleverly given by two witnesses of for entrance to the game, and witin a beaming and excited state all through the game, by the reports from the urchins at the "knot hole" and the "Hurrah's" and school yells coming from the real witnesses, and participants behind the scenes. One very clever little original song during the play, to the accompaniment of the banjo-ukelell, was "I'm Forever Playing Baseball," and made a the graduation exercises in June. very pretty scene. The 3rd act, celebrating the winning of the game was very fine. The class colors, old rose, and Dusty Miller, were used in the hall decorations and were beautiful. The piano solos, and the address by Rev. L. Potter Hitchcock were splen-

The Villa Park achool had a picni supper at the County Park last Friday evening. The Parent-Teachers organization planned the picuic and furnished the hot coffee, cream and sugar. They left the school at 3 o'clock. parents, teachers and children, 100

VILLA PARK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Characters-Two little waifs, Elizabeth Spenetta, Elleen McCullom Falry god-mother, Ruth Witty: Ole Shut-eye, Jack Rasch; Christmas Angels, Grace Ellen Lee, Ruth Brubaker,

Villa Park School

Park school had a Halloween frolic In Navv Priday afternoon. The decoration were appropriate for the occasion and also many jolly games and fortunes With the Halloween party, followed, woodshop and physical education inby the P. T. A. meeting, and then structor, it was revealed with the anground with the El Modena nine, was a very busy day for the school

The trustees today reported that work of reconstructing the school building which was destroyed by fire the night of February 12, is progressing satisfactorily, with all indications pointing to its completion in time for

A few changes are being made in the building in conformity with recemmendations made by Principal Jones to facilitate school work.

VILLA PARK SCHOOL, CHURCH ARE CLOSED

Because of the prevalence of influiza in that section, the Villa Park grammar school closed classes yes

ame time that services would not be

Villa Park School

very delightful program Priday after

Christmas tree, furnished by the Parent-Teacher Association.

The program was opened with the singing of "filent Night," which was followed by presentation of a group of pictures by the P.-T. A. president Mrs. J. B. Handy. The pictures were a gift to the school from H. M. Okubo

Villa Park Busy Day Friday Teacher Enlists

The Navy today has a new saflor. and the Villa Park school is short a nouncement of the enlistment in the Navy of Donald Pozzo, member of the Villa Park faculty.

Pozzo has also been connected with the United States postoffice department at Los Angeles, and due to his training in woodwork, he is rated as a petty officer, carpenter's mate sec-

In a communication received by the chool from Pozzo, his first impressions of the Navy life was presented. Pozzo said that trays with compartments are used for eating everything except soup.

"Last Sunday we had chicken, and ve have also had steak and stew, and I see that they still serve beans in the Navy. In fact, we have had beans twice for breakfast," Pozzo said.

Villa Park School **Budget Announced**

Miss Florence Boosey, principal of rday for an indefinite period, it was the Villa Park grammar school, today announced the school budget for the coming year as a total of \$16,165, as compared to \$14,095 for last year, and confirmed the appointment of

The Villa Park Elementary School had two historic buildings that were constructed between 1919 and 1926 that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. These buildings were placed out of use in the early 1970s due to safety concerns and sat, fenced in, within the center of their campus since. After several years of discussion, public input and consideration of what to do with these historic buildings, the Orange Unified School District (OUSD) determined that they would be removed from the campus. The demolition of the buildings was completed in June and July of 2017.

To mitigate the loss of the historic school buildings, OUSD contracted a consulting firm, GPA Consulting, to photograph the buildings prior to demolition, conduct an oral history project, and compile a memory book to commemorate the buildings. This book is the product of that effort.



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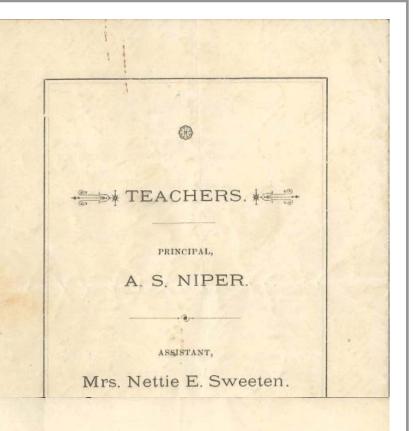
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Third Annual Commencement

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Mountain View School.

Photograph taken between 1883 and 1886. The Mountain View School Building was completed c. 1883 and designed by Joel Parker. It was constructed at the corner of Lincoln and Center streets (caption and photo courtesy of Jan van Emon, The Hidden Jewel)



MOTTO:

"Rowing, -- Not Drifting."

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Total Street

Original

CLASS:

Hettie Bogo.
Gora Hoyt.
Nellie Adams.

PROGRAMME =

1. Duet......"What Are the Wild Wayes Saying?"
Miss Lena Gulick and Miss Maggie Marsh.

2 Essay..... The Lake School Poets.
Miss Retha Lee.

4. History of an Ink Bottle ... Miss Madge Morrow.

Remarks on Deserted Village.....
Miss Maggie Marsh.

6. Quartet Beautiful River.
Misses Lee, Parker and Kelsey and Mr. Barker.

7. Quotations from Snowbound Seventh Grade, 8. Duet Bird and Mate.

Miss Nellie Adams and Miss Hettie Bond,

9. The First Book of Chronicles ... Miss Cora Hoyt,

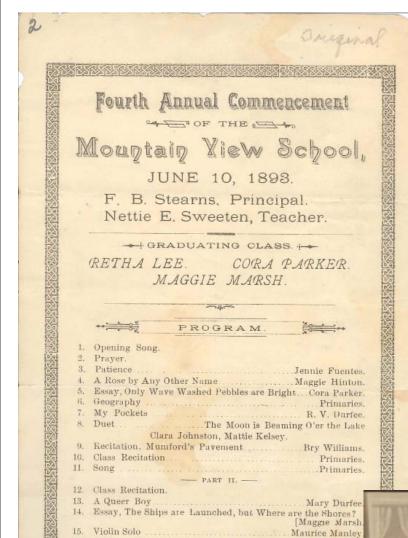
11. Essay Painting in Colors and in Words,
Miss Nellie Adams.

