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Clemmie Robinson, Eagle, left, and Marguerite Patch, Meridian, enjoy Streets for People entertainment

No. 22 April 5, 1982

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For it will flip up all over your lawn—
question its heraldress.
It's a real mess.

Mother Nature demands.

You clip the edges of the lawn, with
blistered bleeding hands
And do all the necessary things that

have to do
is mow the lawn and irrigate, and sit
and watch the weeds grow.

Summer is a restful time and all you
need is *sunshine*.

Summer and Autumn

such as the Price-Claremont Eagle Road and I-84 location, would leave the city with an enormous expense in providing city services.

"It's a real problem, but I'm not convinced we aren't providing services and payrolls that are appropriate," Tolksma said. "We're asking the question, 'What's necessary for our community?'"

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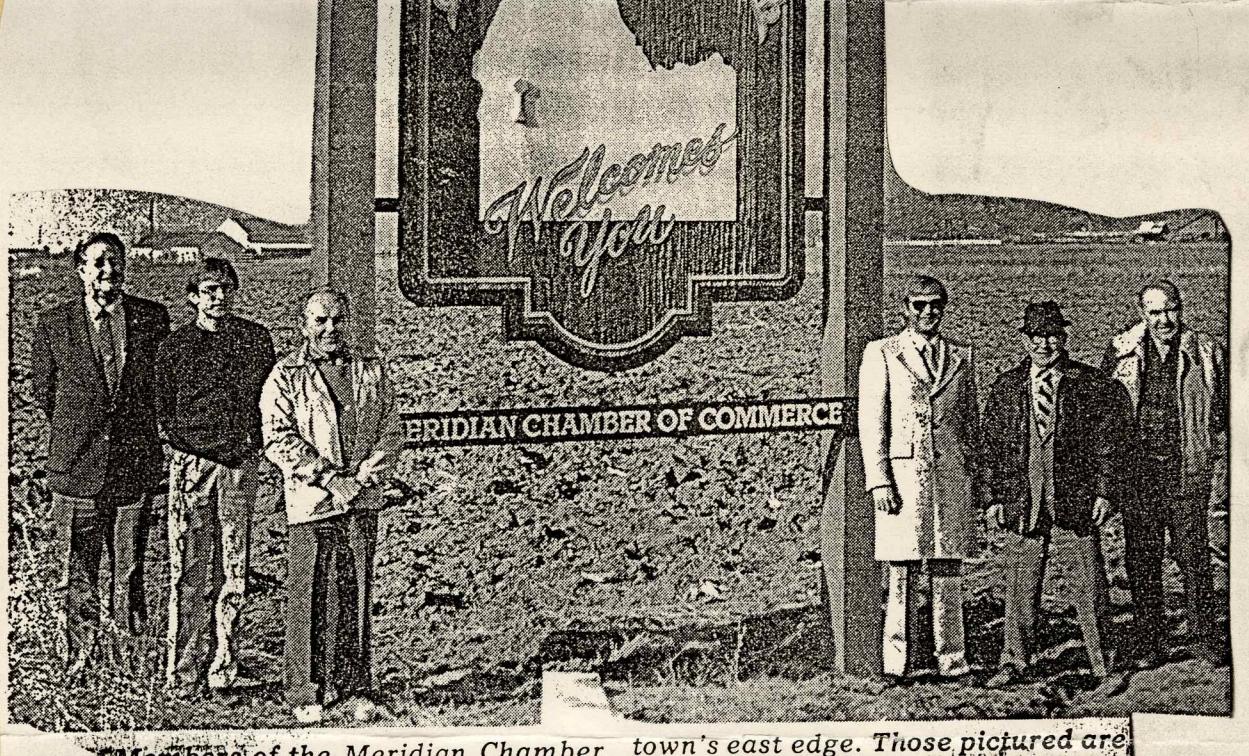
This says people have choices as to what government can do. Instead of asking for higher taxes to help pay for city services,

"I will," said the people who came to tell

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Great strides were made last week toward bringing a regional shopping mall to Meridian in the near future.

But there still remains at least two weeks of negotiations and legal work before the needed comprehensive plan change will take place.

That's the message Meridian's City Council received last Monday night after a busy week of study, discussion and negotiation between the council's mall study committee and Duaine Rasmussen, director of land acquisition for the Price Development Company and also representing Claremont Development Company, Price's partner in the venture.

"We've had a lot of discussion with the Price people on costs," committee-appointed spokesman Councilman Ron Tolsma told the council. "At this time, we are very optimistic in negotiations."

"With the rest of the council's approval, I move to prepare Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law while the committee continues to negotiate certain key facts."

The motion was approved unanimously, and afterward Mayor Grant Kingsford added his positive recommendation, commending both parties for their time and effort in the negotiations.

Rasmussen also expressed gratitude of the Price company for the committee members, Tolsma, Councilman Bob Giesler and Planning and Zoning Commissioner Walt Morrow for their efforts.

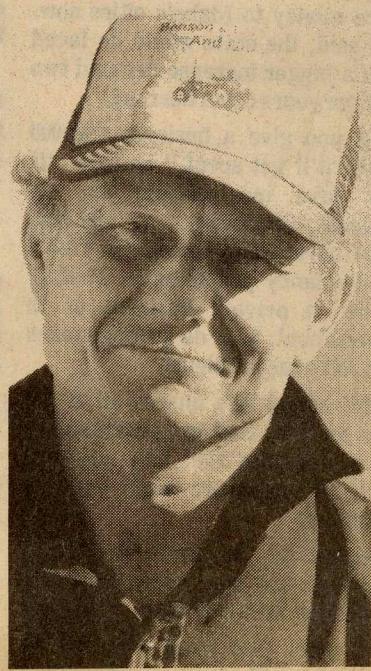
"They were very gracious of their time, especially considering they all have businesses of their own to run," said Rasmussen. "We're now looking forward. We stand ready and available to meet with you at your convenience."

Rasmussen also suggested the council and committee approve adding City Attorney Wayne Crookston to the discussions to help speed matters along and avoid duplication of efforts. The council and committee agreed.

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Ron Tolsma

the money necessary each year. We've also been negotiating on capital outlay, and we've pretty much got that taken care of.

"We're to the point now where we have to find how to provide for the on-going costs. We've had some ideas, some of which we're not sure the legality of.

"This is our key worry. We have to find out what (expenses), and how they'll be funded."

A study completed recently by Boise economist Dr. Richard Slaughter stated initially a regional mall itself would not seriously impact city services.

But the additional spinoff growth from a regional shopping mall, especially in an undeveloped area

such as the Price-Claremont Eagle Road and I-84 location, would leave the city with an enormous expense in providing city services.

Slaughter's study set the figure at between \$800,000 and \$900,000 per year. Tolsma said after the week of negotiations and discussion of varying amounts of proposed revenues and expenses, that figure has been pared down to between \$300,000 and \$400,000 a year.

"Dr. Slaughter gave us a lot of numbers, and we've been working with those," Tolsma said. "It's a never-ending battle. There's never enough money to go around. We have to get the legislature to make some changes."

Tolsma said discussions would continue, and with Crookston working with the committee preparing the legal documents, the findings of fact might be ready in two or three weeks.

