

Langleys host new home party

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Langley recently entertained in their new home on Blackcat Road. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ben McNealy and family of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kindall and children, Julie & Vern, of Eagle, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ultis of Meridian. Dean Langley, a student at the University of Idaho, was home last week.

Kindergarten program

The Busy Day Kindergarten will present a Christmas program at Lake Hazel elementary school next Thursday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. Sharon Blair and Mrs. Eugene Larson are the kindergarten teachers.

Judds in California

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd have returned home after spending three weeks in California visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gary Judd at Pasadena, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Judd at Fullerton.

Mrs. Mildred Botkin traveled with the Keith Botkin family of Nampa to Salt Lake City, where they will be guests of Mrs. Ruby Freer for Thanksgiving visit.

Thanksgiving plans

The Carl Egberts will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thurman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ferguson for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Effie Forkner and Mrs. Edna Potter, former Meridian residents, were two-day visitors of Mrs. Mildred Botkin last week. The visitors were from Alhambra, California, and also visited relatives at Ontario, Oregon.

Write-in votes elect Bodine

Marvin Bodine of Meridian, a write-in candidate, was elected commissioner of the Western Ada Recreation District in Tuesday's election.

He drew a total of 53 votes, to 36 for incumbent Gordon Clever. The light turn-out of voters was anticipated, since the separate election was held at the same time as the general election, with polls located at the Meridian fire station.

Clever had served on the board since its beginning, having been appointed by Governor Cecil D. Andrus. He has been chairman of the board the past year.

Other members of the board, which govern operations of the community swimming pool, are Dave Tidwell and Kenneth Crawford.

Son of Lena Bodine

Hartwell children visit

Marci and Kelly Hartwell, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartwell, stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hartwell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day, while their parents were in Washington, D. C., Jack attended a science meeting for Atlantic Richfield, Hanford Nuclear plant whom he works for. While there they attended two concerts at the Kennedy Center, and visited places of interest.

Library gift appreciated

Nancy Sage, Meridian city librarian, expressed appreciation to the Exemplar Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, for the donation of \$100 for the purchase of books about Idaho.

INVITATION

The Forward Club of Caldwell, Idaho, cordially invites your officers and members to our Guest Day, Tuesday, November 12, 1974, at 1:30 P.M., in the National Guard Armory, 1200 South Kimball, Caldwell, Idaho.

Mrs. Isa Eberhart
Corresponding Secretary
111 Palo Alto

Caldwell, Idaho

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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.



Luncheon honors birthday

Mrs. E. B. Jenkins, Mrs. A.K. Smith, and Margaret Jenkins honored the birthday of Mrs. Gladys McClarnon with a birthday luncheon at Boise.

Botkins enjoy visit in Utah

Mrs. Mildred Botkin accompanied the Keith Botkin family to Salt Lake City last week. Diane Botkin joined the family to meet Mrs. Botkin's grandson, Terry, who had been serving a two year LDS Mission in Germany. Diane is a student at Brigham Young University.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hunt of Redding, California, visited her aunt, Mrs. R. G. Dunten, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd were in Spokane and visited Expo '74.

Idaho Falls trip

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin visited their son, Harlan, and family in Idaho Falls. They then traveled to Riverton, Wyoming, to the Paul Jeppesons, and to Casper where they were guests of the Arthur Goodwins. They also visited relatives at Douglas, Wyoming. The travelers returned through the Tetons, enjoying the colorful autumn colors.

Bridge club honor

Mrs. Ethel Pilkington was honored by her bridge club at a no host dinner Monday evening at Boise. Those attending included Lillian Peters, Emily Pratt, Jessie Bell, Marie Sandy, Oral Coleman, Lena Bodine, Ruby Trautman, Mary Alice White.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon McFadden and Bernard were hosts for an anniversary dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer on their 55th wedding anniversary.

DECEMBER 1974



Hawaii for Christmas

Local group travels to Maui, Hawaii, for December wedding of Dennis Pitkin

Leaving this week for the Island of Maui, Hawaii, to attend the wedding of Dr. Dennis Pitkin and Mary Tomokiyo area a group of relatives and friends.

In the group are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pitkin and Marla, Shellie Green, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pitkin of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Pitkin of Eagle, Mr. and Mrs. Cecile Branvold, Mrs. Ella Pitkin, and Mrs. Lena Bodine.

Other travelers to the Hawaiian Islands for the holidays are Cindy Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dixon and Mike and Carol of Star.

Christmas visitors

Guests arriving to spend the holidays with Emily Pratt are her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pratt and son John of Stockton, California, and Mrs. Violet Johnson of Ruston, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. August Koskela, Kenny Dunten, and Mrs. R. G. Dunten will spend Christmas Day at Boise with Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Dunten, before the Koskelas leave for Lake Tahoe, California, to attend the wedding of their son, Monte Dunten, of Houston, Texas. He will marry Susan Swanson. Miss Charlene Dunten of Albany, Oregon, has returned home after a visit with the Koskelas.

Goodriches host Haworths

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Haworth will spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodrich of Boise.

Hosts for a traditional turkey holiday dinner the Sunday before Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alger for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hingston of Moscow, Virgie Alger of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Alger, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alger, Mrs. Alice Cummings, all of Meridian.

Mr. and Mrs. George McPhail of Puyallup, Washington, are expected to arrive after Christmas to visit Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Algers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baer drove to Council to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Biggs. Lawrence

Scheele is arriving this weekend to visit the Baers.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ayers will spend Christmas day with the Don Amidons. Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Amidon, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Amidon.

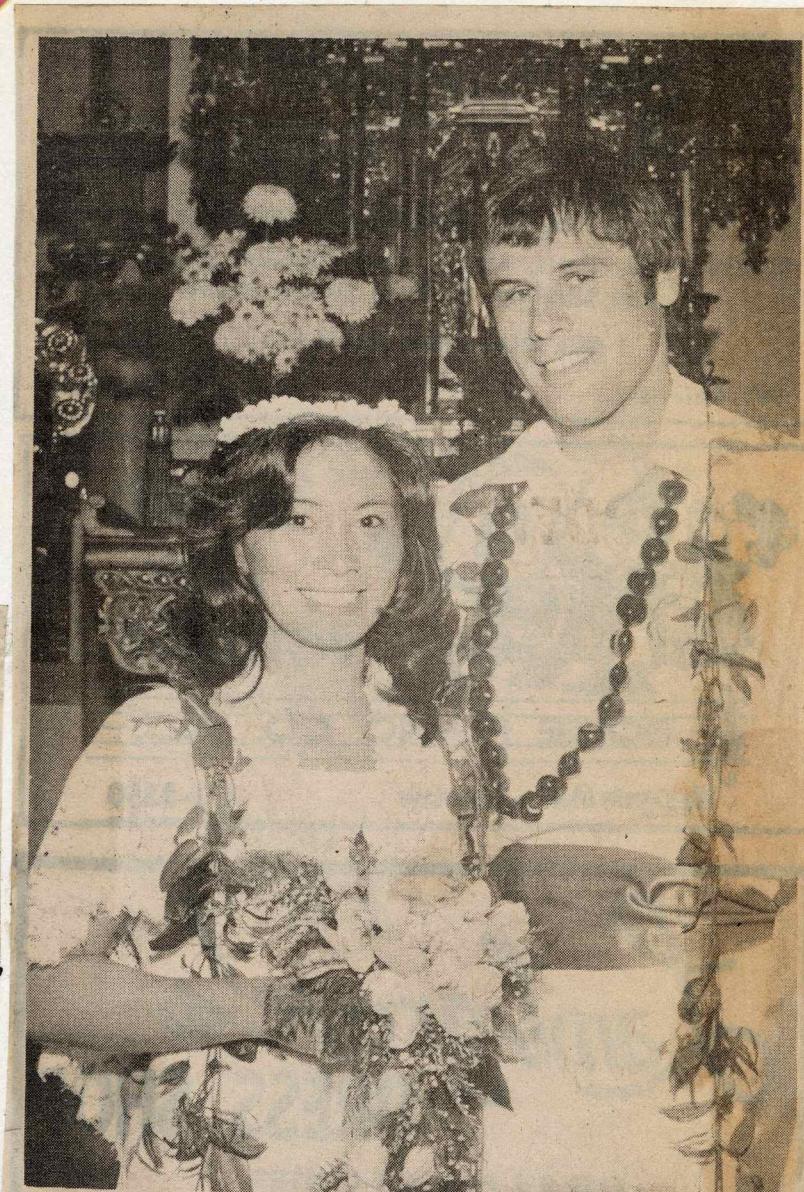
*Dennis Pitkin
Grandson of our own
Lena Bodine - Club member.*