12. Farewell Address to Class . . . Miss Lenn Gulick.

13. Diplomas.

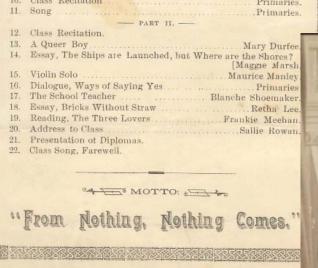
14. Solo, "Anchored," ... Miss Nellie Adams,

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Painting of carriage being pulled by two horses, c. 1900 (courtesy of Ed Berriman)



Commencement Program, 1893 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



Photograph taken February 22, 1895 by B.F. Conway with caption on back reading: "Taken after party night before. Nellie Adams, second row center" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)

Fifth Annual Commencement

..THE_

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL,

VILLA PARK, CAL.

Friday, June 22, 1894. AT 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

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GRADUATING CLASS.

DOCIA HINTON,

ROBERT MILLAR,

MADGE MORROW,



··*≈PROGRAM.≈··

Invocation	
	BELLA AND KATIE BATHGATE
The Cary Sisters	MAL. MORROW
The Moors in Spain	Docia Hinton
Song	BLANCHE SHOEMAKER
	FRANKIE MEEHAN
Washington Irving	
Song	NELLIE ADAMS
The Story of the Tribes	STELLA STANLEY
Class Prophecy	BRY WILLIAMS GRACE PARKER
	MRS, THOMPSON
Presentation of Diplomas	



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Photograph taken 1898 with caption on back reading: "Primary grades, Mountain View School. Miss Finley, teacher. Picture from Jessie Hoyt Nov. 1963" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



Photograph taken c. 1895 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



Photograph taken between 1896 and 1897 with caption on back reading: "Villa Park School, then called Mountain View. Teacher- Fanny Finley, Primary Grades" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)

Concert Program, 1896 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)

Concert and Tableaux

VILLA PARK,

Friday Evening, March 27, 1896.

SELECTIONS FROM OPHHEUS......Offenback Chorus. THEME DE MERCADANTE (varies) Charles Dancla Mrs. Emma C. Thomson.

HE WAS A PRINCEF. Lynes Miss Ada Pfeisfer.

Mrs. Vida A. Bixby.

YE BANKS AND BRAES Max Vogrich

FOR ALL ETERNITY Angelo Mascheroni Mrs. W. H. Pitman. Violin Obligato, Mrs. Emma C. Thomson.

BLUE BIRD ECHO......Mrs. Mary Morrison Miss Eva Crowell.

Mrs. Emma C. Thompson.

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INTERMISSION.

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TABLEAUX VIVANT.

Diana's Hunt,

Vespers,

Motherhood, Gypsy Camp.

Nydia,

THE ORANGE NEWS JOB PRINT.

Class Motto-- "Not finished; but begun."

Seventh Annual Commencement

→ OF THE ↔

MT. VIEW SCHOOL

Villa Park, Cal.

Monday Evening, June 27, 1898.

~ Program ~

Prayer	Rev. Weige
Song	
Welcome	
Song	Mrs. Pitman
Address	
Song	Eighth Grade
Recitation	Mary Durfee
Song	Bertha Lathrop
Essay	Simeon Bathgate
Presentation of Diplomas	Mrs. Weige

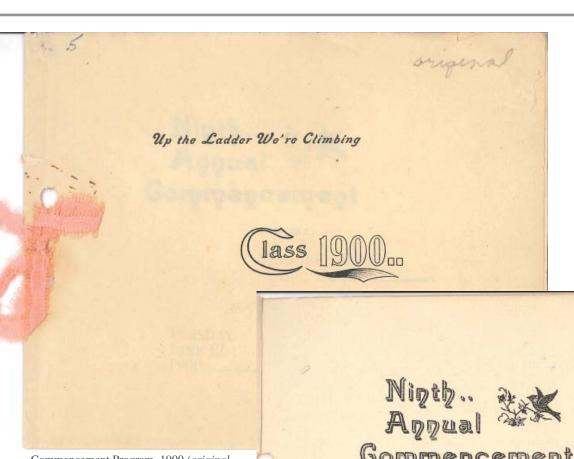


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Commencement Program, 1900 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)

Gommencement

... OF THE ...

Mountain View.... Public School____

AT VILLA PARK CHURCH

TUESDAY JUNE 12 1900_____

... Braduates ...



Class Motto: Up the Ladder We're Climbing.



WILLIE A. KNUTH CLYDE C. SHOEMAKER VESTIE MORROW ROY ADAMS

HENRY MEEHAN BLANCHE M. BROWN WALTER L. ADAMS

Classs Colors : Pink and White.



Program

	1.	March, MRS. AGNES HARDY
	2.	Invocation, REV. M. D. REID
	3.	Salutatory, CLYDE C. SHOEMAKER
	4.	Violin Solo, WILLIE A. KNUTH
9	5.	School Life, (Essay) HENRY MEEHAN
	6.	Duet,
	7.	Valedictory, WALTER L. ADAMS
	8.	Presentation of Diplomas, PRINCIPAL
	9.	Faust, (Fantasia) J. B. Singlee MRS. EMMA CONGER THOMSON
	10.	Address, REV. M. M. KILPATRICK
	II.	Quartette, Come Rise With the Lark ESSRS. C. A. KNUTH, C. J. STANLEY, W. T. PORTER
1		J. R. Rush



Photograph taken between 1902 and 1903 with caption on back reading: "Teachers Wm. Mitchell, Miss Bordew, Villa Park School" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Mountain View Public School

... HELD AT...

Villa Park Church Thursday, June 18th, 1903 8:15 P. M.

TRUSTEES

A. A. LEE, CLERK

E. H. ADAMS.



WILLIAM MITCHELL, Principal ADA M. BORDEN, Ass't,



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... Program ...

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I.	MARCHJessie Hoyt
II.	INVOCATION Rev. Herbert Livingston
III.	AMERICAAudience
IV.	PATRIOTISMRay Handy
V.	TRIO-"On the Mountain High,"Misses Bathgate
VI.	STEPPING STONES Minnie J. McCarthy
VII.	SOLO—"The Mill Wheel," Hester Billingsley
VIII.	WILLIAM SHAKESPEAR Harlowe R. Billingsley
IX.	SONG"Ring 'Dem Chimin' Bells,"
	Messrs, J. Long, C. A. Knuth, W. T. Porter, J. R. Roesch
X.	LITTLE THINGS Grace Lee
XI.	SOLO Catherine C. Billingsley
XII.	PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS Rev. H. Livingston
XIII.	CLASS FAREWELL
	Misses Lulu McPherson, Catherine C. Bathgate,
	Maggie Hinton, Hester Billingsley, Isabella Bathgate.

CLASS MOTTO: "START RIGHT, AND RIGHT AWAY."

> CLASS COLORS RED AND WHITE.

... Graduates...

