



JULY
1976



July 29, 1976

Meridian society

Couples tour Holy Land

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Kusler and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Green are home from a 17-day Christian Fellowship tour taking them to Italy, Greece, the Holy Land and Switzerland.

A sightseeing trip in Rome and Athens and traveling to the hill where Paul the Apostle preached and to Corinth, where he lived, was taken before going to the Holy Land, where the travelers visited the tomb of Jesus, Gethsemane and had a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea.

They stayed in old Jerusalem, where there are market places and the people dress much like they did many, many years ago.

On the dry hills of Judea, there were 30 to 50 animals to a herd of sheep, goats and camels with three persons tending them.

They visited Bethlehem and Nazareth and were impressed by the massive temples. In Nazareth, there were soldiers in the streets and standing guard on building tops.

In Switzerland the country and cities were beautiful and clean, the travelers said. They arrived in time for a festival at Zurick, which is usually held every four years. On this occasion, it was the seventh year. The fireworks were outstanding with each display of fireworks making a picture, including three in red, white and blue, honoring America's birthday.

Highlighting the visit in Zurick was visiting with a friend, Mrs. Romeo Herzog, whom the Kuslers met two years ago at Glen Canyon, Alaska. She presented them with a gift of Swiss chocolate.

Visits niece

Mrs. Ethel Duerock has been visiting her niece and family, Mrs. Lilas Rossi, at Kennewick, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Edwards at Auburn.

Family surprise

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd were surprised when they and their son Roger Judd and family of Salem, Ore., came home from a vacation at Yellowstone Park and Teton Park to find at home, the senior Judd's other two sons and families, the Gordon Judds of Fullerton, Calif., who had just had a float trip on the River of No Return and the Gary Judds of Princeton, N.J. It was the first time the Judd family has been together in many years. Another guest of Mrs. Annette Campbell of Casper, Wyo.

Friend visits

Mrs. Bernice Jones, former Meridian Grade School teacher now of Newberg, Ore., is visiting her friend, Mrs. Gertrude Post and Meridian friends.

Jack Riddlemoser to head board

Jack Riddlemoser was elected president of the Meridian Library District board of directors during the group's annual re-organization meeting last week.

Riddlemoser took over the board's reins from Dave McFarland, who did not seek re-election to the body during the recent district election.

Other officers selected were June Black, vice-president; Evelyn Olsen, treasurer, and Eleanor Arndt, secretary and clerk.

In other business, the board approved a weekly pre-school story hour to start Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

McNeely named motel manager

Adrienne McNeely, daughter of Blanche Chipman, Meridian, was named as manager of the Ponderosa Inn last week, a motel and convention complex in Burley.

She replaces Floyd Calvin Anglin, president of Ponderosa Inns, Inc., who acted as manager since the facility was closed in January by the Internal Revenue Service on a tax lien.

Mrs. McNeely has worked at the inn since May 1, 1970. She worked part-time in the golf pro shop before that. She started with Ponderosa as a secretary and was appointed last August as assistant manager.

She has lived in Burley 10 years and was a secretary for the Cassia County School District for two years before going to work at the Ponderosa.

Granddaughter weds

Mrs. Edith Crockett is home from California, where she attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Cynthia Lee Durbin, to Brian Ravert of Rochester, N.Y. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Jeavons of Hunting Beach. Mrs. Crockett also visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rodes and family at Corona.

Card of thanks

To the many friends who sent get well wishes, for the prayers, and for the many other acts of kindness shown us during my hospital stay, we wish to say thank you.

May God bless all of you.
Herbert and Blanche Wolff

Books to sell by the inch in Meridian sale this fall

Do you have a shelf of paperback books you've read that you want to get rid of, but still don't want to throw them away?

Or do you need a good book to read but refuse to pay \$10.95 for one?

The Meridian Library District is planning a book sale this fall that can solve both problems, says librarian Eleanor Arndt.

The library is donating old books it cannot longer use and duplicate copies of other books for the sale. It is also asking local residents to bring by books they no longer want, either paperbacks or hardcovers. Both kinds of books will be sold at the sale. A firm date hasn't been set yet, she said.

A collection box is in the library now, for books people bring by. The box will stay there throughout the summer as the library collects books for the fall sale.

Mrs. Arndt said phonograph

records would also be sold if any are donated.

"I think we will try something I don't think has been done around here before," she explained. "We will sell the books by the inch. You select a stack of books you want to buy and we'll measure them to add up your bill."

The price per inch hasn't been set, she said.

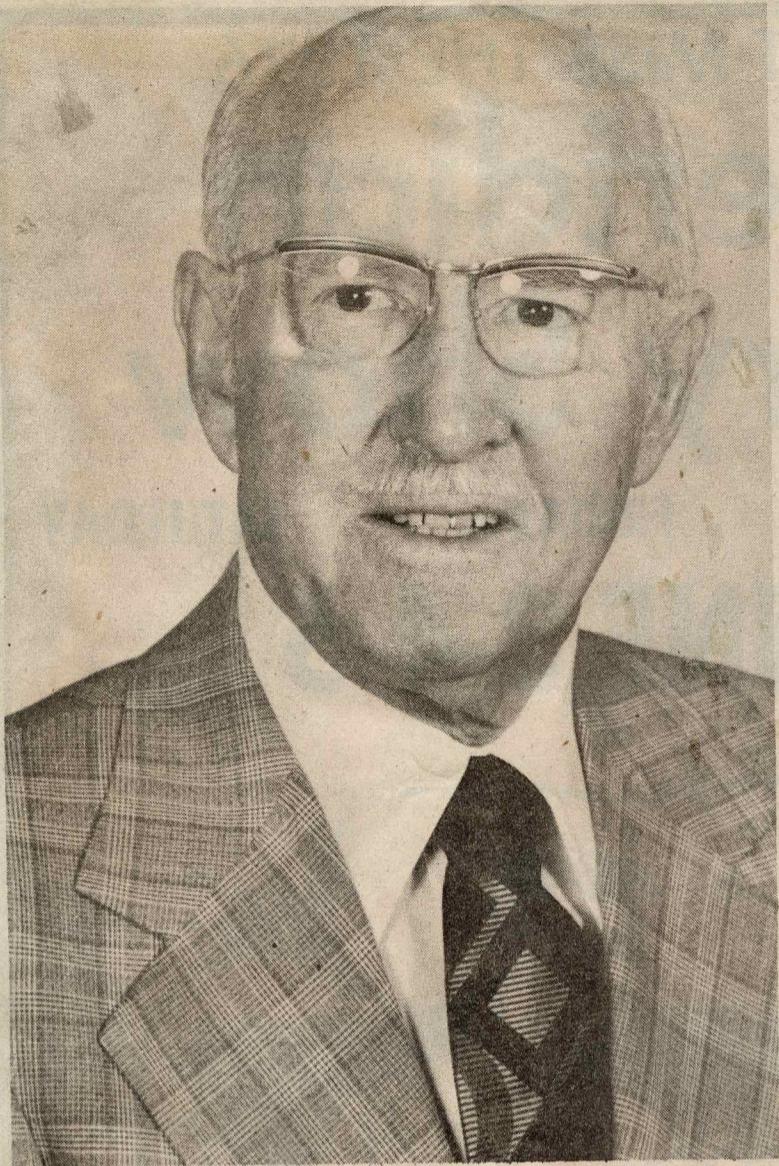
Money from the used book sale will be used to buy new books for the library district which serves Meridian as well as some county areas.