Couple plan December wedding in Hawaii

THE ENGAGEMENT of Miss Mary S. Tomokiyo of Vancouver, B. C. to Dr. Dennis H. Pitkin of Blairmore, Alta., Canada, has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Joan Tomokiyo of Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, widow of the late Yoshihiro Tomokiyo. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Pitkin, former Meridian residents now living at Boise. He and his fiancee are graduates of Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon. Miss Tomokiyo graduated with a Master's Degree in education and is currently teaching the deaf at Vancouver, B. C. Her fiance graduated from the School of Optometry with a Doctorate Degree and is now practicing at Alberta, Canada. They plan to be married December 28 at Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd is home from spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Judd at Salem, Oregon. The Gary Judds of Pasadena, California, joined the family group.



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harold Pitkin
(Mary Shizuko Tomokiyo)

Pitkin-Tomokiyo

December wedding at Wailuku unites Dennis Pitkin and Miss Mary Tomokiyo

Mary Shizuko Tomokiyo of Wailuku became the bride of Dennis Harold Pitkin of Boise, in a late afternoon wedding December 28 at Wailuku, Hawaii, with the Rev. Norito Nagao officiating.

The bride is the daughter of the late Yoshihiro Tomokiyo and Mrs. Joan Tomokiyo, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Pitkin of Boise.

Mrs. Alison Ito was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Marla Pitkin and Salina Pitkin, with Michelle Kahoolahala as flower girl. Gary and Terry Pitkin and Spencer Miyasato were ushers, and Travis Pitkin and Chris Miyasato were ringbearers.

The bride is a graduate of Pacific University with a Masters Degree in education of the hearing impaired. The bridegroom also graduated from Pacific University, and is a Doctor of Optometry, presently practicing at Alberta, Canada, where the bride is teaching.

Fourteen members of the bridegroom's family attended the wedding, including both grandmothers, his parents, brothers, sister, and cousins.



Christmas spirit

122 volunteers give blood at pre-holiday drawing

A total of 122 Christmas-spirited residents turned out for the blood-drawing last Thursday afternoon at the Masonic building at Meridian.

They included 85 from Meridian, 12 from Kuna, 12 from Eagle, and nine from Star. Wayne Lant of Meridian received a pin for having donated a total of six gallons to date.

Receiving pins for having donated two gallons each were Frank Honson, Viola Nielson, the Rev. Burton Roberts.

Pins for having donated one gallon each were awarded to Anthony Lubacky, Grant Kingsford, Donna Mollerup, John Sorenson.

Volunteer workers

Realla Fisher of Kuna was honorary chairman for the drawing. Registered nurses who assisted included Nadine Aschenbrenner, Elaine Mosman, Martha Gibbons, Betty Corn.

Statisticians for the afternoon were Florence Evans, Janie Smith, Rhonda Holloway, Velma Armga, Marilyn Plant, Betty Kusler. Elaine Beus, Marva Edwards, Glennis Wells were temperature takers.

VFW Auxiliary members who assisted at the donor tables included June Pack, Dorothy Oitman, Leanda Morgan, Eleanor Schweers, Betty Morris, Polly Merle, Dorothy Fisher, Carol Mуроитион, Margaret Boyack manned the typewriters.

Refreshments were provided by the Acme Rebekah Lodge No. 26, and the canteen was operated by lodge members: Junaita Davis, Minnie Anderson, Hazel Goodwin, Oma Jenkins, May Howell, Berneice Townsend.

the drawing during the afternoon.

Following are the names of the 122 who volunteered to give blood.

Howard Aldridge, Mrs. Velma Armga, Neil M. Barson, Vaughn Barson, Mrs. Mable V. Baxter, Robert Beeson, Michael Bell, Mrs. Margaret Boyack, James Frank Bryce, Edwin R. Burtner, Jr., Mrs. Madeline C. Burtner, Mrs. Della Carter, LaVelle W. Carter, John Claxon, Mason Clingan, Mrs. Judy K. Collett, Clarence H. Conner, Mrs. Helen Cox, Herald Cox, Mrs. Jeanette Cox.

Obed Harry Dahl, Richard Draper, Leland Eichelberger, Frank Ellensohn, William L. Engel, Mrs. Adelle A. Fischer, Dennis Fischer, Bernard Fisher, Mrs. Realla Fisher, Tim L. Fisher, Omar W. Fricke, William Frost, Hugh Fulton, John Gale, John Garrett, Gail Glasgow, Guy Glasgow, L. Eldon Gray, M. Glen Gray, Mrs. Esther Grosso;

Ross Hadfield, Craig A. Hakari, Ed L. Hart, Jack C. Hart, August M. Hein, Gerald A. Helgeson, Dean Hibbard, Earl Hill, Mrs. Elsie Hincks, Mrs. Nancy Hoerst, Mrs. Virginia L. Hordemann, Cleo Hudson, Mrs. Reba Hudson, Mrs. Alice I Jerome, Mrs. Laura Jones, Albin

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Occident club enjoys program

The Occident Club held its annual potluck dinner and Christmas program Monday.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Reaching Out", Konnie's Korner Kindergarten presented the program. The 24 children were assisted by Bonnie Capell and Helena Lowe, as they presented a Thanksgiving and Christmas pantomime.

Library report

It was reported that 74 new library cards had been issued, and 2,574 pieces of reading material had been checked out of the library.

The next meeting of the club will be Monday, January 6.



"Woman of the Year"



Jean Lewis Hunter was named Meridian's "Woman of the Year" by Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Shown with her are Verla Carr, center, who made presentation of bouquet and plaque for the sorority; and Mrs. Hunter's son, John. The top civic awards were made at the annual awards and installation banquet of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, held last Thursday at the Masonic Temple.

(Horton Studio)

Jean is the wife of our Meridian Valley News-Times Editor, Ralph Hunter, and helps as Co-Publisher.

JEAN LEWIS HUNTER, AD, MERIDIAN, Idaho, has received Idaho's top civic award for 1974—"Woman of the Year," by the Chamber of Commerce. Co-publisher of the Valley News-Times, she has been active on behalf of youth, the elderly and many members of the community.

Among the service organizations in which she has held office and played an active part are



Jean Hunter

P.T.A., Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, DaVinci Art Guild, Red Cross, Visiting Nurses ¹³

society, St. Alphonsus Hospital, United Methodist Church, and Beta Sigma Phi. The Hunters have been host parents to an exchange student from Switzerland, and they have two sons of their own, Bob and John.

Meridian is
proud of Jean

JANUARY

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Eagle miss and Meridian man plan wedding

MISS JULIA E. KINDALL'S engagement to Dean E. Langley has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Kindall of Eagle. Bridegroom-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langley of Meridian. Both are 1971 graduates of Meridian high school and will graduate this spring from the University of Idaho. Bride-to-be will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in bacteriology, medical technology; and her fiance will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural education. They plan a June wedding.

(Creason Photography)

Son of our present President
Mildred Langley

Meridian Mid-High Lights

Laura Hiner, reporter

MRS. ROY'S SPEECH CLASS presented its play "Melo Drama" Monday, January 6, to the Occident Club. The characters were Abner Tinwiddle, the father, Betsy Davis; Harry Strongheart, the hero, Chris Beck; Theodosia Tinwiddle, the heroine, Valerie Brandt; Jack Dalton, the villain, Terri Moore. Three monologues were given also—Lorris Nance reading "Dearest Mom", Audrey Brandt "Cinderella" and Betsy Davis, "It's a Very Bad Day". Kevin Flanary was master of ceremonies. Refreshments were served.

beginners, and Jon McGinnin placed sixth for boys beginners. Both will move to novice class this Saturday for the next racing competition which the team will be entering.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SKIERS placing were Lisa Whitney, third for intermediate girls, and Rick Colson, fifth for novice boys.