RAY R. HANDY GRACE LEE

> HARLOWE R. BILLINGSLEY MINNIE J. McCARTHY.



Photograph taken c. 1903 with caption on back reading: "Elmer Ensign, Lee Nuffer, Nellie Adams, Beatrice Brown, Anna Adams, Louise Jesson, Russell Barker, Vernon W. Jaylon Pearson, Claude G., Robert McCollum, Dixie Perkins, Jessie Holditch, Wanda Lee Annie, Sarah Morrison, Stella Head, Minnie Silkwood, Mary Urschel; Arthur Clabby, Edgar Adams, Hensy Kozina, Fern Morrow, Della Cordell, Thomas McCollum, Bronson Holditch, Senobia Mirelas, Joseph Kozina, Claudina Mirelas,

(standing); Lillian Jesson" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



RULES FOR PUPILS.

Adopted by the State Board of Education, and Required to be Enforced in all Public Schools.

1. Every pupil is expected to attend school punctually and regularly; to conform to the regulations of the school and to obey promptly all the directions of the teacher; to observe good order and porpriety of deportment; to be diligent in study, respectful to teachers, and kind and obliging to schoolmates; to refrain entirely from the use of profane and vulgar language, and to be clean and neat in person and clothing.

2. Pupils are required in all cases of absence to bring, on their return to school, an excuse in writing from their parents or guardians, assigning good and sufficient reasons for such absence.

3. All pupils who have fallen behind their grade by absence or irregularity of attendance, by indolence or inattention, shall be placed in the grade below at the discretion of the teacher.

4. No pupil shall be allowed to leave school at recess, or at any other time before the regular hour for closing school, except in case of sickness or on written request of parent or guardian.

5. Any scholar who shall be absent one week without giving notice to the teacher shall lose all claim to his particular desk for the remainder of the term and shall not be considered a member of the school.

6. Heach scholar shall have a particular desk, and shall keep the same and the floor beneath it in a neat and orderly

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Section 13, Rules and Regulations of the Public Schools of California.

"Any pupil who shall in any way cut or otherwise injure any fences, trees or outbuilding belonging to any of the school estates, or shall write any profane or obscene language, or make any obscene pictures or characters on the school premises, shall be liable to suspension, expulsion or other punishment, according to the nature of the offense. The teacher may suspend a pupil temporarily for such offense, and shall notify the Trustees of such action. Pupils shall n t be allowed to remain in any of the rooms that are provided with improved styles of furniture, except in the presence of a tracher, or a monitor who is made especially responsible for the care of the seats and desks. All damage done school property by any of the pupils shall be repaired at the expense of the party committing the tresspass. Within one week of any damage to school property, teachers shall notify the Trustees or be held personally responsible."

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above		MIR, above	

Report Card and Graduation Certificate, 1903 (original documents belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)

This Certifies	With Education Free, with Sound Morals, and with Habits of Industry, the People will Prose per and the Republic will Endure.
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	rade to the sainth Grade.
3 Ont Viens	District Teacher 1903 Wasn Ossitchell Principal



Postcard with caption on back reading: "OUHS 1905" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)

To Parent, or Guardian.

This quarterly report will give you some idea of the pupil's school life. The specific criticisms given on page three are given in a spirit of helpfulness so that if the work or conduct is not satisfactory, pupils and parents may realize just where the trouble lies and so be able to co-operate with the teachers that there may be improvement and higher standards of work and conduct realized.

The regular work is four two-hour subjects daily throughout the year. To carry this well, the average student needs from two to three hours earnest work of earnest preparation outside of the regular school session of five and one-half hours. In order to derive the best results from the subjects there is a time element in education that cannot be disregarded. If the school life is to be worth while, this must be considered.

A subject requiring two hours and upwards per day, including preparation and recitation, represents a unit of work. Four of these units per year for four years constitute the *regular* work of the high school course. These taken in connection with a little time given to music, to the literary societies, and to physical culture represent the qualifications necessary to graduation. The statements concerning credits given on page two show the pupil's progress toward graduation.

Principal and teachers and parents are mutually interested in the welfare and progress of the students, and we cordially invite you to visit the school and talk over their work and progress.

General Records.

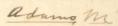
Grades of work are represented by the numerals I, 2, 3, 4. I signifies excellent work; 2, satisfactory work; 3, passable work; and 4, a "condition." A "3" debars one from recommendation to college in that subject.

STUDIES		QUARTERS			STUDIES	QUARTERS			
	1	2	3	4	STUDIES	1	2	3	4
ENGLISH: Literature ,, Compositi'n Grammar Rhetoric		2.	2	3.+	SCIENCE: Botany Chemistry Phys. Geog Physics,	<i>2</i>	2	2	2:
Oral Exp HISTORY: Ancient			Pa	****	COMMERCIAL: Arithmetic Book-Keeping				
Med. & Mod. English					Com. Geog				***
U.S. & Civ ANGUAGE:			47	****	Penmanship Stenography . Typewriting)	
Latin Spanish					MISCELLANEOUS: Times Tardy .		2	2	
Algebra 9 Geom. 10 Math. 11			2,	2	Half Days Ab.	2		3	2

Credits previous to 1905-1906

Credits still necessary to graduation.

Report Card, 1905-1906 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



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Orange Union High School

Report of Miss adams
of the Class, 1905-1906.

TEACHERS

- I. Chas. E. Taylor, Prin.; Math. and Ph. Culture.
- II. Delbert Brunton, Vice Prin.; History and Ph. Cul.
- III. Bessie M. Sessions; English.
- IV. Susan G. Stokes; Science.
- V. Marion Pryne; Latin and English Composition.
- VI. Jessie Milliken; Drawing, Ger., and Ph. Geog.
- VII. Ruth Stephenson; Spanish, Math., and Oral Exp.
- VIII. Alfred Higgins; Business College Department,



Parent or guardian, please examine carefully, and then sign.

First Quarter, M.S. A. S. Calams.
Second Quarter, A. S. A. A. M.S.
Third Quarter, A. S. A. A. A. M.S.

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Specific Derogatory Criticisms.

(Roman numerals opposite criticisms indicate the teachers who make such criticisms.—See page one.)

