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1960-1962 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Club name(s) Occident Club

City Meridian, State Idaho

Describe briefly your Community Improvement Program:

The Meridian Public Library was started 36 years ago by the Occident Club with 2 cases of books from the Idaho Traveling Library. It has been operated and managed continuously by the club. Until about 1950 when the City of Meridian started levying a one-mill tax to help in the expense, the library was maintained by the club with the help of donations of money and books and work by members and others. There are over 6,000 volumes, consisting of science, reference, historical and fictional, all catalogued and properly indexed. The library occupies a room, rent free, which was added to the clubhouse for the library.

Reason for choice of project(s): There is always a need for work for the library which fills a need not duplicated in this locality. It is the largest in Ada County outside of Boise and serves a large rural area which includes several large rural schools as well as the city schools. The total enrollment is about 2650. It is extensively used by the schools as well as the general public. It is of the utmost importance that it be maintained in an up-to-date manner commensurate with the progress of the schools and community.

Extent of community cooperation:

For finances the library is dependent upon a one-mill tax by the city of Meridian, the generosity of individuals, clubs and organizations in the community, and the small card fees and fines for delinquent books. Many books are given each year, also many hours of work. Without this fine cooperation it would be almost impossible for the Occident Club to operate the library in an efficient manner.

Permanent results (tangible and intangible): It is hard to estimate permanent results as the library is used extensively by both children and adults. As many as 268 books have been checked out in one day. This does not include use of reference works at the library. After 36 years of continuous growth and service, it has become a permanent local institution. To close the library would be a severe blow to the community as there is nothing to take its place.

Date report mailed Feb. 23, 1962 Signed:

Evelyn J. Soucie
President

R. 3 - Meridian, Idaho

Address

Meridian, Idaho.
January Ist.,
New Years 1962.

Sixteen were present for the first meeting of the Occident Club in this new year.

Our Collect was recited followed by our Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minnie Anderson accompanied on the piano for group singing.

President Ethel Soucie called for the MINUTES of the last meeting; these were read and approved.

TREASURERS report read by Viola Moore showed a balance of \$2194.67. One bill was read; this was for \$8.00 from the city. MOTION by Minnie Anderson for payment of this bill; motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

Mildred Botkin gave a report for the librarian. For December nearly half of the 1344 books loaned were for children. Of 25 new cards issued 14 were (also) for children. A book, "Flames of Fire" was a memorial to Elmer Yates. This was one of seven books added to the shelves, all given by friends. Also donated were the "Books of Knowledge." Five volumes by Idaho writers were purchased. These were credited to the Amity Neighborhood club. Librarian Nancy Sage and Mrs. Arthur Ultis had mended 25 books; making in all 55 added to the shelves in the past four weeks. Fifteen persons had been helped by procuring as many special volumes from the Idaho State Library.

EMERGENCY LOAN equipment has not been in need of use, one item only being requested. Mrs. Susie Cairns reporting, expressed pleasure that there had ~~been~~ been so little call. ~~need,~~

LIONS Dinners produced \$30.00 reported Mrs. Cairns.

SEWING from Vogue patterns to enter the national contest was further explained by Gertrude Rosti.

PENNIES for PINES and PENNIES for ART were discussed. There not being sufficient pennies given for the projects in December, Mildred Botkin MOVED that the treasurer pay the balance to make each project one dollar. During further discussion mention being made of our depleted general funds, members present placed sufficient coins in the Penny projects to make unnecessary the withdrawal by the treasurer; therefore Mrs. Botkin withdrew her motion.

Susie Cairns MOVED to give \$5.00 to the Children's Home; motion carried.

The secretary read a report compiled by Clysta Gray made from a report from the national convention.

Mrs. Oral Coleman, who can meet with us but one or two meetings a year thanked the club and individuals who had remembered Edyth Robbins who resides at the Valley View Nursing Home.

Other reports related that Mr. Baldwin, husband of one of our charter members is not in good condition; Edith Marsters is in a hospital.

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ill with flu; Mrs. V. A. Cox, instigator of the Emergency Loan Closet is not sufficiently well to attend; Mrs. Guy Eastman is with us again after a stay in Seattle.