The team is sponsored by Shane Kirkham of Mid high and Renee Brown of the junior high school.

MERIDIAN GARDEN CLUB will meet with Mrs. Nancy Presscott, at 2 p.m., next Tuesday, January 28. New officers recently elected include Lois Frazier, president; Verna Bennett, vice president; Lena Bodine, secretary-treasurer.

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Clubwomen Trade Cookies For Nitty Gritty Problems

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MW) — Time was when the name "clubwoman" brought to mind ladies in flowered hats, who frivoled away their meetings with gossip and home-baked cookies.

Today, things are different. The new president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs — hatless, straight-talking Mary Katharine Miller — says members are fighting alcoholism, promoting highway safety and educating women about finance. "Besides," she smiles, "with everyone dieting, cookies are down the drain!"

A lively, petite woman who gets along on four or five hours of sleep, Mrs. Miller devotes her waking hours to the G.F.W.C. It's said to be the largest organization of women in the world, with 10 million members in 32 countries.

Mrs. Miller's aim is to increase membership, and to make the public aware of the solid work clubwomen do.

The Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs is a member of the national organization.

"We're involved in a smorgasbord of interests," Mrs. Miller says of the varied club activities. She's proud of their record helping to pass conservation laws and child labor reforms, adding, "the American Library Association credits us with getting 85 per cent of the nation's libraries started."

Recently the federation received a \$97,000 federal

grant to teach club members to fight alcoholism and drug abuse in their home towns. And the G.F.W.C. is starting a program with the New York Stock Exchange to inform women about investments and finance.

"Women handle most of the money in this country and yet most of them can't even read the daily stock market report," says Mrs. Miller. "They need to know not just how to read it, but all about mutual funds, investments and stocks. We hope to educate a great many women these next two years."

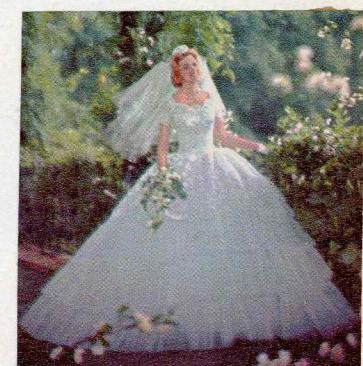
Mary Katharine Barnes Miller was born in Buckhannon, W. Va., in which year she'd rather not say ("I'd tell you but I promised my sister who's five years younger I wouldn't"). She inherited a flair for writing from her newspaper editor father, and a passion for volunteer service from her mother. At one point she reported for two West Virginia dailies, while serving as recording secretary for 17 organizations at the same time.

In 1960 her duties as president of the West Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs took her to Montana to give a speech. There she met her future husband, Carroll E. Miller, a high school chemistry teacher. "I was over 40. Until then I had avoided meeting men the members wanted to fix me up with. I didn't want to marry — it would take up too much of my time."

Mrs. Nancy Sage visits in Texas

Mrs. Nancy Sage returned Friday from a week's visit with her son, Darrell Sage, at Rockport, Texas. She flew December 20 to Corpus Christi, Texas, where her son met her and drove her to his home. He operates a shrimp boat at Rockport.

Mrs. Sage said it was "summertime" in Texas, with the temperature reaching 84 degrees one day. She visited the museum and art gallery at Corpus Christi, and enjoyed an all-seafood Christmas dinner, cooked by her son.



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Winter vacation**Mrs. Edith Crocket enjoys visiting relatives in Oregon and California**

Mrs. Edith Crockett is home from visiting relatives in Oregon and California. First she traveled to Gilchrist, Oregon, where she visited her grandson and family, the W. E. Durbins.

She then traveled with them to Huntington Beach, where she visited her daughter, Dorothy Jeavons, then visited her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodes, at Corona, California.

**U of I names area students to dean's list**

Winning places on the Dean's List for the fall semester at the liberal arts and professional colleges at the University of Idaho were students from Meridian and Eagle.

They included Julie Kendall of Eagle in the College of Letters and Science; Larry Abbott and Dean Langley of Meridian in the College of Agriculture, Terry Calnon in the College of Business and Economics.

Other Meridian honorees were Kenneth Marks who won the award at the College of Engineering, Mary Aschenbrener, James Dory, Richard Parrish, Raymond Stark, and Charles Teeter, all at the College of Letters and Science, and Vicki Cochrane at the College of Mines.

Hall.

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP will meet for a potluck dinner at noon next Monday, January 27, at the Occident Club.

Oregon visit

Mrs. Rebekah Eggers has returned home from visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bostad and Jodie and Kara at Portland.

Occident Club members entertained their husbands at a potluck dinner Monday at the clubroom. Games furnished the evening's entertainment.

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Women celebrate for 54th year

Mrs. Ralph Haworth entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday, with the special guest being Mrs. Rillious Yates. It was the 54th time the two women have celebrated their anniversary together, their birthdays being a few days apart. Other guests were Mrs. Nina Egbert of Boise, Mr. Haworth, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer.

Bridge club meets

Mrs. Mary Alice White entertained her bridge club, including Mrs. Jessie Bell, Mrs. Lena Bodine, Mrs. Oral Coleman, Miss Lillian Peters, Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, Mrs. Monta Watts, and Mrs. Marie Sandy.



Lachua and
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosti visited their daughter Mrs. Norman Taylor and family at Ontario, Oregon. A grandson, Michael Taylor of Longview, Washington, was home for the holidays.

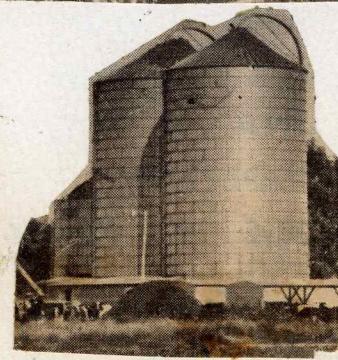
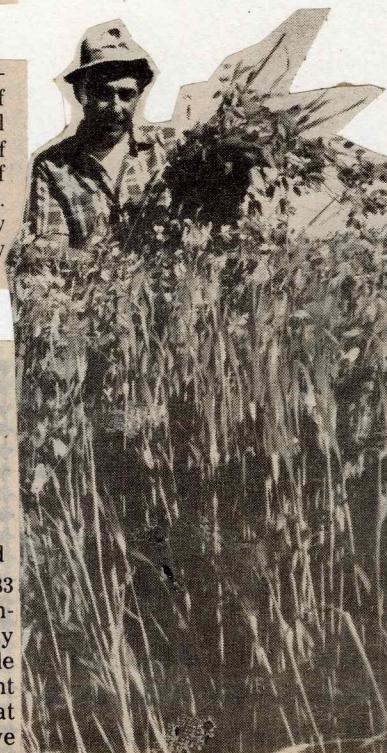
Mrs. Marguerite Patch has received the news of the death of Watson Davis, husband of Fern Huel Davis. Mrs. Davis is the daughter of former Meridian superintendent of schools, Sam Huel. Mr. and Mrs. Davis lived in New York City, New York, where they did missionary work for Israel Hope.

**Dinners fete
83rd birthday
of Mrs. Thorne**

Birthday dinners have honored Mrs. Ethel Thorne for her 83 birthday anniversary. Monday evening she was honored with a family dinner at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Berglund at Boise. The same event also honored Mrs. Thorne's great grandson Tory Thorne, who is five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thorne were also hosts for a birthday dinner for Mrs. Thorne.

Carnival visit
Mrs. Marguerite Patch, Mrs. Bessie McNeill and Iona Bruett attended the ice carnival at McCall.

Visitor leaves
Grace Williams has returned to her home at Blackfoot after visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Judd.

