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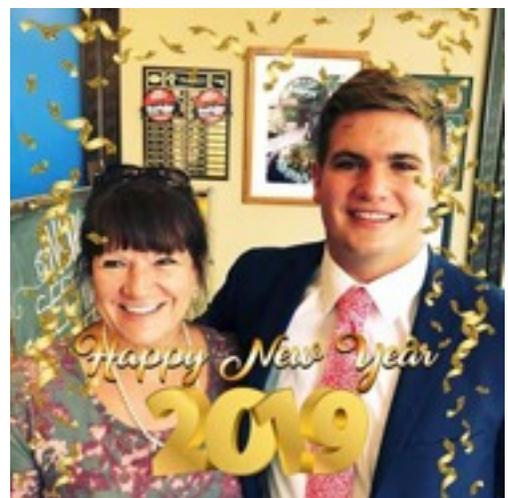
2018 had the panorama of human experience and 2019 should be no less. But more is our 55th Reunion scheduled for August 1, 2019, at the Chabot Science Center on Skyline Blvd.

The Reunion Committee does not meet until January 3, so details will not be forthcoming until the February newSnote. We do, however, anticipate after 15 years, we will have to make the cost of reservations \$100/person through June; \$125 thereafter.

Since the main event is on a Thursday night, the order of related activities may also be a bit different. Stay tuned. As usual, any gathering of Skyline'64ers promises to be memorable!



**Jess Gibbs Gadsby**  
**MaryAnn Collins Anderson**



**Mail Bag:**

**Shirley Hay** via Forgotten People: Cane River's Creoles of Color

When I read the book Cane River it reminded me of what life must have been for my ancestors. What is it 8% blood made you black by law? In those days if I was "colored" and had my same temper I would be dead. I am proud of my ancestor, what life must have been like in New Orleans and Kenner LA. What they endured, what they overcame, even if they had to move north the west pass for White & lost most of their family.....

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I don't know how many alums still live in Oakland but OEA (the teachers union) could use support. They can check out Wildcat Underground on Facebook for information and actions to take..... Skyline is one of the most understaffed schools in the district.

I'm also happy to talk to anyone interested.

Thanks! **Sandra Lee Clement**

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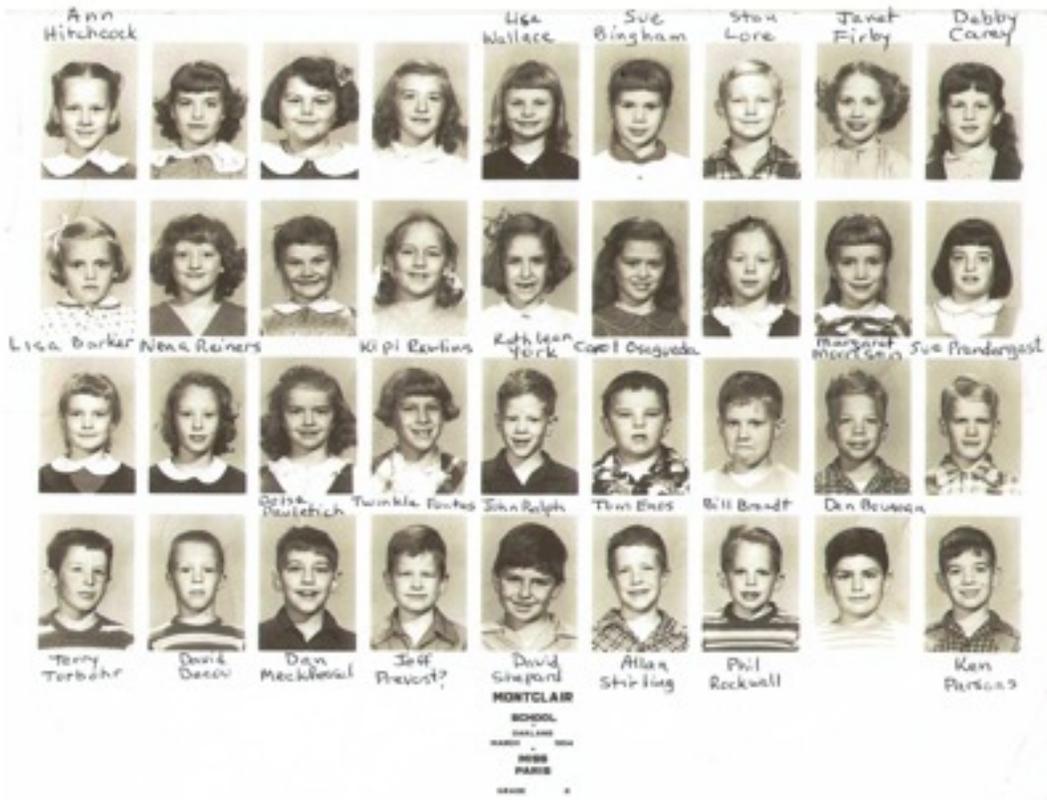
**Johnnie and Dave Niemand** on a dolphin tour in Whitianga, NZ