Anticipating a smaller attendance on this day the program committee postponed the plans for this meeting; the meeting was open for discussion on subjects which concern us all; namely, the general practise of business places in other areas beginning the emphasizing of Christmas before Thanksgiving. The other topic touched upon the over exemplification of Santa Clauses and the demands made upon a willing few to carry the responsibilities in several organizations celebrating Christmas. Discussion led eventually to the use of excessive advertising of liquors and tobaccoos and the introduction of younger women and teen agers into these ads. While most felt much the same regarding these problems there still remains no suggestion for solution.

Refreshments were served by Hazel Goodwin, Leota Gregory and Marguerite Patch and Wae Magnuson.

Mildred Watkins,

Secretary.

APPROVED
Feb 5, '62

Meridian, Idaho.
February, 5, 1962.

The Occident club with president Ethel Soucie presiding was called to order at 2 p. m.

Following our Collect and Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was turned to Gertrude Rosti. Mrs. Rosti introduced our speaker, Mrs. Anna Hettlinger, chairman of the Anti-Communistic Forum. Mrs. Hettlinger, of Boise, gave a most comprehensive talk about Communism; its aims and methods to attain them.

The theme of the program called for the singing of The Star Spangled Banner of which two verses were sung.

The following visitors were welcomed; mmdse:Grace B. Elliott, Anna Jolley, R. H. Richman, Ralph Hawkins and Mr. E. H. Hawkins, Commander of the American Legion. Mrs. Hawkins is president of the Auxilliary to the Legion.

Mrs. Richman asked to become a member.

MINUTES of the January meeting were read and approved.

The TREASURER'S report showed a balance of \$2000.36 and our general fund \$18.85 in the red. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS-thanks were written from Mrs. Virgil Smith and from Mr. George Mousestis, director of the Children's Home Founding Society. Two communications were from Mrs. J. E. Graham, I P W C president. One concerned the Conservation program, the other a call from local chairmen and president for spring reports. Mrs. Lee Ozbins, GFWC president, was soliciting aid for Radio Free Europe and for the Peace Corps. Mrs. Theodore Hoff, Horseshoe Bend, was requesting the number of members receiving the Club Woman magazine.

BILLS were read and a motion by Zelma Rose that they be allowed; carried.

COMMITTEES: PROGRAM-Mrs. Hedges announced the topics for the coming month.

WAYS and MEANS-Mrs. Neibaur expressed confidence that members will soon become busy on Swell the Dollar project.

PUBLICITY-Mrs. Botkin commended Kathryn Franklin and Mr. Hunter for the generous write-ups concerning club interests and activities.

LIBRARY-Mrs. Botkin January as another high in book loans; 18 new cards issued, 26 books donated, 10 new books, and 78 books mended. There is an increasing need for workers for mending books.

EMERGENCY LOAN-Mrs. Rose reported \$15.00 had been received as gifts; one new bed pan had been given to be added to the equipment.

LIONS DINNERS-two were reported by Mrs. Cairns.

SEWING-Mrs. Rosti announced that the contest gives until latter April for the completion of garments; and that she hopes others will yet join.

THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM chairman Deane Ulmer stated that 39 club members had taken out library cards. The committee anticipates 100% soon and that card holders will make use of them. Mrs. Ulmer asked for pictures to be used in the scrap book. Pictures related to the library in it's early history and more recent ones.

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Mrs. Soucie quoted prices on the insurance premiums for liabilities on bodily injury, property damage and products (food that is sold). \$180.00 for three years paid annually, \$156 for three years paid in installments and \$150 for three years cash payment. Following discussion and mention that we may borrow from one of our funds other than the general, and without interest, Viola Moore MOVED to take out the insurance for a three year period, paying cash; seconded by Rosti and carried.

Mrs. Soucie called on Mrs. Anna Jolley, local chairman for candy sales for the blind. Mrs. Jolley explained that monies derived remains in the area. She told of ways it is used for rehabilitation of the blind. She asked for volunteers to sell the candy at business places.