**National group elects MHS teacher as vice president**

John P. Mundt, vocational agriculture instructor at Meridian high school, has been elected regional vice president of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association.

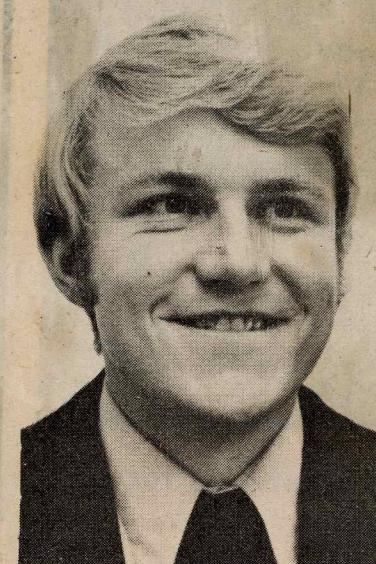
He was named to the post during the annual convention held December 6-11 at New Orleans, Louisiana. He will serve a three-year term as vice president for Region 1.

The region is comprised of nine states—Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming—and Mundt will be in charge of association activities in those areas.

10,000 members

More than 10,000 vocational educators in agriculture are members of the NVATA. The annual membership in Region I is approximately 1,100.

Mundt attended the University of Idaho and attained both a Bachelor of Science and a Master's Degree in

**John P. Mundt**

agricultural education. He has taught seven years, all at Meridian high school, and shares the responsibility of teaching vocational agriculture to more than 150 students with a fellow vocational agriculture teacher.

He is a life member of NVATA and has served the Idaho Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association as co-editor of the IVATA newsletter, vice president and president. He also completed a one-year term of office as Region I alternate vice president.

Other leadership responsibilities were exemplified through professional, service, civic, community and agricultural organizations.

John spoke to us at one of our Club meetings on Vocational Agriculture

Activities announced by Meridian groups

MERIDIAN — Upcoming Meridian club dates include the Chapter AD, P.E.O. dessert luncheon Feb. 22 at 1:30 p.m. with Norma Gale. Mary Taylor will co-host the event. The business meeting will convene at 2:30 p.m.

Past Nobel Grands will meet at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21, with Mrs. Nellie Baer, Franklin Road, Meridian.

Circle No. Five of the United Methodist Church will meet at 8

p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, with Margaret Judd. Gladys Bales will give the lesson.

Meridian Shrine Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., for a potluck supper and meeting Friday, Feb. 21, at the Masonic Temple.

Senior Citizens will have a noon potluck dinner, Monday, Feb. 24, at the Occident Club.

The Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Langley.

Five area clubs represented at Century Club gathering

NAMPA — Guests from five area federated women's clubs attended the annual out-of-town guest day hosted Feb. 10 by the Nampa Woman's Century Club. Clubs represented were the Alexis Club, Columbian Club and Women's Civic Club, all of Boise; the Caldwell Forward Club and the Meridian Occident Club.

Penny Young, guest speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Lois Mangum, chairman of the religion department which planned the program. Ms. Young is family editor at the Idaho Free Press; a member of the board of directors of Community Involvement Programs; and Canyon County

Hotline director.

Ms. Young talked about Christian service outside the church. She discussed experiences she has had while doing volunteer work in drug education, and crisis intervention.

"Many times people who work solely in the church are sheltered from the so-called 'real world,'" Ms. Young said. "The world and people outside the walls of the church are really quite different, and many of these people are individuals that are truly worth knowing, and in some cases helping."

"Often helping people means reaching out to them at the level they're at in life, instead of making them come to you —

something a lot of people just can't do that first time," Ms. Young said. The speaker talked about a social work internship she participated in, working with juveniles on probation. "The first thing my adviser told me, and the thing that has helped me so many times since then, was to remember that you don't have to love what a person is doing to love the person."

"That thought is especially important when you are working with individuals who are from a different background than yours, or with people with greatly differing lifestyles," she continued.

Mrs. Helen Wade introduced members of the musical group that entertained. The Standard Trio, three men from Northwest Nazarene College, sang several religious numbers. Members of the trio are Mark Harmon, Russ Hanson and Carlton Harvey. Accompanist was Vanessa Mayle.

Mrs. Barbara Wize was hostess for the afternoon. Committee members assisting her were Mrs. Frances Yamamoto, Mrs. Lorene Pilcher, Mrs. Golda Gaskins, Mrs. Ruth Blocher, Mrs. K.W. Edmark and Mrs. L.R. Baker.

Decorations carried out a valentine theme and Mrs. Lucille Colson presented the club with a special floral arrangement.

Special guests pouring at the refreshment table were Mrs. Fay Aird, Caldwell, president of the Idaho second district, National Federation of Women's Clubs, and first vice-president Mrs. Esther Schmahl, also of Caldwell.



We were guests of
the Century Club of
Nampa, along with
other Clubs of the
Valley.

Women's clubs meet at Nampa

President Mildred Langley of the Occident Club, with members Bernice Booth, Mildred de Ruess, Oma Jenkins, Marguerite Patch, and Florence Hall, attended the meeting of the Women's Century Club at Nampa, held for groups that are members of Idaho Federated Women's Club.

Three-months vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff enjoy visiting relatives in three states

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff are home after a three-months vacation, which included visiting relatives in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and California, with a side-trip to Mexico.

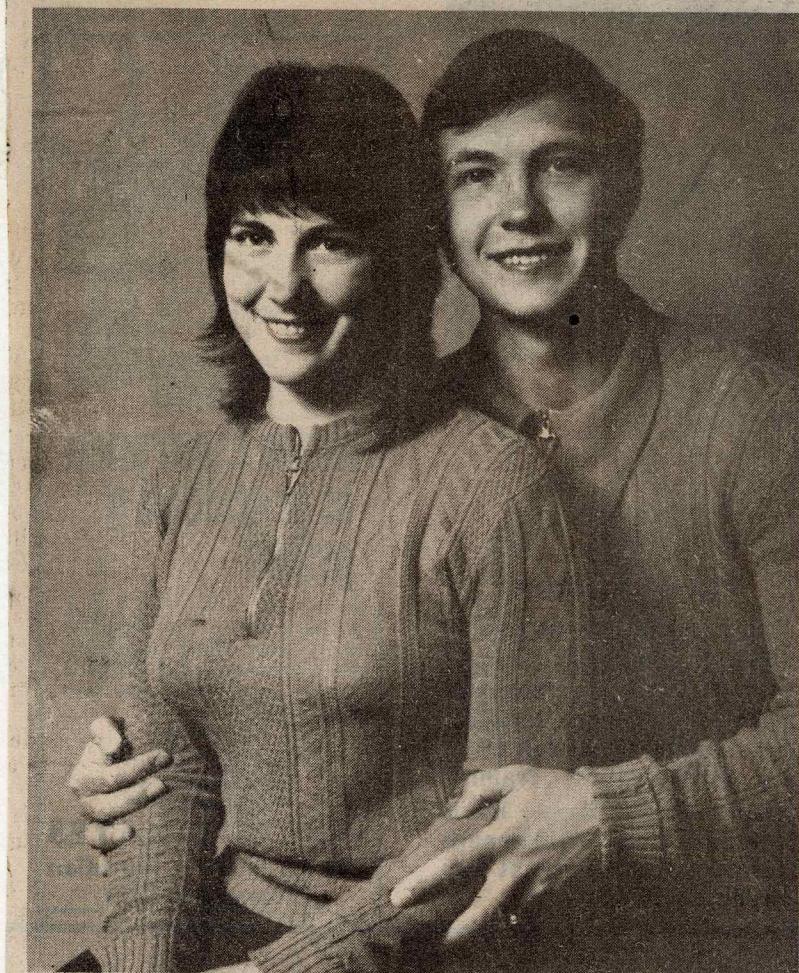
They visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wolff, at Lusby, Maryland, near Chesapeake Bay; a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Spooner, at Emmaus, Pennsylvania; and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duncan at El Cajon, California.