When asked by one reporter whether he and other committee members had been under a lot of pressure during the past week of negotiations considering the heated condition of the mall race, Tolsma showed he hadn't lost his sense of humor.

"The pressure's been there all along," he said. "People try to consider it a race. But it's awful hard to consider it a race when the same guy has all three cars."

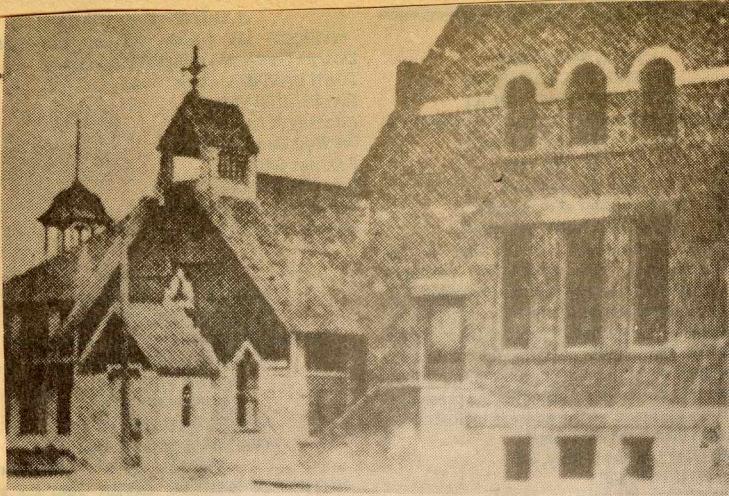
The Price Development Company has at least partial options with some tenant commitment to Westpark, Eagle Road-I-84, and Cloverdale, the three sites considered best by retailers as regional mall locations.



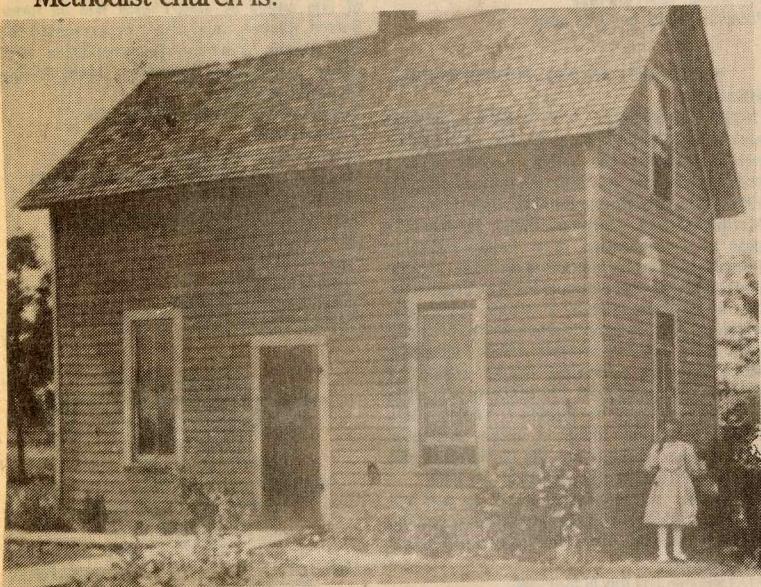
The Volunteer Firemens Salmon Barbeque held last Friday had the largest turn out ever. This was the sixth year for this annual event.



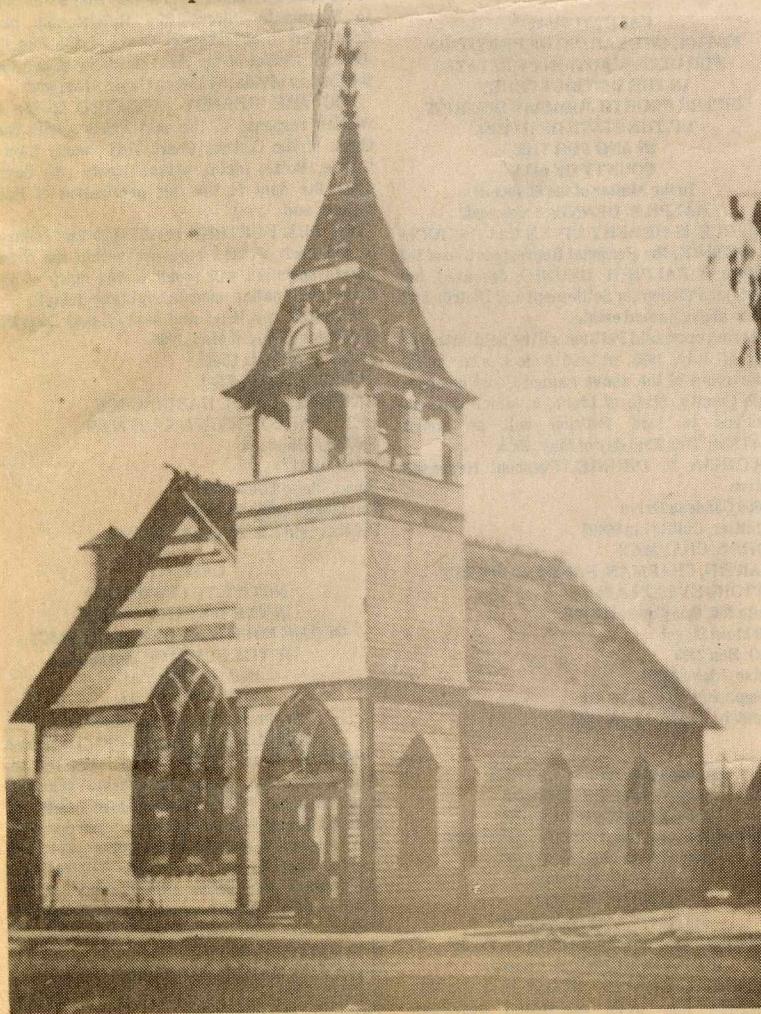
The 1985 graduating class fo Meridian High, 660 students, await Commencement proceedings last Friday night at BSU. This is the largest graduating class in Idaho history. (See stoory and additional photo on page 3.)



First Methodist Church built 1891 north of Meridian. Shown in the center after being moved into town. 1894 school at left and 1908 church at right where present Methodist church is.



First parsonage built in Meridian (1896) was located just north of the present Methodist Church.



Methodist Episcopal Church, South built in 1895 where the Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene now stands.



Hartwells celebrated 50th

K.D. and LaVerne Hartwell, 1404 E. 1st, Meridian celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 5, 1982. They were married in Umon, Oregon.

Rosalie and Bill Wigle, Boise and Jack and Pat Hartwell, Idaho Falls will host an open house for the couple at Meridian Methodist Church on June 20, from 2 to 5. All friends are cordially invited. No gifts please.

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Bates to celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bates, Meridian, will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary July 28 with an open house at the Meridian Methodist Church.

Hosting the event, scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m., will be their son Larry

and his family, and daughter Verla Carr and her family.

Dale Bates married Olive Jordan July 28, 1935, at Randall, Kan. They have lived in Meridian for the past 39 years. They request there be no gifts.

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SILVER BELLS decorated the 25th wedding anniversary cake for the Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Clark of Payette. (Brown Photo)

PAYETTE — The Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Clark observed their 25th wedding anniversary last Sunday afternoon at an open house celebration held in the Methodist parsonage, 2040 Moss drive.