The sale will allow the library to clear unneeded books from its shelves and use the money to replace them with a newer collections.

Mrs. Arndt said some people might be concerned that the library is selling some of its older books, but she explained that the ones being sold would be outdated for most library users.



**Bicentennial
Commemorative**



Dr. Joseph Thomas

Thomas to lead Friday parade

It was in the early 1940's, more than 30 years ago, that Dr. Joseph Thomas and some other valley residents got together and decided Meridian needed to do something to promote the dairy interest.

An annual dairy show was the answer and Thomas and the others engineered the purchase of the present dairy show grounds on E. First Street to house what has become an annual event.

Dairymen are paying tribute to the 69-year-old Thomas this week by making him grand marshal of the Meridian Dairy Show parade.

The parade will kick off Friday, June 4, at 8 p.m. Its route will be from Paul's Foodland up E. First Street to the show grounds.

Thomas practiced medicine in Meridian from the year of his graduation from Rush Medical of

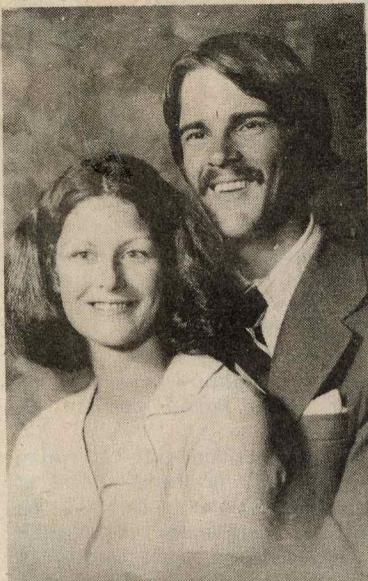
the University of Chicago in 1937, until he and his family moved to Boise in 1949. He has been a physician there until he suffered a recent heart attack.

He and his wife Virginia live at 3107 Kootenai, Boise.



The Spirit of '76

AUGUST 1976



Hunter to wed Oregon miss

A November wedding is planned by Katherine Lynne Harris and Robert L. Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Hunter of Meridian. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Hoffnies of Salem, Oregon, and William H. Harris of Eugene, Oregon.

Hunter, a 1971 graduate of Meridian High School, received a B.A. in economics in 1975 from Willamette University at Salem, where he was president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He is now associate editor of the Itemizer-Observer at Dallas, Oregon.

His fiancee, a 1972 graduate of South Salem High School, received a B.A. degree in environmental science this spring from Willamette University, where she was affiliated with Pi Beta Phi sorority. The wedding will be held in the First United Methodist Church at Salem.

Old quilt

Mrs. Ethel Duerrek visited her aunt, Irene Stadley, in Graham, Wash., recently where Mrs. Stadley presented her niece with a 100-year-old quilt top pieced by the Washington resident's mother who was also Mrs. Duerrek's grandmother. The quilt was made in West Virginia in 1876.

A cousin, Cliff Giffin and his wife Mary, took Mrs. Duerrek and her aunt on a three-day trip to Victoria, British Columbia, on a ship that runs from Seattle to Victoria.

Class reunion

Mrs. Milicent Hunter of Salt Lake City, a classmate and long time friend of Mrs. Nancy Sage was her guest while here to attend the 50th class reunion of the 1926-27 Boise High School classes. The banquet dinner for the group was held at the Rodeway Inn with nearly 200 attending.

Visits daughter

Mrs. Bessie McNeff has been visiting her daughter, Patricia Currier, in Emmett and her grand daughter, Jeri Powers. They spent two days at Shore Lodge in McCall.



Mrs. Lena Bodine, 1127 Meridian St., Meridian, will celebrate her 80th birthday Aug. 29 with an open house at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold J. Pitkin, 4230 Chiniden, Boise. The reception will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. and will be hosted by her children. No gifts are requested.

Library reps attend picnic

Seven representatives of the Meridian Free Library District were among those attending the annual summer picnic Aug. 12 of the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System.

Attending from Meridian were Eleanor Arndt, librarian, Carl Rathjen, Evelyn Olsen, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Black and Mr. and Mrs. William Spear.

Representatives of 30 member and associate member libraries attended the event which was held at the Boise Public Library.

Relatives here

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff and other relatives of the area last week were her uncle, Guy Woods of Portland, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson of Nampa, and aunts, Mrs. Esther Deakins of Ontario, Ore., and Mrs. Margie Hinkle of Burlingame, Calif.

Sisters travel

Mrs. Marguerite Patch accompanied her daughter and family, the Tom Nicolinos to Seattle, Wash. Her sister, Mrs. Mildred Bradley from California, met her there and they visited in Victoria. Mrs. Bradley will be her sister's houseguest.

Bell houseguests

Anthony Contino and daughter Kim and her friend Lee are houseguests of Mrs. Jessie Bell. Mrs. Contino, Mrs. Bell's daughter, arrived earlier from Turkey to be with her mother while her husband and daughter visited longer with his relatives in Pennsylvania.

SOCIETY

Meridian social news told

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marks were hosts for a party for old friends and their children when Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Law and daughter were here last weekend. Attending were Mrs. and Mrs. Milton Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore, Dick Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore and Terri, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nieman, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Gray all of Meridian, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reynolds, Mrs. Faye McQuire of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Smith, Kuna, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gray and Shellie, Nampa, and the Laws of Provo, Utah.

Attends wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Radabaugh at Burley while there to attend the wedding of his cousin. They also visited with their son and family the Harlan Goodwins at Idaho Falls.

Sunday guests

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Scrivner and daughters Lori and Kimberly of Ontario, Ore., met their daughter Cindy Scrivner in Boise when she arrived from a two month vacation in Boston, Mass., and the family visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scrivner.



Mrs. Bell home again

Mrs. Jessie Bell is home from a holiday vacation in California. She was a guest of her sister, Mrs. John Gray of Walnut Creek and visited a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Doty of Stockton.

Montanas here

Mrs. Glenva Everly and son Kim of Livingston, Mont., and Dale Downer of Portland, Ore., were here

Sunday guests

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ayers and Lisa of Ontario and Christine Saunders and daughter were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ayers.

Bertha Downer succumbs at 86

Funeral services for Bertha V. Downer, 86, of 25 East Pine, Meridian, who died Aug. 4 in a Nampa nursing home of natural causes, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Robison-Jerread Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian, by the Rev. Leo Reed, Nampa First Baptist Church. Interment followed in Cloverdale Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 29, 1890, in Homerville, Neb. She married Reu E. Downer, April 14, 1909, in Arapahoe, Neb. They moved to Colorado and then to Meridian in 1937. She was a member of the Meridian United Methodist Church.