While in the east, they visited Kennedy Center, Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown, and Washington,

ton, D.C.

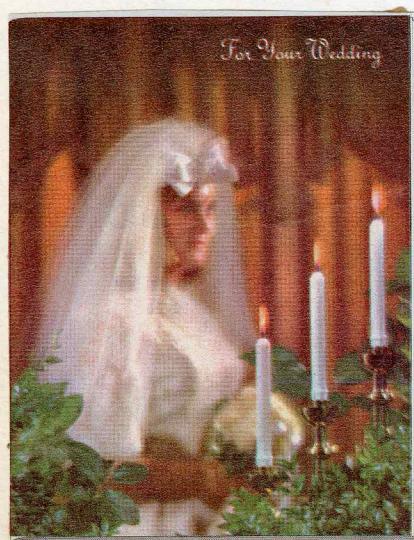


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University couple plan spring wedding

WEDDING IN MAY is planned by Miss Debby Jean Moyer and Mark H. Smith, whose engagement was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miflin Moyer of Eastport, Idaho. Bridegroom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Smith of North Eagle Road. Miss Moyer is 1972 graduate of Bonners Ferry high school, and her fiance is a 1972 graduate of Meridian high school. Both are now juniors in the College of Pharmacy at Idaho State University, with he as a major in microbiology and chemistry.



Mark is the grandson of
Deane Ulmer, a faithful and
valued member of the
Occident Club.



FEBRUARY



Guests of the
Columbian Club
Boise



Columbians Host Federated Clubs

Mrs. James Abbott of Swan Lake, Idaho Federation of Women's Club president, and Mrs. J. Harold Aird, Second District president, will be honored at the Columbian Club social meeting this afternoon at the First Congregational Church. Miss Helen Wilson of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, will be the speaker. Her topic will be "Wagons West" as part of the club's centennial programs. Invitations have been sent to members of five federated clubs in the valley. Tea will be served by Mrs. Elizabeth Hellweg and Mrs. Frances Sharp.

35 chapters visit

Past Matrons Club serves luncheon to more than 200 at O.E.S. event

More than 200 persons attended the luncheon served by the Past Matrons Club of Chapter No. 66, Order of Eastern Star of Meridian, held last Saturday at the Masonic Temple. There were 35 visiting chapters.

The event honored officers of the grand chapter of Idaho Worthy Grand Matron Gertrude Weber of Nez Perce and Worthy Grand Patron Rex Benson of Potlatch, and officers of the local chapter.

Money received from the coin march was donated to the Cancer Society Fund, with half given to Mrs. Weber for the grand chapter Cancer Society fund, and the other half from the local chapter to the same charity, in memory of Anita Spencer, past matron and Myrtle Sherman.

Worthy Matron Saundra Bennett made a special presentation to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. (Swede) Boice and Lowell Bennett to the Worthy Patron's mother, Gwenth Matthews Bennett, who was initiated.

Worthy Grand Matron Gertrude Weber was presented a corsage and an ecology box made by Mrs. Boice.

Honored were charter members Mrs. Nina Egbert and Mrs. Jessie Bell.

There were nine Golden Star members present.

Worthy Matron Saundra Bennett was asked to serve as grand page to the grand conductress at the grand chapter meeting in June. Lowell Bennett, worthy patron, was asked to serve as grand usher, and Shirley Haylette as grand nurse.

Scrivners mark 60th anniversary

Sunday guests at the Archie Scrivner home who honored the Scrivner's 60th wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson of Weiser, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Scrivner of Ontario, Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Scrivner of Parma, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Scrivner of Meridian.

Mrs. Marsh Hoalst of Glenns Ferry has sold her home and will be moving to near Boise, soon.

Kenneth Coleman visits

Kenneth Coleman left last Monday after visiting his mother, Mrs. Oral Coleman, and other relatives and friends of the valley, after a month's vacation.

Rebekahs host district event

Acme Rebekah Lodge of Meridian will host a district meeting for Rebekah lodges from Meridian, Star, Eagle, Kuna, Idaho City, and Boise, this Saturday, February 22, at the American Legion hall.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. School of instruction will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the lodge meeting will convene at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Marie Sheaffer, assembly president, will be guest speaker.

A turkey salad luncheon will be served at \$2 per plate. Reservations must be made, by telephoning Mrs. Joyce Balderston at 375-8837.

Several of our members attended

Methodist women meet Saturday

The United Methodist Women will hold their first meeting of the year with a brunch, at 10 a.m. this Saturday, February 8.

A program will follow, with the Rev. Mike Sheridan, minister of the Collister and Eagle United Methodist Churches, as guest speaker. He will discuss "Christian Personhood-Toward an Honest Commitment".

The devotions will be led by Mrs. Erma Easley and Mrs. Patricia Murray. There will be special music provided by Mrs. Dan Russell.

Circle 6, with members not affiliated with a circle, will be in charge of the kitchen and dining room. There will be nursery care available.



Methodists plan mission events

New Life Mission begins at the United Methodist Church with the Church-wide study, "Teachings of Jesus," 4 till 5:30 p.m., this Sunday, February 9, with George Judd teaching. Registrations will be taken next Sunday.

Church-wide prayer vigil will begin Saturday, February 15. One-half-hour time segments will be offered to those who participate, beginning at 12 noon and extending to 12 midnight.

The opportunity to sign will be given next Sunday. Purpose of the events is to pray for the success of the mission, and to pray for those of the church who are ill or in need.

Club members took part in these

Susie Cairns

Services for Susie Cairns, 89, of Meridian, who died February 12 at a Boise nursing home were conducted Friday at Robison-Jerread Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian, by the Rev.

Charles W. Easley

Interment was at Meridian Cemetery.

She was born on May 27, 1885, in Spencer, S.D., and moved to Pullman, Wash., in 1904. She attended Washington State College at Pullman, came to Boise Valley in 1908. She married Charles A. Cairns on May 12, 1912, and they moved to Meridian that same year. She had since resided in Meridian.

She was a member of the Meridian United Methodist Church, a charter member of the Occident Club, a past member of the Meridian School Board, past president of W.S.C.S. and a Sunday School teacher for several years.

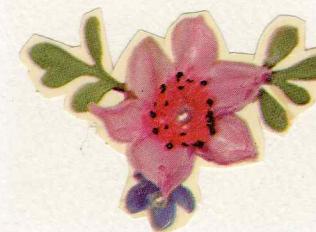
Surviving are a daughter, Helen Bryce, Meridian; a son, Arnold Cairns, Mountain Home; four grand-

children and three great-grandchildren. Her husband died on Nov. 9, 1943, and a son had died earlier.

VanDusens in Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Van Dusen of Star have returned from Wengen, Switzerland, and Innsbruck, Austria, where Mr. Van Dusen attended a seminar for the National Ski Patrol. While he was attending the seminar Mrs. Van Dusen enjoyed shopping and taking cable-car tours of the cities.