The setting for the reception held from 3 to 8 p.m. was a fireplace laden with fall flowers and large silver wedding bells. The women of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild served during the afternoon and evening.

Out-of-town guests who attended were the Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Thomas, the M. V. Howells, Herbert Wolfs, Raymond Smiths, George Judds, K. D. Hartwells, Mrs. Anna Smith, Mrs. Carrie Woods, Meridian; Leonard Howard, Mrs. Helen Belveil, Bill Wingles, the Rev. Stanley Andrews, Boise; the Rev. and Mrs. Collis Blair, Ontario; the Rev. and Mrs. O. Rex Lindemood, Fruitland; the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow, Nyssa, the Dee Folsoms, Coalanga, Calif.; newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ohlinger, Mrs. Jean Crocker and daughters, Clarence Ohlinger, Gooding; Mrs. Grace Weis, Albany, Ore.; and Mrs. Emma Anderson, Colorado Springs, Colo.

COLLECT

Keep us O God, from all pettiness
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed
Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense
And meet each other face to face
Without self-pity and without prejudice.

Let us never be hasty in judgement
And always be generous.

Let us take time for all things
That us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better
Selves; to be straight forward and
Not afraid.

Guide us that we may realize it is
The little things that create differences;
That in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know
The great human heart of us all.
And, O Lord God, let us forget not
To be kind!

-Mary Stewart-

reception was held in the Willow Brook Methodist Church in which Rev. Clark is associate pastor. All of the Clark's immediate family attended.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nicolino and sons Mark and Scott of Seattle were visitors of her mother Marguerite Patch. Marguerite's sister Mildred Bradley of Pasadena, Calif. is spending several weeks with her.

Newly-marrieds here

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall, who were recently married in Burlingame, California, spent a week of their honeymoon in Meridian, guests of Mrs. Marguerite Patch. Mrs. Hall is the former Inez Pitcher Roberts. She attended schools in Meridian and has visited several former classmates while here.

Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Hartwell drove to Sun City, Ariz., to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of her brother Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Clark. The

Occident Club

to meet March 2

The Occident Club will meet March 2 at the Library conference room at 1:30 p.m.

Barbara Peters, who is an executive committee member of PAYADA (Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse) will be the speaker.

Spending two weeks with Mary Alice White was her friend Mrs. Ethel Pilkington of Phoenix who is also a former Meridianite.

Gertrude Rosti spent Mother's day with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Norman Taylor in Ontario, Ore.



John Ross, left, and Richard Proulx, right, present awards to Opal Riddle, left, and Viola Nielsen.

Riddle places first in cherry pie baking contest

Opal Riddle, Meridian, was the winner of a \$100 diamond pendant for baking the best tasting pie at Cherry Plaza's cherry pie tasting contest Saturday. Her pie — cherry cheese — was rated unanimous winner by the three judges out of 58 entries.

Viola Nielsen took second place honors in the Cherry Plaza Merchants Association contest and took home \$50 worth of groceries from Paul's IGA. The third prize — a \$20 gift edition of "Joys of Cooking" — went to Martha Smith, Meridian.

In addition, 15 \$5 gift certificates were given to those pies which rated an honorable mention. Most of the pies entered in the contest were donated to the Meridian Senior Citizens Association after the judging. The seniors sold them to earn money for a new Senior Center in the city. Sale of the pies netted the Senior group \$135.

Judging of the contest was done by radio air personalities Jeff Thomas, KBOI, and C.B. Johnson, KGEM, along with Valley News Editor-Publisher H. John Wiltshire.

Mrs. Riddle consented to share her recipe for the award winning

pie with Valley News readers.

Cherry cheese pie

Crust: One cup of graham cracker crumbs, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of sugar, one teaspoon of cinnamon, one third cup of butter or margarine.

Mix crumbs, sugar and cinnamon, then blend in butter or margarine. Put in pie dish and press around sides and bottom. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until brown. Cool thoroughly.

Filling: One eight-ounce package of cream cheese, softened; one can sweetened condensed milk; one third cup lemon juice, and one teaspoon of vanilla.

Beat the cheese until smooth (use a large bowl). Slowly blend milk, then lemon juice and vanilla. Spread evenly over pie shell. Spoon one can of cherry pie filling, to which $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of almond extract has been added, over cheese mixture.

Chill pie at least three hours. Before serving spread fresh whipped cream around the edge of pie.

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This was the largest graduating class in the state and the largest ever from Meridian High.

Library board explains proposed plans to Occident Club

Members and guests of the Meridian Occident Club at their regular meeting last Monday heard Marvin Bodine, a member of the Meridian Library Board and James Shearer, architect for the remodeling of the library.

The two explained the blue prints and proposed plans for the project.

They described in detail the location and area for the kitchen and meeting room to be provided for

the Occident Club.

Prior to this the members of the club had inspected a facility the library board had located as a permanent storage place for the club's Emergency Loan Equipment.

This equipment includes such things as walkers, wheel chairs and hospital beds now stored in the library.

Leona Egbert presided over a short business meeting. Following the business meeting refreshments were served from a St. Patrick's Day table.

Ethel Duerock and Leona Egbert presided at the tea table and hostesses for the meeting were Hazel Rhodes, Hazel Goodwin and Mary Boice.

The next meeting will be April 7.



Leona Egbert

to note 80th

Leona Egbert, Meridian, will be honored on her 80th birthday with an open house at the United Methodist Church, Meridian, from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24.

Her family is hosting the event. They request there be no gifts.

Leona was born in Pearl and moved to Boise as an infant. She moved to Meridian in 1928 and has lived here since.

Open House set for Chipman



**Blanche
Chipman**

An open house honoring Blanche Chipman on her birthday will be held April 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Meridian Methodist Church.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend. No gifts, please. Your presence will be her presents.

The event will be hosted by her children, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Douglas (Adrienne), Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. John Gale (Norma) and a granddaughter Mrs. Jeff Schiller (Linda) and families.

Occident Club meets Jan. 5

The Jan. 5 Occident Club meeting will be held at the Meridian Free Library conference room at 1:30 p.m.

Library project

Librarian Bill Snyder said it was his goal to finish the remodeling project at the Meridian Library. In September he finally got his wish.

The library received money from a federal grant program to finish the second phase of its remodeling project. The library matched the \$50,000 grant and the remodeling began in late summer.

City leaders praised the completion of the remodeling project, recalling what the library was like years ago.

*You are cordially invited
to an Open House*

*August 24, 1986, from two until five p.m.
at the United Methodist Church
East Third and Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho*

*to celebrate the eightieth birthday of
Leona Egbert
Hosted by the family
No gifts please*

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brace have returned home after enjoying their vacation in Telegraph Cove near Point McNeil, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Neibaur, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rosenlund and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thurman all of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thurman of Nampa, and Rebecca Eggers of Meridian hosted a birthday dinner at the Outlaw Inn in honor of the birthday of Leona Egbert. Following the dinner ice cream and cake were served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rosenlund. Also 18 members of the Meridian birthday club hosted a luncheon at the King's Table in her honor. Mr. Jane Thurman and Leona's grandson Scott Thurman entertained her at dinner at the Blue Mote where Scott presented her with a beautiful rose.