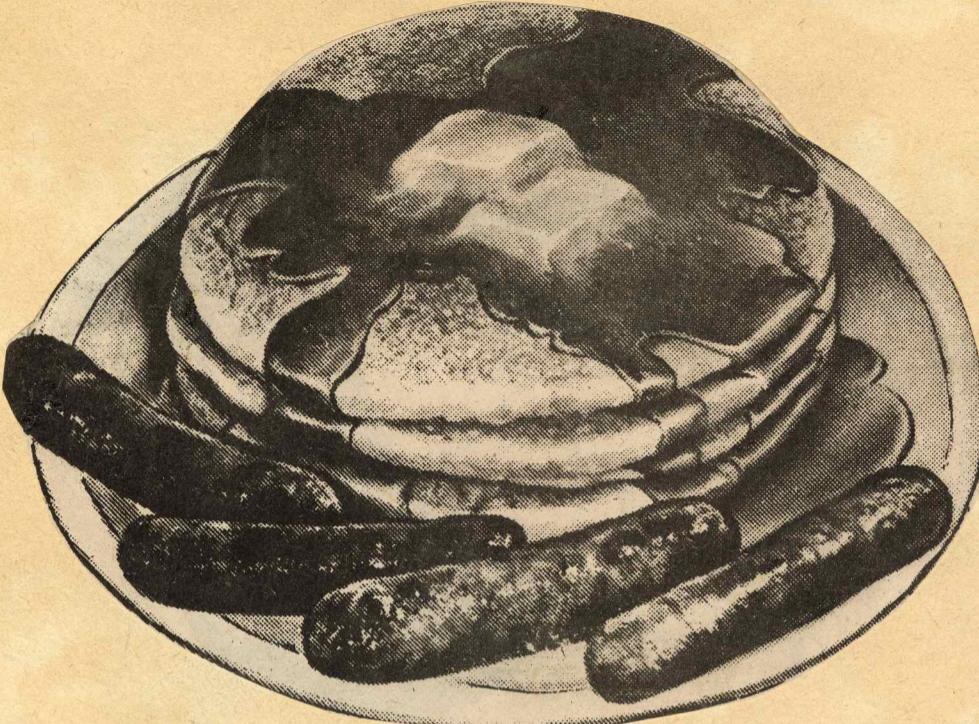
Surviving are three daughters, Glenva E. Eyerly, Livingston, Mont.; Gwendolyn E. Jackson, Caldwell; and Betty C. Scott, Weatherford, Tex.; 20 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, eight sisters and a brother.

Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the Meridian United Methodist Church Building Fund or a favorite charity.

THURSDAY

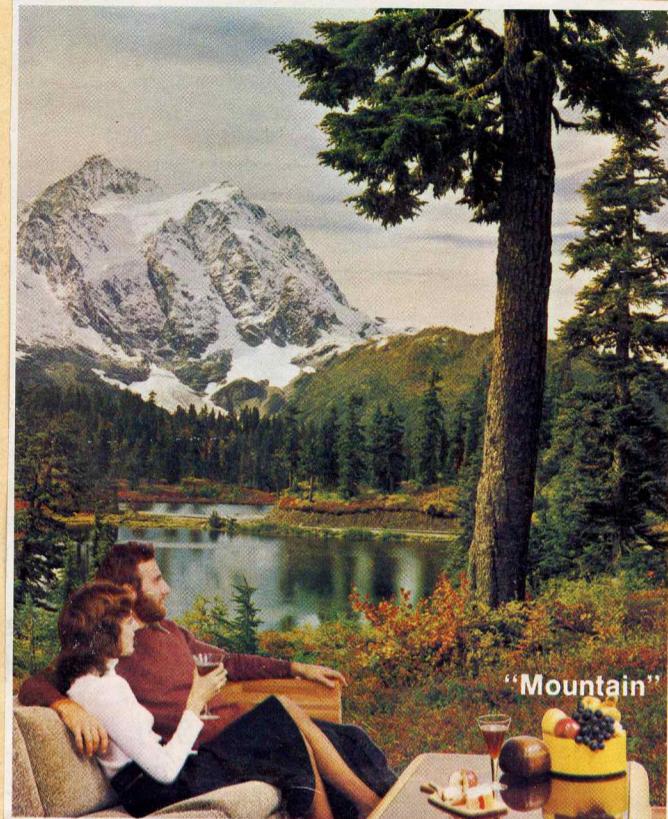
Occident Club will have its annual pancake breakfast 6:30 till 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Occident Clubroom, Meridian St. The menu will feature pancakes, ham, eggs, coffee and juice. A donation will be accepted. Proceeds will be used for the community projects. The public is invited to attend.



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Primary voters at Meridian's Occident Club



"Mountain"

Kenneth Coleman succumbs at 56

Rosary for Kenneth Coleman, 56, of Santa Barbara, Calif., formerly of Meridian, who died Friday at a Santa Barbara hospital, was recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Robison-Jerrard Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian, by the Reverend Andrew Schumaker. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. John's Cathedral, Boise. Interment was in the St. John's section of Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise.

He was born Jan. 28, 1920, in Boise. He graduated from Boise High School after his parents moved from Meridian to Boise, when his father became Ada County sheriff. He attended Boise Junior College and the College of Idaho. He was owner and manager of the Meridian Cigar Store. He lived in Meridian until 1957 when he moved to Santa Barbara. He worked for the Postal Service in Santa Barbara for the past 18 years. He married Julia Uberuaga July 12, 1975, in Boise.

He was a member of the Catholic Church, a veteran of World War II

and was in the first ferrying command in the China-Burma-India Theater. He was the first commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Meridian. He was a 29-year member of the Boise Elks Lodge, No. 310.

Surviving are his wife, of Santa Barbara; two daughters, Mrs. Lewis (Carol Lee) Venegas and Mrs. Gerald (Janeen Kay) Helton, both of Santa Barbara; his mother, Oral Coleman of Meridian; a brother, Keith Coleman, of Boise; and three grandsons.

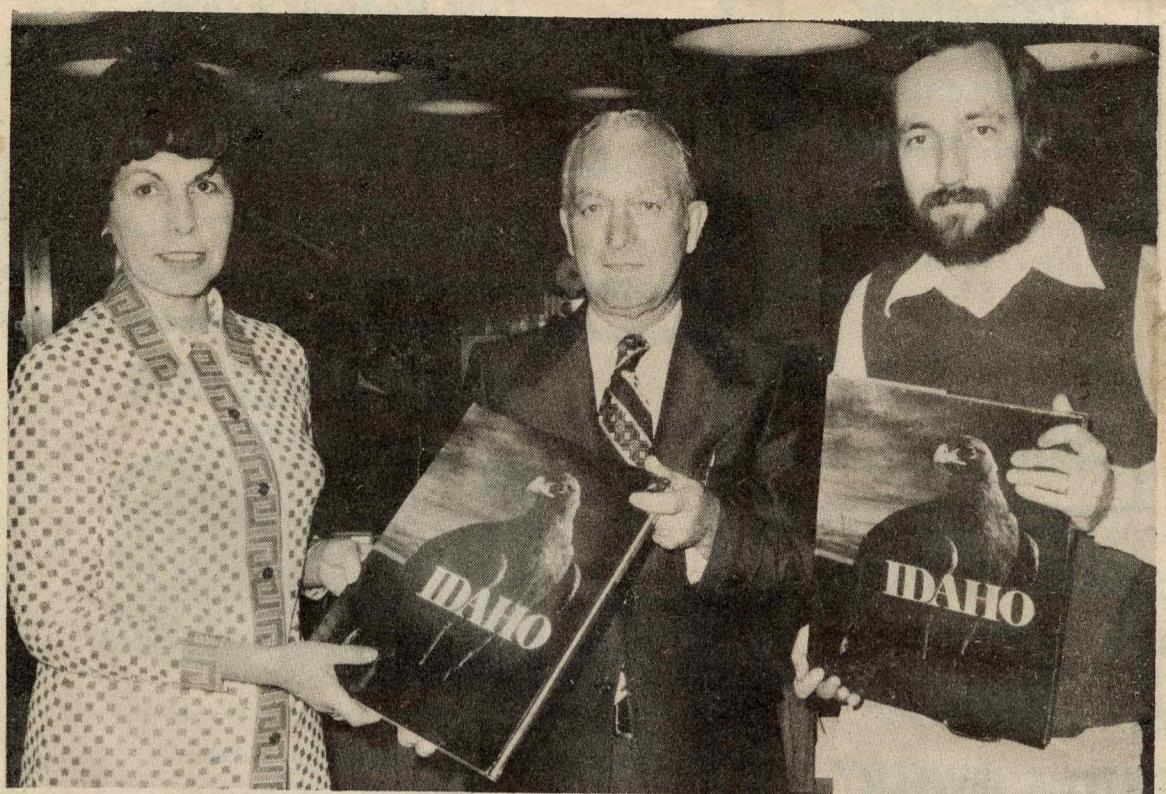
Memorials may be made to the Cancer Foundation, 300 Pueblo Santa Barbara.

