

Meridian Public Library

Meridian, Idaho.

June 3rd. 1974.

This starts our use of the newly remodeled library.

Occident Club and Board members, and library staff held "Open House" for the library on June 1st.

This celebrated not only the "New Opening", but the "50th year celebration for both the Club and the library. It was a very fine occasion: included ribbon-cutting ceremonies by the Mayor, Mr. Don Storey, pictures --'Official' and personal, and included guest tours for the library, and refreshments in the clubroom. More than 250 persons came in the scheduled 2:00-5:00 hours.

As to a Librarian's financial report for the preceeding month, there was no business of a normal variety, so all

I have to report is we are starting off with a Balance forward of \$4.90 in the 'petty cash' fund.

I would like to thank the Club for all the many, many hours they have helped us 'get ready', and am most happy for all of us that ~~there~~ are "no more boxes to lift".

You have all been 'Dears', and I do so appreciate such loving kindness, and feel priveleged to have been part Of all the 'good times' as well.

Your librarian,

Nancy A. Sage



A letter from Bernice Jones, our treasurer, from Saigon on her World Vision International tour of the Orient.

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Occident Club installs new officers

MRS. MILDRED LANGLEY, left, was installed as the new president of Occident Club at Monday's meeting. Installed with her were, Mrs. June Thomas, vice president; Mrs. Mary Alice White, secretary; Mrs. Bernice Jones, treasurer. Outgoing president was Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, who will soon move to Phoenix, Arizona.

(Valley News-Times photo)



*Our Club President
Mildred Langley
1974-75*



Meridian high school Class of 1924 holds 50th reunion

FOURTEEN CLASSMATES of the Meridian high school Class of 1924 gathered for the 50th reunion at Meridian last Thursday. Shown above, from left, seated - Lydia Thiel Browning, Ines Cooper

Kendall, Alice Keller Bryce, Harriet Kelley Rutledge, Blanche Woods Wolff, Mary Pierce White, Celia Grandahl Howard. Standing - Gilbert Stanton, Jim Fowler, John Records, Dean

Davidson, Esther Lane Allen, Carlotta Hawks, Floyd White. Dean Davison was chairman for the banquet, and the evening was spent recalling schoolday events and escapades and renewing old friendships.

(Horton Studio)



From a humble beginning it has grown to large proportions.

Zelma has retired this year after serving on this Committee from its beginning.

Many donations have been made to this Worthy project.

We are proud to serve the Meridian Community with this Service.

Outstanding Achievement From Humble Beginning

(Note: The editor asked for a report of this outstanding project, thinking other communities might be interested in attempting a similar activity. Mrs. W. E. Jarrett, correspondent for the Occident Club, Meridian, has thus complied.)

In 1944 through the determined efforts of Mrs. V. A. Cox, who is now serving as President of 2nd District IFWC., and the small group of women then comprising the membership of the Occident Club, Meridian, an "Emergency Loan Closet" was started. This was for the purpose of furnishing needed articles and equipment for care of the sick in the community.

The project began with a donation of a mattress pad, air cushion, one bed-pan, 2 pairs of crutches, a hospital bed, and in addition, one wheel chair purchased with funds obtained from a hobby show.

From this meager beginning the service has grown until the equipment now

includes five complete hospital beds (including one loaned by the Ada County Pomona Grange), 14 pairs of crutches, six bed-pans, two complete oxygen units with an extra oxygen tank, and many other articles that are loaned free of charge to those in need.

Mrs. Zelma Matthew Rose, another charter member of the Occident Club, has served untiringly with Mrs. Cox in the work of loaning and receiving back the articles. Local physicians have access to the closet, carrying their own keys so no time is lost in an emergency. The oxygen equipment especially has enabled them to save many lives. Day or night the women answer emergency calls for articles in the closet.

Grateful users voluntarily donate cash, although it is accepted only after the club makes certain it will not cause any hardship to the donors. Many articles which had been purchased and discarded when no longer needed, have been brought in by appreciative persons. It is now entirely self-supporting, being carried on by its own momentum.

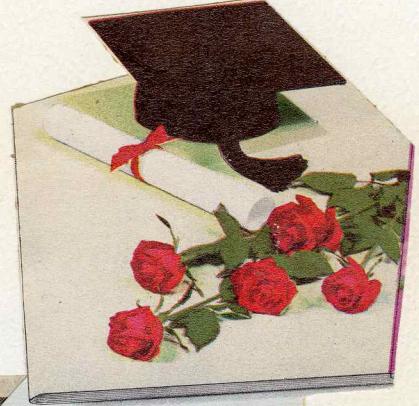
After lodging in many strange places, the Emergency Loan Closet is now adequately housed in its own room, in the new addition to the Occident Club rooms where it is centrally located and quickly available.

This worthy service has grown until it has reached the place where it is a widely-recognized, indispensable facility of the community of Meridian and is an achievement of which the ladies of the Occident Club can well be proud.

Due to the pressure of work in connection with her position as President of 2nd District, Mrs. Cox asked to be relieved as chairman and Mrs. Rose was appointed to that position. She is assisted by Mrs. Fred Pearl.

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July



Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Ellis
(Pamela K. Niemann)
(Creason Photography)

Ellis-Niemann

Ceremony at Cathedral of the Rockies unites Pamela Niemann, Michael Ellis

Miss Pamela K. Niemann and Michael D. Ellis exchanged wedding vows at an evening ceremony July 13 at the Cathedral of the Rockies at Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Niemann of 505 W. Carlton, Meridian; and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Ellis of Eagle.

The Rev. Charles W. Easley, Jr. performed the ceremony in the presence of 350 guests. Vocalists were Mrs. Richard Geile and Mrs. Earl Marks, accompanied by Miss Jackie Van Paepeghem and Marvin Crawford.

Mrs. Howard White, sister of the bride, was matron of honor; and bridesmaids were the bridegroom's sister, Kristi Ellis, Terri Baxter, Tamara Niemann, and the bride's sister, Paula Niemann.

Randy Floyd stood as best man, and ushers were Bill Chester, Terry

Bryant, Rich Bell, Tom Taylor, Janice Worthington was flower girl, with Tim Ellis and DeAnn Carpenter as candle-lighters.

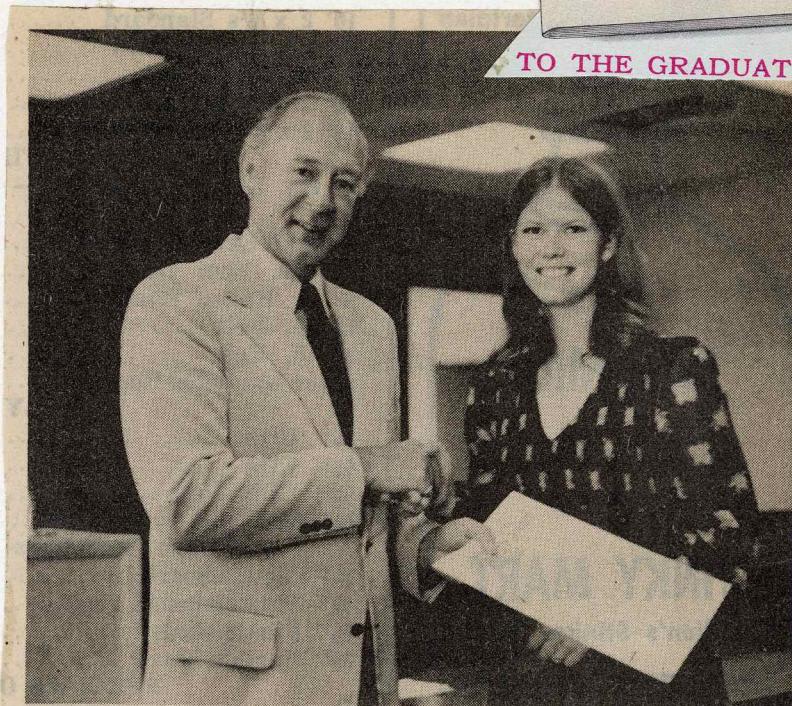
Guests from out of town included Mrs. Richard Gergen and children Rod and Renee, from Sacramento, California; Jan White from Hagerman Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barnett from Granada Hills, California; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Worthington from Payette, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henkle from Parma.

Reception at church
Assisting at the reception were

Vannie Gergen, Joanne Niemann, Jessie Bell, Florence Van Hees, Cynthia and Barbara Geile, Carol and Kelli Snyder, Nancy Boyack, Pat Phillips, Carleen Pendleton, Deanna Wonacott.

The bride is a graduate of Meridian high school, and will attend the Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa. Her husband, a graduate of Capital high school, attended Boise State University, and is employed by the Boise Valley Packing Company.

Following a wedding trip to Terrace Lakes, the couple is at home at Meridian.



TO THE GRADUATE

Meridian graduate wins state honor

PAMELA NIEMANN ELLIS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Niemann of Meridian, was one of Idaho's high school graduates awarded a State of Idaho scholarship. She is shown above receiving the certificate of award from Governor Cecil D. Andrus. Pamela, a graduate of Meridian high school, was married July 13 to Michael D. Ellis. The State of Idaho scholarships were awarded to "outstanding graduates of Idaho high schools who demonstrate superior scholastic and personal achievements." Pamela was a co-valedictorian of the Class of '74 at Meridian high school.

*Pamela is
a great-great niece
of our Jessie Bell.
long time club
member*

18 Showers honor bride-to-be

Pam Niemann has been honored with bridal showers before her wedding that took place last Saturday to Mike Ellis.

Miss Niemann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Niemann, was feted when showers were held for her by Terri Baxter at the Baxter home, and another at the Olive Taylor home with co-hostesses Gay Wonacott, Dianna Wonacott, Carleen Pendleton, Kristy Ellis.

The Fay White home was the scene for the miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Harlan VanHees and co-hostess Mrs. Edith Brace. Among the 26 guests attending were the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Jack Niemann, and the bridegroom-elect's mother, Mrs. David Ellis; grandmothers, Mrs. George Woolsey of Nampa and Mrs. Wanda Ehite; and an aunt, JoAnn Niemann, and a great-aunt, Jessie Bell.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Warnke
(Lori Smith)

Warnke-Smith

Kuna couple exchanges wedding vows in July 12 wedding at Meridian church

Miss Lori Smith became the bride of Jack L. Warnke in an evening ceremony July 12 at the Church of the Nazarene at Meridian. The Rev. Fred Abney of the Kuna Methodist church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer L. Smith, and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warnke, all of Kuna. The newly-marrieds are making their home on Route 1, Kuna.