Occident Club meets Dec. 1

The Meridian Occident Club will meet Dec. 1 at 12:30 p.m. at the Magic Recipe Restaurant, 704 E. Fairview, for their December meeting and Christmas dinner.

Spencer Memorial planned

The Meridian Chamber of Commerce is raising funds for a Bob Spencer Memorial to be placed by the flagpole of the new city hall.

Spencer was a Chamber member and was chairman of the Meridian Planning and Zoning Commission. He died Feb. 16 of cancer.

Mark Freeman, a Chamber member and a lawyer with Foley and Lance, Attorneys, said the

Occident Club starts new year

The Meridian Occident Club, under the direction of new president, Annie Jones, will hold its first meeting of the 1986-87 year Monday, Aug. 25.

The Luncheon will be held at the Yellow Rose, 127 E. Idaho at 12:30.

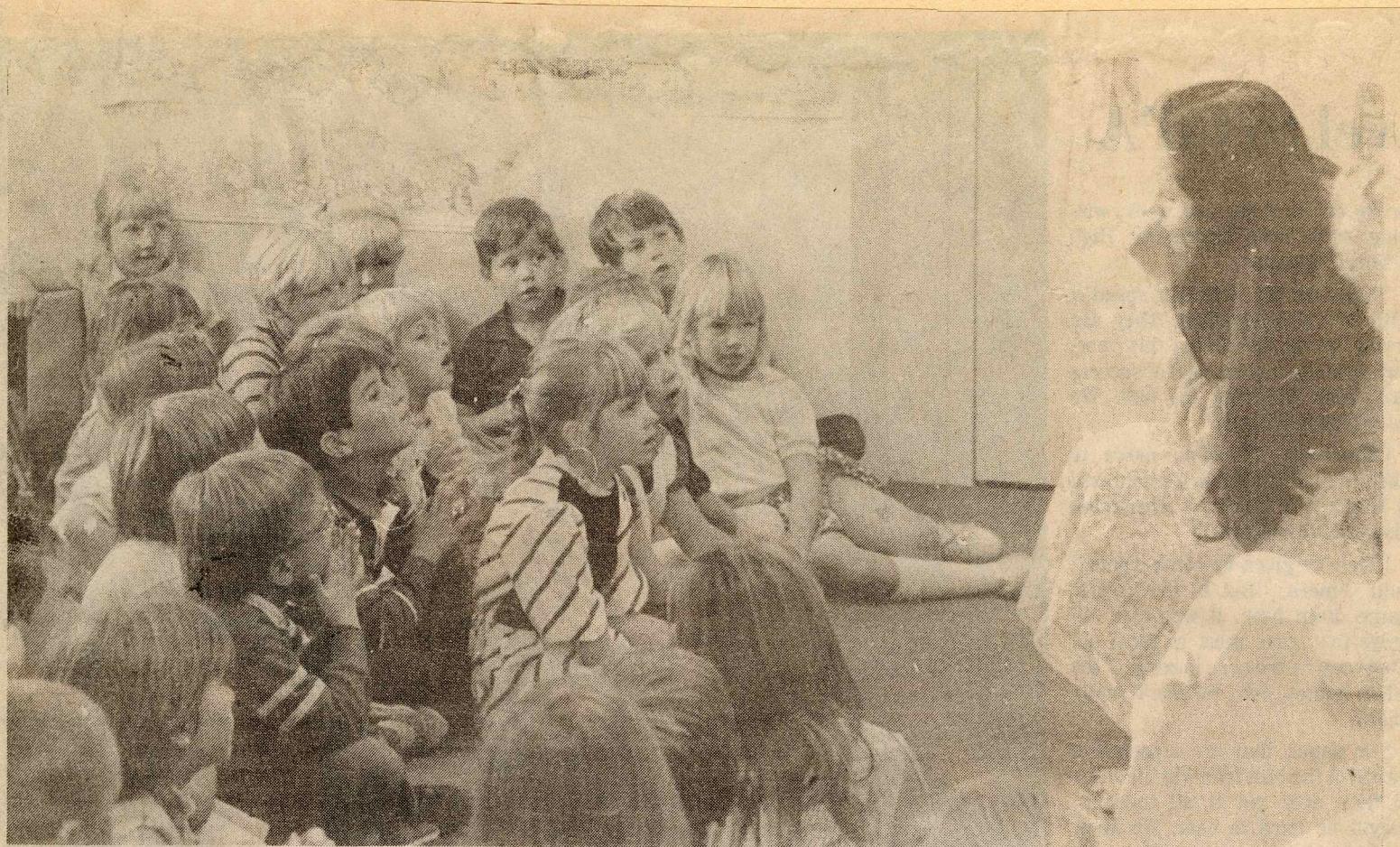
Opal Merrell will have charge of the program.

Girl's State Reports will be given.

Chamber has been looking for a project to honor Spencer.

The memorial will include a plaque by the flagpole of the new city hall. The flagpole will be in front, facing Idaho Street.

People can donate to the Bob Spencer Memorial Fund by sending money to Meridian Chamber of Commerce, P.O. 557, Meridian.



The Meridian Public Library's children's department has begun its fall program with two weekly events, according to Children's

Librarian Laura Oberbillig.

Preschool storytime is held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. This week's

story is "Johnny Appleseed."

A program for first graders is held on Friday at 11 a.m. Three first

grades in the Meridian primary schools are scheduled to attend this weekly function.

Meridian library to serve Ada County residents

Starting Oct. 1, the Meridian Public Library will begin serving residents of the Ada County Free Library District, Meridian Librarian Bill Snyder said.

A contractual agreement was reached between the newly organized Ada County Free Library District and each of the five existing public libraries in the county, including the Meridian Library District.

The contract calls for the Meridian Library to receive over \$19,700 to handle additional customers from the new district, said Snyder.

Other libraries who are involved in the agreement include the Boise Public Library, Garden City Public

Library, Eagle Public Library, and Kuna Community Library District.

Until the Ada County Free Library District was formed, county residents living outside a library district would have to pay a non-resident's fee for use of one of the five libraries.

The new contract will allow residents to utilize the libraries without paying that non-resident's fee.

The contract signed with the Meridian Library will cover the costs incurred to handle the new traffic among the more than 50,000 residents of the Ada County Free Library District.

Snyder said more books will be

purchased with the monies received.

Lynn Melton, administrator for the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System, said the contract figures were based on the number of county patrons anticipated to use the library multiplied by the average per-capita tax paid by district members.

The contract is for three years. However, the dollar amount will be renegotiated after one year to get closer to the actual amount each library will need.

The contracts with the five libraries will be financed by county residents with a 3 mil levy, which translates into a tax percentage of .006.

According to figures given, an

owner of a \$50,000 home who is eligible for homeowner's exemption would pay \$30 a year to finance the new library district.

The Ada County Free Library District was voted for by county residents. Melton said the idea to contract with other libraries rather than build a new structure was a decision made by the new district's board.

She said the decision allows residents to have immediate access to library services.

Ada County Free Library District residents can apply for a Meridian library card after Sept. 30. The library hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.



Swede and Mary Boice pose with some of the dolls they have collected from around the world

Mary also has collections of rare

World travelers freighter style

By Kay Doty

Swede and Mary Boice have discovered the romance of life on the high seas—as passengers on a freighter.