Card of thanks

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our many friends for the calls, cards, flowers, contributions of food and many acts of kindness during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Coleman
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Venegas
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Helton
Mrs. Oral Coleman
Mr. & Mrs. Keith Coleman
Mrs. Elva Coleman
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Reords

SEPTEMBER 1976



Meridian and MHS libraries receive gifts of "Idaho"

BEAUTIFUL VOLUMES with pictorial coverage of the scenic highlights of Idaho were presented Wednesday to the Meridian public library and the Meridian high school library by the Idaho First National Bank at Meridian. Making the presentations was, center, bank

manager W. G. McCurry; and receiving them were, at left, Irene Fleenor, high school librarian; and, at right, Grove Koger, Meridian public librarian. The 207-page volume, 'Idaho', has won plaudits for its high artistic quality and its presentation of Idaho's beauty.

(Valley News-Times photo)

Used book sale set Saturday

Almost 1,000 books and magazines will be offered for sale Saturday when the Meridian Free Library holds its second "By the Inch" sale.

The sale, which begins at 12 noon and lasts until 4 p.m., will be held in the Occident Club room immediately adjacent to the library.

Hardbound books will be sold for

25 cents per vertical inch, while magazines and pocketbooks will be on sale for 15 cents per inch.

Included in the sale will be a large number of old National Geographic magazines, librarian Eleanor Arndt said.

Proceeds will go towards funding new volumes for the library, she added.

Library slates children's hour

A plea for volunteer story tellers has met with success and the first story hour of the season at the Meridian Free Library will go on as planned Saturday morning, librarian Eleanor Arndt said.

The session will begin at 11 a.m., she said, and will last about 30 minutes. Short films are planned during later story hour sessions throughout the school year.

Fourteen volunteers have signed

up to serve as story-tellers, the librarian said, with each person serving once every three months.

A special training program for the story-tellers has been arranged on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library with Eva Larsen and Mrs. Gaye Walter from the Idaho State Library serving as instructors.

Anyone interested in attending the class should call the library at 888-4451.

Birthday honored

The Birthday Club met at the home of Mrs. Mildred Botkin after having dinner at Elmers Pancake House in Boise to honor the birthday anniversary of Florence Anderson. Sixteen friends greeted Mrs. Anderson.

Library program

A special winter program at the Meridian Free Library for preschool age children will kick-off Tuesday morning, Eleanor Arndt, librarian, announced this week.

The weekly program will be held each Tuesday beginning at 10:30 a.m. and will include a story-hour and films, puppet shows and music events, Arndt said.

The program is designed for children age two to six, she said, and will last about a half-hour.

A story-hour for all ages is being planned for Saturday mornings, the librarian announced, with several films booked for showing. Volunteer story-tellers are needed to get that program underway, she said. Anyone interested in donating their time to the program is urged to call the library at 888-4451 and indicate the days when they might be available to help.

A special class in story-telling techniques may be offered if enough volunteers sign up, Arndt added.

California guests

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods of Eureka, Calif., visited with Mrs. Mary Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wolff and other relatives while on their way to the east coast.

Meridian library lists new books

Meridian public library now has the following new books ready for circulation.

Bumblebees, by John Free and Colin Butler, a volume of interest to area residents because of the important role bumblebees play in the pollination of red clover.

The Supermarket Handbook, by Nikki and David Goldbeck, a guide to selecting, preparing and evaluating the wares in your supermarket for the greatest nutritional and economic benefit.

The Benchwarmers, Joseph Golden's investigation of the private world of powerful Federal judges.

Marijuana Reconsidered, by Lester Grinspoon, a psychiatrist's analysis of marijuana in America and the implications of its continuing presence.

Angry Island, by Margaret MacKay, the history of the most isolated inhabited island in the world: Tristan da Cunha.

Rules of the Game, an illustrated encyclopedia of all the sports of the world, from darts to helicopter flying.

Information, a selection of articles on computers and information science drawn from Scientific American.

Children's books

Also available will be a selection of new children's books, on subjects ranging from the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Russian forces in 1968 to the world of rock music. The books represent the first of several purchases of children's books made possible by a large anonymous donation to the library.

family reunion

Among those attending a family reunion last week of the J.R. Bell family at Vernonia, Ore., were Mr. and Mrs. Lon McFadden and Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McFadden and Carma and Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, all of Meridian.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hood and family of Hazelton. A total of 75 attended the reunion which also honored Rebecca and Carl Fowler on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Nettie Cross entertained the Birthday Club with a noon luncheon at her home Saturday. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Rosalie Wells of Boise and Mrs. Hazel Ryska of Star. Guests were Evelyn Perron, Marsha Bradley, Mary Mix, Bertha Masters, Cora Gilbert, Erma Brandon and Pearl Kinser, all of Boise.

From Meridian were Ruby Lane, Flora Doan, Gertrude Rosti, Deane Ulmer, Leona Egbert, Ruby Wolfe and Bessie Matcham.

MONDAY

THE OCCIDENT CLUB will hold its first fall meeting at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Girls State delegates from Meridian will report on the recent convention. Hostesses for the session will be Gertrude Rost, Gladys Kelley and Bessie McNeill.



RSVP [Retired Senior Volunteer Program] provides a number of elderly people for use in various projects at Boise State. Here an RSVP volunteer sews for the Adult Basic Education center.

Birthday open house

Mrs. Lena Bodine was honored on her 80th birthday Sunday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pitkin. Other children hosting the event were the Marvin Bodines and Loren Bodine. In attendance were 125 friends and relatives from all over the valley.

Expecting guests

Mrs. Dorothy Brace is expecting her son and family, the Earl Braces and daughter, Alison, this week from Dahomey, West Africa. They will also visit relatives in Oregon and California. Brace is an engineer with Morrison-Knudsen Construction and has been in Africa the past two and one-half years.