Vocalists were the bride's sister, Terri Ketterling, and Marilyn Marks, accompanied by Ron Van-Order at the organ.

Terri Ketterling acted as her sister's matron of honor, and bridesmaids were another sister, Wendi Smith, and Janis Wheeler.

The bridegroom's brother, Bill Warnke, stood as best man. Ushers were John Wheeler, Steve Hood, and the bride's brother, Kenny Smith. Tina Warnke was flower girl, with Kim Records and Lynae Wilkins as candle-lighters.

Special guests

Guests included the bride's great-

grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Matcham of Meridian, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bassett of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith of Meridian, Mrs. Clarence Wallace and Beverly of Crystal Lake, Illinois; Carolyn Wilkins and Lynae of Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Phil Johnson of San Lorenzo, California; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ketterling of Rupert, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Calkins and children of Richfield, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yensen and Chris and Mrs. Roger McClure of McCall, plus numerous relatives and friends from Parma, Payette, Emmett,

Caldwell, Nampa, and Boise.

Assisting at the reception were Carolyn Wilkins, Kathryn McPeak, Elaine Smith, Marilyn Records, Rosalee Wighe, Carolyn Brown, Debbie Newby, Robin Campbell.

The bride and bridegroom are graduates of Kuna high school, and the bride graduated from the Hollywood Beauty College. She is employed by the Pink Chateau Beauty Salon at Meridian, and her husband is farming for Gerald Guentz.

*Our Jessie Matcham's
great granddaughter Lori.*

Department session

American Legion, Auxiliary convene, Meridian group wins second citation

The American Legion and Auxiliary held their state convention at Burley, July 11-14. Attending from Meridian were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Orton, Ralph Hawkins, and Mrs. Marie Sandy.

The keynote address was given by Governor Cecil D. Andrus. Other speakers opening night included Representative Orval Hansen, Larry Laughridge of Idaho Veterans Commission, and officials of the Veterans' Administration, Veterans' Hospital, and Department of Labor.

A highlight of the evening was the presenting of "The Lord's Prayer" in Indian sign language by Powauke, while dressed in native costume. Alene, a 1974 Girls State citizen, was accompanied to the convention by her mother. The Auxiliary's "Cudas" sang during this impressive presentation.

Honors for Meridian

The Meridian Post was presented a National Citation on Children and Youth for the second consecutive year. The post was one of only three to receive the citation.

National Commander Robert E. L. Eaton of Bethesda, Maryland met with the Legionnaires Saturday and spoke at the evening banquet. Senator and Mrs. James McClure attended the sessions and Sen. McClure spoke at the commander's banquet.

The convention was concluded Sunday morning with a God and Country service by the Rev.

Wilcher, who is retiring in Texas. Hero Shiosaki of Blackfoot was elected the new department chaplain. Cope Gale of Moscow is the new department commander, Ruby Swigert of Challis the new Auxiliary president, Edith Kirkland of Melba the new Auxiliary secretary.

Reception fetes Mrs. Pilkington

Mrs. Alice White was hostess for an open house for friends of Mrs. Ethel Pilkington to bid her farewell before she left for her new home in Mesa, Ariz. There were nearly 40 friends at the event.

Goehring visit

The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Goehring of Alta Loma, California, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goehring and other relatives of the area.

Cathy Riddlemoser visited her grandparents at Twin Falls, the H. N. Pecks, while Mrs. Jack Riddlemoser visited friends in Idaho Falls last week.

Mrs. Marguerite Patch has returned home from several weeks visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nickolino and sons of Vashon Island, Washington.

Grays host visitors

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Gray have been Marvin Keller of San Diego, California, and Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, former valley residents now living at Tekoa, Washington.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fay White last weekend were Mrs. Dick Gergen and Rod and Renae of Sacramento, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard White of Pocatello. The White's grandson, Rod, stayed for a longer visit with his grandparents. The guests were here for the wedding of Pam Niemann and Mike Ellis.

Meridian Library marks 50th anniversary Saturday

By Jackie Hansel

MERIDIAN — The year 1974 marks the 50th anniversary of the Meridian Library. The past weeks have been busy, tiresome and rewarding for Occident Club members, librarian Nancy Sage and volunteers who have been working to make the realization of the remodeling and moving into the new library headquarters possible on June 1.

Through a federal grant, aid from the Meridian Jaycees and donations the long project has been completed.

The library had its humble origin in Songer's Drugstore with just six books on a small shelf. Between customers Mrs. Songer checked out books from a small traveling library stock. To raise money for books she donated a Kodak camera as a prize in an Occident Club-sponsored drawing.

The next home of the library was the city hall. Mrs. Dan Barker Sr., and Mrs. W.S. Mateer were volunteer librarians with Mrs. Carl Patch acting as a substitute.

To keep up with the growing circulation, the club had book showers and various other projects. Then they began listing the books.

Due to space needed at the city hall the Occident Club was notified the library books would have to be moved.

It was decided to submit a bid for the old Interurban Depot at the corner of Idaho and Meridian Streets. The depot was purchased for \$1,205 and the mortgage was paid off by donations and proceeds from an Idaho Home Products banquet, a style show and a home talent play.

It wasn't long before the library had outgrown the club rooms. The members then remodeled the building to accommodate the 8,000 books. The new debt was paid off in 1935 and a new set of shelves was added for books.

In 1950 the city appropriated a

mill levy which was a boost in meeting the operational expenses of the library.

Mrs. Mary Matcham and Mrs. Edna McCoy were other volunteer librarians with Miss Ruth Cline the first paid worker. Books were mended by Occident Club members and they helped with other chores that later were done by Girl Scouts working toward a library badge.

Mrs. Amy Ambrose, who had library training, taught the fundamentals of library work to Mrs. Nancy Sage who then took over as librarian.

The 1968 report from the Idaho State Library Bulletin showed the Meridian Library to have one of the highest checkouts per capita in the state. During that year records showed 25,636 books checked out. According to Mrs. Sage, who has been at the helm checking out books for the past 20 years, there are now nearly 12,000 books available for patrons and an average of 240 books are checked out each month.

One feature of the library is the Idaho Book Collection. There is considerable community history behind the generous gift from a group which prompted the beginning of this popular

shelf of books.

So we might say from "it's humble beginning, a well-rounded library grew." After overcoming many problems, it renders an invaluable service to the community.

At the last meeting of the Occident Club, members voted unanimously to approve a project to form a library district for the community. A petition will be presented to the Ada County commissioners for their approval.

According to club officials there are more than 1,600 patrons using the library, more than half of whom reside outside the Meridian city limits. The number of hours that the library is open should be increased but the expanded operation would be too much for club members to carry.

The petition will ask the formation of the boundaries of the library district to be the same as the Meridian fire district and the swimming pool district.

Occident Club has agreed to lease the library facilities to the proposed district for 20 years at the nominal fee of only \$1 per year.

Large library use
Mrs. Nancy Sage, Meridian librarian, has completed the annual library report for the past year. The figures show that the library is maintaining its record as one of the most-used libraries per capita in the state.

With the library having been closed two months of the past year, the records show that 26,156 books were checked out during the 10-months period.

During the 10 months, a total of 356 new library cards were issued, and 742 new books were added to the shelves.

Last week's story on the library used an incorrect figure for the monthly check out. Latest figures show that 3,200 books were checked out in one month.

O.E.S. fathers get pop popsicles

"Popsicles for Pops" was the theme carried out when 15 fathers attending the Eastern Star meeting were introduced and honored, and presented popsicles by Worthy Matron Sandra Bennett.

Ethel Pilkington was presented a hand-painted stamp holder by her former worthy matron, True Estes. Martha Watts who is a member but wasn't present received a pin. Zelma Haworth was presented a 25-year pin.

Lena Bodine and Mildred Botkin were honored for having turned in more than 1100 acts kindness and friendship for the happiness committee.

It was decided to have the annual picnic July 14.

Families host out of staters, enjoy picnic

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bell and Mrs. Blanche Millis of Vernonia, Oregon, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fowler of Elmira, have been guests of their sisters and brother-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer and Mr. and Mrs. Lon McFadden.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith were hosts for a family picnic attended by 29 persons of the John Bell and J. R. Bell families.



MERIDIAN LIBRARIAN Nancy Sage, left, and Mrs. Ethel M. Pilkington, president of the Meridian Occident Club, look over one of the library's most recently acquired books as

they prepare for the remodeled facility's open house Saturday. The Occident Club has been a major sponsor of the library for 50 years.

(Staff Photo)

Public meeting County commissioners plan vote on library district

Ada County commissioners held a public meeting Tuesday afternoon on the proposed formation of a Meridian-area library district.

They read the petition signed by 80 area residents, and said that an election date would be set, probably for the latter part of August.

A large delegation of Meridian-area residents attended the session, held on the steps of the court house. The group included Meridian library officials, Occident Club officers, Mayor Don Storey, and others.

Commissioners John Bastida, Gene Crawford, and Ellwood Mylander displayed a map showing the area that would be included in the

proposed district.

It would include all area within the Meridian fire district, except for approximately two square miles that are in the Kuna library district.

If the library-district is approved in the coming election, residents of the City of Meridian will no longer pay a city library tax.

April

Occident Club accepted a bid of \$15,581 for completion of the library addition. G.C. Sprutes Associated were the new construction coordinators.

Tuesday, July 16

Commissioners slate hearing on forming library district

Ada County commissioners have scheduled a hearing on the formation of a Meridian-area library district for Tuesday, July 16, at 2 p.m. at the courthouse.

The proposed district would have the same boundaries as the Western Ada Recreation District—including the city of Meridian and all the area within the Meridian rural fire district.

Petition submitted

A petition requesting an election on the library-district matter has been submitted by the Occident Club of Meridian. The petition bears approximately 80 names, 30 more than the required number.

Under the law, if the petition meets all requirements, the commissioners will issue an order within five days after the hearing, setting an election date within the following 60 days.

A simple majority will be required for approval of the proposed library district.

Birthday dinner

The Birthday Club honored Mrs. Jessie Bell with a birthday dinner at Boise, which 14 friends attended. Other dinners feting Mrs. Bell included one with her grandson and Mrs. John Bell as hosts, and one with Mrs. Emiley Pratt and Miss Lillian Peters as hostesses.