The Meridian couple took their first such trip in 1968 on the Norwegian freighter *Turnadot*.

It was the first of six such trips that has taken them to ports of call around the world.

They have been to the Orient twice, Europe, Africa, Malaysia, Venezuela and one special trip "around the world."

"That was exciting," said Mary. "We spent 84 days on the 'President Roosevelt' of the American President Lines.

"When you get on a freighter, that's your home for however long the trip takes," explained Swede. "When a ship is in port you sleep and eat aboard. They serve a big breakfast and dinner. For lunch you can take some fruit and not have to waste time and money eating ashore. It allows more time for sightseeing."

"Most crew members have been to these ports before and were very helpful with information about places to visit and things to see."

"Traveling by freighter is much more relaxed, they are less crowded, the staterooms are larger and better furnished. We always ate at the Captain's table. On one of our trips to the Orient we expected to be in Hong Kong three days, but some of the equipment needed to pump wheat out of the hold broke down, and we were there a week. It was great."

broidered with fine thread.

Children also made her two Mexican dolls. There mothers worked in a clothing factory in Guatemala, and the enterprising youngsters used the scraps to fashion the dolls.

In Ireland the Boices watched a doll-maker make a Tinker-doll (Irish version of the Gypsy). It has the fortune tellers shawl and glass ball.

Also in her collection is a Geisha girl from Japan, a farm girl from the Phillipines (carrying a primitive hand made reaping tool), and entertainers from India, China and Taiwan.

Two of Mary's dolls are dressed in half-saris. The Sri Lanka representative has a bare midriff and the Malaysian model is topped with a lace jacket that is worn even for work.

Africa is represented by a Zula warrier made of wood and dark fur. A shield is made of smooth white fur.

"This doll looks exactly as they do when going into battle," Mary said.

Discounting the cost of getting to these exotic places, her collection is relatively inexpensive, each doll costing approximately five to ten American dollars.

The Boice's collecting does not stop with dolls. Mary has accumulated 137 butter chips that includes a hundred-year-old original blue willow pattern and several glass pieces that were premiums in boxes of cereal at the turn-of-the-century.

antique china, jade, carved boxes and brass.

Swede's collections run more to things he makes. "On one of our trips I saw this little wooden bird and decided I could make them," Swede said.

From birds he went to small animals and a variety of novelty toys. One of these is an exploding bank, a game of chance using dice, and a wooden calucular. Most of these items, plus many more are fashioned on a lathe.

Swede (whose given name is Elden) is best known for the gavels he makes. To date he has made 51 for Job's Daughters, one for each Queen over the past 25 years.

In the course of their travels the Boices have had many unusual adventures. "The experience we had going to a Christian Church in China with David Schroeder's 1984 tour, was special," said Mary. "It was in the city of Xean. We were expected, and they had saved two rows of seats for us. There were no windows, just arches. The Church was packed, so people who couldn't get in stood by these arches to listen."

"The sermon was in Chinese, but they insisted on us having hymnals. We were asked to leave first so we wouldn't be hurt, because everyone wanted to touch us."

The Boices were born in Idaho and met while attending college in Pocatello. They married in October 1937 and moved to Idaho in 1944.

Library announces winter hours

The Meridian Library announced their new winter hours will go into effect starting Oct. 20.

The library will be closed Sunday and Monday. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. On Thursday the library will stay open until 8 p.m. and on Saturday the library will close at 5 p.m.

The pre-school story hour will begin on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3 to 5. Pre-registration is required.

Occident Club meets Feb. 2

The Occident Club monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the library conference room of the Meridian Public Library Feb. 2.

Slides will be shown of a recent trip to Norway taken by Betty Kusler and Ruby Troutman.

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Club members hear report

Members and guests Meridian Occident Club got the New Year off to a good start Jan. 6, when Mary Boice gave the program.

She told of her world travels aboard a freighter and displayed her collection of dolls.

These dolls had been acquired from countries and ports they visited such as Hong Kong, Bali, Sri Lanka, China, Japan and Africa to name a few.

Each doll was dressed in a costume native to its homeland.

Vice-president LaVerne Hartwell presided at the business meeting.

Refreshments were served.

Elizabeth Ryan and Jane Kitching presided at the tea table. Hostesses were Rose Kreighbaum, Oma Jenkins and Gladys Stuart.

The next meeting will be Feb. 3 in the Library.

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At the Feb. 3 meeting of the Meridian Occident Club Oma Jenkins gave a program on Valentines and Valentine's Day.

She also had on display a large collection of valentines from by gone days. Each member was given a chance to share her favorite valentine or some remembered valentine experience. Marguerite Patch gave the history of Valentine's Day.

LaVern Hartwell, vice-president, was in charge of a brief business meeting.

Refreshments were served from a table made festive with red candles, hearts and flowers. Bessie Matcham and Ester Sharp presided at the tea table.

Edna Myers and Leona Lund were hostesses. The next regular meeting will be March 3 in the Library.

For those of you who have not reached the three score and ten age bracket, a butter chip is a small plate, three inches in diameter. This was a part of each place setting during the late 19th and early 20th century. Its sole function was to hold individual servings of butter.

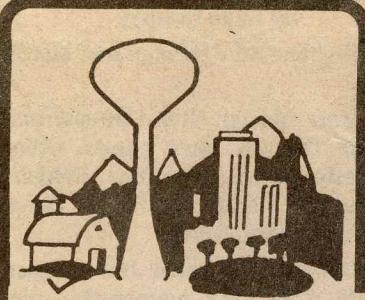
They owned and operated the Meridian Drug Center for 25 years before retiring.

Their family includes a son Ted, of Reno, the assistant director of Health and Welfare in that state, and a daughter Saundra Bennett a nurse in the emergency room of St. Alphonsus Hospital, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Occident Club to elect officers

Occident Club members will elect new officers at their meeting May 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meridian Library conference room.

Along with the election, there will be a business meeting and a social hour. Hazel Rhodes will present the program.



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Library seeks bids for improvements

The second phase of the improvements to the Meridian Free Library went out for bids this week, architect James Shearer and Librarian Bill Snider said Tuesday.

The bid includes making a new entrance into the library, remodeling the interior to make for a new office, finishing the new ceiling work and changing the front desk area. The exterior work will include new roofing and exterior insulation.

The bids will be opened April 24 at 3 p.m. in the library in a public meeting. Construction could begin within a week if the contracts are approved without problem.

The work "will unify the library and open it up," Snider said. More walk space will be added in the front to create a better flow from the adult section and the children's section.

The front entrance will be a glass vestibule and moved about five feet to the left facing the building from where it is now.

The front desk area will be directly in front of the glass doors as you walk in, giving it a more central spot in the building, Snider said.

Shearer estimated last fall the project would be around \$100,000. He said the cost could go up five to ten percent because of the timing of the bid now.

He said he is worried about his cost estimate. But there are seven deduct alternates which could bring the cost down some.

The project was ready to go out for bid last fall. It was delayed some partially because of trying to find space to provide the Occident Club's Emergency Equipment Room.

The Library Board found space for the emergency loan equipment across Meridian Street from the library. The Club will still have a meeting room in the library with some storage space.

The board decided to postpone the project because it was getting close to the winter season and because it would disrupt the increased flow of traffic created from the Ada Free Library District, board president Jack Riddlemoser said last fall.