ILLNESS-Mrs. Edith Marsters has returned to her own home but is not fully recovered from her illness. Mrs. Clara Maw and Marguerite Patch were absent because of illness.

ATTENDANCE-22 including 5 visitors.

Meredith Hotkin

Secretary.

Hostesses: Bessie Matcham, Minnie Maw, Clara Maw and Emily Pratt.

*approved,
March 5, 62.*

Meridian, Idaho.
March, 5, 1962.

The Occident club was called to order at 2:10 p. m. by president, Ethel Soucie, who welcomed the guests and asked for introductions. Guests were: Mmes. Clara Hill, Thelma Moreland, Amy Ambrose, Elmer Ross, John Gale, Wm Chipman, Sr., W.D. Scrivner, John Prescott, ^{and} M.V. Howell and C.W. Monlux, the two latter named as new members.

MINUTES of the February meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER Viola Moore gave her balance which was: \$1735.40, general fund \$183.78 in the red; the report was filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS a note from Annie Laurie Bird, corresponding secretary of the Nampa Century club, inviting our members to attend their meeting February 26th. It was noted that eleven of our members attended and a note of thanks ^{was} ~~had~~ from our ^{had} corresponding secretary. An invitation to tea from the Caldwell Forward club, March, 13 th. A notation from Mrs. Dewey Davisson regarding a report for the Safety Belt campaign.

BILLS read were: \$4.00 for water from the city, \$10.40 for janitor; Zelma Rose MOVED for payment of bills, carried.

COMMITTEES: Hazel Hedges announced that Elma Veach will have charge of April's program, Other Lands. Assistant secretary, Anna Lisenby, has written invitations to other clubs to attend.

WAYS and MEANS Mrs. Neibaur turned in \$14.05 for the Swell the Dollar project and emphasized that the committee will welcome other members endeavoring to "swell a dollar."

PUBLICITY Mrs. Botkin mentioned results from advertising our projects at every opportunity, giving examples. Also mention was made of the attractive scrapbook being kept up by our Historian, Mrs. Anderson. She gleans much of her material from the Meridian Times and the Boise Statesman.

ILLNESS Maguerite Patch was reported to be in Wendell recovering from several weeks illness. Mrs. Mossman ~~had~~ sent her thanks for the flowers ~~she~~ sent ~~her~~ while in the hospital. Mrs. Leota Gregory has broken her arm and ~~she~~ is at the Ralph Gregorys. Mrs. Westbrook is experiencing a bit of arm difficulty which necessitates her absence. ~~Mrs.~~ Kate Diercksen has had a fall which makes her very uncomfortable. ~~unable to attend~~.

ART and POETRY Mrs. Denton reported that information had been sent schools in the district. Our president requested her to procure an open date for the club rooms. ~~in which to hold our art exhibit.~~

LIBRARY BOARD Mrs. Veach ~~had~~ ^{done that} 1429 books ^{over loaned} out in January, 26 new cards, 14 new books, ~~223~~ books donated and 121 books mended and retitled. ~~on the shelves~~

EMERGENCY LOAN Mrs. Rose read a note of thanks from the Herbert Aldrich family. During the month \$65.00 had been received from grateful users of the equipment.

LIONS DINNERS was reported on by Mrs. Susie Cairns. The next committee has been notified.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT Mrs. Ulmer told that the report and scrapbook for the contest had been mailed ~~in~~ before the deadline. She thanked Mrs. Soucie

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and good all over
for typing the report which was descriptive of the project; and mentioned that she and the other two members, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Botkin were *for their help* grateful to Mrs. Soucie

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Our President mentioned a carry over from the last meeting. It concerned solicited contributions for the Radio Free Europe program. Referring to our present financial status Viola Moore MOVED that the request be tabled; carried.

Mrs. Soucie told that the treasurer and secretary should have funds for supplies. Mrs. Rosti MOVED that the treasurer make out the checks needed.