WORK	QUARTERS.				
WORK	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	
1 Shows little power					
2 Carelessly done					
3 Shows little study	******				
4 Much below ability			******		
5					
IN RECITATION		All bases			
6 Shows lack of home study.	**********				
7 Inattentive, Listless					
8 Unreliable					
9 Poor in ex- pression			77.		
CONDUCT		2.00			
0 Not business- like					
1 Lacking in application					
2 Unreliable					
3 Heedless of regulations			***********		
4 Needlessly noisy					
5 Truant					

Commencement Program, 1906 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)

Program

Commencement Exercises

O. U. H. S.

Friday, June 22

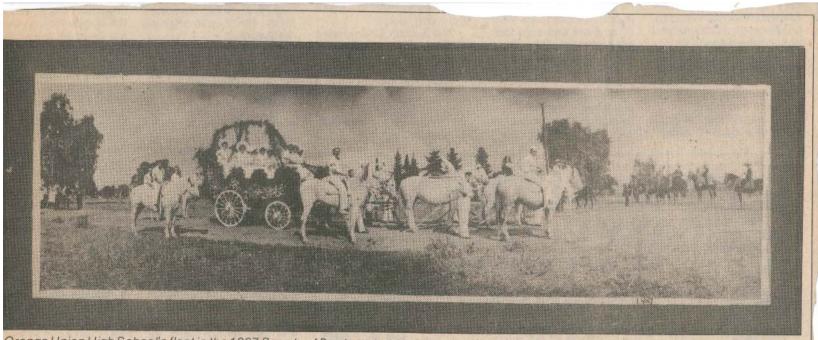
Sales:

Class Motto:-"Knowledge is Power."



Orange Union High School, 1906 (author's collection

Newspaper clipping from *Orange City*News, February 17, 1982 with caption
reading: "Orange High Building
Joined Districts," (original document
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Orange Union High School's float in the 1907 Parade of Products held in Santa Ana to celebrate the arrival of the Pacific Electric Line.

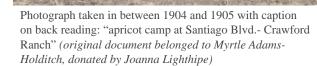
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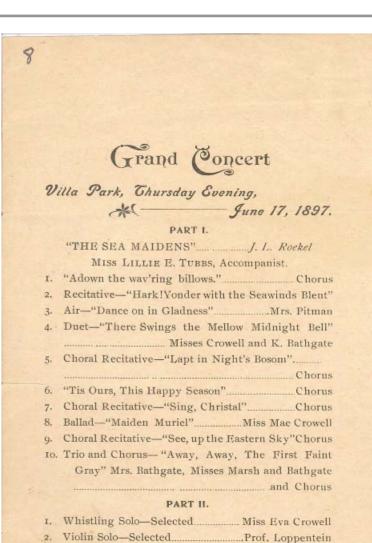
back reading: "apricot camp at Lincoln and Prospect, then the Lyons Ranch" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



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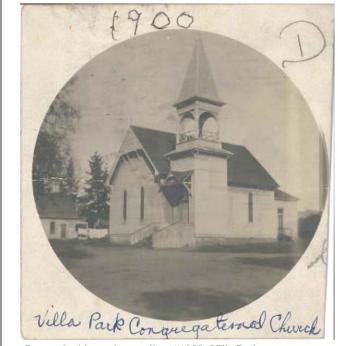
... Miss A. Gertrude Clark

...Mr. and Miss Crowell

....Miss Alice C. McCarty

.....By Request

....Arion Club



3. Solo—Selected.....

6. Solo-"Grafted into the Army" ...

4. Song—Selected

5. Duet-Selected.....

7. "Gypsy Camp"......

Postcard with caption reading: "1900- Villa Park Congregational Church" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe) Concert Program, 1897 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



Photograph taken in 1898
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the Villa Park Church"
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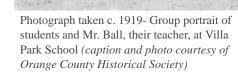
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Newspaper clipping from Orange City News, date unknown, with caption reading "1910 Street Fair Committee (courtesy of the Orange Community Historical Society)" (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



Photograph taken c. 1919- Students in front of the Villa Park Elementary School, formerly the Mountain View School, located in Villa Park, California. (caption and photo courtesy of Orange County Historical Society)





Photograph taken c. 1919- Students gathered in front of Villa Park School. The two-room building was completed in 1883. The school name was changed from Mountain View School in 1910, to correspond with the postal address. The pepper trees were planted by F. D. Collins. (caption and photo courtesy of Orange County Historical Society)



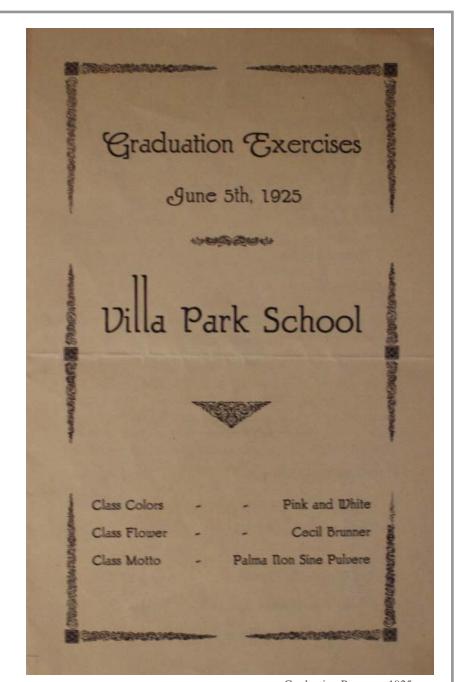
Photograph taken c. 1922 with caption on back of photo reading: "Villa Park Elementary School- first new building after original was taken down in early 1920s." (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)



Photograph taken c. 1922 (courtesy of Orange County Historical Society)

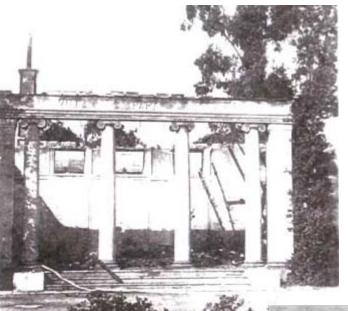


Photograph taken c. 1925 (courtesy of Orange County Historical Society)



Graduation Program, 1925 (original document belonged to Myrtle Adams-Holditch, donated by Joanna Lighthipe)





\$22,000 LOSS RESULTS IN BIG NIGHT RI A7F

The Villa Park school which was recently damaged by fire is now being rebuilt. Tulene & Kilgore have the contract. The lumber and cement is being supplied by Barr.

Villa Park School Burns

Photograph taken c. 1926- Villa Park School after destruction by fire in 1926 (caption and photo courtesy of Jan van Emon, The Hidden Jewel)

Newspaper clippings from *Orange Daily News*, April 1926. The trustees today reported that work of reconstructing the school building which was destroyed by fire the night of February 12, is progressing satisfactorily, with all indications pointing to its completion in time for the graduation exercises in June.