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I heard from **Joe Labellarte** this morning. He was up early the morning the Camp Fire started and got out just in time. His home only suffered very minor damage, and he is living there now.

Also I have the 2nd grade class photos for Montclair School in Oakland from March 1954. **Dan Meckfessel**

*(As previously mentioned both **Patty McCarger Hart** and **Jay Goodrich** lost their homes. **Patty** now in Yuba City).*



Kaspers on January 7

## Birthdays January

- 1 Bob Alton  
Arno Krippene  
Debbie Goldfarb Denos  
Scott Noble
- 3 Cathy Wight Brown
- 4 Linda Roesch
- 6 Francesca Kahn Tillman
- 8 Michele Ayers  
Lisa Wallace
- 15 Cheryl Merrick Hultgren
- 17 Debbie Agee Roessler
- 18 Karen Juul Mihok  
Richard Street
- 22 Jim Wright
- 25 Wayne Loomer
- 29 Janet Johnson McIntyre
- 30 Marlen Edelmann Smart  
Dale Matsui Satake
- 31 Bob Barklow



## February

- 1 Barbara Ann Brandon  
Michele Reynolds-Frost  
Susan Bingham Pate
- 3 Linda Allred Glaze
- 5 Cynthia Young
- 8 Roy Manson  
Rosemary Reitz
- 10 Gene Dangel
- 11 Stan Lore
- 13 Robin Kibbe  
Fred Runo
- 14 Dhynnis (Diane Carniglia)  
Joanne Belvedere Caglieri
- 21 Rod Bengston
- 25 Nick Weist



*“The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.” — Eleanor Roosevelt*

In Oakland, there's a treehouse — **enclosed in glass and shaped like a pinecone** — that hovers 60 above the forest floor. Asking price: \$150,000, plus installation. [Curbed](#) | [O2treehouse.com](#)

Great schools make great neighborhoods! Sequoia's Fifth Annual Family Dance &

(Mostly) Silent Auction is coming up. The event supports all of our enrichment activities, from library and science to art, music and garden. We hope you'll consider helping us again this year by donating, sponsoring, bidding online or joining us in person on February 9th! Here are the details: \* Donate items, certificates, services or skills! Complete the donation form at [bit.ly/2019sequoiaauction](http://bit.ly/2019sequoiaauction) or mail to Auction Team, Sequoia Elementary, 3700 Lincoln Ave., Oakland 94602. If you own a business, this is a fantastic way to develop community awareness and some well-deserved neighborhood goodwill. Plus, your donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. \* Sponsor the event. Your name/logo will be prominently featured on every page of our auction website, which attracts thousands of unique visitors each year, as well as on all of our event materials. Sponsorship levels start at just \$250! Contact [SequoiaAuctionTeam@gmail.com](mailto:SequoiaAuctionTeam@gmail.com) for details. \* Bid online starting January 28 and get great deals on great items and services. From restaurants to massages, family photography sessions to sporting events, there's something for everyone, right in time for Valentine's Day. \* Come to the live event! The big shindig takes place from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, on the Sequoia campus, and everyone in the community is welcome. There are yummy food trucks, an over-the-top bake sale, a kid-friendly dance hall and great people to connect with while you bid on the fabulous selection of items. Hope to see you there! --Lynn and the Sequoia Auction Team See more...