ELECTION of delegates for the District convention to be held in Boise in April and of a nominating committee was suggested held to avoid prolonging the April meeting. Hazel Hedges MOVED that the by laws be rescinded for the day and the elections held. Nominations were:

delegates and alternates, Iva Bower, Dean Ulmer, Zelma Rose, Bessie Matcham, nominating, Nina Egbert, Hazel Goodwin, Susie Cairns. In each case there being no further nominations a vote was cast and the above named, *elected*.

President Soucie told of a request for the Occident members to have charge of a section of town for the Red Cross drive. Mrs. Matcham was named captain with Mrs. Soucie and Hazel Goodwin volunteering to assist. Two additional helpers are needed.

Mrs. Soucie talked on her personal desires for the club members to obtain pictures of Meridian with historical value, to be made into a permanent file for the future reference.

At 3.00 pm the meeting was adjourned and turned to the program committee.

Eloise Veach led
Under the direction of Mrs. Hedges, the group was led in singing by Mrs. Veach. A version of the song, Idaho, used in the early 40s, was used. Other copies of Idaho were told about. The Last Scottish Joke, as published in the Meridian Times of 1936, afforded amusement. Mrs. Hedges gave details of two Idaho state flags, their designers and makers. She then related the history of articles unearthed in Idaho and now in the Smithsonian Institution.

Mrs. Rose took charge of the Oddities and Antiques portion of the program. Visitors had contributed to the many articles on display, and in relating the history of each. The oldest exhibit was a hand worked sampler made in 1810. Mrs. Roderick Maw was wearing a sequined dress 20 years old.

Mrs. Rose handled the program to keep it moving rapidly, but time could not permit justice to the fine response to the program.

Mildred Pitkin
Secretary.

Attendance 42

*Revolved 1/62
Reddy approval*

Mmes. Ella Pitkin, Lillian Stocking, Ethel Thorne and Mrs. Roy Denton served springtime refreshments from a pretty table.

Meridian, Idaho.

April, 2, 1962.

Visitors Day was most successful. At 2 p m president, Ethel Soucie, called for order, turning the meeting to Elma Veach; she in turn introduced Mrs. Harold H. Hendron of Boise. Mrs. Hendron traced on a map her European tour which included ten countries. The Hendrons, principally interested in objects of art and hand craft had many opportunities to see and get first hand information. Mrs. Hendron gave vivid descriptions and had lovely articles to display.

Our business meeting was begun, Collect and Allegiance to the flag having been given before the program.

Visitors were welcomed. Forty one members were introduced from the following clubs: Alexis, Golden Rod, Apple Blossom and SouthSide Improvement. Other visitors were: Mrs. Clint Waggoner and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. J. Rose of Boise. The Roses were accompanied by a cousin, Mrs. W.E. Beckett of Washington, D.C. Mrs. Lena Sweet, Mrs. William Jorges were visitors. Accompanying Mrs. Hendron from Boise was Mrs. Alice

Mrs. Florence Robison, Mrs. Esther Hardin and Mrs. Floyd Thomas were also listed.

BILLS were read and a motion by Zelma Rose that they be paid; seconded and carried.

ART EXHIBIT was announced for April 12th and 13th. Mrs. Botkin is to take names of volunteer hostesses.

District convention will be held at the Columbian Club in Boise April 18 and 19.

Nominations were in order for delegates to the state convention to be held in May. The names of Deane Ulmer and Myrtle Nybour were presented by Nina Egbert. A vote was taken and they were unanimously elected.

It was noted that the husband of one of our members, Mrs. Lulu Eastman had passed away. Mrs. Nita Scrivner is quite ill.

The meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE: 67

HOSTESSES: Mmes. Nina Egbert, Zelma Rose, Francis Kuchenbecker, Myrtle Neibaur and Deane Ulmer.

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Doris
asked
minutes may
not be read and approved
May 1962*

Mildred Botkin
Secretary.

The Meridian Occident Club was called to order by president, Ethel Soucie, who called for our Collect and recitation of Allegiance to the flag.

MINUTES of the March and April meetings were read and approved.