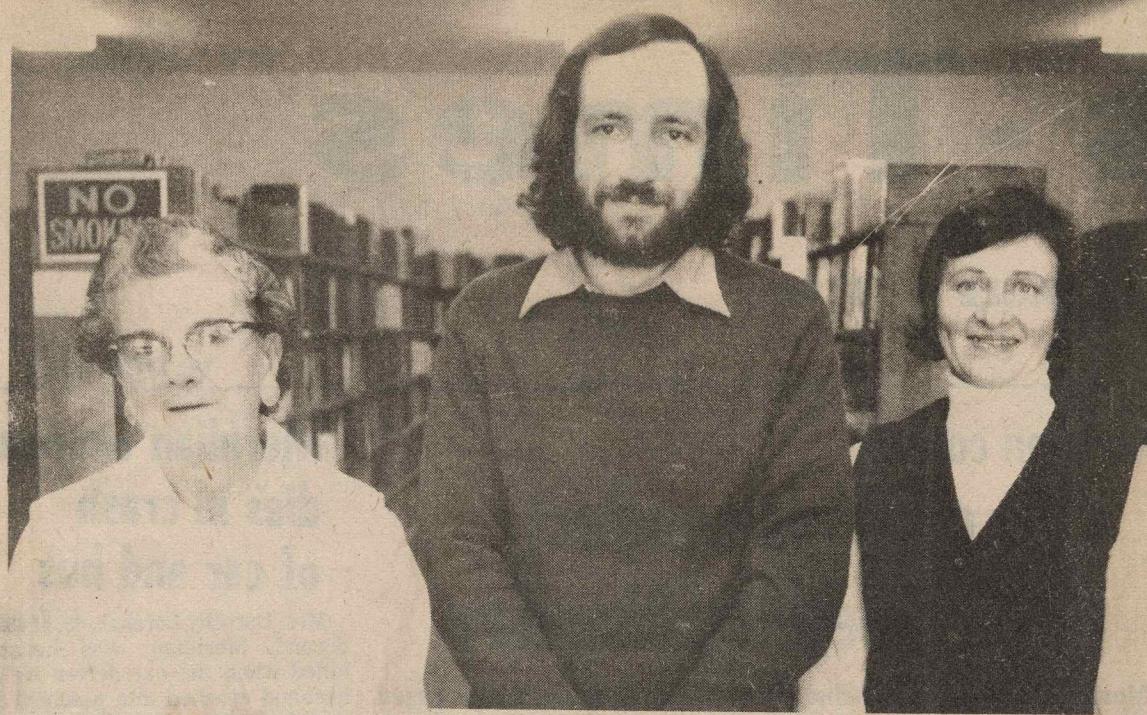
Sister of Margaret Judd



Our beloved Charter member Susie Cairns



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Librarian Nancy Sage retires after 21 years

NANCY SAGE, left, retired February 28 as Meridian city librarian, after 21 years' service. She first joined the library staff in 1954, when Ruth Cline was librarian, then she became librarian in May of 1961 when Amy Ambrose retired. Occident Club members and city spokesmen expressed appreciation for Mrs. Sage's long service to the community. Shown with her are Grove Koger, librarian for the Meridian Library District, and Mrs. Nancy Spear, assistant librarian. They will

now handle the library duties, with the assistance of a part-time employee to be named by the Occident Club. Mrs. Sage said that she planned to spend time visiting relatives, including her son Darrell at Rockport, Texas, her late husband's father at Coeur d'Alene, and other relatives at Elk River. She said her "retirement" plans also included planting a large home garden.

(Valley News-Times photo)



Monday meeting

Occident Club hosts state president, presents flag-presentation ceremony

Mrs. Erma Abbott of Swan Lake, president of the Idaho Federated Women's Clubs, was a guest at Monday's meeting of the Occident Club.

She stressed that every individual group should participate in celebrating the bicentennial year. Mrs. Abbott came as a guest of Emily Pratt, a long-time friend.

Vice president June Thomas presided in the absence of president Mildred Langley.

Flags presented

Two American flags were presented during the meeting, one from the American Legion Auxiliary as a gift for the library, and one purchased by the Occident Club. Receiving the flags were Mrs. Thomas and librarian Grove Koger.

Participating in the flag activities were Legion Auxiliary members Hannah Gage, Americanism chairman and dedication officer; Iris Kirkpatrick, chaplain; Cecile Luke, musician; Bobbie Lattimer, sergeant at arms; Alma Barber, assistant; Cora Stewart and Ethel Hawkins, flag bearers.

Mrs. Haworth honored

Deane Ulmer, Occident Club member, expressed gratitude for the service of Zelmas Haworth, who has been chairman of the Emergency Loan Closet for many years. Mrs. Haworth, was given a standing ovation by club members.

Information concerning the Emergency Loan Closet may be obtained from chairman Hazel Goodwin or

Leona Egbert, telephone 888-2188. Florence Hall was appointed treasurer of the club, replacing Berniece Jones, who has resigned.

Guests at Hudson home

House guests this past week at the home of Mrs. Nettie Hudson were Mrs. Jan Matthews of Petersburg, Alaska, and her mother, Mrs. Martha Knight of Seattle.



Anniversary marked

Else Mosman celebrates 89th birthday; Mr. and Mrs. VanHees visit in Canada

Mrs. Elsie Mosman, long-time Meridian resident, celebrated her 89th birthday last week, with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Lee Sprague of Bandon, Oregon, visiting her three days for the occasion.

Billie Cullison, a former Meridian resident now of Boise, is improving after surgery at St. Luke's Hospital at Boise.



Minnie E. Maw

MERIDIAN — Services for Mrs. Minnie E. Maw, 78, of 1210 East Pine, Meridian, who died Sunday at a Boise nursing home after a long illness, will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Robison Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian, by the Rev. Evert Roberts. Interment will be at Meridian.

She was born Aug. 17, 1896, in Joplin, Mo., to P. E. and Cora Ulmer. She came to Meridian with her parents in 1906. She married C. R. Maw Jan. 19, 1916, in Meridian and had lived there since. She attended the United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband of Meridian; a son, E. C. Maw of Boise; two daughters, Mrs. Edna M. Roberts and Mrs. Gladys M. Wilson, both of Portland; a brother, Ray Ulmer of Meridian; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the building fund of the Meridian United Methodist Church, or flowers may be sent.

A former (of our) member (club)

At Meridian

Library lists "spring fever" books, reviews new books added to shelves

For the next few months, the Meridian public library will make available to its patrons special collections of books on travel in the United States, and on farming and gardening.

Librarian Grove Koger said that everyone afflicted with "Spring Fever" is invited to stop by. Still on hand are a number of large-print books for those who have difficulty reading ordinary type.

Books recently added to the adult fiction collection include: *Monsieur*, by Lawrence Durrell, an exotic, scintillating novel by the author of the *Alexandria Quartet*, set in Avignon, Alexandria, and Venice.

The Child from the Sea, by Elizabeth Goudge, a romantic novel based on the life of Lucy Walter, secret wife of Charles II.

The Fortree by Catherine Gavin, a fictional recreation of the Baltic theater of the Crimean War.

The Three Sentinels by Geoffrey Household, the story of a struggle for three oil wells, the *Three Sentinels*, perched high in the Andes. *Dragonflight* by Anne McCaffrey, an enchanting science-fiction adventure that will appeal to boys and girls as well as adults.

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Peck, the story of a Shaker Boy's growing to manhood in rural Vermont.

Maigret Hesitates by Simenon, a mystery centered around the latest exploits of Maigret, the famous Parisian inspector.

Breakfast of Champions, by Kurt Vonnegut, a farewell by the author to all his fictional creations.

Non-fiction highlights are: *Man Kind?* by Cleveland Amory, subtitled "Our Incredible War on Wildlife."

The Bermuda Triangle by Charles Berlitz, an investigation of a section of the Atlantic Ocean where planes and ships seem to disappear with startling frequency.

Pregnancy, Birth, the Newborn Baby, from the Boston Children's Medical Center, a complete guide for parents and those who soon will be.

The Crime of Galileo by Giorgio de Santillana, recognized as one of the best studies of the revolutionary scientist.

The Whispering Land by Gerald Durrell, the chronicle of an animal-collecting expedition to Patagonia by novelist Lawrence Durrell's younger brother.

A Parent's Guide to the Preven-

tion and control of Drug Abuse by Paul M. Goldhill, a psychiatrist specializing in the emotional problems of the young.

The Organic Way to Mulching by the editors of *Organic Gardening and Farming*, a detailed explanation of everything one needs to know about using natural ground coverings for soil improvement.

The Joys of Beekeeping by Richard Taylor, a series of essays on the pleasures that beekeeping brings.

Vacationers return

As the weather warms, vacationers are returning from Arizona. Home from two months in the sun are Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brace, who headquartered at Mesa. They attended events for Idaho vacationers and visited a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Parisot, at Glendale, and friends Mr. and Mrs. Ray White at Phoenix and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reese at Mesa.

The Warren Moores also enjoyed a long winter vacation at Mesa, and visited with the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Sheehy at Phoenix, and enjoyed social activities for Idahoans.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay White spent two weeks between Mesa and Tucson, visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Klingaman, at Tucson.