Goodwins host guests

The Harland Goodwin family were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin. The visitors were from Idaho Falls. Mrs. Roy Goodwin attended a stork shower hosted by Mrs. Terry Goodwin in Boise, honoring Mrs. Steve Goodwin.

Women visit McCall

Mrs. Mary Alice White, Edith Crockett, Oma Jenkins, Berniece Jones, and Mary McCurdy enjoyed a bus trip to McCall last weekend. They are Meridian members of the American Association of Retired Persons. One of the highlights of the trip was the Davidson Gardens.

Baltimore couple visits

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lawson of Baltimore, Maryland, visited their longtime friend, Mrs. Lena Bodine, while in the area visiting last week.

Here from McCall

Mrs. Hank Knowles of McCall visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer, and Mrs. Hazel Alcorn last weekend.

Mrs. Erma Easley, Mrs. Edith Sweet, and Mrs. Blanche Wolff were in Salem, Oregon, for a conference meeting of the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mabel Cairns and Vernon Cairns visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Ernest at Mesa, Washington, several days last week.

High library use

The Meridian public library, which serves the entire district, has one of the highest rates in the state for book check-outs per capita. Librarian Nancy Sage said that about 240 books are checked out each month.

Occident Club records show that more than one half of the 1,600 persons using the library live outside the city limits of Meridian. At the present time, library cards for non-residents of Meridian cost only \$1 per year.

Club officials said that the growing use of the library made it impossible for the Occident Club to continue to operate it. Only a small salary is paid Mrs. Sage, and much of the library work is done on a non-paid volunteer basis.

The officials said that the library should be open more hours than is possible under the present conditions. One major use of the library is by students, for research work on school assignments.

New library quarters

The Meridian library recently moved into the new and expanded quarters made possible by contributions from many community organizations and individuals. The club members have voted to lease the complete facilities for use by the proposed library district for a term of 20 years at a token fee of only \$1 per year.

The Occident Club has operated the Meridian library for more than 50 years—starting with just six books in a corner of the old-time Songers' drug store during 1924.

In 1925, the library was moved to the Meridian city building, but space was too limited there and the club purchased the old interurban depot for \$1,250—with donations made by local groups and residents, plus proceeds from various fund-raising events.

In 1944, a 50-by-20 feet addition was constructed to the clubhouse, and used to house the library and the club's Emergency Loan Closet. The city council then approved an annual tax levy of two mills to help with the operating costs of the library.

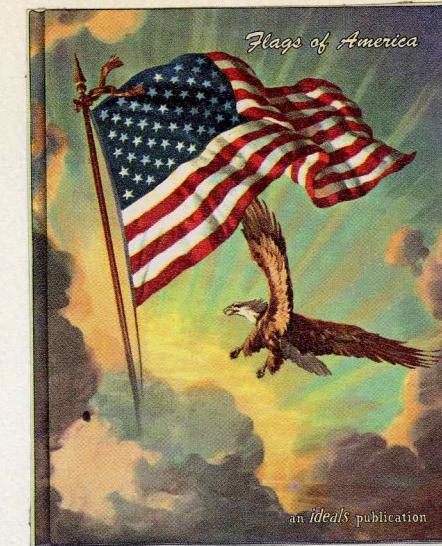
Community cooperation

The recent remodeling and enlarging project was started by the

Meridian Jaycees, with federal funding approved for half the cost.

When the construction project faltered, several local organizations contributed to the library-building fund—including the Occident Club itself, which donated several thousands of dollars; and the Meridian Athletic Association, which donated the net proceeds from the 1974 opening races at the Meridian Speedway.

Community spokesmen have emphasized the importance of the library to all area families, and particularly to students.



Delegation presents petition for library district

ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS accepted petition for formation of Meridian-area library district Tuesday, and said election would be held the latter part of August. Shown in picture at left, from left—commissioner Ellwood Mylander, Occident Club president

Mildred Langley, commissioner John Bastida, Meridian librarian Nancy Sage, behind her commissioner Gene Crawford, Mayor Don Storey. Picture at right shows part of the large Meridian delegation present for the session at the county courthouse at Boise. (Valley News-Times photos)

Week end outing

Ray Umlers and Randy Oliver enjoy week-end fishing trip at Herrick Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Oliver spent several days last week at Herrick Lake on a fishing trip. Overnight guests of the Ulmers for the weekend were their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Knowles, and Dr. Rachel Woods of McCall.

They will go to Portland, and Mrs. Knowles will travel on to Corvallis to visit her son, David Knowles, who teaches there. They will also visit Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Kenneth I. Knowles, who are based at Travis Air Force Base and make their home at Fairfield, California.

Out-of-staters visit

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spooner and daughter Jean of Ennau, Pennsylvania, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods of Red Bluff, California, who are also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Woods.

Illinois vacation

Mrs. Jesse Matcham has returned from a month's visit with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wallace in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Women enjoy Cascade outing

Mrs. Lena Bodine entertained Mrs. Mary Alice White, Mrs. Ruby Trautman, Miss Lillian Peters, Mrs. Emily Pratt, and Mrs. Hazel Chriswiser for three days at the Harold Pitkin cabin at Cascade, for a vacation outing.

Mrs. Charles Easley, Jr. attended the United Methodist Women's district meeting last weekend at Twin Falls.

Methodist women meet at Nampa

Attending the United Methodist Women of Southern Idaho Mission School last weekend were Erma Easley, Edith Sweet, Esther Allen, Faye Grier, and Jo Bolen. The session was held at the Northwest Nazarene College.

Present were Erwin Schwiebert of Caldwell, Mrs. James Jenkins of Idaho Falls, and the Rev. Dennis Lawrence of Escatada, Oregon, who held two class sessions on the book of Jonah from the Bible.

Other sessions consisted of study of the Bible, fellowship, leadership for women in the church. There were 102 enrolled, with members attending from Oregon and Idaho.

Downer family holds reunion

Lakeview Park at Nampa was the gathering place for the Downer family reunion last weekend, with 56 relatives attending. Out of state guests attending were Mrs. Glenna Eyerly of Livingston, Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beecher of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cheney and sons Aubrey and Ross of Missoula, Montana, Dr. and Mrs. Grady Sellards and Grady and Ashley of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dale Downer of Portland, and Mrs. Ann Jackson Noble of McCall. There were 40 relatives attending the United Methodist Church Sunday service.

Former residents visit Hartwells

The Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Clark of Eustis, Nebraska, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Hartwell. The Clarks, who are former Meridianites, told of the marriage of their youngest son, Raymond Clark, and Susan Thompson at North Loup, Nebraska. He will receive his masters' degree from Georgia Tech this fall in health in the nuclear field. His wife is a graduate nurse.

Granddaughter visits

Miss Renee Sandy of Sacramento left Monday for her home after visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Marie Sandy, and with the James Sandies of Boise and other relatives of the area.

Guests at Bodines'

Guest at the home of Mrs. Lena Bodine for the past week were her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Negley of Moses Lake, Washington.

Mrs. Dorothy Olsen of Boise, a sister of Mrs. Bodine and Mr. Negley, passed away after a long illness.

Mrs. Hudson hosts visitors

Mrs. Nettie Hudson of Meridian entertained in her home last Tuesday morning, honoring Dr. and Mrs. Roy West of Nampa, who recently moved from Seattle.

Guests included Rosalie Wells, Mary Nix, Cora Gilbert, Mildred Wetzel, all of Boise; Barbara Rambo, Berniece Rambo, Linda Mitich and daughter Glenda, Ima Hudson, Gladys Fisher, Addie McMullen, all of Meridian.

Mrs. Hudson served a brunch, assisted by Mrs. Rosalie Wells of Boise.

Summertime travels

Judds visit in southern California, Browns enjoy 6,000 mile vacation trip

After a two-week family get-together with their sons and families in southern California, Mr. and Mrs. George Judd are home.

They were at the Gordon Judds at Fullerton and with the Gary Judds at Pasadena. Roger Judd and family of Salem, Ore., joined the family for the reunion.

Places of interest visited were Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Sea World, Balboa Park and zoo at San Diego, the beach, and they also enjoyed three major baseball games. On the return trip home they stopped to see the antique car collection at Sparks, Nevada.

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July 25 Meridian youth win U-I awards

Elaine Aschenbrenner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Aschenbrenner of Rt. 1, Meridian, has been awarded a Mary Hall Nicolls scholarship at the University of Idaho. She is a sophomore, majoring in home economics.

Dean E. Langley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langley of Meridian, has been awarded the R. M. Wade scholarship at the University of Idaho. He is a senior, majoring in agricultural education.

July 23 Easleys enjoy outing for week

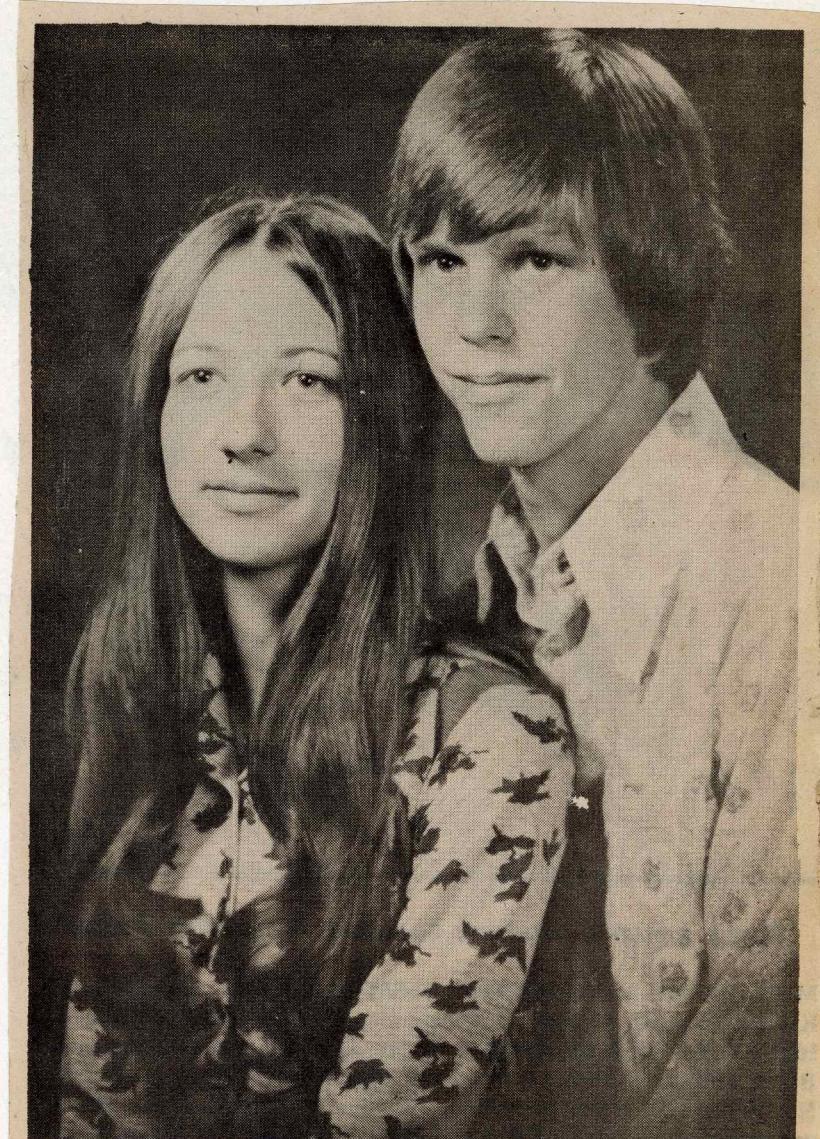
The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Easley Jr., joined their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Easley, and Alexander from Junction City, Oregon, for an outing at Stanley Basin this week.