Snider said there was a noticeable increase in the number of people using the library this past winter because of the contract they have with the Ada County Free Library District to let rural residents use the library.

"We're excited about getting the

project going again," Shearer said. He's been working on the project since 1983, when plans began to improve the library building donated by the Occident Club.

The first phase was completed two years ago, which increased the size of the building.

The money to complete the second phase was made available because of a grant received by the library last spring from the government under the Title 2 Library Service and Construction Act.

The library received \$54,000 and was required to provide matching funds. The library has about \$108,000 total to use for construction purposes.

The plans for the second phase were revised to match the amount of money the library had to work with, Shearer said. He had to pare it down from an original estimate of \$150,000.

Some of the work that won't be

included are fixing the sidewalk and landscaping the outside.

Shearer said the interior work will include putting a new ceiling in the rest of the building to match what is on the east side of the library, and putting in double glazed windows to replace the existing single paned windows on the west end of the building.

The exterior work will include a new roofing system and finishing the exterior insulation system on the rest of the building.

One deduct alternate bid calls for finishing the exterior insulation except for the back of the building, which would be done later.

Shearer said the library may close once or twice for a short while to move sections of the library to make room for construction workers. But he doesn't see it closing for long periods.

He estimated construction to be done within 120 days from the start.

Meridian library to celebrate Library Week

National Library Week will be observed this next week April 6-12 at the Meridian Library. The theme this year is "Get a Head Start at the Library."

An amnesty on overdue books fines will be observed during the week, the librarian said.

On Monday, April 7, M. Eugene De Mond will show some of his collection of Kachina Dolls from the Hopi Indians and will give lecture on their culture. At 1 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. he will address fourth grade classes.

On Tuesday, April 8, at 4 p.m., a movie portraying the Rudyard

Kipling story "White Seal" will be shown.

On Friday, April 11, at 4 p.m. the clown performers from Central Assembly Church will put on a program.

Both children and adults are welcome to all these programs.



Leone Lund posed with some of her many dolls

Gift started doll collection

By Kay Doty

Leone Lund has a doll collection numbering in excess of 350 that started almost by accident.

Lund, a retired teacher now living in Meridian, was teaching school in Parma in the mid 1960's when a fellow teacher gave her a box of old doll parts she found in her attic.

"I wouldn't let her just give it to me because I knew it was valuable, so I paid her \$25," Lund said. "People thought I was crazy to pay that much for a thrown-away doll."

The doll was a bisque Kestner Doll made by a German firm that was well known for their high quality dolls. It was made about 1885 and has a ball-jointed head and hard composition body. An unusual feature is the wooden ball-joints.

"I took it to three people before I found a doll doctor who could restore it the way I wanted it," she said. "From that point on I was a collector."

Among her many unusual dolls is a Mr. Atlas. This was a three foot tall mannequin male doll a Wisconsin clothing store used to advertise long underwear. "They were disposing of it and I thought he was an interesting fellow so they gave him to me," she explained. "This was about 1940 and they had had him so long that the underwear was pretty dirty, but I washed it and he is still one of my favorites."

Some of her other finds were McCall's and Butterick mannequins. These dolls were in kits and were used in the 1960's to teach people to sew. Lund found them in a junk store in Eagle.

Another of her favorites is a tin-head. This 75 year old doll has a tin head and eyes. The arms and feet

are made of kid (a smooth leather), and the cloth body is stuffed with straw.

Included in Lund's collection are eight teddy bears. One of them is an original Smokey Bear and a Russian Bear.

She finds many of her dolls at flea markets, garage sales and through doll clubs. She belongs to two of these, The Syringa Doll Club and the United Federation of Doll Clubs.

She also travels about the country attending shows and conventions.

Lund does not restore her dolls, preferring to let someone else do that. "I prefer to dress them," she said.

Lund was born in Conde, South Dakota, moved to Bayfield, Wis. as a teenager. After graduating from Northland College in Ashland, Wis. she worked as a librarian and school teacher.

She moved to Idaho in 1947, then on to California in 1959, only to return to Idaho for good in 1962.

She taught in the "Island School", the last little one-room school house, located between Parma and Roswell. "That was fun," she said.

Lund ended her teaching career in the Meridian School District at Eagle. "I taught social studies in the 7th grade, and retired the same year they closed the Eagle Jr. High and moved the children to Lowell Scott."

Lund has three children, daughter Erlene Hunt who is a teacher at the Meridian Jr. High, Miles Lund, store manager of Karcher Market, and Les Lund who recently retired from the Idaho State Highway Department. She also has eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Members honored recently for 40-49 years of membership in the Meridian United Methodist Church were Joan Priest, Hazel Ross Eula and Wilbur Calnon, Blanche Wolfe, Herald Cox, Ed Davis and Margaret

and George Judd. Rev. Verle Mitchell is in back.

Recognized but unable to be present were Dorothea Mayes, William Duvall, William Curtis, La

Verne Pitkin, Raymond and Bertha Smith, Lawrence Smith, Kathryn McPeak, Dorothy Bowers, Emma Bales, Millia Hall, Freda Weast and Lulu Johnson.

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Couple to note 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin, Meridian will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 15.

The couple was married June 15, 1926, at Douglas, Wyo.

They moved to Caldwell in 1942 and to Meridian in 1944.

He was retired from the Amalgamated Sugar Co. in 1967.

They request there be no presents.

A reception is scheduled in their honor June 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Methodist Church, Meridian.

Hosts will be Marvin and Betty Goodwin, Harlan and Patty Goodwin and Betha and Jack Foster.

The library had 5,000 volumes when she started and 12,000 when she retired.

Life has been 'full of surprises' for retired librarian

By Kay Doty

"Heaven won't hold any more surprises than life has," is the way retired librarian Nancy Sage sums up her eventful life.

She was born in San Francisco, Feb. 19, 1905, and lived with her grandparents. A year later they survived the famous earthquake and fire.

"I don't remember the earthquake but my senses do whenever I hear a fire siren, loud noise, an airplane or any sudden loud sound or vibration, my body reacts," Sage said. "When the earthquake hit here, I just rose up out of bed and flew out the front door."

"After the San Francisco quake, we camped in Golden Gate Park for a while. My grandfather was a Spanish-American war veteran, so they had him doing K.P. and guard duty—we hardly ever saw him.

Someone came around once a day with a pail of milk for me. We had family in Boise, so the Salvation

Army paid our way to Idaho. I've lived in Idaho the rest of my life."

Nancy and her husband Howard were married Dec. 12, 1939 and moved to Meridian in 1950, the same year their son Darrell was born. Two years later her husband was killed in an industrial accident.

"Darrell and I were on our own," she said. "I did house work, sewing, anything I could find."

"One day I went into the library to see what they had, we talked for awhile and the lady asked me if I'd like to come in twice a week and help out. The pay was .40 cents an hour. All I knew about libraries, I got from a library course I'd taken at Boise High School in 1927."

In 1954 Sage was appointed librarian. Her salary, \$50 a month, was paid by the Occident Club. When she retired 21 years later at age 70, her salary had risen to \$300 a month.

I did a little of everything—ordered books, prepared them for the shelves and ran the desk.



Nancy Sage holds one of the two 'Women of the Year' trophies she has received.