Former teacher visits

Dick Mosman visited his mother, Mrs. Elsie Mosman, last week. Mosman was a former Meridian high school teacher and is now living at Salem, Oregon.

Notebooks return

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noteboom returned to Meridian last week after spending three months at Bellflower, California. They visited with friends and relatives, including Mrs. Noteboom's niece who came from Corsica, South Dakota. They all enjoyed visiting Disneyland, Forest Lawn, and a cruise to Catalina Island.

Wongans
WASH 'N DRY

WELCOME
OPEN FOR BUSINESS

"Larry" and "Bernie" Morgan will be glad to see you



New firm opens at Mini-Center

MAYOR DON STOREY prepares to "cut the ribbon" at the new Morgan's Wash 'N Dry in the Mini-Center at Meridian. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Morgan have moved their business activities to Meridian after having won National Recognition with their previous business in the Boise area. "The growth of our area and the stability of our economy are the principle reasons for the move," said the Morgans, who are Meridian residents.

(Valley News-Times photo)



Minister's wife attends sessions at Cincinnati

Mrs. Erma Easley of the United Methodist Church at Meridian will attend the three-day conference of the women's division of the Board of Global Ministries, and will participate in leadership orientation and training sessions Friday through Sunday at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Easley is mission coordinator for supportive community in the Oregon-Idaho Conference.

Spring



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April 11, 1975

Jennie I. Burns, Department President
Veterans of World War I Auxiliary
2001 Polk Street
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

Dear President Burns:

On behalf of the members of the Idaho Veterans Home I wish to extend thanks to the Meridian Barracks for clothing which was brought to the Home by Mildred Botkin, one of the sewing ladies. Clothing consisted of eight shirts and one pair of trousers.

I would also like to compliment our sewing ladies on the fine job they are doing, coming to the Home to do mending each month. This is a very commendable service which requires a lot of time, talent and work and is appreciated so much by all the members of the Home. Our hats are off to them.

Sincerely,

Larry Laughridge
Commandant

LL:eb

✓ cc: Mildred Botkin

Club members - Mildred Botkin
Bessie McNeff
and - Marguerite Patch
Mend & sew at the Veterans' Home Boise
Once a month -

THE HISTORY OF THE OCCIDENT CLUB
Meridian, Idaho

The Occident Club was organized in June 1924 at the country home of Nina Egbert. And it was at her home the annual picnics were held for many years, where we enjoyed her lovely flower garden, and her hospitality. As we had no Club House in those days, the meetings were held in the homes of the members. Our charter members numbered twenty-five. We have two still with us--Nina Egbert, and Zelma Haworth. Our beloved Susie Cairns passed away this Feb. 12, 1975.

Under the leadership of Marion Clelen, our first president, a name for the Club was decided upon. Since we are of the West, we call ourselves The Meridian Occident Club.

Our first project was the starting of a public library for our town. The Songer Drug gave us a place in their store and with six donated books and some from the Idaho Travelling Library we were in business. Mertie Garrett acted as librarian one afternoon a week. Soon we outgrew these quarters and after extensive looking, the City Fathers offered us a room in the City Hall. Here we stayed until the Old Interrurban Depot was purchased by us at our submitted bid. That meant that we had to get busy and raise some money which we did. We served dinners to the Lions Club for many years, we sponsored benefit dances, card parties, put on a play at the High School, and many other money raising projects too numerous to mention. After much hard work on everyone's part we had our building paid for.

In 1941 our President, Della Cox, thought it would be a splendid idea if we started an Emergency Loan Closet, for the people of our community. This has been a rewarding project, to see the appreciation shown by the many who have used our hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, and many other sick room aids. We ask no charge for their use.

They are much in demand, and people are most generous in their gifts, so it is self-sustaining.

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In 1946 the Occident Club joined the General Federation and that year helped Nampa entertain the State Convention.

We choose our programs, following suggestions from the Federation, with a variety of subjects. We have Legislative reports at each meeting, and report from Girls' State at the September meeting. We have programs on Community Service, Home Life, Education and Conservation. We begin each meeting with group singing which the members enjoy. We have tried to follow our theme for the year, "Reaching out to People." in our programs and have found it most interesting.

Our Library celebrated its 50th Anniversary in June 1974. From a humble beginning, we have come a long way, and now render an invaluable service to the Community. We recently moved into the new and expanded building made possible by contributions from many community organizations and individuals, and for the time being, it is quite adequate.

An election was held on August 27th for the purpose of forming a new library District for the rural area surrounding Meridian. This was approved by the voters. The Occident Club has leased the present library building to the district at a fee of only \$1.00 per year.

Nancy Sage retired Feb. 28th as city librarian, after 21 years of service. She will be missed greatly by the youth and adults alike who always found help from Nancy in selecting their books. Nancy received the Library Award ^{Awa} 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.

The new librarian is Grove Koger, with Mrs. Nancy Spear, as assistant librarian.

The Occident Club was host for the 74th annual convention of the Second District of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs on April 16, 1974. Our Club president, Ethel Pilkington was nominated by the district group as an "Outstanding Clubwoman" for her excellent work in the Club and Library.

In "REACHING OUT" and "ASSUMING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES" we have been rewarded in our endeavors, and are looking forward to more good years ahead.

Respectively submitted -
April 1975

Marguerite Patch (Historian)

Occident Club Library

Serving Since 1925

By PENNY GAY

"The books we think we ought to read; Are poky, dull and dry; The books that we would like to read; We are ashamed to buy; The books that people talk about; We never can recall; And the books that people give us; Oh, they're the worst of all!"

Carolyn Wells

The Meridian people who have been following the development of the Occident Club's Library since 1925 have found it anything but "poky, dull and dry."

For instance, there was the first fund raising scheme, when the library was nothing but a few shelves in a corner of Songer's Pharmacy.

Mrs. Lloyd Songer was a charter member of the organization — and the first volunteer librarian. Between customers in the drugstore, 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-sponsored drawing.

NOW SHE ADMITS that the first man who bought a 25c ticket actually had the winning number! But the loyal Occident — it went on selling tickets until the club had collected \$75!

In 1926, the library was moved to the present site of the City Hall. Mrs. Dan Barker Sr. and Mrs. W. S. Mateer were volunteer librarians, with Mrs. Carl Patch acting as a substitute.

Clysta Gray, a long-time resident of Meridian, has only pleasant memories of those days — with one exception.

This was the time that she couldn't bear to return Gene Stratton Porter's "The Harvester," and said she had lost it!

"My dad was madder than a scalded cat!" she said. "But he paid for the book — and I've carried a load of guilt about it to this day!"

ALTHOUGH NEW books were coming in, along with donations of shelves and labor, Clysta thought there wasn't enough reading material to feed her appetite for the printed word.

"However," she added, "I found that my stomach was bigger than my eyes!"

Clysta, who was at that time "half an orphan," said she never was able to slip out of the library with a book unsuited to her years and experience. The librarians unmercifully censored everything she read!

As she looks back on it now, the Meridianite says, "I'll always be grateful that they did!"

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

IT IS POSSIBLE that one day some member might have been standing at the watering trough talking to one of the Oriental peddlers. She might have looked across the street at the abandoned Inter-Urban Depot — and she might have conceived the idea of buying the building for a clubhouse.

At any rate, in 1929 the Occident Club moved into its new home and began soliciting help from husbands and sons to build shelves and tables for the library.

It wasn't long before the library had out-grown the club rooms. Then the members

built a new addition which has become the present location of the approximately 8,000 books now in use.

IT WAS GRANT Ambrose who finally succeeded in getting a permanent levy on the tax roll for the library to lighten the expense load.

That the volunteer workers were dedicated to their tasks is shown in the story told by one of the charter members. Two elderly ladies each believed that if she resigned, the project would automatically end. But each was also convinced that the other one was "slowing down" and "mixing up the books!" It wasn't until a third party stepped in, with gentle tact, that they were convinced they should both retire!