Idaho Clubs Set Sights On Projects

SALMON — A statewide coloring book program for third graders to help improve the image of the policeman is one of the projects to be undertaken during the next two years by the 47 member groups of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs.

At a meeting here, federation officers and club leaders planned the community service programs which will also include participation in the Johnny Horizon cleanup campaign and the bicentennial observance.

Mrs. James Abbott, Swan Lake, federation president presided at the meeting.



Kathy Brog and Lance Eggers plan wedding

MISS KATHY LEA BROG'S engagement to Lance D. Eggers has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Brog of Rt. 2, Nampa. Bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Eggers, Jr. of Rt. 3, Meridian. Miss Brog is a 1971 graduate of Meridian high school, and is employed as a laboratory technician at the Swiss Village Cheese Company, owned by her parents. Her fiance is a graduate of Meridian high school. He attended the University of Idaho and is now attending Boise State University. The couple will be married July 26 at the Hillview Methodist Church.

Grandson of Monta Watts

Woods family holds reunion

The Boise municipal park was the scene of the Fourth of July family reunion of relatives of the Woods family. It was the first time that all brothers and sisters were together for a reunion.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Woods of Monmouth, Oregon, daughter Cecile Achatz of Beaverton, Oregon, and their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood of Harrisburg, Oregon, Mrs. Lela Findley and daughter Dorothy Conrad of Herrong, California, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor (Edna Woods) of Bayside, California; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods of Red Bluff, California, and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gridley, Chico, California, Mr. and Mrs. James Spooner and Jean of Emaus, Pennsylvania, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woods, and their sons and families, the Claire Woods, Rodger Woods and Gary Woods of Boise; Phillip Woods and their son Don Woods and family, and the Herbert Wolfs, of Meridian.

Others attending were the Wayne Brooks of Gresham, Oregon, Robert Wylies of Midvale, Deana Hymas of Nampa, Mrs. Alex Hammond of Mercer Island, Washington, James Stovers of Boise, Kenneth Nelsons of Nampa, Mrs. Esther Deakins of Payette, and Homer Jackson of Boise.

Mrs. Scott entertains

Mrs. Blanche Scott was hostess for dinner Saturday while her guests, a granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Schiller and great-granddaughter, Terri Ann, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, visited her. Saturday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Snodgrass and Debbie and Diane of Boise, Mrs. Adrain McNealy of Burley, mother of Mrs. Schiller, Ron and Dennis McNealy, Everett Dille of Boise, and Steve, Bill and Cathy Gale.

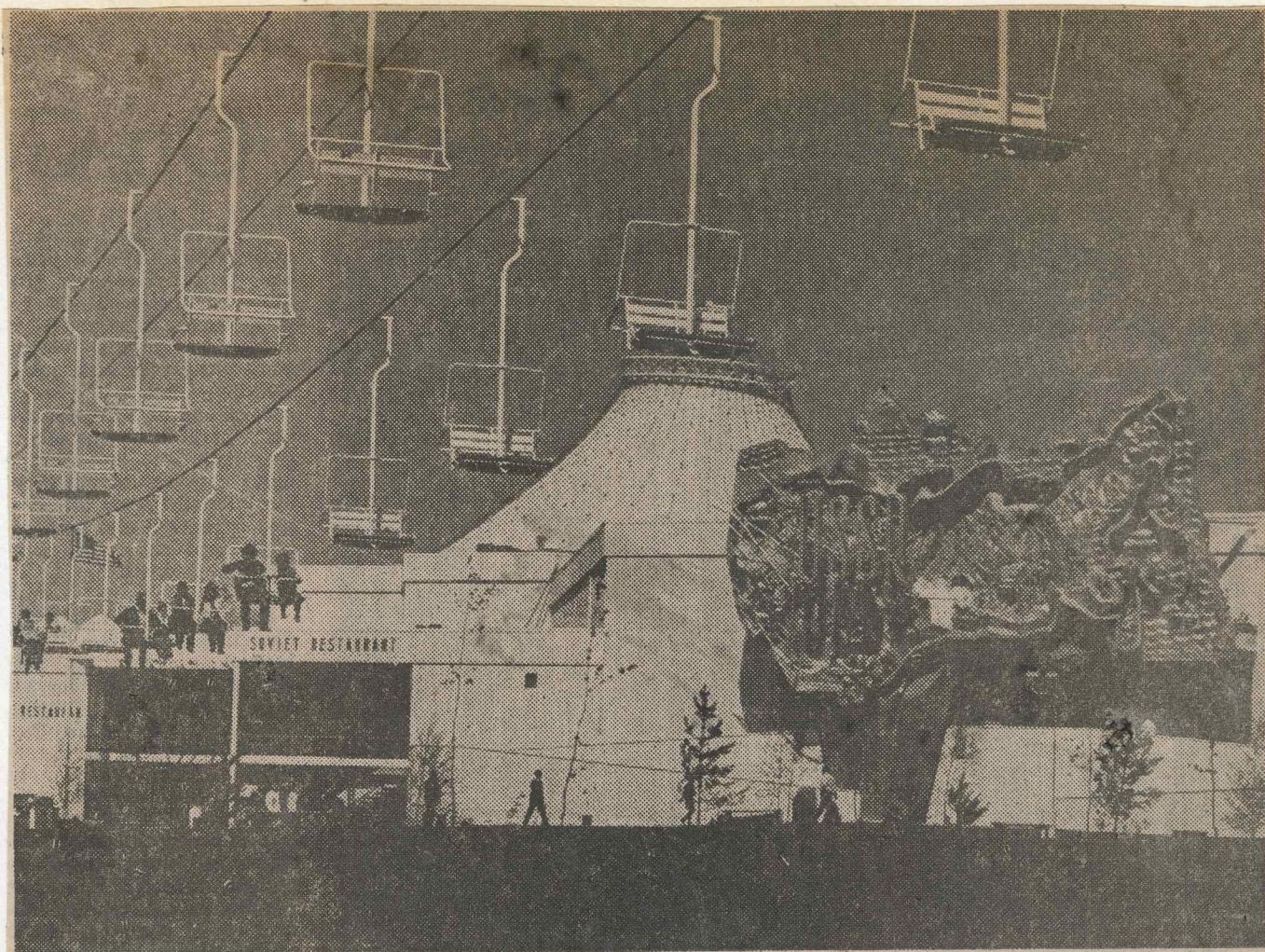
Back from Washington

Mrs. Frank Hudson returned Sunday from Washington where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Dinneen at Spokane and attended Expo '74, and visited also in Seattle.

Iowa woman visits

Mrs. Fred Christensen has been visiting her son, Gerald Christensen, at Boise and a former school classmate, Mrs. Jessie Bell at Meridian. The women attended school together at Oakland, Iowa.

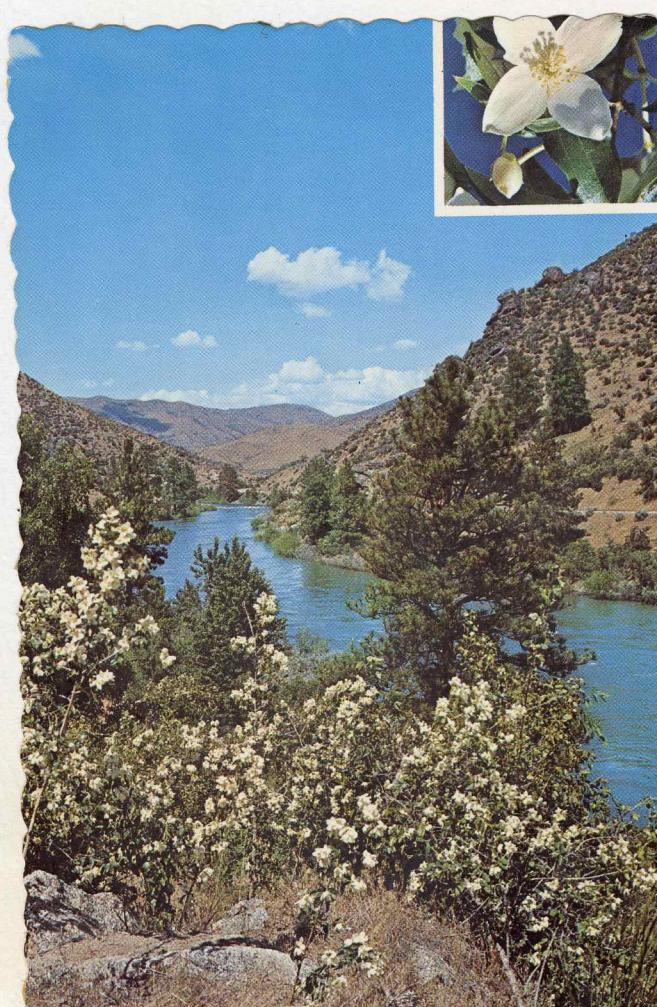
Blooming Syringa along one of our Streams in Idaho.