Note of thanks

Lena Bodine, 1127 Meridian St., has extended her thanks for all those who attended the open house in honor of her birthday last week, and for the flowers, cards and gifts received.



OCTOBER 1976



Gannett to Award 17 Groups \$63,878

Grants totaling \$63,878 will be made to 17 area non-profit organizations by the Frank E. Gannett Newspaper Foundation, Inc. of Rochester, N.Y., it was announced today by Robert B. Miller Jr., publisher of The Idaho Statesman.

"I am most flattered the Foundation continues to be so generous in our circulation area. This raises total contributions to \$204,678 since The Statesman joined the Gannett Group of newspapers in 1971," Miller said.

It is the largest number of grants ever awarded at one time in one location by the Foundation, said John A. Scott, president of the Foundation and a former publisher of The Statesman.

"This is a clear demonstration of the broad range of community causes supported by the Gannett Foundation," Scott said. "We appreciate the opportunity to be a good citizen in The Statesman area."

The Gannett Foundation has made five previous grants in Idaho this

year, including \$50,000 to victims of the Teton flood, Miller noted.

Named for the founder of Gannett newspapers, now a group of 54 dailies in 18 states and on the island of Guam, the Foundation has awarded more than \$33 million in cash or Gannett Company stock since 1937.

The contributions have been for charitable, civic and cultural purposes, education and health with the concentration in Gannett newspaper markets. About \$8 million has been awarded for journalism education.

Grant checks will be presented in October to the following organizations:

- American Cancer Society, \$5,536 (copy machine and film projectors).

- Emergency Housing Service which provides lodging for needy women and children for 2-3 nights, \$821 (kitchen and laundry appliances).

- Channel Enterprises, a Salvation Army Halfway House to prepare prison parolees for the outside world, \$4,142 (improve the building).

- Boise YMCA, \$3,010 (gym equipment).

- Boise YWCA, \$6,772 (renovation of the building).

- Idaho Arthritis Foundation, \$3,000 (devices to aid physical movement and for refinements at Elks Rehabilitation swimming pool).

- Ada County Medical Evaluation & Referral Clinic, Inc (evaluates and refers people to proper medical authorities), \$4,983 (furnishings, clerical and medical equipment).

- Boise Hot Line (provides immediate help in crisis situations), \$3,409.23 (emergency kit, office furnishings and equipment).

- Nampa Area United Way, \$900 (copy machine).

- Booth Memorial Home (a Salvation Army facility for unwed mothers), \$874 (copy and adding machines).

- United Way of Ada County Administrative Offices, \$7,144.70 (office equipment and audio/visual equipment).

- Canyon County Information &

Referral Service, \$2,832 (funding for half-time Reassurance aide).

- Meridian Free Library District, \$1,500 (copy machine and shelving).

- Occident Club in Meridian to boost its Emergency Loan Closet which makes nursing and hospital equipment available to homes at no charge, \$1,000 (for mattresses and wheel chairs)

- Idaho Association for Physically Handicapped Adults, \$5,205 (funding to operate service vehicle).

- Vocational-Technical Learning Center at BSU (provides structured English program for Vietnamese refugees and other foreign born people in the Boise area), \$11,250 (two year funding for instructors in Intensive English).

- Plantation Attention Home in Canyon County (provides lodging and counseling for runaway minors), \$1,500 (funding for operating expenses and addition to the home).

Observe Women's Week

One of Idaho's first business and professional women's clubs was formed at Meridian in 1928, and this week that local 15-member organization is joining with other clubs nationwide to celebrate "Business Women's Week."

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Membership in BPW clubs is open

to all women who are actively engaged in business or professions, Mrs. Bales said. Members participate regularly in activities dealing with career development, legislative involvement, continuing education and many other areas, she said.

Some of the services offered by BPW clubs include management seminars, state and national conventions and legislative conferences.

The Meridian club recently awarded a special scholarship to a Meridian student attending Boise State University, Mrs. Bales added.

Any women in the Meridian area wishing to join the local organization may call Mrs. Bales at 375-9576 for more information. The local club meets the second Tuesday of every month.

On tour

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wolf of Kendrick visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolf during a stop-over on a tour they were taking of the northwest states.

Travel Canada

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ayers met his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ayers of Junction City, Ore., in Pendleton and traveled in Canada where they spent time at Lake Louise and Banff.

Pennsylvania travelers

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Contino have left for Pennsylvania where they will visit his relatives after visiting her mother, Mrs. Jessie Bell most of the summer. The Continos returned from Turkey where he had been with the Air Force. Their daughter, Kim, is attending the College of Idaho.

Daughter visits

Mrs. Velma Davis of Burns, Ore., visited her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Brace last week.

"Cats" film set for story hour

The film, "Millions of Cats," based upon the book by Wilma Gag, will highlight the Meridian Free Library Story Hour for young children this week.

The Saturday story hour begins at 11 a.m. and will be hosted by Judy Booth.

The library also holds a special story hour program every week at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday for pre-school students.

Birthday party

Mrs. Ella Pitkin, Meridian, was honored on her 85th birthday last week at a family dinner at the home of her daughter, Elva Coleman.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. David Hill and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pitkin, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pitkin, Travis and Selena, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Pitkin, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Pitkin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crookston, Jerry and Oral Coleman, Lena Bodine, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brandvold, Thelma Young of Spokane, and Joan Tomokiyo of Hawaii.

Mrs. Pitkin was also honored recently at a birthday dinner given by Mrs. Mabel Hipp of Boise.

Meridian social

Mrs. Lois Frazier is home after visiting a former Meridianite, Mrs. Blanche Hedges Lyle at Redland, Calif., and with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frazier at Lomita. She also visited Mrs. Carol Glozbach, in Los Angeles.

California guests

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warren and Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Cloud and son, Whitter, Calif., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson. This was the Cloud's first trip to Idaho and they were shown many scenic spots in the state.

Travels

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ebel have enjoyed a three-week vacation during which they visited relatives and friends. They traveled in eight states and over 3,700 miles. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ebel at Abilene, Kan., and other relatives and friends and in Monte Vista, Colo., with Mr. and Mrs. John Seamster, who have visited in Meridian many times. The Ebels returned through Arizona where they visited friends.

First plane trip

Mrs. Clara Maw, a 91-year-old former resident of Meridian, now making her home at the Heritage Retirement Center in Boise, returned to her home Monday after visiting her great-granddaughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Phil Andrews. Mrs. Maw is the mother of Mrs. Ruby Land.

Jean Hunter

Funeral services for Jean L. Hunter, 63, of 5160 View Drive, Meridian, who died Oct. 6 at a Boise hospital after a long illness, were held last Saturday at Robison-Jerread Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. Services were conducted by the Rev. Evert Roberts. Burial was in Meridian Cemetery.

Jean and her husband were retired publishers of the Valley News-Times.

She was born Dec. 15, 1913, at Long Beach, Calif. She attended schools there, and the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

She was in magazine work for several years, including Street and Smith Publications in New York City, Western Family and Westways in Los Angeles. She then entered the broadcasting field, and was assistant producer of "Breakfast in Hollywood" and co-owner of "The Family Show" on the ABC radio network.