Following Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Mateer as volunteer librarians were Mrs. Mary Matchem, Mrs. Edna McCoy and Miss Ruth Cline — the first paid worker. At that time, club members mended books and helped with other chores that now are done largely by Girl Scouts working towards a library badge.

MRS. AMY AMBROSE, who had library training, set up a catalog system. She is credited with doing much to bring the library up to date, both in the methods used and the books to be put into circulation.

Preparatory to her retirement, Mrs. Ambrose taught the basic ingredients of library work to Mrs. Nancy Sage, who now lives at the post, with Mrs. Mary Howell as her assistant.

Current Library Board members are: Mrs. Francis Veach, Mrs. Ted Howell, Mrs. Voris Botkin, Mrs. Elsie Mossman and Mrs. Ralph Soucie.

For a librarian who "lives" her work, things are never dull, even after ten years.

One day a boy came in with a stumper: "My father wants a book on how to save money," he said.

"I DON'T KNOW of any book like that," said Nancy. And she began to question the boy until she discovered what he really wanted was an official coin collection book!

Then there was the boy who wanted to know how elephants shed their skin. Since this, too, was something of which Mancy had never heard, she had an encyclopedia lesson then and there, showing her customer pictures and explaining to him that even though tusks might be considered part of the skin, an elephant did not shed them every year!

Mrs. Sage said that, according to the Annual Idaho State Library Report, the Meridian book collection gets three times the amount of wear and tear of any other library in the state!

THIS COULD probably be traced to another record — last month 1,929 volumes were checked out to participating members.



AN EARLY USER of the Meridian library was Clysta Mayes Gray, shown with a friend, Tina Raynor, in a picture taken quite a few years ago. Mrs. Gray admits being unable to return one book — and her father had to pay for it.

FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE
SECOND DISTRICT FEDERATION
OF THE
WOMEN'S CLUBS OF IDAHO

GOODING, IDAHO, April 25 and 26, 1939



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Colors: Yellow and White

Slogan: "We live in deeds, not years;
In thoughts, not breaths."

Program Sessions: Junior H. S. Auditorium

Letter to editor

Meridian News-Times
Meridian, Idaho

Dear Editor:

As president of the Occident Club I wish to express the appreciation of the club members for the fine cooperation we receive from your newspaper. The amount of space given annually to our club projects is inestimable. With all the communications media available these days, it is still the newspaper that puts information into our hands in readable form — to be read, digested, and kept.

The Occident Club, with a membership of 77 members, is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest group of organized women in the world, having 11,000,000 members in 15,500 clubs in the United States and in 54 other countries.

The General Federation program in this administration highlights — an extensive campaign to obliterate illiteracy from the United States and throughout the world; a Dimes for Liberty project to help build the Museum of Immigration at the base of the Statue of Liberty; cooperation in building the Cathedral of the Pines as a memorial to women who have died in all our wars and many other worthwhile projects. However, our club has the privilege of choosing any projects we wish to emphasize, always keeping in mind the needs of our local community.

Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, president of the General Federation, has declared that the General Federation of Women's Clubs has always strongly advocated the freedom of the press, and that it has never been more important than it is today, when more than half the countries of the world live under a partial or complete blackout of news through censorship.

Again accept our deep thanks and all good wishes,

Sincerely,
Mrs. Fred Bower,
President

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a few years
into the past

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MERIDIAN 'SOURDOUGHS'



SOURDOUGH FLAPJACKS highlighted the annual fund raising breakfast yesterday of the Emergency Loan Closet. Guests at the Meridian affair contributed \$175 to the organization which will be used for the maintenance of medical equipment loaned by the group to any one in the area. Shown here are a few of the more than 200 persons that attended the event.



HELPING HERSELF to another portion of sourdough pancakes at the Meridian Emergency Loan Closet annual breakfast is Mrs. W. E. Curtis. Serving is Mrs. Bert Rose, one of the supervisors at the Occident club-sponsored project. Contributions following the event amounted to \$175.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1946

Occident Club Picnic Held June 3, at Club

The annual picnic of the Occident club was held Monday, June 3, at noon in the yard of the club house. Past presidents were guests and were presented corsages by the outgoing president, Mrs. H. L. Sandy as Mrs. Leo Hicks read the following poem in their honor which was composed by Mrs. Heicks.

While we're gathered 'round this table,
In an unusual sort o'way;
We will honor all our Presidents,
That are present here today.

Twenty two years ago our club

Was an infant that is true,
But the years roll by swiftly
As they do for me and you.

Whether you have been President,
Officer or member on the side,
It takes us all to make a good club
With our Saviour as our gide.
We try to keep our dignity,
Yet we have a little fun,
And I think our meetings, as a whole,
Are enjoyed by every one.

I will read the names of Presidents
All that served, the past and now;
Each one as their name is called
Will please stand and take a bow.

Marion Clellan was our very first
In the year of twenty five.
She worked hard and faithful
To keep the club alive.

Following here was Vera Miller,
Who thought it quite a lark,
To give a party or a dance
To raise money for a park.

The next year was a busy one,
Our President was Mrs. Neal,
Raised the building fund's lot

With her shoulder at the wheel.
In 1930 the fight was on
She went out to get her man
(city election)

Mary French with determined
look (which meant)
Just stop us if you can.

The contest won, her worry started,
A Club House was her aim.
So many things happened in this year
I can't begin to name.

In 1931 Mrs. Davidson,
Our new President, ruled supreme,
We moved into our club house
Which had been our fondest dream.

Orpha Baldwin was so faithful
Helping pay the club house debt;
Just how she aimed to meet it
Was anybody's bet.

In 1932 and three depressions struck you know,
It looked like this would be the year
With very little show;
But Nina Egbert, President, said,
"There still remains a spark",
With everybody working
We'll try building up our park.

By this year times looked better,
Dora Leighton said they should
Try paying off the mortgage,
And she really thought they could.

Parties, banquets, dances—
Susie Cairns' year was full,
She had to work for what she got,
On this job there's no pull.

Well things are looking better still,

As the years fly swiftly by,
Zelma says, "We'll double our membership",
At least I'm going to try.

Mrs. Curtis' year was full of life,
Her helping here and there,
I see collections for the Home Where they have the children's care.

Mayte Flack's galloping party
Was quite a money maker;
She'd open up the neighbors' door
And just reach in and take her.
If she'd changed her dress or tied her shoe
When e'er she had a hunch,
Mayte taxed her for this little act
And a quarter for her lunch.

Rat a tat tat, what does this mean?

Dean Ulmer shows her guilt
But a neighbor told me o'er the fence

T'was a kitchen being built.
Well Dean she had it built all right,
And Lant payed off her bill,
But Dean was in there plugging Like women always will.

The important thing in Gottschalk's year,
Every week they have a day
To knit and sew for the Red Cross
And help in every way.

Hudson, continued with Red Cross work
And the slogan for the year,
"We will defend America."
And all that we hold dear.

Della Cox will you please stand?
We want to see your face,
And congratulate your gallantry
At winning such a race.

Was a wonderful thing to do,
Besides helping members of the club

It helps other people too.

Edna McCoy is the real McCoy
She has worked so faithful too
For a place to entertain the kids
With things they like to do.

Find them came
Last but not least, Mrs. Sandy,
She's busy all the while,
But she is not too busy
To give a pleasant smile.

Her year has been a busy one,
But on slack days, "with nothing to do",
She'll go out, and mow the club house lawn
And prune a tree or two.

Well Friends, if I had a week to

write
Instead of "just half a day"
I could fill a book, for each of you,
With the nice things I could say.

I have no preference, in my mind,
You've all been mighty swell;
had
You gave your year, just all you
Each did their work so well.

—Mrs. Ethel Heikes.

The ladies then adjourned to the club room for the business meeting which included installation of new officers. The following ladies were installed and presented corsages by outgoing president Mrs. Sandy: Mrs. Chet Potts, president; Mrs. Earl Coleman, vice president; Mrs. Buck

*The beginning of our annual pancake breakfasts
We baked the "Sourdough" pancakes on a griddle
over an open fireplace in our yard joining our Club house.*

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