TREASURER'S report was read by Nita Scrivner and filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS: thank yous from Leota Gregory, Oral Coleman, Francis and Elma Veach and Lulu H. Eastman. A letter from General Federation president, Mrs. Lee Osborn, soliciting funds for WAIF. One letter explained the law which is up for repeal; a law of interest for protection to musicians and composers. An appeal was read from the Camp Alice Pittenger Girl Scouts.

BILLS were read and a MOTION by Susie Cairns for payment; seconded and carried.

WAYS and MEANS: Mrs. Goodwin reported \$38.00 from the Jaycee banquet. Mrs. Neibaur turned in \$5.00 from the Swell the Dollar project. She had on hand for sale the Kwick Kut kitchen gadget proceeds from which will go into the same fund.

PUBLICITY: Mildred Botkin reported that in a write up for the Art Exhibit that at the printing office Ethel Thorne's name had been omitted from the hostess list.

LIBRARY report from the librarian showed that April had been the highest month in the loan of books. Among the 1859 loaned over 400 had been for children, 700 youth. 200 books had been added to the shelves.

EMERGENCY LOAN report was given by Susie Cairns who said that many loans had been made in the past month. Our president gave a brief explanation to our visitors concerning the equipment and the fact that it is available and the requirements. LIONS CLUB dinners are going as scheduled with several more to come, reported Susie Cairns.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE had been dismissed in April at the completion of their project. Mrs. Soucie reported having received a certificate showing that our club had been entered and a scrap book entered.

DELEGATE Iva Bower read a most comprehensive report on the District Convention held in Boise. Theme of the convention was, "Sixty-two Wonderful Years."

ART chairman Effiebelle Denton introduced the twenty four mothers who were present. Mrs. Denton presented awards to the recipients. Several winners had their winning art piece which they showed; others who had won in poetry read their verses. Mrs. Denton explained the very fine showing and number of wins from our district in art and poetry, in District and in State after wins in local school districe contest.

BUSINESS: Nita Scrivner MOVED that we give \$5.00 to the girl scouts for Camp Allice Pittenger. carried

Mrs. Cairns told that the newlyformed Toast Masters club desires to meet and have weekly dinners served in our rooms. She asked members present to give consideration to the request which will come up for action at a coming meeting.

MOTION by Frances Kuchenbecker that the treasurer pay expenses for the delegates and for the Art exhibit; carried.

MOTION by Mildred Botkin that our club at present disregard the request for WAIF. carried

A suggestion came from the floor that interested members write regarding House Bill, HR #70 and that the club take no action.

ILLNESS: Nita Scrivner reported having sent a geranium to Oral Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Veach, Mrs. Eastman, Deane Ulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Anderson and to Kate Diercksen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Nina Egbert, Hazel Goodwin and Susie Cairns presented a slate

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which was accepted after Gertrude Rosti MOVED that the nominations cease and the motion accepted.

nominations: President, Mrs. Francis Veach
Vice " Mrs. Fred Bower
Secretary, Mrs. Voris Botkin
Asst. " Mrs. Bertram Lisenby
Treasurer, Viola Moore
Historian, Mrs. Ray S. Anderson

A vote was taken and the above named elected to office, to be installed in June.

President Ethel Soucie adjourned the meeting.

Meredith Botkin

Secretary.

62 were present

HOSTESSES: Hazel Hedges, Myrtle Songer, Gertrude Rosti, assisted by Mrs. Effiebelle Denton and Ethel Soucie. The group had served refreshments from their pretty tea table to the mothers and children who had left the meeting early.

*Approved &
followed up of
hostess table
for June 7th*

June, 4, 1962

Meridian Occident Club

At 12:30 a covered dish luncheon was held with eleven members and one visitor attending.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by president Ethel Soucie. Mrs. Soucie called for the Collect with all giving it in unison and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Program: Hazel Hedges introduced the James Rosti children; Sandra, Dwayne and Jimmie who each provided musical selections.

Reports from the Seattle Worlds Fair were given by members who had attended. Zelma Rose told how the Tours are conducted, the price and some of the fun with a large group together. On the Serious side she told of the Berlin exhibit as being the most impressive to her. A model Berlin with the dividing wall and fence. A recording was heard; this was the voice of Berlin's mayor thanking the United States for the aid given West Germany and the cause of peace. It was in the form of a prayer and most touching. Lois Frazier gave as her most impressive sight and experience the Monorail. She spoke of the wonderful convenience and safety if cities could use this method for commutes instead of the four and six lanes of traffic which take hours.