FAIR SCENE - A chairlift gives fairgoers a bird's eye view of the grounds at Expo '74 World's Fair at Spokane. The building in the foreground is the Soviet Union pavilion with its accompanying

Russian restaurant at the left. In the background, the vast United States pavilion dominates the skyline. (Photo by George Scott)

Vacation
Many of our members visited
Expo '74 World's Fair
at Spokane



Our state flower



First directors Commissioners name board for rural library district

All boys and girls of the area, ages 8 through 13, are invited to register for the annual punt-pass-kick contest, sponsored locally by Gibson-Welker Ford of Meridian.

Each youngster may register at Gibson-Welker across from Meridian Speedway, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration closes Friday October 4. There is no charge or fee of any kind.

The annual contest will be held next to Gibson-Welker Ford, Saturday, October 5, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

First, second, and third place winners in each of the six age-divisions of the local contests will receive a trophy. First place winners will then be eligible to compete in zone contests, and winners will go on to district, area, divisional, and national contests.

The area, division, and national contests will be held either before or during intermission of actual National Football League games.

The finals will be held at the NFL conference-championship game December 29. Finalists will appear on national television.

The Ada County commissioners have appointed five persons as the first board of directors for the newly-organized Meridian Free Library District.

Chairman of the new board is Ralph Hunter, with Carl Rathgen as vice chairman, Pat Fabricius as secretary, Nancy Spear and Dave McFadden as board members.

Assignments for the directors will be decided at the second meeting of the board this Thursday, September 12, at 8 p.m. at the library.

Formed August 27

Formation of the new district was approved by area voters in an August 27 election. Tax revenue will not be received by the district until December of 1975.

The appointed directors will serve until a regular election is held next June. At that time, one director will be elected for a one-year term, one for two-years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. An election of one director will then be held each year.

Assisting at the organizational meeting last Thursday were Mildred Langley, president of the Occident Club, Helen Miller, Idaho State librarian; Nancy Sage, Meridian public librarian.

The Occident Club will continue to operate the public library for residents of Meridian city, and has agreed to permit the operation of the new district library in the same

quarters, at a fee of only \$1 per year.

Federal help granted

With the help of Beverly Bean of the Ada Council of Governments, federal funding is being obtained to pay the salary of a district librarian and a clerk-typist. The new board members said that a highly qualified person is available as a librarian, as soon as the federal funding is approved.

All applicants for the positions of librarian and clerk-typist must register with the Idaho Department of Employment, who will then refer the applications to the board.

In a joint statement, directors said, "Since the district is completely new, we are proceeding carefully with the formation of plans.

"We certainly appreciate the tremendous help being given the new district by the Occident Club, and the professional guidance we are receiving from state librarian Helen Miller, and the fine help from Meridian librarian Nancy Sage."

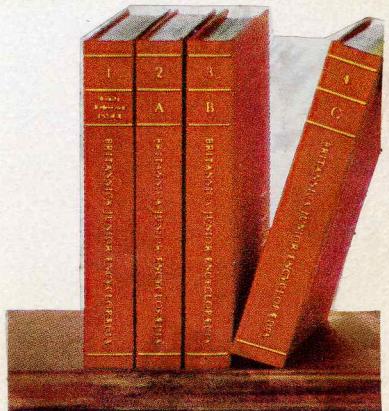


County names directors for library district

NEW LIBRARY DISTRICT for rural area surrounding Meridian began organization last Thursday, with installation of board of directors. From left—installing officer John Bastida, chairman of the Ada County commissioners; Carl Rathgen, who was elected vice chairman; Mrs. Nancy (William H.) Spear; Ralph Hunter, elected chairman; Mrs. Pat (Martin H.) Fabricius, elected secretary; David McFadden. Attending the organizational meeting, were, Mrs. Mildred

Langley, president of Occident Club which leased library facilities to new district for just one dollar per year; Helen Miller, Idaho State librarian; and Nancy Sage, who has been Meridian librarian for years. Meridian public library will continue services for residents of Meridian city, with the district library in the same facilities serving the rural-area residents. Library district is comprised of same area as Meridian fire district, except for one small section already in the Kuna library district.

(Photos by Alan Eckroat)





Library award

NANCY SAGE, Meridian librarian, displays check and award-notice received as first prize for libraries of its size in the "Public Eye" contest held during National Library Week. The award was based upon news stories published about the Meridian library, most of them in the Valley News-Times.

Library Vote Bars Meridian

Next Tuesday's Meridian Free Library District election does not include residents of the city itself, just the surrounding area, according to the Ada County Clerk's Office.

Meridian residents are excluded from the election because they already support a library. The new library district, if approved by voters, eventually will merge with the city library.

The boundaries of the voting area are the same as the Western Ada Recreation District and the Meridian Fire Protection District with the exception of a mile-and-a-half square area at Lake Hazel Road and the Canyon County line. Residents in that area already belong to the Kuna Library District.

Polling places for the election will be at the American Legion Hall, Occident Club Building and Meridian Grade School. Polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

Voters need not be registered to vote; they simply sign an elector's oath when they go to vote.

Tuesday, August 27 Commissioners set date for library district vote

Ada County commissioners have set Tuesday, August 27, as the election date on the question of forming a Meridian-area library district.

Included in the proposed district are Meridian and all the area within the Meridian fire district, except for a portion in the southwest corner that is a part of the Kuna library district.

No registration is required, but voters will sign an oath of election at the time of casting their ballots. Polls will be open from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

Voters will have their choice of three polling places in Meridian -- the Occident clubroom at Idaho and Meridian Street, across from the Meridian city building ... the American Legion hall at Broadway and Meridian Street, Meridian ... and the Meridian grade school at 48

W. State Street.

Eligible to vote will be any qualified resident of the proposed district.

The ballot will carry the words: "Meridian Free Library District - Yes "; and "Meridian Free Library District, No .

If the library district is approved, the Occident Club will lease the present library building to the district at a fee of only \$1 per year.

Public notices

First time published

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 1974, in Meridian, Idaho, from the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon until 8:00 P.M., for the purpose of determining whether or not the proposed MERIDIAN FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT shall be organized within the boundaries described as follows:

Beginning at the point where the North-South section line common to Sections 21 and 22, T4N., R1E., B.M., intersects the South bank of the South channel of the Boise River; thence westward 1/4 mile along the said South channel to the real point of beginning; thence westward following the meanderings of the above South channel of the Boise River to its intersection with the North-South section line common to Sections 16 and 17, T4N., R1W.; thence South on said section line approximately 8 miles more or less to the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of Section 28, T3N., R1W; thence East 1 1/2 miles to the SE corner of the NW 1/4 of Section 27, T3N., R1W; thence South 1 1/2 miles to the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Section 34, T3N., R1W; thence East 5 1/2 miles to the SE corner of Section 33, T3N., R1E; thence North 1 mile to the NE corner of Section 33, T3N., R1E; thence East 1 1/2 mile to the 1/4 corner common to Sections 27 and 34, T3N., R1E; thence North 3 miles to the 1/4 corner common to Sections 10 and 15, T3N., R1E; thence West 1 mile to the 1/4 corner common to Sections 9 and 16, T3N., R1E; thence North 2 1/2 miles to the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 33, T4N., R1E; thence East 1 1/2 mile to the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 33, T3N., R1E; thence North to the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of said Section 33; thence West to the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 33; thence North on a line 1/4 mile West and parallel to the section line common to Sections 27 and 28, 21 and 22 to the point of beginning. (This is the same metes and bounds of the Meridian Fire District and the Western Ada Recreation District except for that portion in the southwest corner that is a part of the Kuna Library District.)

The form of ballot shall contain the words:

MERIDIAN FREE LIBRARY
DISTRICT — YES..()
MERIDIAN FREE LIBRARY
DISTRICT — NO..()

The voter may express his choice by marking a cross "X" in the appropriate box.

Voting places will be the same as for county precincts 71, 72, and 73:

71 — Occident Club Rooms
72 — American Legion Hall
73 — Meridian Grade School

Any person voting must be a resident of the area involved and an elector of the county, except that registration shall not be required. Each voter shall be required to execute an oath of election attesting his qualification, and file said oath with the board of election at the time he casts his ballot.

Dated at Boise, County of Ada, Idaho, this 5th day of August, 1974.

JOHN BASTIDA, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Ada County, Idaho
August 8, 1974

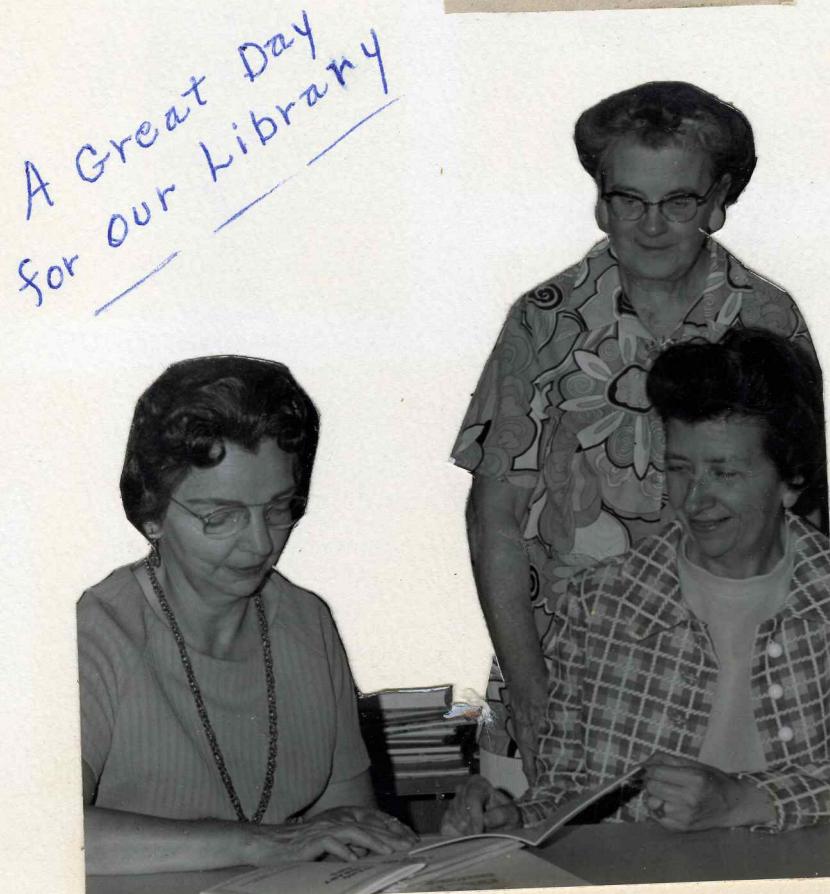
Rural Meridian Votes Approval For Library

Voters in the area surrounding Meridian Tuesday approved the Meridian Free Library District.