Whatever needed to be done I did."

"The club took me on probation. At the end of the first month when I made my first report it was complete, inventory, collections, new

books and damaged books. I was in the library, but it sounded like a tree full of bees were in that room. They had never had a report like that

before, and they were so pleased, they ended my probation, the job was mine."

"Anyone who thinks a librarian leads a dull life is very much mistaken," Sage said. "I remember opening a book and found a kid's egg sandwich smashed flat as a fritter. Another time a little boy came in and wanted to know how elephants shed their skin. I explained about the wrinkles—that was the way God made them. He was so relieved, he said, 'Thank you—I'm glad they don't have to go to all the work taking them off.'"

To Nancy Sage, working at the library was a labor of love, and many nice things happened to her over the years.

"I think the nicest thing was when they took me on officially as librarian. Without that none of it would have happened. I loved the work so much, and the glow was so great."

"I think the second nicest thing was when they put my name over the Idaho Room. I started the Idaho writers book section, histories, anything pertaining to the state, so I considered it quite an honor. A big day."

One of Sage's worst memories was of a hail storm that occurred in the mid '60's. The storm did a lot of damage around Meridian, even

breaking out all the windows in the Occident Club which was housed in the same building, but the library was unharmed.

"We got towels and put them under the doors to keep water out. It was a scary time."

"I had the privilege of working with Don Story for years, he was so nice. Anytime I went over fussing about something—he took care of it. I swore at the city code for years, but not at Don."

Sage retired at the age of 70, and 21 years on the job after the state passed a law requiring librarians have a degree.

"It was hard for me to leave," she said, "but I was beginning to have trouble hearing, and the library had grown to the point I couldn't handle it. My knowledge didn't cover government things."

"It's been wonderful—giving me a new life after I lost my husband."

Sage is leaving her home of 35 years at 909 East 4th, to live with her son Darrell, his wife Filice and their son Kyle in Littleton, Colo.

Sage's work was not allowed to go unnoticed. The Occident Club made her a lifetime member, waiving a rule that librarians could not be members.

The JayCees named her Woman-of-the-Year in 1971. In 1972 she was the recipient of another Woman-of-The-Year award that read "In Appreciation" Meridian Alpha Alpha Chapter Beta Sigma Phi.



The Meridian Library celebrated Teddy Roosevelt's birthday with children bringing their favorite Teddy Bear to the library. An added bonus was a visit by the extremely large bear on the right.

Elizabeth Ryan honored for work

Elizabeth Ryan was recognized last week by the National Retired Teachers Association and the Idaho Retired Teachers Association for her four years as president of the Meridian Area Senior Citizens.

Ryan, who taught at Taft Elementary in Boise for 24 years, was given a Hall of Fame award during a banquet at a convention for retired teachers.

She was nominated by the Boise Retired Teachers Association. The group interviewed her husband and local residents who have worked with Ryan at the senior center.

Ryan said the others honored with the Hall of Fame awards were from around the state and were chosen for many different reasons.

Ryan said when she retired from teaching, she did not intend to become president of the seniors.

"I began attending the seniors meetings once a month at the Wheel Inn," she said. When they had an election of officers, she was chosen as a vice president of the group.

The president stepped down before the year was over and Ryan moved into the position and held it four years, until she stepped down this past year. Dale Ryan, no relation, is the current president of the senior citizens group.

"My motto has always been to serve people," she said. "So as I saw a need for something for people who live in the Meridian area, we began to seek a place for a center."

The bulk of Ryan's time was towards the establishment of a center for seniors to meet in.

"I had known Glenn Lundgren (a professional fund-raiser) and asked

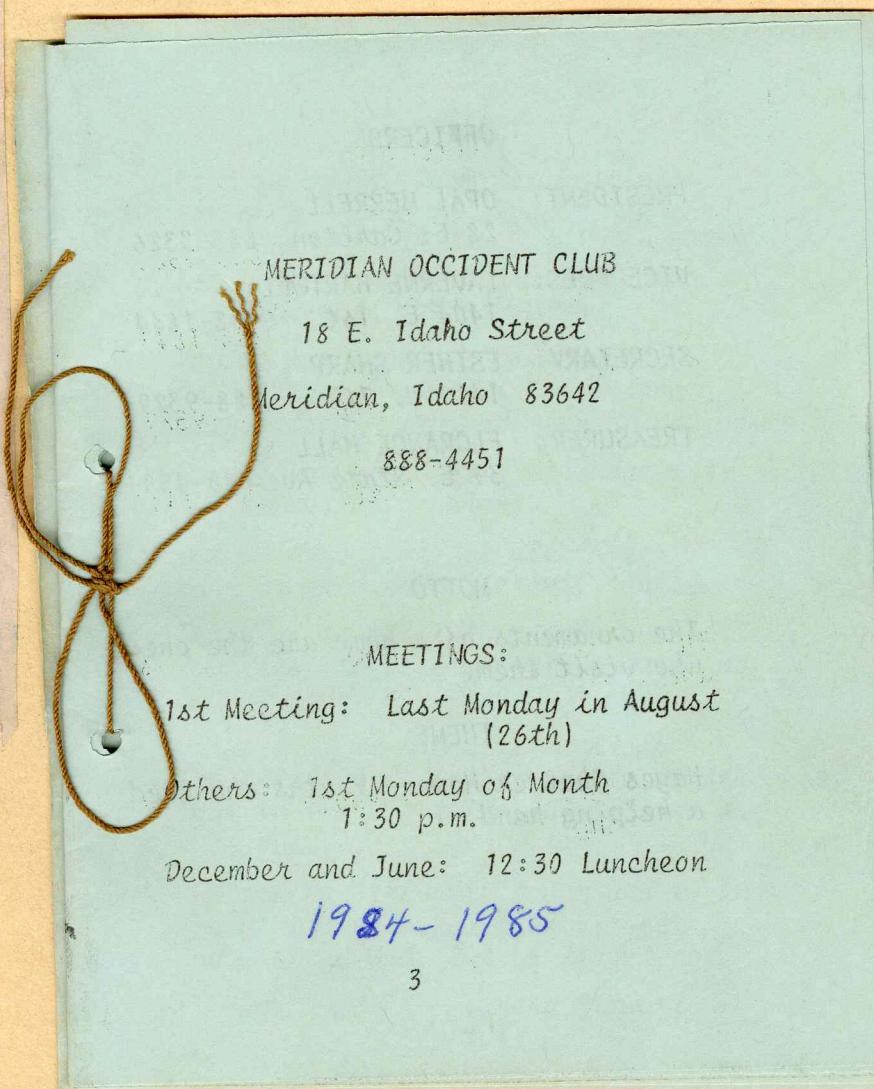


him if he'd help us over here. From there we started in and was amazed and pretty pleased at the interest for a center."

Even though she has stepped down from her duties, Ryan said she would still like to see some things done.

"I'm especially interested in seeing the senior center doing things to help low-income people. There are many services that can be provided."

Ryan said the award for her civic work is gratifying. "It is a great honor because I was chosen by my peers. I feel it's a real special honor they bestowed."



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DONNA UGARRIZA

Personality profile

Librarian returns to Idaho

By Kay Doty

Donna Ugarriza has worked on the front desk at the Meridian Library since last March.