## Oakland named one of 'the world's most exciting destinations' for travel in 2019

<https://www.sfgate.com/travel/article/Nat-Geo-Oakland-travel-most-exciting-destinations -13432511.php>

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### You know you're from Oakland when (continued)

#### **16. You watched movies at the now-dark Coliseum Drive-in Theatre.**

Those days of watching Love Story on the outdoor screen are long gone, with the beloved Coliseum Drive-in Theatre replaced by a gigantic almost-daily flea market. Remember hooking that heavy, bulky metal speaker, with more static than your 1950s sweater, onto your hand-cranked roll-down window? Sadly, closed is the norm for the rest of the Bay Area drive-in theaters, but movie lovers can no doubt still find those classic VHS films at the flea market. The first California drive-in was built in June 1938. California had tons of them and, with more than 20 still open today, remains a top 5 drive-in state. (C.E.)

#### **17. Your last apartment was a 6,000-square-foot abandoned warehouse.**

Best thing about the booming economy? Not having to live in a nonresidential-zoned warehouse anymore. Sure, while the dot-coms were all dot-bombs, that 6,000-square-foot former furniture factory was a great place to hang your hat: low rent, no neighbors and tons of space. And you lived in the cool neighborhood before anybody else even knew it was cool. The amenities afforded by your current digs—showers, working stoves and closets—put your old place to shame. But no matter how much of an upgrade your new abode really is, that last warehouse will always hold a special place in your heart.(A.H.)

#### **18. You think of Yoshi's at Jack London Square as the "new" Yoshi's.**

In 2007 Yoshi's Jazz House and Restaurant celebrates its 10th year at its Jack London Square location, and in 2008 there will likely be another new Yoshi's, in San Francisco's Fillmore district. Authentic Oaklanders, however, will still fondly recall the original Claremont Avenue location in the Rockridge district, where Kaz Kajimura and Yoshi Akiba gradually built a neighborhood eatery with a music program into a jazz destination, starting with local bookings and gradually adding international stars. Those artists, such as McCoy Tyner, Oscar Peterson, Pharoah Sanders and Marian McPartland, and faithful fans consider the "new" Yoshi's one of the finest music venues in the world. (D.R.)

#### **19. There's a brick with your name on it at the Oakland Zoo.**

Today's Oakland Zoo is nestled atop the rolling hills of the 525-acre Knowland Park, though the first, founded by naturalist Henry Snow, opened its doors to animals and humans in 1922 in downtown Oakland. The zoo ultimately relocated to Golf Links Road in 1936. The bricks were in vogue roughly 10 years ago, where a \$100 donation bought a brick with your name and helped pay the costs of new exhibits for the sun bears and caribous. The brick program is a thing of the past, but new sponsorships are available for partnering and learning about the zoo's 440 native and exotic animals, from pygmy goats to elephants. And you're never too old to ride the train either. (C.E.)



#### **20. You're a magic key holder to Children's Fairyland.**

Visitors must walk through a shoe to get into the historic 10-acre land of storybook characters, kiddie rides and live animals known as Children's Fairyland, around since 1950. Real Oaklanders have a coveted gold key, which can't be bought; they're given out annually in June at fundraisers. Colored keys cost \$2 and are kept for life—or until they're lost. Ordered in batches of 10,000, they unlock Granny Goose stories told through sound boxes throughout the park. Fairyland, which recently opened an annex to sell keys and more at the Oakland International Airport, also has a famous puppet theater that has trained America's foremost puppeteers, including Tony Urbano, Luman Coad and Frank Oz. (C.E.)

### **21. Lois the Pie Queen personally served you**

An Oaklander knows that if you say, "Lois the Pie Queen," you're not talking about a person; you're talking about chicken, waffles and sweet potato pie. Sure, there was a Lois Davis, and her recipes are still used to make her namesake restaurant's desserts. Today, her son Chris Davis runs the restaurant and dishes out the Lemon Ice pie that's the restaurant's specialty. Pre-pie, the Reggie Jackson special—a very hearty plateful of pork chops, eggs, grits and biscuits—is the joint's most popular meal. Jackson's favorite back when he played for the A's, the special has been making cardiologists cry for 54 years, but it'll make your taste buds sing. (J.H.)