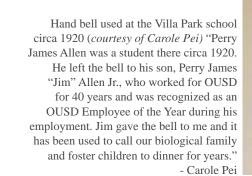
A few changes are being made in the building in conformity with recemmendations made by Principal Jones to facilitate school work.

In the meantime, classes are being held in improvised quarters in a portion of the building saved by the Orange fire department. Though somewhat cramped for space and handicapped by the lack of library and other equipment which was destroyed in the fire, the class work is progressing nicely, according to a statement by Charles W. Morrow, John F. Allen and F. H. Collins, board members.

In their statement, the board members thanked the teachers for their hearty cooperation in the emergency and also the neighboring schools which assisted by supplying books, desks and other equipment.



"Elementary School in Villa Park," in *Orange California Advertising Brochure*, California Rotogravure Corporation L.A., 1927.





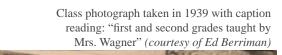




Class photograph taken in 1939 with caption reading: "third and fourth grades taught by Miss Lambert" (courtesy of Ed Berriman)



Class photograph of seventh and eighth grades taught by Miss Bucey (courtesy of Ed Berriman)







Class photograph taken in 1941 with caption reading: "fifth and sixth grades taught by Mrs. Roseman and training teacher Mr. Dozzo (courtesy of Ed Berriman)

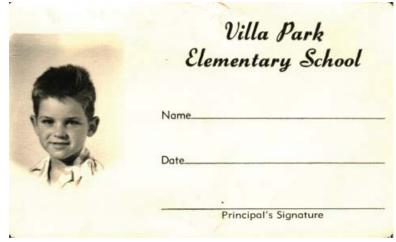


Photographs taken c. 1940- Cecil Berriman, custodian and bus driver (courtesy of Ed Berriman)

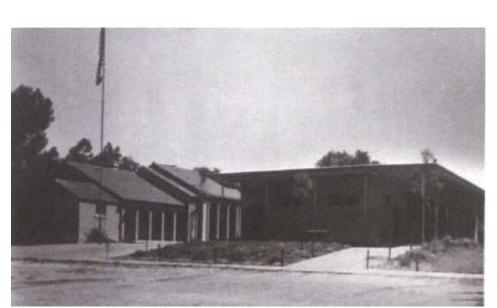




Photograph taken c. 1943- Villa Park School students, 1943. At this time it was a one-room school. On the back row, H. H. Marsh is standing third from the right (photo and caption courtesy of Orange County Historical Society)



Student identification card issued by Villa Park Elementary School c. 1950 (courtesy of Ed Archibald)



Photograph taken c. 1948- Looking east to new classroom building on Lincoln Street (caption and photo courtesy of Jan van Emon, The Hidden Jewel)



First grade class photo taken between 1947 and 1948 (courtesy of Ed Archibald)



Photograph taken c. 1952- Ground breaking ceremony for the new Villa Park School District Auditorium (*caption* and photo courtesy of Jan van Emon, The Hidden Jewel)



Photograph taken c. 1952- First class graduated from the new auditorium in 1952 (caption and photo courtesy of Jan van Emon, The Hidden Jewel)



Photograph taken c. 1952- The auditorium, was completed in 1952 (caption and photo courtesy of Jan van Emon, The Hidden Jewel)



Photograph taken c. 1952-Students dressed up for an event in the auditorium of the Villa Park Elementary School building (courtesy of Ed Archibald)

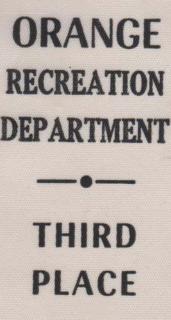




Photograph taken in 1963- Percy "Doc" Baldwin, Custodian for OUSD. Retired in 1967 (caption and photo courtesy of daughter, Roberta "Bobbie" Baldwin-Grayson, pictured at right with sister Patty, circa 1957)



Villa Park Kickball Playday Third Place Ribbon, 1959 (courtesy of Roberta "Bobbie" Baldwin-Grayson)







Photograph taken between 1958 and 1959- 4th grade class taught by Mrs. Nichols (caption and photo courtesy of Roberta
"Bobbie" Baldwin-Grayson)



VILLA PARK SCHOOL ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

GRADE 4

1958 - 1959





Photograph taken between 1960 and 1961- 5th grade class taught by Mrs. Olmstead. (caption and photo courtesy of Roberta "Bobbie" Baldwin-Grayson)

Hampton

1959-1960



Photograph taken between 1961 and 1962- 6th grade class taught by Mr. Lyerla.

"Bottom row left to right: Kathy Veil, Sharon Burke, Shelly Rymer, Bobbie Baldwin, Joanne Amitisto, Jane Burger, Debbie Litheridge, Sheila Hariman, Shaundra Stanley

Middle row left to right: Mr. Lyerla, Tim Windimoth, John Buscaglio, Belinda Dorman, Wendy Vaughn, Rita Perstack, Kathaleen Hartwell, Mark Casper, Denny Locke

Top row left to right: Bobby Parker, George "Buddy" Rowel, George Collier, Joel Gray, Rick Stewart, Wayne Cobb, Brian Frysinger, Howard Vorshall, David Grant, Jim Forsberge"

(caption and photo courtesy of Roberta "Bobbie" Baldwin-Grayson)

THE BERLITZ SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

STUDENT PEDAGOGICAL REPORT

	Roberta	Baldwin	has	completed
a course of_	15 hours in a_	Spanish		class.

Roberta is a very good student.

She is always attentive in class and y am very please with her work

French Certificate, 1957 (courtesy of Roberta "Bobbie" Baldwin-Grayson)



THE BERLITZ SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES

STUDENT PEDAGOGICAL REPORT

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Spanish Certificate, 1957 (courtesy of Roberta "Bobbie" Baldwin-Grayson)

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ORANGE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO PARENTS

PUPIL'S NAME Stephen Hoffman GRADE 2



To Parent or Guardian:

In order that your child may grow wholesomely and effectively as an individual and as a member of his community, the school and home should work cooperatively in guiding and directing his growth. Democracy is a way of living that provides the highest physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of each member.

Children differ in interests, abilities, past experiences, and the rate at which they grow. In this report we are describing your child's progress rather than comparing him with other children. If you wish further information, we will be glad to plan a personal conference with you. Parents are always welcome to visit the school.

Teacher	Mrs. Rob	les		
Principal	Lynn Oli	re		
Year ending	June // , 19 64			
Assignment	for next year: Grade	3rd_	Room No.	

