

Ralph Lester Murray, born just four hours and fifty minutes after the dawn of the New Year, is the winner of the second annual awards made by the Meridian Times and Ada county business men for the first local baby born in 1943.

Young Ralph, who tipped the scales at seven and a half pounds, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray who live on a farm two miles north-west of Kuna. He has two brothers and two sisters. Dr. J. M. Thomas of Meridian was the attending physician and the youngster came in with the New Year at St. Luke's hospital in Boise.

The parents of the young man will collect his prizes from the following business firms who contributed the awards: The Meridian Drug Center; McBride's Variety Store, Meridian; The A & M Furnishers, Meridian; Buster Brown Furniture Store, Nampa; Davis Store and Service Station, Meridian; Wright Motor Co., Meridian; Sears, Nampa; Bacon's Jewelry, Nampa; Myrt's Cafe, Meridian; Stryans Clothing Store, Nampa; Van's Motor Service, Meridian, and The Times.

Methodist Group to Meet at Chapin Home

The Adult Fellowship, composed of all young adults married and single in the Meridian Methodist church, will hold its January meeting at the Ray Chapin home on Sunday evening. A covered-dish dinner at 7 p. m. will open an evening of fellowship, closing with a devotional period.

decorations purchased by Meridian business men for decorating the streets.

Mr. Jarrett urged members of the club to make special effort during the next few weeks to interest more business men in joining the organization. O. B. McBride is chairman of the membership committee.

The next meeting will be held January 22.

Regular Meeting Of Meridian OES Held

Meridian chapter of the Eastern Star met for their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, January 6th, with Worthy Matron Rose Henrich presiding.

The officers who were installed December 23rd for the coming year are Worthy Matron, Rose Henrichs; Worthy Patron, Edward Henrichs; Associate Matron, Ruby Trautman; Asso. Patron, Orville Stark; Conductress, Gladys Bales; Asso. Conductress, Elva Wright; Chaplain, Deane Ulmer; Treasurer, Erma Tomlin; Secretary, Roberta McDonald; Marshall, Dorothy McClure; Adah, Emma Bales; Ruth, La Verne Pitkin; Esther, Jeane Watters; Martha, Lois Smith; Electa, Mrs. Orvall Stark; Warden, Mary Boice; Sentinel, Mr. Angus McDonald, Sr.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Veach, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Ross, Miss Mayer, and Mrs. Wright served refreshments.

The study group of the Occident Club will meet on Monday the 19th at the home of Mrs. Carl Patch.

remembering as they do so that tragedy may strike here again and that we may again find it necessary to look to the National Foundation for the help which is bringing us through the present epidemic.

V. R. Botkin, Mayor
City of Meridian

Kuna Board Votes To License Punch Boards

At its meeting Monday night of last week the Kuna Board passed an ordinance providing for the licensing of punch boards, chance spindles and chance prize games and set the license fee at \$125 for each place of business operating such devices. Failure to comply with the new ordinance calls for a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100, or imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both.

The ordinance also gives the Board of Trustees power to revoke the license of an licensee violating the provisions of the act, without refunding the license fee paid.

At the same meeting Chairman S. D. Bell, in co-operation with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, issued a proclamation designating January 15 to January 30 for the 1948 March of Dimes program and urged the citizens of Kuna to support it to the "utmost of their ability".

A special invitation was sent to Mrs. Louderbough, as a grand lodge officer, to attend the Unity Night of the Rebekah lodge, which is to be held in Boise Thursday evening.

dimes this year, inasmuch as the Idaho polio outbreak has taught us it takes dollars and many of them to fight this terrible affliction."

To date, Idaho has received advances totaling \$200,000 from the National Foundation in order to finance care, hospitalization and treatment of many polio victims. Idaho statistics show care in the average case costs upwards of \$1500.

The March of Dimes constitutes the only fund raising medium of the National Foundation and the local units within the state. The National Foundation receives 50 per cent of all money raised, while the remainder stays within the local area in which it is contributed. National Foundation money is expended for polio research, education and for emergency aid such as that extended to Idaho this past year.

A number of the state's leading citizens have already come forward in public support of the drive.

Gov. C. A. Robins, the state's chief executive and a physician in private life, issued a proclamation setting the dates of the drive for Jan. 15-30, and in an accompanying statement declared he was hoping for "a vigorous participation" in the drive. Said the Governor:

"We have just come through a widespread epidemic of polio, and much of the credit for the manner in which we met that emergency is due the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis. Actually, the last year we saw all our dimes of past drives some marching back to Idaho in the form of dollars as the National Foundation advanced us money to meet the care and hospitalization of our many victims."

Clyde Ball Recalls Early Days In Meridian

By Clyde Ball

It was a cold, rainy day just forty years ago, January 8, 1908, that I landed in Meridian. Teddy Roosevelt was president of the United States and James H. Hawley was governor of Idaho. There were no graveled streets in Meridian (just mud) and the old board walks were still here.

The city council was composed of J. M. Anderson (chairman), Will Palmer, Ed Hartman, Elmer Sims and Charley Pickett.

There was just one automobile hereabouts then—an old right-hand drive with buggy wheels, owned by Joseph Doane, whom we affectionately called "Sockless Jerry."

Early School Teachers

To the best of my memory the grade school and high school were operated together, the first four grades were in an old dilapidated frame building where Keller's Market now stands.

The teachers were Hester M. Spackman (whom we often, and appropriately, called Spankman), Ethel Tolleth, Nellie Tolleth and Miss McGrew. Among the teachers-over where the grade school now is were J. J. Caldwell (principal), Neal Nash and A. W. Fuller, but don't think I ever knew any of the others. The school board consisted of Will Palmer (who later did a magnificent job of helping to get the new high school building), Dr. H. F. Neal, J. A. Watts, John Waggoner and W. W. Groves.

The law in Meridian was represented by Jeff Kyle (marshall) L. K. Deck (constable) and George Whitlock (justice of the peace).

Good Baseball Team

As I remember Meridian had one of the best baseball teams in the valley, among the players were Frank Anderson, Frank Long, Ed Hartman, "Tubb"

Daly, Jim Waggoner, Oscar Zimmerman, Dee Herron; and Frank Matcham was water boy.

Dr. H. T. Nigter ran a livery barn just east of the Methodist church where the Davis, Raynor, Taylor and Kennedy families now live, and Will Palmer ran another where the creamery is now located. Construction had just started on the new Methodist church, William Crosby Ross was minister. H. B. Powers was christian minister.

E. G. Duncan had a general store, where John Petty's house now stands. In a building just east of the Boise-Payette Lumber Co., S. H. Griffith and Charley Pickett made spray in the spring and cider in the fall.

J. A. Fenton had one lumber yard where the Boise-Payette now is and Henry Taylor had another just east of where the Meridian Market is now located, and Elmer Sims and J. W. Har-

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Charles Fahnholz Claimed By Death

Funeral services were held last Saturday for Charles D. Fahnholz, formerly of Meridian but a resident of Nampa for the past three years. He passed away January 7 at the age of 57.

Interment was made in the Meridian cemetery with Rev. N. H. Lines, Methodist pastor at Middleton and formerly pastor of the local church, officiating. Funeral arrangements were made by the Robinson-Alsip Chapel of Nampa.

Mr. Fahnholz came to Idaho in 1939 from Cozad, Nebraska, settling on a farm east of Meridian. For the past three years he has been operating an ice cream store at Nampa. He was a veteran of World War I.

Besides his widow, the former Anna Witty of Meridian, he leaves three sisters, two brothers, a step-son C. V. Witty of Nampa, and his father-in-law, Louis Ruffing.