### **22. If you saw the first fantasy football draft at the King's X.**

In its heyday, the King's X was far more than a bar. It was a bar, a restaurant, a home to the best business lunch on Piedmont Avenue and the center of a little game called fantasy football. Fantasy football did not actually start at the King's X; its origins were in an Oakland home in 1963, where Andy Mousalimas had the first pick in the first fantasy draft ever. His choice? George Blanda, who still holds the record for most NFL seasons played (26, if you're wondering). The draft moved to the X when Mousalimas bought it in 1968, and that's when fantasy football really took off. In the pre-Internet era, Mousalimas spent seven hours a night tallying fantasy football results from the newspaper after he closed up shop. There the game lived, and thrived, until 2005 when the X changed hands and became the Kona Klub, a tiki bar. But the draft still exists. It moved to the Grand Oaks bar on Grand Avenue, and it's still called the King's X Draft despite the new digs. At 82, Mousalimas still picks a team each season. As the first fantasy draft-picker ever, he has a long tradition to maintain. (J.H.)

### **23. You're a diehard Genova Deli fan.**

There's only one sandwich in Oakland that'll satiate the deepest of bread/meat/bread cravings, and it's been crafted at a Temescal institution since the 1920s: Genova Delicatessen. Doesn't matter if the line is out the door, you'll join the throng, take a number, pick a golden Dutch crunch or French roll out of the bins and wait patiently for the team to stack it with Italian deli meats, gobs of mayonnaise, shredded lettuce and balsamic vinegar and oil dressing. Your sandwich also comes with a hearty helping of guffawing with the super-friendly staff. So step inside, pull a number and inhale. You're in Oakland now. (L.I.)

### **24. You know the difference between Rod Dibble and Rob Dibble.**

For '60s and '70s culture snobs, it was a comic anachronism, an Oaktown version of the Bill Murray lounge-lizard parody on Saturday Night Live: The permanent sign painted on The Alley's outside wall said it all: "Rod Dibble at the piano." But Dibble, still saloon crooning a half-century since Grand Avenue's post-WW II glory days, has the last laugh. His devotees flock around "the best bar piano player in America" (not to be confused with the heat-throwing "bad-boy" major-league pitcher Rob), as he rambles through sentimental pop and jazz standards, providing impeccable keyboard karaoke for faithful septuagenarians, boomers whose cynicism has turned to nostalgia, and young nightcrawlers who know a good old thing when they find it. (D.R.)

### **25. You're a regular at the Super Longs.**

You're an Oaklander if you've discovered the one-stop shopping Mecca at the Longs Drugs on 51st Street (aka as the Super Longs to some). Seemingly three times the size of any other drugstore, this 24-hour outfit at 51st and Broadway must have taken to the juice. Prescription pickups and toiletries are only the tip of the iceberg here. Have a late-night hankering for some English tea biscuits? Re-landscaping the yard? Goin' fishin' and misplaced the pole? Looking to outfit an entire apartment? Need fabric for the

curtains? Making a salad? It's hella possible at Longs, which is one of the reasons why I hella ♥ Oakland. (L.I.)

**26. All your childhood birthday cakes came from Neldam's Bakery.**

This time-honored Telegraph Avenue confectionery in the 3400 block is one of the few scratch-mix, independently owned bakeries left in the Bay Area. George and Rosalia Neldam opened their doors to make pastry treats when the Great Depression hit in 1929. According to their grandson, Mike Neldam, George Neldam worked other bakeries full time, until 1930, when he focused solely on his own. In a single year, Neldam's goes through approximately 17 tons of butter, 65 tons of sugar, 34 tons of cream, 4 tons of chocolate and 4,000 cases of fresh strawberries—which translates into childhood birthday bliss of about 100 cakes a week for thousands of little customers.

(C.E.)

**27. You embrace jury duty, which allows a lunchtime duck into Ratto's for a sandwich.**

If you're, say, bound by law while serving jury duty in downtown, then you're bound by tradition to stop in for a sandwich at G.B. Ratto & Co. International Grocers, a cornerstone of Old Oakland eateries. More than 100 years old, the deli is a landmark where you can get a delicious sandwich to keep you fueled for the rest of the trial. While you're waiting for your sandwich, your wandering eyes (and stomach) may be drawn to the wide assortment of other worldly goods, including grains, pastas and the house brand olive oil. And before you know it, you may walk out with a lighter wallet, albeit with a hearty meal and a heavier grocery bag. (C.F.)