Bessie Matcham amused us with her telling of the new and famous baby elephant in the Portland zoo.

Minnie Maw told of the visit to the restrauant in the Needle.

Gertrude Rosti related that the impressive thing to her was the World of Tomorrow where each country had ~~in~~ her own exhibit.

Our president welcomed Mrs. Ralph Hoseley who was a guest of Francis Kuchenbecker.

Minutes of the May meeting were read, and approved after substitution of June for May.

The TREASURER'S report was read by Nita Scrivner. It showed that in the checking account we are out of the red with a balance of \$46.78. The report was filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS were: A note of resignation from the club from Effiebelle Denton because of her coming teaching engagement. Marcia Dee Stewart wrote a note of appreciation that the club sponsors the Art and Poetry exhibit. Marcia had been a winner in art in each showing, including the State contest. Invitations were read for all club members and friends to attend two forth-coming golden wedding anniversaries, each from 2 to 5 pm. Sunday, June 10 will be for V. A. and Zella M. Cox. Sunday, June, 24 will be the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Monlux.

BILLS were read and Zelma Rose moved for payment of same; motion carried.

WAYS and MEANS figures were given by Mrs. Neibaur. She displayed Kwick Kuts which she had on hand, selling several. From this gadget ²¹⁰ has been realized. The Swell the Dollar project netted .

ILLNESS--Nina Egbert who has had major surgery and still confined to the hospital will soon be released when she will go to the home of her son in Nampa for full convalescence. A.D. Scrivner had been quite ill. Mr. V. A. Cox is in the hospital at Boise. Mrs. Radloff is being troubled with a severe blood clot. Mrs. Downer thanked the club for the sympathy extended upon the death of her sister.

ART--was reported upon by Mrs. Soucie, telling the excellent showing made ^{again}

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by the students of our schools in local, district and state contests; this included the Poetry contest.

LIBRARY report was given by Mrs. Veach. 1488 books had been loaned in May. Debra Davis had given many volumes from her personal library to our own. Mrs. Veach mentioned titles of interesting books on the shelves. She told of the project to be conducted by the Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi when proceeds from sales at a local drive in , with Alphas in attendance, will be given to the Meridian Library. *Mrs. Veach urged support of the project
Hand that sizable checks had previously been given the library by this group*

EMERGENCY LOAN was reported on by Zelma Rose. During the year \$155 had been turned in as gifts. This included a check from our own member, Mrs. Elsa Mosman with this interesting news. The check was written with the hand which had suffered broken bones months ago. Articles for the Closet which had been given were enumerated. 201 articles had been loaned to 106 persons. Members came up with interesting figures which showed that more than 212 trips had been necessary. The committee was composed of Zelma, Susie Cairns and Lois Frazier.

LIONS DINNERS showed a profit of \$248.49 with two dinners to be given so reported Mrs. Cairns.

Deane Ulmer, State Auditor for the Federation gave her report on the 44th annual convention (state) held at Caldwell in May. Among the interesting gleanings from her report was the increase in our own second district of 58 new members this year.

Mrs. Soucie reported on the second day of the convention relating that libraries seem to be the favorite project in the state federation.

The ladies reported that out of 66 clubs entered in state projects three clubs had failed to get in final reports which prevented our state federation receiving \$500. These figures brought home the fact that it is of vital importance to file all reports requested. It is pleasing to note that our own club is not guilty of such remissions.

Mrs. Soucie named to audit the books, Lois Frazier and Gladys Stuart. She then read her annual report as submitted to the state president. She thanked the members who made her report possible. Nita Scrivner pointed out that we are not an idle club, on behalf of the club thanking Mrs. Soucie for her part.