Observes safety rules	V
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Report Card, 1964 (courtesy of Stephen Hoffman)

PROGRESS IN SCHOOL SUBJECTS

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Second Reader 1st half						
Second Reader 2nd half					V	
Third Reader 1st half						
Third Reader 2nd half						
LANGUAGE						
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Written expression			~		V	
WRITING	/				V	
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Class photograph taken c. 1964 (courtesy of Stephen Hoffman)















Class photographs taken between 1964 and 1965 (courtesy of Stephen Hoffman)



























































ORANGE, CALIFORNIA

MRS BURTON

GRADE 3

1964-1965

























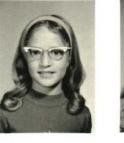




















Class photographs taken between 1966 and 1967 (courtesy of Stephen

Hoffman)









MR, FRYDENDALL GRADE 5











Photograph taken c. 1970- Villa Park Elementary school buildings (courtesy of Ed Archibald)

Villa Park school and its principal go way back

Ex-student, janitor now holds top spot

By Cathi Firor Register staff writer

In 1936, Ed Berriman trudged through his father's orange and lemon groves to attend Villa Park Elementary School.

Later, he worked his way through Fullerton Junior College as the elementary school's bus driver and janitor

The country school was part of the Berriman family's life. For 27 years, his father was the custodian. He raised the U.S. flag each morning while students saluted.

Today the younger Berriman still works just about where the old bus garage used to be.

But now he's principal of the

The 10-building, Spanish-style school on Center Drive celebrates its 100th birthday this year.

For Berriman, it was like blowing out the candles with a mem-

"It's a nice, warm feeling," Berriman said. He keeps portraits of his elementary school teachers on the wall of his office.

"I determined in grade school I wanted to be a teacher," he said, but never thought he would end up supervising the same school where he once was a handyman.

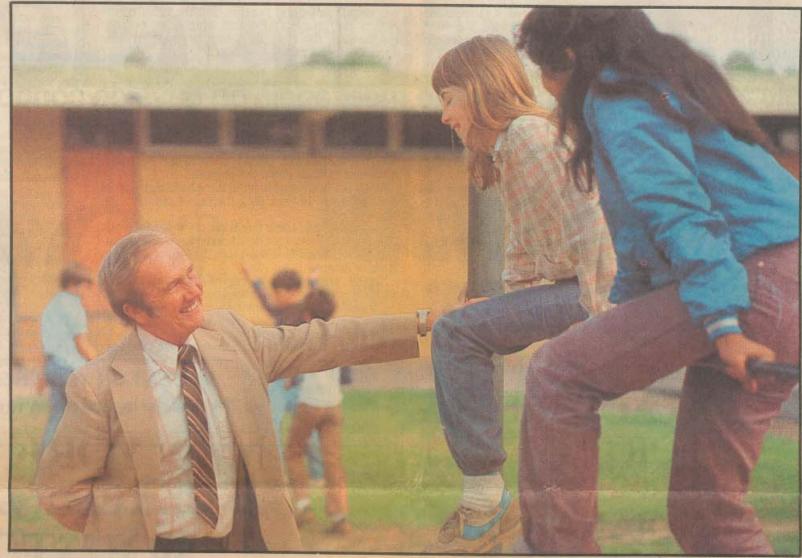
"I helped my dad a good deal during the time he worked here,' Berriman said. "I always said that I grew up with a broom in one hand and a shovel in the other."

The broom he used at the school. The shovel he used to help in the groves and in taking care of the goats, chickens and rabbits his family raised.

After meeting in Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal mines, Berriman's father, Cecil. and mother, Emma, kept 5 acres of lemon groves outside their Collins Avenue home and raised their two children, Ed and his sister, Phyllis, who now lives in Brea.

Both children attended the school, which formally celebrated its birthday in November with an "old-timer's party." Some of the school's former teachers and principals came back to visit, drawings picturing the old facade were sold, and the Villa Park Community Historical Society's museum displayed its collection of school memorabilia.

The museum, which is housed in one of the 1947 classrooms, fea-



Ed Berriman, Villa Park Elementary principal, shares a smile during recess with sixth-graders Victoria Walters and Minerva Montoya.

tures memorabilia from the Villa Park Orchards and Central Lemon associations, and displays valentines reportedly saved from the main school building when it was destroyed in a February 1926

Berriman has worked for the Orange Unified School District for 27 years, and has been principal of Villa Park Elementary the

He lives in Orange with his wife, Elaine, who is a gradeschool teacher.

Most of the children Berriman went to school with came from families involved in irrigating, growing, harvesting or packing the lemons, oranges and avocados that grew in the area.

Today, the last of the city's packing houses is closed, and the school is surrounded by expen-

A school district committee re-



Please see SCHOOL/B5 This building, constructed in 1926, is used for storage and offices at Villa Park Elementary School.

SCHOOL: Many changes recalled

cently identified Villa Park Elementary as one of the nine schools that might be heels to draw lines for the basketball closed due to declining enrollment, if the school board agrees.

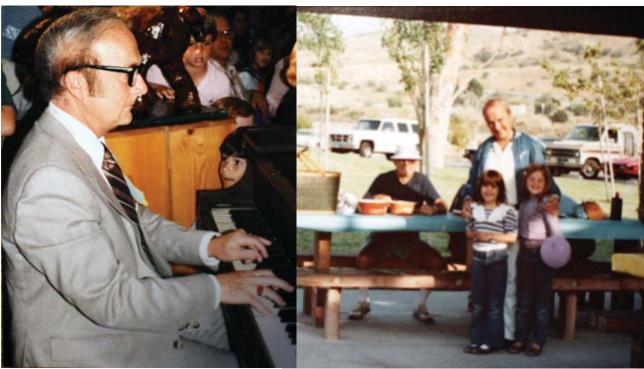
Built for 20 students in 1882, the school too, Berriman said. now has 370 students. Its enrollment peaked in the late 1970s with about 700 their kids mess around. Our play was

Teaching methods have changed since those years, Berriman recalled. The students used to learn less from One of his favorite places to play was books and more from "hands-on" the Santiago Creek bed, "where swimprojects, some of them built on the sand ming holes would last until early sumtables located in each classroom.

