

WHY AN IMPROVEMENT CLUB? (CONT.)

At Christmas time a huge free Children's party is sponsored annually by the organization for all children of the valley residents.

The TVIC was one of the groups which lead the roar of protest against the inequity of county tax assessments, by sending a committee to make a complaint to the County Board of Supervisors. This particular meeting was well reported by local papers, and consequently assisted in publicizing the Assessor's questionable method of assessment.

The recent county project of assignment of house numbers and changes to some street names in this area was carried out by the County Planning Commission with the assistance of our members.

Two of the newly adopted street names, Pineo and Browning, were suggested by the Club in memory of two of our local residents who gave their lives in the war.

The county program of street sign installation, soon to start in this locality, was speeded up by several letters from the TVIC.

A limited program of poison oak eradication was carried on this spring by a committee of the Club members who sprayed the plants with Ammate with excellent results. With the experience gained this year we hope to carry on a more extensive program next spring.

As our valley is an un-incorporated area, (and we hope it never will be incorporated) we do not have a local government, other than the county to look to for the installation and maintenance of improvements.

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Consequently, when the small voice of one individual resident is heard by the County, it may turn a deaf ear to his pleas. But it has been our experience, that the concerted effort of a group, such as an Improvement Club, will accomplish more with the County, and others, than many individuals might accomplish, acting independently.

Many times, during the past few years, letters to the Supervisors from individual residents seem to be ignored and unanswered. However, the TVIC has had quite satisfactory response to requests made by the Club for various urgently needed improvements.

So we urge you — be present at our next meeting, Thursday, September 2, at 8:00pm at the Tamalpais Valley Improvement Hall on Maple Street, between Shoreline Highway and Marin Avenue. Become a part of your friendly community by attending our meetings and contributing your knowledge and assistance toward the continued betterment of your community.

Dick Hancock, TVIC President, 1947 - 1948

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There have been a lot of changes in Tamalpais Valley since Dick Hancock was president of the TVIC. These changes were accomplished by the same procedure set by the founders. A committee would be formed for a specific improvement and it would be carried through to the finish. This resulted in our own school, sewer system, flood control, and support for a Community Services District, with Parks & Recreation. Even the traffic signal at Tam Junction that took years to get was accomplished in this manner. Only those who lived here before it was finally approved could understand the nightmare that intersection was to valley residents.

In 1954, the TVIC added the relief of comedy with their own variety show, the "Rhubarb Revue," their main fund raiser. It took a lot of Rhubarbs and work to buy the 11½ acres on Tennessee Valley Road known as Rhubarb Park and to build the TVIC Hall on Marin Avenue.

When you enter the Community Center on Marin Avenue look up above the stage, those gold letters TVIC are a tribute to those volunteers who gave their time and work to what we have today.

"On many a
week-end, in those
days, the local
citizens could be
seen wielding a
shovel, pick or
hammer on some
urgent project of
the day."