**28. Holding your breath through the Caldecott Tunnel is a family affair.**

It was the wrong turn that lasted an hour. On a drive to Berkeley, my dad missed Highway 13, and we ended up on westbound Highway 24 headed east. Being good sports, my mom, sister and I took deep breaths and tried not to explode before we reached the other side of the Caldecott Tunnel. We made it. On the turnaround, we vowed to puff out our cheeks and not breathe, but 15 feet inside the tunnel, we gave up in a chorus of noisy exhalations. Holding one's breath is a skill, sure, but time of day and direction of traffic are everything. And while that problem may one day be solved by the advent of the elusive fourth bore, I'm not holding my breath. (J.H.)

**29. You did all your holiday shopping at I. Magnin.**

I. Magnin was the first retail chain founded by a woman, Mary Ann Magnin, and in the late 19th-century, it was the first to introduce Coco Chanel to the West Coast. On par with Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus with stunning Art Deco buildings filled with lots of Lalique chandeliers, eglomise mirrored cabinets and bronze elevator doors, I. Magnin made shoppers feel like they were above upper class. Original Oaklanders may remember the classic line about the I. Magnin in Uptown: "It was so fancy, the bargain basement was on the 6th floor!" (C.E.)

**30. Pop quiz: Where did the Oakland Raiders play before the Coliseum was built?**

You're an Oaklander if you the know the answer is Frank Youell Field, which is now part of Laney College. From 1962 to 1965, the Raiders played their home games next to the Nimitz Freeway in the 22,000-seat stadium. That's back when Al Davis, now the owner, was the head coach. "[Receiver] Art Powell was my favorite," says Oakland native Gary Harden, 54, who went to nearly every game at Frank Youell Field with his father, James. "He had the ability to tiptoe that sideline. He would catch an out pass and hug the sideline. He was known for that." (M.T.)

**QUIZ KEY What kind of Oaklander are you? Tally up your points score and read on to find out.**

**25-30 Points Ultimate Oaklander**

You hold the key to Fairyland, a charter membership to the Y, and yeah, that's your name in the Oakland Zoo brickyard. You go way back, back to the days when the Raiders ran amok at Frank Youell Field, the Oakland Oaks ruled the Pacific Coast League and Yoshi's rocked Rockridge. What can we say? You Hella ♥ Oakland—it says it right there across your chest.

**15-24 Points Intermediate Oaklander**

When it comes to Oaktown, you're no novice, that's for sure. You came into being on Pill Hill. You know that the best part of jury duty is the lunchtime sandwich from Ratto's and that the only place to find a fishing pole at 2 a.m. is the Longs on 51st. You've got your Dibbles straight, and you know the difference between Casper's and Kasper's. Well done.

**5-14 Points Amateur Oaklander**

Sure, you've done your time in an urban loft, licked your fingers clean at the real Everett & Jones, mailed last-minute tax returns from the main post office and pictured AT-ATs trudging across an intergalactic battlefield while driving up Interstate 880, but in the grand scheme of things, you're fairly new to the East Bay. Give it some time; you'll get there.