Of 108 persons voting, 61 voted "yes" and 47 voted "no." A simple majority was required for approval of the district.

Residents of the city of Meridian itself were not allowed to vote, since they already support a library. The new library district is expected to eventually merge with the city library.

A breakdown showed 23 yes and 14 no in Precinct One; 19 yes and 17 no in Precinct Two; and 19 yes and 16 no in Precinct Three.



Library plans opening event

With the move to the new, enlarged quarters almost completed, Meridian public library will be the scene of a grand opening event Saturday, June 1.

Hosted by the Occident Club, the event will include an open house, with everyone invited. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, August 27

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Occident club hosts Grangers

Idaho State Grange Master and Mrs. Dan Robinson were special guest speakers Monday at the Occident Club. Grangers were honored at the meeting and Grange women attending included Doris Romey and Blanche Khulman from the Kuna Grange.

Grange Master Robinson told the Grange history and pointed out projects aided by the Grange, too. He said the Grange was 107 years old, having its beginning after the Civil War. It now has 9,500 members. Some of the early projects the Grange worked for was rural mail delivery and electrification.

Mrs. Robinson presented the club with the book, *The Grange*.

The new district librarian, Grove Koger, was introduced.

Occident Club president Mildred Langley and four club members attended workshop Tuesday at Caldwell.

Group enjoys tour of park

Mrs. Marguerite Patch and her sister Mrs. Glen Jenkins of Wendell accompanied the Al Meistads to Yellowstone Park for a vacation. Mrs. Patch visited with Mrs. Betty Graffe and family at Glenns Ferry before coming home.

Relatives of the Glen Ayers family gathered Sunday to visit with Mrs. Marguerite Smith of Sutter Creek, California, sister of Mrs. Ayers, and Diane Long of Los Angeles, before they returned to their home.

Mrs. Leona Meyer entertained with a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis of Madison, Wisconsin, before they returned home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Farrington and the LeRoy Meyer family of Boise.

Illinois vacation
Mrs. Jessie Matcham has returned from a month's visit with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wallace in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Emily Pratt, Lillian Peters

Meridian women vacation for month, visit relatives in eastern states

Emily Pratt and Lillian Peters are home from a month's visit with relatives in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. They were guests of a cousin, Mrs. Edwin Wick, at Downingtown. They attended many luncheons, renewed acquaintance with old friends and went sightseeing in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Delyea at Washington, D.C., where they attended the plays of "Mame" and "South Pacific" and the National Symphony at the John Kennedy Arts Building, and heard Beverly Sills as a soloist.

July 25 Anniversary event
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis drove to Seattle last week, to attend the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mrs. Davis' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rose.

3,267 students in music

Meridian school trustees hear music-program plans

Meridian district school trustees met Monday night, and heard a report of plans for the music program for the new school year. Reporting were Ronald Van Order and Lonnie Cline.

Van Order said there were 3,267 students in the music program. Cline discussed the choir program, and said approval for trips by the choir will be sought at a later date.

Ron Van Order asked that band members be authorized to participate in a magazine subscription-renewal drive. No action was taken on the request. The trustees approved the purchase of three tubas and four French horns for the music department.

Former residents
Callers on Mrs. Nettie Hudson were former Meridianites, Mr. and Mrs. Ray DeMoon of San Jose, California. They were in the area visiting relatives and friends.

Easleys visit at Junction City

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Easley, Jr. traveled to Junction City, Oregon, to spend a week with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Veley, and grandson Christopher.

Former residents visit Hartwells

The Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Clark of Eustis, Nebraska, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hartwell. The Clarks, who are former Meridianites, told of the marriage of their youngest son, Raymond Clark, and Susan Thompson at North Loup, Nebraska. He will receive his masters' degree from Georgia Tech this fall in health in the nuclear field. His wife is a graduate nurse.

Granddaughter visits
Miss Renee Sandy of Sacramento left Monday for her home after visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Marie Sandy and with the James Sandies of Boise and other relatives of the area.

Mrs. Jessie Bell has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Gray, at Rossmore, California. They went to Stockton, California, and were guests of Mrs. Gray's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Doty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mangum are home from visiting their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Robinson, at San Ramon, California, for two weeks.

Mrs. Botkin entertains
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Botkin were dinner guests of Mrs. Mildred Botkin last Wednesday, before Terry and Diane returned to school at Brigham Young University and Lori at Boise State University.

Texan couple visits
Weekend guests of Mrs. Jessie Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Fay White were Mrs. Bell's niece and husband, Ret. Col. and Mrs. Ralph Hants of San Antonio, Texas, who just returned from a tour of South America. They will tour Canada before returning home.

Voters ballot next Tuesday on library plan

Residents of the proposed Meridian Library District will vote next Tuesday, August 27, on the proposal.

Eligible to vote will be residents of the Western Ada Recreation District, with the exception of those who live within the city limits of Meridian, and those who live in a small area that is now in the Kuna library district.

Officials said Meridian city residents could not vote because the city now levies taxes for the Meridian library.

Polls will be open in Meridian from 1 till 8 p.m. at the Occident Club, the American Legion hall, and the Meridian grade school. Voters need not be pre-registered.

Occident Club officers said that the club will donate use of the library building to the proposed new district for a token fee of only \$1 per year.

Arizonan visits
Mrs. Jo Martin has returned to her home at Yuma, Arizona, after spending a month at the home of Mrs. Nettie Hudson of Meridian.

Ulmers have guests
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer has been her sister Mrs. Blanche Millis of Veronia, Oregon and Mrs. Joyce Knowles and sons Tim and Patrick of McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Lon McFadden and Bernard and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mrs. Millis has been visiting her sisters and families, Mrs. Ulmer and Mrs. McFadden.

Scrivners entertain
Houseguests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scrivner are Mrs. Scrivner's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jacobs of Potwin, Kansas.



Alpha Delta Kappa honors retired teachers of district

RETIRING TEACHERS of the Meridian school district were honored at a recent meeting of Alpha Delta Kappa teachers' sorority. From left, front row—Blanche Scott, Berniece Jones, Idaho Bechtel, Leone Lund, Emily Pratt, Florence Fluharty. Top row—Francis Thompson, Iva Kissinger, Edith McFadden, Gertrude Post, Mary Alice White, Edith Crockett, Esther Douglas, Rose Osterhout, Doris Frost, Oma Jenkins, Freda

Meyer, Margaret Judd, Emma Krebiel, Mary Turner, Hazel Marlatt. Mrs. Fluharty, 83, received the gift for being the oldest retired teacher present. Mrs. Scott for having the most grandchildren. Mrs. Lund won the centerpiece. A poetic tribute to the honored guests was read, and June McCroy and Marcia Yarbrough presented a program on India, where they recently visited.

(Alpha Delta Kappa photo)

We have welcomed many retired teachers into our Occident Club

Ryskas enjoy trip to Europe

Mr. and Mrs. William Ryska of Star have returned from a three-week trip to Czechoslovakia, the birth-place of Mr. Ryska.

It had been 54 years since he has left his native land. The travelers visited relatives at Prague, Ostrava, Vratimon and Srydek-Mistek and also at Munich, Germany. Side trips were taken to Amsterdam and Brussels.

Returning to the United States, they visited a brother and family, the Rudolph Ryskas at Detroit. Mrs. Dorothy Gunther Milne, daughter of Mrs. Ryska, met them at the Denver airport for a short visit.

Group enjoys travel

Miss Lillian Peters, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford of Downingtown, Pennsylvania, who will be here for the next two weeks before they go to Spokane to visit Expo '74, were sightseers traveling to the Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon and other places of interest in Utah, visiting Las Vegas and Eastern Idaho on the return trip home. Miss Peters met the Fords in Salt Lake City where she joined them.

Scrivner dinner honors visitors

Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scrivner were their nephew and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jacobs, son Lane, and daughter Julie, from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The visitors were honored Sunday at a family dinner. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Scrivner, Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Scrivner and daughters Cindy, Lori Ann, and Kimberly from Ontario, and Mrs. Ronald Scrivner from Parma.

The Jacobs family traveled by air from Tulsa to Seattle then to Boise, then to Seattle and Spokane for Expo '74. They left Monday for Yellowstone Park, and from there will go to Denver and Salt Lake City, returning to Tulsa by next Sunday. Mr. Jacobs is a geologist for an oil company.

Grandson's birthday

Mrs. Bertha Downer attended the birthday party at the home of Ronnie Reagans of Boise for her grandson, Scott Alexander, who celebrated his second birthday, Sunday.

Easleys enjoy tour

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Easley Jr., are home from a tour of Alaska by railroad, plane and boat. The Easley's daughter, Sylvia Owens of Anchorage, accompanied them home for a visit.

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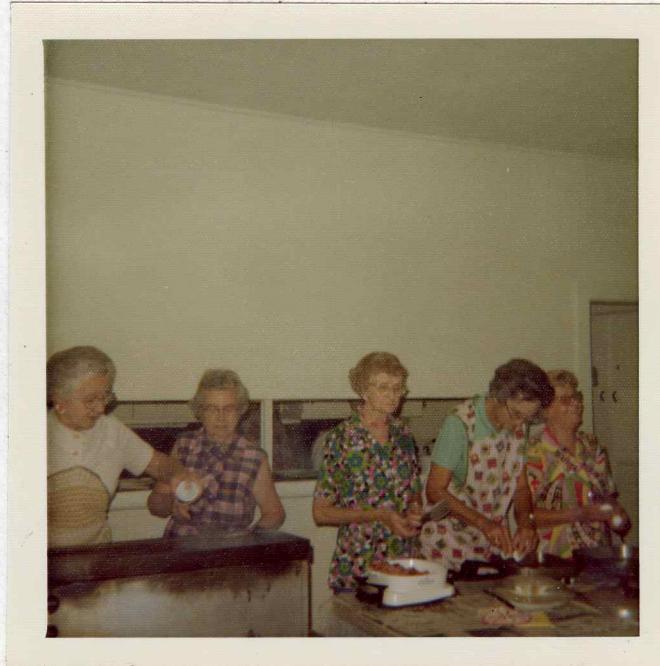
*The Lions Club
came in a body
for breakfast*

Occident club invites public to breakfast

The annual pancake breakfast sponsored by the Occident Club will be held at Meridian next Thursday, August 8. Serving will be at the clubhouse, corner of Meridian Street and Idaho Avenue, across from the city building.