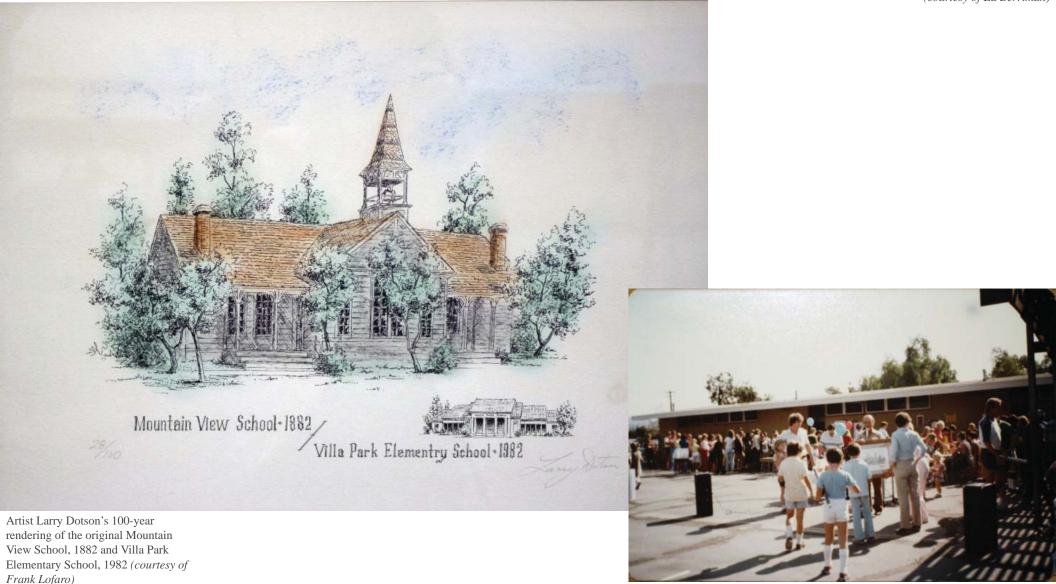
They played in a dirt schoolyard in- dams north of Willa Park.

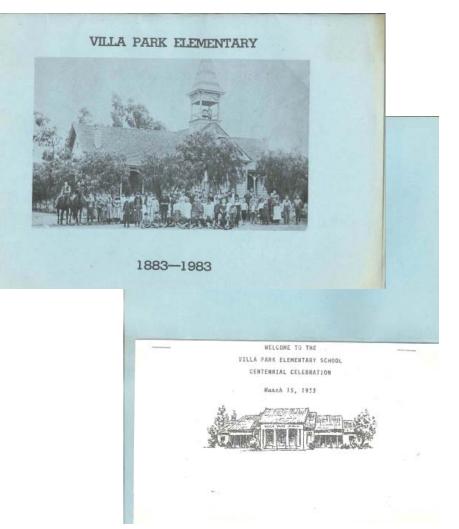
Newspaper clipping from The Orange County Register, January 19, 1983, B3 (courtesy of Ed Berriman)

"Parents are more reluctant to let great deal of roaming around,'



Photographs taken c. 1983- Principal Ed Berriman playing piano (left) and playing with VPE kids (right) at the Centennial Celebration (courtesy of Ed Berriman)





Villa Park Elementary School Centennial Celebration Program, 1983 (courtesy of Ed Berriman)

VII.LA PARK ELEMENTARY

The first school in Villa Park was established in 1880 in a small shed on the Smith ranch. The beautiful mountain panorama east of the site inspired the the school name of Mountain View. The original school began with only four pupils. By 1882, with an enrollment of twenty students, the

need for a new school became obvious to the Board of Trustees.

The new grey wooden building with a bell tower was completed in 1883 on the current Villa Park Elementary site at Lincoln and Center. The school building was composed of two rooms--the "little" room for the first five grades and the "big" room for the last four. Each room was heated by its own cast-iron wood stove. The name of the school was changed to Villa Park in 1910 to correspond with the postal address. Several of the pepper trees planted on the school grounds during this era still remain.

A two room Spanish style stucco school was built to replace the wooden building in 1919. An addition of a primary room was made in 1924. A fire destroyed the main building in 1926. Insurance money was used to replace

the building on the old foundation. A small library was added at this time.

There were about 100 students in the four room school in 1937. In 1954,
when the school merged with the Orange Unified School District, there were seven teachers and more than 150 students.

The town of Villa Park began to grow and so did the school! The enrollment really swelled during the mid-seventies. Portable classrooms were installed to accommodate over 700 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Today, in the centennial year, the student population is only





illa Park Monopoly Game, 1983- Designed by Jill Kuli and sponsored by the Villa Park Elementary School Restoration Corporation as part of their effort to help save the historic Villa Park School Buildings (courtesy of Jill Kuli)

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THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC VILLA PARK SCHOOL....THEN AND NOW!

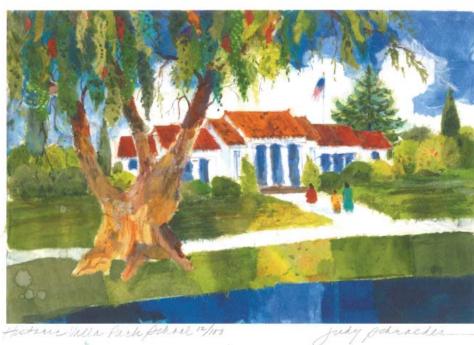
Notes from the founding families suggest that until an elementary school district was established in 1880 on the Smith Ranch at Lincoln and Center there was no recorded name for the current Villa Park area, which was then a part of Los Angeles County. Inspired by the panoramic vista to the east of its location near Santiago Creek, the school was originally named Mountain View. The community informally took on the designation, but a Mountain View post office was denied because a northern California area had already acquired the name. In 1889, postal service was granted as Villa Park. To conform, the Mountain View School District took the name of Villa Park in 1910.

There is no doubt that a need for quality educational space rallied the early settlers. The first school building, a gray wooden structure with a bell tower, was completed in 1883 on the current Villa Park Elementary site. Several of the pepper trees planted on the grounds during that era remain today. A new schoolhouse was built in 1919 and the original bell moved into the new bell tower. A primary room was built to the north in 1924. It was joined the main building by a covered walkway. A raging fire swept through much of the rural school in 1926 but classes resumed in the undamaged primary room and out buildings while the damaged portions were quickly rebuilt on the original foundation.

Villa Park School was incorporated into the Orange Unified School District in 1954. Student populations have fluctuated over the years, reaching a high in the mid seventies. Many permanent and portable classrooms have been added to the site in the past. In order to accommodate current small class sizes and an open enrollment policy, more portables continue to be added. Due to classroom space needs, the wonderful stage/cafetorium building must now house the library and computer lab, leaving no room for student performances and/or community meetings. Unfortunately, the old buildings represented in this print have not been accessible for student use for several decades due to earthquake safety regulations. Yet, they remain as the only public historic structures from the agricultural era of Villa Park. In Year 2000 there is a community quest to begin refurbishing the old building infrastructures to meet safety standards while preparing them for modern educational technology. The desire to maintain the interior charm and unique architectural integrity is keen.