She was born and raised in the valley, but after marriage moved first to Oregon and later to California, where her husband John was a school administrator.

Shortly after this, John was offered a teaching position at Silver Sage Elementary School. "This gave us the opportunity to return to Idaho," said Donna. "When we moved here, it was moving home where we could bring up our kids to have good values."

The "kids" are her identical twin daughters, Petra and Shelby, who are sophomores at Meridian High School. The girls have been active in the past in gymnastics and 4-H but are taking a hiatus from these activities while adjusting to high school, but plan to resume them

when they become juniors.

Returning to Idaho three and a half years ago, they selected Meridian as the place to purchase their home because, as Donna explained, "We consider this school system one of the best in the state."

She enjoys her work at the library saying, "The people I work with—they are just tremendous. And the patrons are delightful."

Donna likes to read, sew and do handicrafts, and, as a family attend the auto races but adds, "Our social life revolves around our home and family."

Family includes John's brother, Meridian resident Tom Obstarczyk, wife LaMoyne and daughters Crystal and Shari; Donna's brother, Mel Cook, his wife Connie and their sons, Chad and Rhett of Boise.

"Meridian is a very nice place to live," she concluded.

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Library election is Tuesday

The Meridian Free Library District will hold its trustee election May 20 at the library, Bill Snyder said.

Norm Fuller, who's served a year finishing out the term of Carl Rathjen, who died last year, is seeking a five year term on the library board.

He faces opposition from Stanley

Hobson.

The board is a five member group that handles the budget for the library and has the power to hire personnel or expand the library.

The group is required to meet at least on a quarterly basis.

Snyder said the election will go from noon to 4 p.m. in the library.



Kelly Pace/Statesman

Clara Hamming knits at her home in Meridian.

Not enough money

When Clara Hamming arrived at Ellis Island in 1924 with her husband, Max Steger, they did not have enough money to continue to Jordan, Mont., their initial destination.

Now, next January, her son, Herm Steger, is slated to be sworn in at the Idaho Legislature as a representative from District 18.

In between, "I had great times, I had hard times," Hamming said. But she has weathered the struggles to enjoy her senior years playing pinochle at the Meridian Senior Center and helping at the Meridian United Methodist Church. "I've never regretted it," she said.

Clara and Max Steger were from St. Gallen in northeastern Switzerland, 10 miles west of Austria and 38 miles from Zurich. Max was a mechanic in Switzerland. But he had an aunt in Montana who wrote to him of America and offered to sponsor him. Max decided to go. Clara, his 20-year-old wife, would go, too.

But they had no money. Some of Clara's relatives lent them money to get to New York. When they arrived at Ellis Island, that money wasn't enough to take them to Montana.

"I guess we had no idea how big America was," Hamming said.

It was Christmas Eve in a strange land, around strange people who did not speak their Swiss German dialect.

"That place was really something. Oh, there were a lot of people," Hamming said. Hundreds milled around inspection stations, watching new arrivals, examining new arrivals.

"It was cold. But we could go outside for a little bit each day and play and walk around. It was like a prison. You couldn't get away," Hamming said of the weeklong stay at Ellis Island.

Hamming was pregnant at the time, but she withstood that week. Others were worse off. "There was one family there for nine weeks. Their son had ringworms, and they couldn't go till it cleared up."

Max Steger found out he had a relative in New York City who could help. He wrote to that cousin. The cousin had left town on business but had warned his roommate to watch out for a letter

from the Stegers. The letter came, and the roommate, a man Hamming remembered only as Spoerry, came to Ellis Island.

When he arrived, Spoerry pulled out \$150 from his wallet for the cost of the trip to Montana. An immigration official asked Spoerry what his relation was to the Stegers. "A friend," Spoerry replied. Hamming said, "And indeed he was a friend. He was outstanding." But the Stegers never saw or heard of Spoerry again.

There was still the hard journey to Montana, first to Miles City by train, then to Jordan 100 miles north by buggy.

"It was so hard. I was 7½ months pregnant, and I already had signs of having a miscarriage. When I got to my husband's aunt's farm seven miles from Jordan I went into labor." Her daughter from that pregnancy, Heidi Steinbach, survived and lives on a farm northeast of Meridian. In 1926, Hamming gave birth to son Herm Steger.

The Stegers did not like Jordan. At the recommendation of a friend, they moved to Boise in 1926. In 1927, Max died of pneumonia.

With two children in tow, Clara found work at farms in the area. She remarried in 1941, to farmer Renze Hamming. He died in 1979.

Clara Hamming, now 82, has returned to Switzerland several times to visit her family. Of five sisters and two brothers, she is the last one still living. None of the others came to the United States. Some longtime Boiseans might remember her occasional cooking appearances on Bonnie Wallis' television program in the early 1960s on Channel 2.

There is one day that sticks out for her: the day in 1932 that she became a U.S. citizen. "That was one of the proudest days in my life."

OCCIDENT CLUB TO MEET OCT. 6

The October meeting of the Occident Club will be held at the Meridian Library Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Lila Hill, president of the Meridian Historical Society, will be speaker.

The Occident Club was organized in 1924. Among the accomplishments of this active civic group was the organization and establishment of the Meridian Library.

In 1985, the Occident Club presented the library board the building and ground where the Library is now located.

The club will continue their monthly meetings in the conference room in the Library.

This Club continues to be active in supporting people in the Meridian area in many ways such as loan equipment for sick and elderly, Girls State, quick response, shelter homes and other benefits.

CLUB NEWS

At the Feb. 3 meeting of the Meridian Occident Club Oma Jenkins gave a program on Valentines and Valentine's Day.

She also had on display a large collection of valentines from by gone days. Each member was given a chance to share her favorite valentine or some remembered valentine experience. Marguerite Patch gave the history of Valentines's Day.

LaVern Hartwell, vice-president, was in charge of a brief business meeting.

Refreshments were served from a table made festive with red candles, hearts and flowers. Bessie Matam and Ester Sharp presided at the tea table.

Edna Myers and Leona Lund were hostesses. The next regular meeting will be March 3 in the Library.

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Occident club meets

The Meridian Occident Club met April 7 in the library for their regular monthly meeting.

Annie Jones, in charge of the program, had each member relate some well remembered childhood episode ranging from the hilarious to almost disastrous.

It was noted that Nancy Sage, a long time member, was leaving soon to make her home in Littleton, Colo. The club wishes her well.

Following the program and the business meeting at which President Opal Merrell presided, refreshments were served.

The tea table was decorated with a bouquet of spring flowers, a lace cloth and a variety of tea cakes and cookies.

Opal Merrell and Esther Sharp presided at the tea table.

Hostesses were Florence Hall, Jane Kitching, Leona Egbert and Blanche Chipman.

OCCIDENT CLUB INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Meridian Occident Club met June 2 for a noon luncheon at O.J.'s restaurant. One guest, Delores Aldrich was present.

Following the luncheon Opal Merrell, president, presided over a brief business meeting.

It was noted that all the equipment belonging to the club has been moved from the library to the new storage area.

Following the business meeting, Minnie Anderson installed the following officers for next year:

President, Annie Jones; vice-president, LaVerne Hartwell; treasurer, Florance Hall, and secretary, Elizabeth Ryan.

The next meeting will be the last Monday in August rather than the first Monday in September.