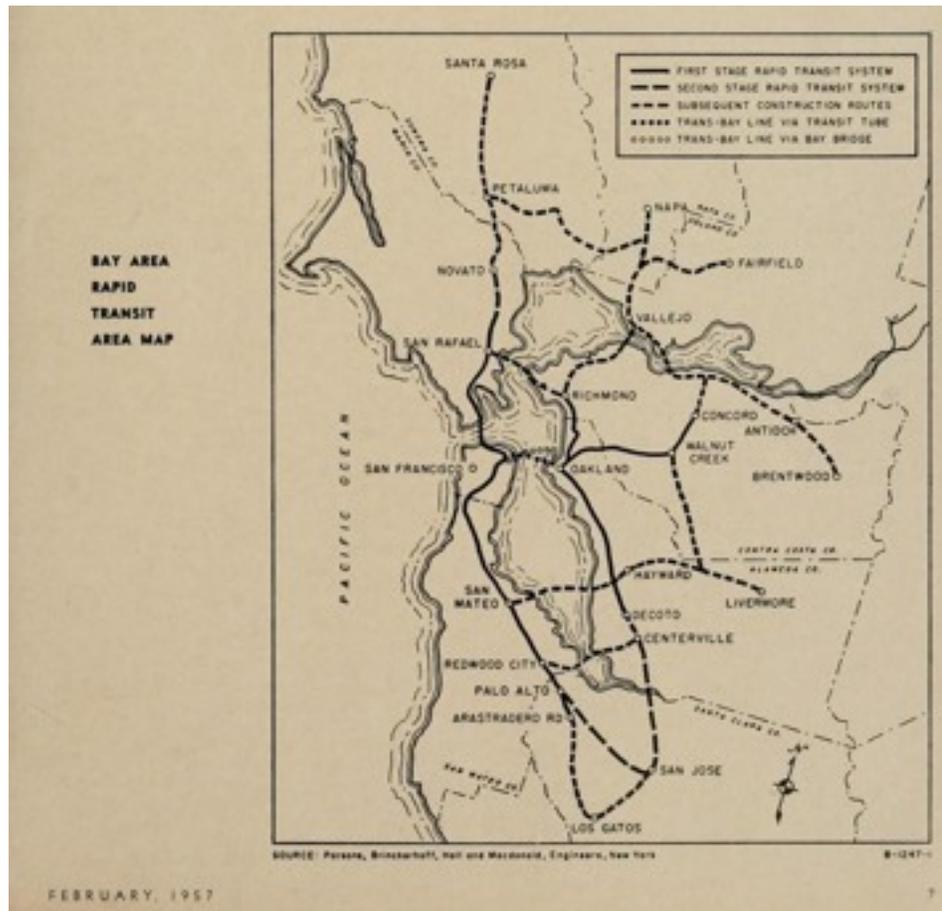
**0-4 Points Go Back to San Francisco**

You're one of those people who refers to San Francisco as "the city," aren't you? And you call yourself an Oaklander ... a night at the Claremont, a drink at Heinhold's and an Oliveto hog do not an Oaklander make. We suggest you head west and return to your old stomping grounds. (A.C.)

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[https://hoodline.com/2018/09/hobbyist-s-map-offers-glimpse-into-lost-routes-of-east-bay-s-1920s-streetcars?utm\\_source=story&utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_campaign=stories](https://hoodline.com/2018/09/hobbyist-s-map-offers-glimpse-into-lost-routes-of-east-bay-s-1920s-streetcars?utm_source=story&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=stories)

**Early BART Plan**



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**Four Plans That Shaped Downtown Oakland’s First 100 Years | SPUR**

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**Oakland New Deal Projects** <https://livingnewdeal.org/us/ca/oakland-ca/> (samples below)

**[Lake Chabot Golf Course – Oakland CA](#)**

The WPA built the golf course club house and improved and enlarged each hole. **Project type:** [Golf Courses](#), [Parks and recreation](#)



**[Lake Merritt Dock – Oakland CA](#)**

Below old and new photos of this Lake Merritt dock. **Project type:** [Parks and recreation](#)



**[Lake Temescal Beach House – Oakland CA](#)**

Stone beach house built at Lake Temescal, as part of the larger

regional park in the Oakland hills.

**Project type:** [Lodges](#), [Ranger Stations and Visitor Centers](#), [Parks and recreation](#)



**[Skyline Boulevard – Oakland CA](#)**



From Bay Nature Magazine: “Though its initial goal exceeded 10,000 acres, the [East Bay Regional Park] district by 1942 had acquired only 4,300 acres in what are now Tilden, Lake Temescal, Sibley, and Redwood regional parks. Still, it was a... [read more](#)

**Project type:** [Roads, bridges, and tunnels](#)

**New Deal Agencies:** [Works Progress Administration \(WPA\)](#)



We post, with regret, notice of the passing of Des Casey, Ms. Casey's (June Stark) consort. Faculty romance started at Skyline HS and continued til last week.

And here's Mena Hankins wishing us all a Happy New Year.