Our many thanks to a special friend and talented artist, Judy Schroeder, of Schroeder Studio Gallery In Old Towne Orange. Her donation of the Villa Park School stained collage/watercolor for multi-media use is a priceless gift. The framed original was raffled at the VP City Picnic in June 2000. Now, this limited edition. signed and numbered print is our way of sharing the pleasure of her unique artwork while showing gratitude to others for their financial assistance with the restoration of the historic school.

VILLA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESTORATION CORPORATION



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Painting and tile donated by Jill Kuli

3/16/83 Madia D Dear Mrs. Kuli, would like to thank you for everything that you have done I am a sixth aroder and this is my last year here. I wanted to make this year extra special. What you did was just the right thing. Now for memorie: year book. The balloon release was a great idea. I put phone num ber on my I couldn't believe it. I waisn't there when they called yout at least I know that they did Now did many,
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1983 letter from Nadia Davis to Jill Kuli about her work with the Villa Park Elementary School Restoration Corporation (courtesy of Jill Kuli).

Thank you to all who participated in this project and helped make it possible.

A special thanks to the following people who donated to this book and/or participated in the oral history interviews:

> Myrtle Adams-Holditch Ed Archibald Ed and Elaine Berriman Alayne Campbell Mark Fowler Bobbie Grayson Stephen Hoffman Cyndee Keller-Paulus Jill Kuli Mark Kuli Joanna Lighthipe Frank Lofaro Carole Pei Jan van Emon



Photograph taken May, 1987- Villa Park School marker in front of tree at Villa Park School (photograph and caption courtesy of Orange

County Historical Society

-The scholars of the Villa Park School Il soon be called to their studies by a bell. fine bell was delivered at the school ounds yerterday.

The baseball club of the Villa Park school went to Olive Friday afternoon and crossed bats with that aggregation. The rooters were there with their vociferous yell; but the boys from the Park kept quiet, played ball and won to the tune of 9 to 8. This is the second time Olive has been beaten by Villa Park. The first game resulted in a score of 18 to 6,

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Teachers and Janitors\$	1,562.00	
Books and Supplies	98.84	
Repairs and Improvements	85.00	
Insurance	5,00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	6.75	\$ 1,1

VILLA PARK SCHOOL

The Villa Park school is closed this week on account of so many cases of measles among the pupils.

VILLA PARK SCHOOL

From Tuesday's Daily-

Villa Park school's teaching staff was re-elected for another year when the school board met last evening. The principal, Elmer H. Ball, and Miss Fannie Hasty, are retained for next

VILLA PARK REOPENS

Villa Park Bond Election For Completion of School Plant to be Held Saturday

Villa Park School Splendid Program

The graduating program of the Villa Park School, last evening was the finest that has ever been given by that school. The play "Nine Rahs For The Nine," was written by the Principal, Miss Elizabeth Fisher, especially for the school, as they could find no play suitable for their members. The play is both beautiful and clever, showing great charm and originality. The story of the play is the preparation for, and the winning of a baseball game, and it is very cleverly given by two witnesses of the game, who had no money to pay for entrance to the game, and witin a beaming and excited state all through the game, by the reports from the urchins at the "knot hole" and the "Hurrah's" and school yells coming from the real witnesses, and participants behind the scenes. One very clever little original song during the play, to the accompaniment of the banjo-ukeleli, was "I'm Forever Playing Baseball," and made al very pretty scene. The 3rd act, celebrating the winning of the game was very fine. The class colors, old rose, and Dusty Miller, were used in the hall decorations and were beautiful. The piano solos, and the address by Rev. L. Potter Hitchcock were splen-

The Villa Park school had a picnic supper at the County Park last Friday evening. The Parent-Teachers organization planned the picule and furnished the hot coffee, cream and sugar. They left the school at 2 o'clock. SCHOOL AND CHURCH parents, teachers and children, 100 parents, teachers and children, 100

VILLA PARK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Characters-Two little waifs, Eliza beth Spenetta, Eileen McCullom Fairy god-mother, Ruth Witty: Ol Shut-eye, Jack Rasch; Christmas Angels, Grace Ellen Lee, Ruth Brubaker. and were of the three great preside Frances Deck.

Villa Park School

The grammar room of the Villa In Navy Friday afternoon, The decorations were appropriate for the occasion and also many jolly games and fortunes and the Villa Park school is short a With the Halloween party, followed woodshop and physical education inby the P. T. A. meeting, and then structor, it was revealed with the anthe baseball game on the home nouncement of the enlistment in the ground with the El Modena nine, il Navy of Donald Pozzo, member of the was a very busy day for the school.

The trustees today reported that work of reconstructing the school building which was destroyed by fire the night of February 12, is progressing satisfactorily, with all indications pointing to its completion in time for school from Pozzo, his first impresthe graduation exercises in June.

the building in conformity with rec emmendations made by Principal Jones to facilitate school work.

VILLA PARK SCHOOL, CHURCH ARE CLOSED

Because of the prevalence of influ nza in that section, the Villa Park rammar school closed classes yes unounced here today.

Announcement was made at the ame time that services would not be held at the Villa Park church until

Villa Park School Celebrates Christmas

decorated with the red and grees motif and with a beautifully decorate Christmas tree, furnished by the Parent-Teacher Association.

The program was opened with the inging of "filent Night," which was followed by presentation of a grou of pictures by the P.-T. A. presides Mrs. J. B. Handy. The pictures wer a gift to the school from H. M. Okube

Villa Park Busy Day Friday Teacher Enlists

The Navy today has a new saflor, Villa Park faculty.

Pozzo has also been connected with the United States postoffice department at Los Angeles, and due to his training in woodwork, he is rated as a petty officer, carpenter's mate sec-

In a communication received by the sions of the Navy life was presented. A few changes are being made in Pozzo said that trays with compartments are used for eating everything except soup.

"Last Sunday we had chicken, and we have also had steak and stew, and see that they still serve beans in the Navy. In fact, we have had beans twice for breakfast," Pozzo said.

Villa Park School BECAUSE OF FLU Budget Announced

Miss Florence Boosey, principal of rday for an indefinite period it was the Villa Park grammar school, today announced the school budget for the coming year as a total of \$16,165, as compared to \$14,095 for last year, and confirmed the appointment of