She married Ralph Hunter at Sierra Madre, Calif., Nov. 18, 1950. In 1953, they purchased The Ashton Herald at Ashton, Idaho. They published that newspaper until 1957, when they purchased The Meridian Times.

In 1968, they purchased all other weekly newspapers in Boise Valley, merging them into the Valley News-Times. They sold the Valley News-Times effective May 1, 1976, and retired.

Active in community work, Jean was president of the Meridian PTA, Cub Scout den mother, neighborhood chairman for the Girl Scouts, president of the Da Vinci Art Guild, member of the board of directors for Visiting Nurses Association, a member and officer of P.E.O. and Beta Sigma Phi, publicity chairman for the Meridian Blood Group, and



Jean Hunter

participated in many other civic activities.

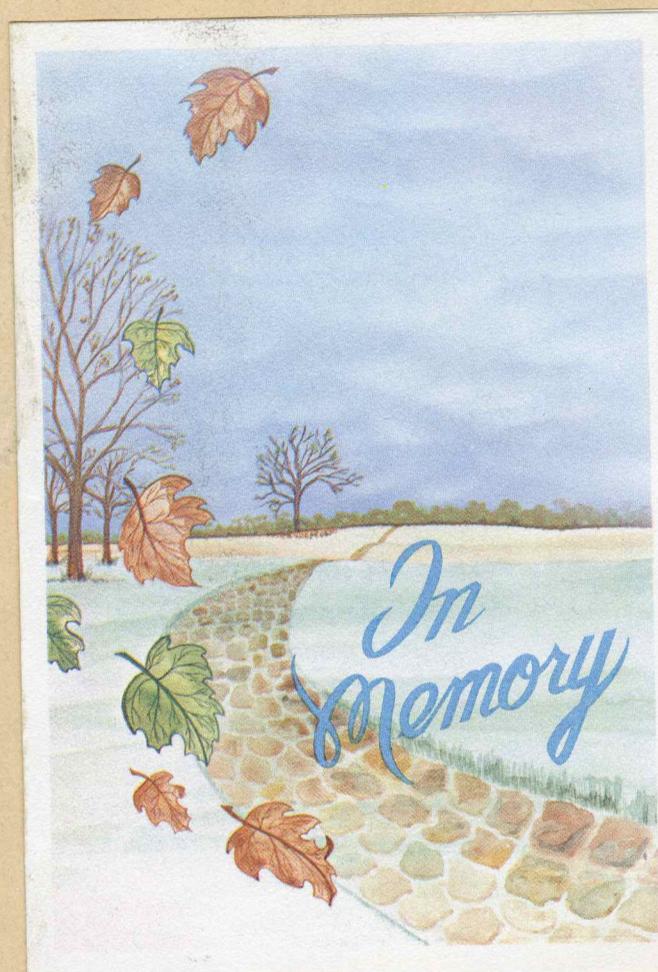
In 1974, she was named Meridian "Woman of the Year" and in 1976 received the "Distinguished Citizen" award with her husband from the Treasure Valley Chambers of Commerce.

She was an active member of the United Methodist Church, and held several offices in organizations of the church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Robert L. Hunter of Dallas, Ore., and John L. Hunter of Boise; a sister, Betty Bixby of Long Beach, Calif.; and two nieces and a nephew.

Pall bearers were Llewellyn Bixby, Jr., Chester Eggers, Jr., Dick Marks, Wade Sheasley, Don Storey and Bud Trussell.

Honorary pall bearers were Jo Eggers, Jeannie Brunn and Ruth Seasley.



NOVEMBER 1976



Mabel Cairns

Mabel Cairns celebrates 95th birthday

Mrs. Mabel Cairns, one of Meridian's first residents, celebrated her 95th birthday this week at a special dinner hosted by Mrs. Alice Sharp.

Mrs. Cairns, who taught school in Meridian's first schoolhouse, came to the area in 1900 with her parents

at the age of 19. Meridian was then known as Hunter. The family moved to Idaho from Fairberry, Neb.

She was also employed by the first telephone company to serve Meridian and taught music to students in the Eagle-Star areas by travelling on a horse-drawn buggy.

Mrs. Cairns attends the Meridian

United Methodist Church regularly and is the church's oldest living member. She is also a member of P.E.O., the Order of the Eastern Star, the Occident Club and the Meridian Garden Club.

She still enjoys her hobby of gardening and does all of her own housework and cooking.

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Flag featured

Alpha Delta Kappa teachers honorary held a regular monthly meeting Saturday in Meridian with a film entitled, "Our Flag — So Proudly We Hail" as the featured program.

Hostesses were Gwen Wilson, Teresa Sharp and Blanche Chipman.

Methodist women name officers

The United Methodist Women of Meridian held their annual election of officers last week with Dorothy Bolen selected as the new president.

Other new officers are Gladys Bales, vice-president; Norma Gale, secretary; Ethel Hawkins, treasurer; Eula Calnon, flower and card committee chairman; Janie Smith, membership committee chairman; Hazel Goodwin, local church activities chairman, and Miriam Gibson, social involvement chairman.

Laverne Hansen and Jacque Riddlemoser were selected as mission coordinators while nominating committee members are Blanche Wolff, Mildred Chapman and Connie Cope.

Rebekah's honor past president

Thirteen members of the Acme Rebekah Lodge No. 26 of Meridian were in attendance last week for a special celebration to honor Lodena King Caldwell, past assembly president on her 80th birthday.

The event, held at the Odd Fellows Home in Caldwell, featured the presentation of a 50-year Rebekah Jewell to Mrs. King.

Mini Anderson led a group singing session with piano accompaniment by Juanita Davis. Lucille Wood presented the 50-year pin to Mrs. King and a sweater was presented to her by Mrs. Davis on behalf of the lodge members.

Members sang the happy birthday song and refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served to close the event.

Midwest travelers

The Archie Scrivners are home from a month's vacation in Newton, Kansas where they were guests of Mrs. Eunice Penner and other relatives and the C.E. Lairds and Mrs. Anna Moore at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Story hour features film

"The Little Engine That Could" will be the featured film for Saturday's weekly children's story hour at the Meridian Free Library.

The film will be shown at 11 a.m. with the regular story session to follow. Bruce Wixon will serve as this week's volunteer story-teller and host.

All interested young people are invited to attend the session.

Brother visits

Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Cline of Baker, Ore., visited with his sister, Mrs. Mildred Botkin, and Mrs. Bettie Terry of Pasadena, Calif., who is spending several weeks with Mrs. Botkin.



A ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday at 10:00 a.m. will mark the grand opening of the new Kentucky Fried Chicken Store in Meridian. The new store, located at 677 E. 1st South in

Meridian, will be managed by Larry Blakley. Free door prizes, balloons and ice cream will be given away all day Saturday.



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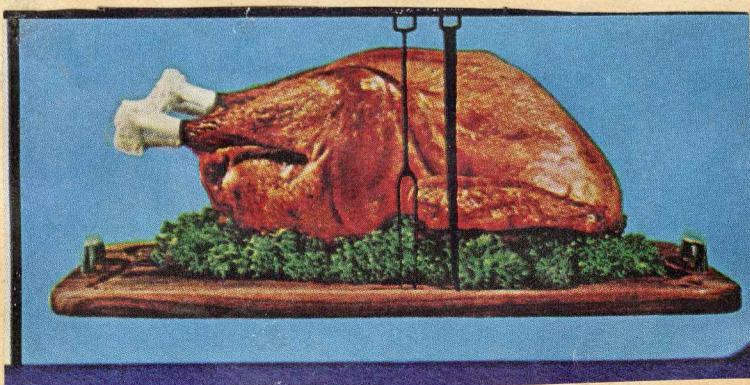
Area residents host guest

Daughter visits

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duncan and son Jeff of El Cajon, Calif., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff. They will have Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woods in Boise.