The menu, served from 6:30 till 11 a.m., will feature pancakes, ham, eggs, juice, and coffee.

Everyone is invited to the appetite-pleasing breakfast. There is no stated charge for the event, but donations will be accepted.



Jeff James of Boise was winner of the rug awarded in conjunction with the pancake breakfast. Proceeds of \$30 was realized from the prize event.



*We served
many people*



SEPTEMBER 1974

Occident Club begins season

Occident Club held its first meeting of the fall session last Monday. There were 30 members present and two guests, Mrs. Edna Everist and Florence Hall, who became new members.

A memorial poem was read by Mildred Botkin honoring the late Myrtle Songer, Mertie Garrett, Florence Eggers, Ethel Heikes, and Myrtle Sherman. There was also a time of silent prayer.

Picture presented

The Meridian Garden Club presented a large oil painting of Myrtle Songer by Robert Wood to the Occident Club.

June Thomas, vice-president, presided at the meeting in the absence of president Mildred Langley. New year books were presented to the members.

Occident Club, a member of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, meets the first Monday of each month at the clubroom at Idaho and Meridian Street.

Occident Club starts meetings

Occident Club will hold its first meeting of the fall season at 1:30 p.m. next Monday, September 2.

June Thomas, vice-president, will preside over the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Mildred Langley, president.

A safety program is being arranged by Mrs. Berniece Jones. Delegates to Girls' State last June—Sharon Lee, Linda Wilder, Linda McFadden and Katie Croft—will give a report.

The refreshment committee includes Nancy Spear, Lee Egbert, Ruth Armstrong, and Mildred Botkin.

Ulmers enjoy trip

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer are home from a five-week trip. They toured the New England States and visited Boston, New York, and Washington, D. C. At Independence, Missouri, they left the planned tour and were houseguests of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Cligman, at Walnut Grove. Returning home through Denver, they visited a nephew and family, the Phillip Millises.

Spokane visit

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Langley traveled to Spokane, where they visited her brother, Merl Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Smith of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who had been previous guests of the Langleys. All attended Expo '74. The Langleys visited their son, Dean, who is attending the University of Idaho at Moscow before returning home.



Meridian Girls gave their Girls State report at our September meeting. ← Picture in background was presented to the Club from the Meridian Garden Club.

Girls State



MERIDIAN — Shawna Lee, Linda Wilder, Linda McFadden, Katie Croft.



Amber Dawn Goodwin
Daughter—Born September 19, 1974, at Mercy Medical Center, Nampa, Idaho; weight 8 lbs., 11½ ozs.; length 21 inches.

Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Terry Goodwin of Boise.

Brother—Jeremie.
Grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Goodwin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughn, all of Eagle.

Great-grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin of Meridian, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Clark of Portland, Harry Vaughn of Almond, Wisconsin, Mrs. Lucille Jones of Potlatch, Idaho.

Valley residents enjoy vacation

Mrs. Rillous Yates and Mrs. Faye McQuire of Twin Falls accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kreiger of Eagle on a vacation trip to the north rim of Grand Canyon and to Zion Park and Bryce Canyon. Returning home they visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Law and family at Provo, Utah.

Home from Maryland

Cindy Marks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marks, is expected home Friday from Indianhead, Maryland, where she has been a houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. James Doe. The Does have been entertaining their guest by showing her historical places and cultural places of interest.

Daughter of Mary Alice White

Two hundred and seventy four high school senior girls from throughout Idaho will set up and operate a state government of their own when Girls State convenes in Caldwell, June 9 to 15, on the College of Idaho campus.

Public officials in city, county and state government will speak during the week and the girls will spend a day at the Statehouse where they will hold a mock legislative session.

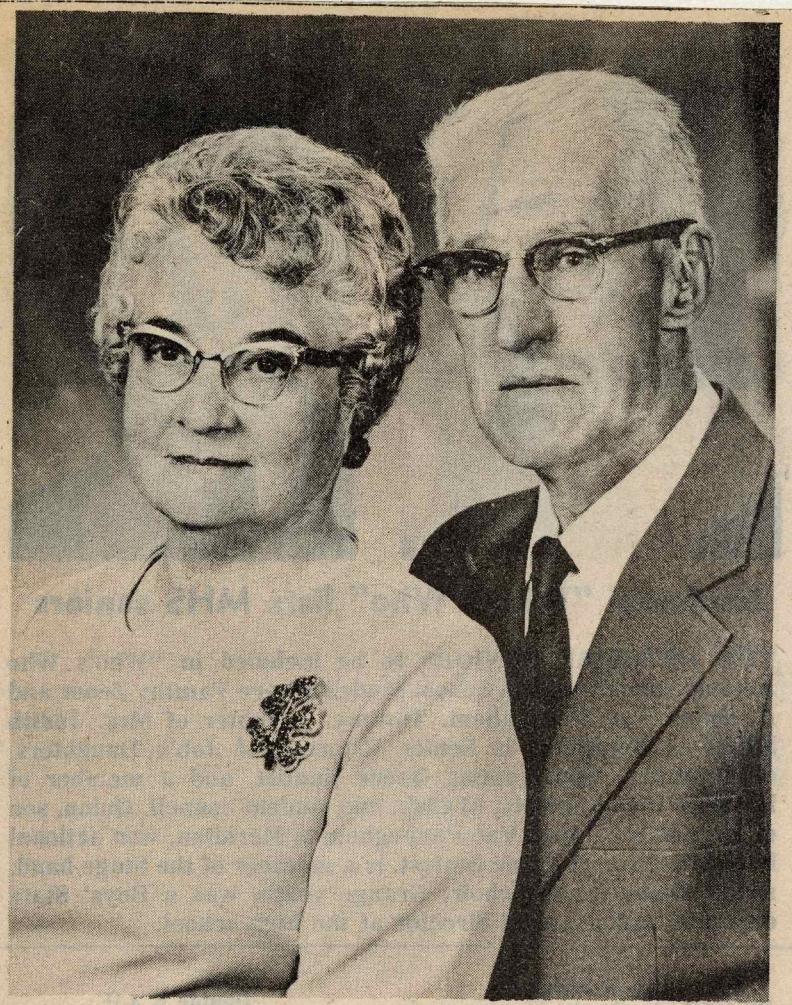
The annual event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and has involved 5,980 girls since its inception 28 years ago.

U of I cheerleader

MARLA PITKIN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Pitkin of Rt. 4, Meridian, has been selected as a cheerleader at the University of Idaho. A graduate of Meridian high school, and a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she was recently tapped as "Little Sister" by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Granddaughter of Lena Bodine





Sunday event honors fiftieth anniversary

MR. AND MRS. MELVIN LANE will be honored on their Golden Wedding anniversary at a reception from 2 till 5 p.m. this Sunday, October 20, at the Meridian United Methodist Church. Host couples will be their sons, Warren Lane of Boise and Raymond Lane of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and their spouses. The senior Lanes were married October 22, 1924, at Boise, and in March of 1928 moved to their ranch on Rt. 2. Highway 30, Meridian, where they lived for 26 years, until 1954. Mr. Lane then did carpentry for 15 or 16 years before retiring. They live at 432 E. Idaho, Meridian.

(Creason Photo)

Daughter of Clara Maw.

Raymond Lanes visit Meridian

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lane and son, Jeff, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, were here four days last week to attend the Golden Wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. WesLee Hoalst went last weekend to attend homecoming activities and visit their daughter, Lori, at the University of Idaho.

Mrs. Bessie McNeill has returned from two weeks of vacation at Denver, where she visited her sisters and other relatives.

Oil painting presented to Occident Club by the Meridian Garden Club



Meridian Lions honor Botkin at annual event

Meridian Lions Club held its 36th annual Charter Night last Saturday at the Masonic building. This year's event was dedicated to the memory of Voris R. Botkin, who was the last of the active charter members of the club.

The club president, Ed Burtner, was the host for the evening. The club had visitors from throughout the state, with 47 people attending.

President Burtner presented awards to the following members of the Meridian Club—Obed Dahl, August Hein, Jay Todd, Terry N. Trakel, K. D. Hartwell, Ken Rasmussen.

Special guests attending included district governor, Gene Strate of Boise, past district governor Fred Clubb of Jerome, past district governor Bill Hallock of Boise, and past district governor Clyde Lindzy of Heyburn.

Guest Speakers

Bill Hallock spoke on the Idaho-Oregon Sight Foundation, of which he is president, and of the new sight-screening machines that the Lions are now using to screen children of all towns.

Fred Clubb was the special speaker. He paid tribute to the memory of V. R. Botkin, who passed away this year. In special recognition to his memory, Mrs. V.R. Botkin was the club's special guest, and received an award from the club for the faith and good-will she had in working with her husband all the years he was a member of the Meridian Lions Club.

OCCIDENT CLUB meets at 1 p.m. next Monday October 4, at the clubhouse room. Mrs. Hazel Sims of Nampa, a retired teacher, will have charge of the program which will honor teachers. Mildred Langley, Lillian Peters, Emiley Pratt, Minnie Anderson, and Ella Pikan are hostesses for the event.

Montana visit

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bower have been visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rule at Butte, Montana. Traveling there they crossed the Continental Divide three times and after arriving in Butte received six inches of snow. Various side trips were enjoyed, including a visit to the Anaconda Mine.

C of C appoints Easley chairman for food pick-up

The Rev. Charles W. Easley, Jr., pastor of the United Methodist Church, has been named committee chairman for the Meridian Chamber of Commerce's annual food pick-up.

Easley said the collection of food would be made sometime in November. In the past, mid-high and high school students have made the collection—with the winning group at each school receiving a pizza-and-pop treat.

The collected food is stored at the Meridian city building, for distribution throughout the year to needy families.

Mrs. Lois Fraizer has returned from visiting her sister, Mrs. Carol Glotzbach, who had undergone surgery. Mrs. Glotzbach, a former Meridian resident, now lives at Los Angeles. Mrs. Fraizer enjoyed the pleasure of meeting her great-grandson, Ryan David Hiner, while in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nobel and son Lance visited with relatives at Meridian last weekend. The Nobels are in the process of moving from Anchorage, Alaska, to Washington, D. C.