With grandmother

Mrs. Joel Williams of Thomasville, N.C., arrived to visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Goldie Simmerman, who had been hospitalized at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.



Census study shows city population rises to 5,260

Meridian's population has been officially set at 5,260 following completion of a special census taken last week, Mayor Don Storey has announced.

The new population is more than double the figures determined in the regular 1970 census, and 25 per cent above the population figures determined in a special census taken in 1973.

Nevertheless, the new figure is slightly lower than what many city officials have been privately predicting. "We thought we had a little more residents than we do," Storey said.

The census showed that population in the new additions was up greatly, but that older residential areas near the inner city had lost population.

"We have about 700 lots in town that haven't been built on," Storey noted.

The increased population makes the city eligible for a wider variety of federal funding programs and larger amounts of those funds.

The cost of the census has not been determined yet, but it should run in excess of \$3,000. The Ada County Highway District is sharing in the cost of the census, since many of its funding programs are based on population.

Vet day activities dedicate flagpole

With a large crowd looking on Thursday morning, the city of Meridian formally dedicated an 80-foot flagpole at the old city park during the Veteran's Day ceremonies.

The dedication followed brief speeches by a number of dignitaries, including former Meridian physician Dr. Joseph M. Thomas, whose financial gift to the city paid for the erection of the flagpole and the surrounding lights.

Thomas told the crowd, gathered to witness the dedication and honor America's war dead, "the history of our nation is filled with accounts of sacrifice made in war and obstacles surmounted in peace."

He noted the sacrifices made by women during wartime, praised local officials for the "unselfish acts" they perform in the discharge of their duties, and concluded with a poem praising the American flag.

Following music by the Meridian

High School band, representatives of various area veterans groups presented and raised the huge 12'x18' flag and the seven man honor guard fired three volleys in salute.

The ceremonies concluded with the playing of taps.

Organizations participating in the ceremonies included the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 113, Veterans of World War II, Boy Scout Troop No. 1 and the Meridian High School band.



The raising of the huge 12x18 foot flag at the new city park flagpole highlighted Veteran's Day ceremonies in Meridian last Thursday.

Methodist bazaar set Saturday

The Meridian United Methodist Church will hold its annual all-church bazaar Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the church grounds with the theme of "Colonial Collectibles."

Activities and sale items will include a country store, children's gifts and clothing, gifts suitable for Christmas, antiques and white elephant items.

Food will be served at the Wayside Inn and the public is invited.

General chairman for the event is Lila Hill, while committee members are Alice Bates, Janille Clements, Grace Davidson, Connie Cope, Leona Egbert, Janie Smith, Hazel Dudgeon, LaVerne Hansen, Leona Meyer, Margaret Potter and Vicki Woods.



Three of four generations of Methodist women who have worked on bazaar projects are represented in the photo above. They are: Robin Alger (front), and from left, Mrs. Roy Alger and Alice Cummings.



Mrs. Earl Hill and Mrs. Jean Bidondo sew items for the upcoming Fourth Annual United Methodist Church Bazaar, set for Saturday, Nov. 6. The event will feature items ranging from Christmas gifts and decorations to children's clothing and toys.

DECEMBER

Meridian families set Yule dates



Attends wedding

Mrs. Mildred Botkin traveled with the Keith Botkin family of Nampa to Salt Lake City last week, where they visited friends and relatives and attended the wedding of Diane Botkin and Larry Petrie in the LDS Temple. Mrs. Ruby Free of Salt Lake City returned home with the traveler and will visit both families.

Visits relatives

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hartwell have been visiting with the Jack Hartwell family in Richland, Wash., and at Renton with the Delbert Stevens family.

Son here

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Goodwin and family of Idaho Falls visited his parents for several days.

Visits sister

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin spent the weekend at Portland where they visited his sister, Mrs. Laura Jepson, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jepson.

Birthday party

The Birthday Club met at the Carriage House and the birthdays of Mrs. Katie Smith and Mrs. Grace Davidson were honored. Mrs. Jessie Bell hosted a social hour after the dinner at her home. Others attending the event were Mildred Botkin, Mr. and Mrs. Kieffer Biddle of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Flack, Elsie Riddlemoser, Francis Veach, Goldie Simmerson, Dean Davidson and Audrey Smith. Kieffer Biddle was wished happy birthday.

Boise wedding

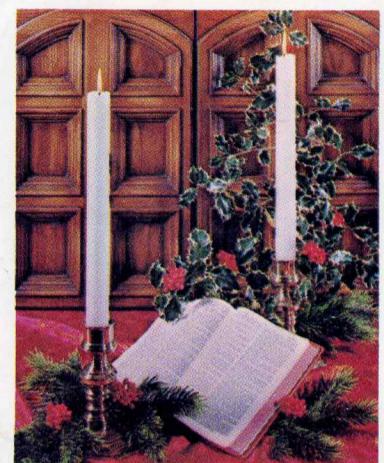
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartwell and family of Richland, Wash., were guests of his parents while here to attend the wedding of his nephew and grandson of the K.D. Hartwells, W. Scott Wigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wigle of Boise. He married Cathy Hensley.

Hawaii trip

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Egbert are home from an eight-day tour which took them to the Island of Oahu where they enjoyed seeing places of interest.

Judds travel

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd visited in Fullerton, Calif., with their son and family the Gordon Judds. They returned home through Mesa, Ariz., where they visited friends and in Blackfoot where they were guests of Mrs. Judd's two sisters, Mrs. Grace Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tschookof.



*For unto you is born . . .
a Saviour.*

Luke 2:11

Free library expands book collection

The Meridian Free Library now has a complete collection of up-to-date Boy Scout merit badge pamphlets.

Jason Giron, of Troop 129, has donated these pamphlets to the library as a part of his Eagle Scout Project requirements. The items can be checked out and used by library patrons.

Mrs. Arndt, librarian, pointed out that the materials are of value not only to Boy Scouts, but are also "valuable as reference sources for the entire community."

The Meridian Free Library plans on presenting its reading public with what is hoped to be an exciting Christmas present.

On Dec. 10, library patrons will find a collection of new books purchased for their reading pleasure. Included in the new collection are books for juveniles, including Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, and The Three Investigator mystery books; new books for the youngest patrons from Beatrix Potter, the creator of Peter Rabbit, plus many new titles for adults.

The adult books include titles by Elizabeth Cade and Dorothy Eden, ordered special from England as they are not normally available in this country.

There will be new mysteries, romances, westerns, and adventure novels. The non-fiction titles will include books on child care, handcrafts, animals and biographies.

Letters . . . Medical center offers thanks

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN:

Thank you.

One year ago, Dec. 1, 1975, we opened The Meridian Medical Center. That opening was aided by the guidance and advice of Mayor Don Storey, and assisted by the various councilmen. To those at Farmers and Merchants Bank, who showed their faith in us; our gratitude.

The physical conversion of the old Paul's Market was created by our District 19 legislator, John F. Reardon and his able assistant Wray Benedict. Our introduction by the Valley News was gracious and generous in making our presence known. The overwhelming success of our first year of practice, we owe to our wonderful patients and to our capable and willing staff.

If ever there were regrets in leaving our former practice, the joys and warmth extended by this community have made the change a reward and pleasure far beyond the material gain from your support.

Again, our sincere thanks, to one and all.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Drennan

Methodist women install officers

The United Methodist Women of Meridian met Saturday at the church for their annual Christmas luncheon and installation of new officers.

Officers installed were Dorothy Bolen, president; Gladys Bales, vice president; Norma Gale, secretary; Ethel Hawkins, treasurer; Blanche Wolff, Mrs. Chester Chapman and Connie Cope, nominating committee; co-ordinators, Laverne Hansen, priesthood; Jacque Riddlemoser, supportive committee; Betty Kusler,

global concerns; Miriam Gibson, social envolvement; Janie Smith, membership chairman; Hazel Goodwin, church acitivities; Mae Jorges, program resources; Eula Calnon, flower and card chairman.

Freida Weast arranged the program with Mrs. Jack Givens of Nampa showing slides. She also gave a talk on the Heifer project.

Cheer baskets were packed for shut-ins. Circle 6 served as hostess for the event.



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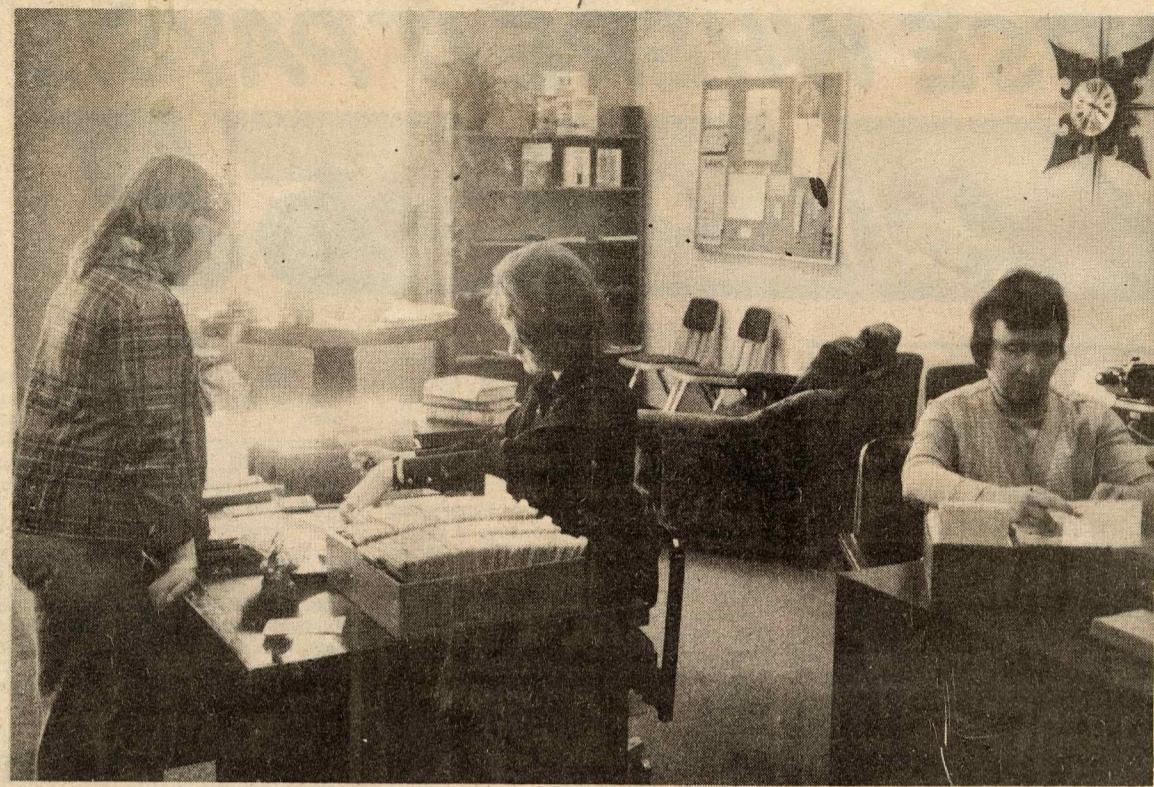
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New clerk helps lighten workload at library

STRAIGHTENING THE BOOKS is a full-time job for two people nowadays at the Meridian Library. Nancy Spear, right, who has been working there for slightly more than a year, sorts through a card catalogue, while Debra Higgens, who was hired last December to

lighten the workload, helps a young patron find what she wants. The two women and librarian Grove Koger form the core of the library's staff. See library feature, Page 4.

(Valley News-Times photo)

Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Haworth

Meridian women observe birthdays

Mrs. Cairns returns

Mrs. Mabel Cairns is home from visiting in Pasco, Washington, with her son-in-law and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Ernst.

Twosome is back

Mrs. Emiley Pratt and Miss Lillian Peters have returned home from Stockton, California, where they visited Mrs. Pratt's son and family, the Richard Pratts, with the John Pratt family of Beverly Hills joining the group for the holidays.

California guest

Mrs. Edith Crockett visited her grandson and family, the Bill Durbins at Gilchrist, Ore., and then traveled with them to Corona, Calif., and spent the holidays with her daughter Dorothy Jeabons and a granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rhodes of Tustin.

Bridge club

Mr. and Mrs. K.D. Hartwell were hosts for the Mr. and Mrs. Bridge Club with their guests being the Eldon Grays, Fay Whites, Damon Flacks, Angus Hills and Ray Ulmers.

Annual dinner

Mrs. Rillous Yates and Mrs. Zelma Haworth celebrated their birthdays together with a dinner hosted by Mrs. Haworth's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodrich of Boise, at a Boise restaurant. This made the 56th year Yates and Haworth celebrated their birthday together. After the dinner, a social time was spent at the Yates home.

Utah travelers

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scrivner spent a week with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Peterson and sons at Tooele, Utah.

Judds in Oregon

The George Judds spent the holidays in Salem, Ore., with their son Roger and family, and the Gordon Judds, who came from Fullerton, Calif., to be with the family.

Visits mother

Darrel Sage, from Rockport, Tex., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Nancy Sage for several weeks.

In Burns

Mrs. Dorothy Brace visited with her daughter, Mrs. Belva Davis, at Burns, Ore.

Four generations were together for the holidays in Nelsonville, Ohio, when Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ayers traveled there to be with their daughter and her family. Their daughter and son-in-law are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Inman. Carl Inman came from Anchorage, Alaska, where he is stationed with the Air Force and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Inman and baby came from Rapid City, S.D., where he is stationed with the Air Force. The Chris Walkers and daughter of Nelsonville were all with the family for the holidays.

OCCIDENT CLUB will meet at 1:30 p.m. next Monday, January 5, at the clubroom. The program entitled "Home Life" will be in charge of Ethel Duerock. Hostesses are Oma Jenkins, Veda McFadden, Margaret Judd and Marguerite Patch.