Six weeks vacation

Mary Alice White enjoys long trip, visiting and sight-seeing in east

Mrs. Mary Alice White is home from a six week trip of visiting relatives and sight seeing on the East Coast. Mrs. White's first stop was at Youngstown, Ohio, where she visited Mrs. Ruth Beecher.

She was met there by Captain and Mrs. James Doe and Andrea and Bobbie, of Indian Head, Maryland. Traveling through the Cumberland Mountains to Western Port, Maryland, they visited Captain Doe's parents.

Points of interest visited were Richmond, Virginia and the Mormon Temple in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Charles Easley, Jr. was in Portland last Wednesday and Thursday as the Eastern District program coordinator of the Division on Ecumenical Affairs. Mrs. Easley attended the mid-year meeting of the conference board of Global Ministries at the First United Methodist Church at Portland.

Sister here

Mrs. John Gray of Walnut Creek, California, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jessie Bell. Mrs. Mary Beezley of Los Angeles, sister of Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Bell, recently passed away. She has been a guest of Mrs. Bell several times.

Montana visit

Mrs. Bertha Downer has returned home after visiting since September 1 with her granddaughter, Myrna Chaney, and family at Missoula, Montana, and with her daughter, Glenna Eyerly, at Livingston, Montana.

Two local area girls won offices at the 1974 Syringa Girls State, held last week at the College of Idaho.

Linda Wilder of Meridian was elected to the state office of superintendent of public instruction; and Nancy Eichelberger of Kuna was named a state representative for the mythical Justice County.

Mrs. Mildred Bradley of Alhambra, California, has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Marguerite Patch. The sisters have visited other relatives in Wendell.

Families welcome autumn visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson are entertaining long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warren of Whittier, California, after being traveling companions for the past three weeks. The Andersons met the Warrens at Sandpoint, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Faulks. From Sandpoint they traveled to Ft. Steel, Canada, then to Yellowstone Park, then to Filer where they attended the Good Sams rally, returning home through Stanley.

Community service

Area volunteers donate 86-pint total at drawing

Refreshments were provided by the United Methodist Women, and the following members operated the canteen—Margaret Boyack, Mary Alice White, Lena Bodine, Hazel Goodwin, Bertha Smith, Hazel Ross, Edith Sweet, Norma Gale.

Meridian trio enjoy Expo '74

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jenkins and Mrs. Edith Crockett recently returned from Spokane, where they visited Expo '74, with a group on tour.

OCCIDENT CLUB, a member of the Idaho Federation of Womens Clubs, will meet at 1:30 p.m. next Monday, October 7, at the clubroom. Grangers will be honored. State Grange Master and Mrs. Dan Robinson will be honored guests. Grangers are invited to attend. Hostesses will be Hazel Goodwin, Jessie Bell and June Thomas.

Alexis Club Will Host Meeting

The Alexis Club of Boise will host six Federated Clubs of Treasure Valley at 1 p.m. Friday in the Wright Community Church.

Those clubs invited are the Columbian Club and Women's Civic Club of Boise; Mountain Home Civic Club; Women's Century Club, Nampa; Occident Club, Meridian; and Forward Club, Caldwell.

Professor Helen Wilson of the Northwest Nazarene College will speak. There will be special musical numbers. Mrs. Clyde Davis is program chairman.



Thirteen members of the Occident Club attended the Alexis Club meeting at Boise, having the largest delegation at the event. Members of all clubs that belong to the Idaho Federated Womens Club had been invited.

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Library adds new books for Book Week

The Meridian library will join the observance of Children's Book Week, November 11-17, with the addition of several new books, including juvenile titles, youth books, and an adult list.

New children's books are The House of Thirty Cats, Mary Calhoun; Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls; The Borrowers Afield, Mary Norton; Mt., Bianca Bradbury; My Slippers Are Red, Charlotte Steiner; Especially Humphrey, Mina Lewiton; and many more.

Youth books

Added to the youth section of the library are Brian's Song, William Blim; The Space Gypsies, A.M. Lightner; The Hill of the Red Fox, Allan McLean; Child of Fire, Scott O'Dell; I am Third, Gale Sayers; and assorted paperbacks.

Adult section

New adult books include—I Want it Now, Kingsley Amis; Nebula Award Stories Eight, Isaac Asimov; The Inside Story of Patricia Hearst and the SLA, Marilyn Baker; Impeachment, Charles L. Black, Jr.; The House in Paris, Elizabeth Bowen; The Wind From the Sun, Arthur C. Clarke; A Bevy of Beasts, Gerald Durrell; Fillets of Plaice, Gerald Durrell; The Mothers, Vardis Fisher.

The Property of a Gentleman, Catherine Gaskin; A Perry Mason Omnibus, Erle Stanley Gardner; The Honorary Consul, Graham Green; Cover-Up, Seymour M. Hersh; My Favorite in Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock; Tom Brown's Schooldays, Thomas Hughes; Idaho, Robert O. Beatty; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, John LeCarre; The Left Hand of Darkness, Ursula K. LeGuin;

The Russian Revolution, Alan Moorehead; Ship of Fools, Katherine Anne Porter; The Image Men, J. B. Priestly; The Godforgotten, Gladys Schmitt; The Arnheiter Affair, Neil Sheehan; Maigret and the Informer, Georges Simenon; The Mammals, Time-Life, Meet Me in the Green Glen, Robert Penn Warren; The Optimist's Daughter, Eudora Welty; Maigret Sets A Trap, Georges Simenon.

Goodwines host visitors

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin have been Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Goodwin of Idaho Falls. Other relatives joining them were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster of Star and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Goodwin of Meridian. Jack Foster left last week for Dayton, Ohio, where he is employed by the National Cash Register Company. Roy Goodwin attended the funeral service of his brother, Ben Goodwin, at Vancouver, Washington.

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Occident Club honors teachers

Mrs. Hazel Sims, a retired school teacher of Nampa, was the special guest of the Occident Club meeting last Monday. Twenty-seven members and seven guests were present.

Mrs. Sims presented the program, showing slide pictures of "Our American Heritage" and songs of the American Revolutionary War period. The meeting honored teachers.

Two members of Occident Club traveled 176 miles and put in 73 hours of time from June until the present time, sewing at the Veterans Administration Hospital at Boise.

A total of 2,160 books were checked out of the Meridian public library averaging 135 books for the 16 library days of last month.

M. Botkin - B. McNeff - M. Patch

A birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer honored the birthdays of Ray Ulmer, granddaughter Sheryl Hood, and great-granddaughter Tracie Hood. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Maw of Boise, Mr. Roderick Maw, Rodger and Kimmie Hood of Vale, and Arlan Potts.

The resignation of Nancy Spear from the library board was announced. She has accepted a paid position with the new library district. Edith Crockett will fill the vacancy on the board.

Birthday dinner

The Birthday Club honored Mrs. Jessie Bell with a birthday dinner at Boise, which 14 friends attended. Other dinners feting Mrs. Bell included one with her grandson and Mrs. John Bell as hosts, and one with Mrs. Emiley Pratt and Miss Lillian Peters as hostesses.

Shower honors Susan Cairns

Mrs. Frank Bryce and Mrs. George Ascuna of Mountain Home were hostesses for a miscellaneous wedding shower honoring their niece, Susan Cairns of Woodland, California. Miss Cairns was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cairns at Mountain Home.

Among the 17 friends and relatives attending the event was the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Arnold Cairns.

*Our Susie Cairn's
Grand daughter
and namesake*

Vacation in south

Marguerite Patch and sister enjoy two months trip visiting relatives

Mrs. Marguerite Patch has returned from a two-month trip of visiting relatives and friends. She and her sister, Mildred Bradley of Alhambra, California, went to Raton, New Mexico, where they were guests of Estel Riley.

They then traveled to Sun City, Arizona, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Nicolino. Mrs. Patch returned through Salt Lake City and Wendell, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Hazel Jenkins, and family before coming home.

Eight-day trip

Seven Meridian residents enjoy tour of Caribbean and Puerto Rico islands

Home from an eight-day Caribbean cruise are Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Bessie McNeff, Mrs. Lena Bodine, Mr. and Mrs. Bevington, and Francis Veach, all of Meridian.

They boarded the chartered plane which came from Oakland, California, and flew to Miami, Florida, then to San Juan, Puerto Rico. There they took a boat to the islands of LaGuaira, Grenada, St. Thomas, Curacao, and Guadalupe.

9,000-mile trip

Hartwells enjoy two-months vacation visiting friends and historic places

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hartwell have returned from a two-month trip of 9,000 miles, visiting friends and relatives and historic places in the east. The travelers first historical stop was at Lincoln Land at Springfield, Illinois.

They then went to Dearborn, Michigan, where they took a tour of the Ford automobile plant and Greenfield Village.

Traveling to the north side of Lake Erie, they viewed Niagara Falls from the Canadian side. They then crossed to New York State and into the Adirondack Mountains, driving through Vermont, enjoying the beautiful fall colors of the countryside and spending six days in the area of Boston.

At Philadelphia they visited historic places, the Pennsylvania Dutch country, and Gettysburg. While at Washington, D. C., they attended the Veterans Day service held at the Unknown Veteran's grave at Arlington National Cemetery, and heard President Ford speak.

Traveling south, they crossed Virginia on the Blue Ridge Parkway, then went into Kentucky, where they visited Mammoth Cave.

Former Meridian residents visited were the Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Clark at Eustis, Nebraska; Gary Clark at St. Louis, Missouri; the James Doe family at Indian Head, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark, at Annapolis, Indiana; and the Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Thomas at Murray, Kentucky.

Meridian woman enjoys month in Brazil

Mrs. Jonas (Sally) Lee, Meridian, has returned home from a month's visit at Recife, Brazil, where the Lees' daughter Vickie is spending 13 months as an exchange student on the Youth for Understanding program.

Mrs. Lee visited Lima, Peru, and Panama and Guatemala during her trip. Other highlights were touring Brasilia, the capitol of Brazil, described as the most beautiful modern city of the world, and another beautiful city, Rio.

Mrs. Lee enjoyed the tropical beauty, and the gracious, friendly people of the country. Upon returning, she and seven exchange students of Boise Valley who have attended schools took a tour to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tucson, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Yellowstone Park, where they had to stay overnight due to a snowstorm. Mrs. Lee is area director for the Youth For Understanding program. Vickie Lee is expected to be home July 28 from her year of study in Recife.

Sally Lee, a former Club president.