INSTALLATION was in charge of Deane Ulmer who read a nice ceremony which included the members taking a vow to support the officers who are:

President	Mrs. Francis Veach	Asst Secretary	Mrs. Bertram Lisenby
Vice "	Mrs. Fred Bower	Treasurer	Mrs. Warren Moore
Secretary	Mrs. Voris Botkin	Historian	Mrs. Ray S. Anderson

Mrs. Soucie presented corsages to Elma, Iva, Mildred and Minnie; also to Lois and Nita who stood in for Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Lisenby.

Mrs. Ulmer presented to Mrs. Soucie two iris plants for which she had expressed a desire, a pink and a white.

Upon accepting the gavel Mrs. Veach gave some inspiring remarks with a tribute to the loyalty of our Nina Egbert who will be with us come fall.

The meeting was adjourned.

26 attended the meeting.

HOSTESSES: *Mrs. Scrivner, Ulmer, Frazier and Helen Smith*

Secretary:

Mildred Botkin

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June, 1st, 1962.

At request of Mrs. Dale Bates to the Occident Club, a rehearsal buffet supper was givxxthax prepared and served to the Larry Bates wedding party (20). Preparations by Elma Veach and Mildred Botkin, assisted at serving time and later by Marguerite Patch. \$14.50 cleared.

Mildred Botkin
Secretary.

July, 9, 1962

Executive Beard meeting at the home of Mrs. Francis Veach. Present: Elma Veach, Iva Bower, Ethel Seucie, Mildred Botkin.

Resignation of Mrs. Veach (by virtue of her capacity as Occident Club president) was read; accepted. ^{on Library Board}

Mrs. Mosman will accept a three year term on the board. Mrs. Mosman's term has expired. She, still convalescing from broken arm and leg not present today. Mrs. Bower nominated Mrs. Seucie to fill two year term left by Mrs. Veach's resignation; accepted.

Date set for annual pancake breakfast; Wednesday, August, 15, 6.30 to 10.30am. No soliciting or donations requested. Mrs. Veach asked Mrs. Botkin to co-chairman this project. Mrs. Veach will attend to all advertising.

Mildred Botkin
Secretary.

August, 15, 1962

Annual pancake breakfast co-chairmaned by Elma Veach and Mildred Botkin was most successful. Expressions of thanks printed in the Meridian Times and written by Kathryn Franklin, went to Idaho Power company for use of coffee maker; to the Intermountain Gas company for hook-up and use of grills; to Mr. Hunter for publicity, to all who came or assisted; most especially to our own members who faithfully worked. No solicitations were made. Amount cleared \$211.98

*I have seen
these reports
and approved
3/31/62
Mildred Botkin*

Mildred Botkin
Secretary.

The Occident Club
Meridian, Idaho
September, 3, 1962

First meeting of the new club year convened at 2pm. Our president, Elma Veach, explained anew, the Collect written by Mary Stewart. It is used by the Federation. Mrs. Veach called upon Esther Hardin to read this beautiful prayer. She pointed out certain clauses for us to pay special note.

Two high school students led our Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by the prayer verse of "America;" this with Emily Pratt and Elsie Riddlemer leading and accompanying.

Our president welcomed visitors including: Diane Green, Mrs. Amy Ambrose, Mrs. Henry Moore, Mrs. Stanley B. Jackson and her daughter, Marilyn.

The group sang two songs, "School Days" and "Idaho." For the latter we used the words written by the brother of a local lady, Mrs. Rose Carpenter Bell.

Attention was called to a poster and a table of library books; also to a poster advertising a coming style show to be given September, 24, at 8 pm in the high school auditorium. Proceeds are to be given our club to be used in its two

major projects--the library and the emergency lean. Style show-Alpha Alpha of B.S.P.

Iva Bower, program chairman for the year, was thanked for her efforts and time in outlining the year's programs; and in compiling our year books. Mrs. Bower introduced Esther Hardin, who in turn introduced Meridian's representatives to Girls State, 1962.

Marilyn and Diane who had led our Flag Allegiance, were most enthusiastic in relating their experiences. They greatly appreciated the opportunity afforded them to attend the sessions and later to tell others. They were eager to tell how deeply had they been impressed when told that America's future lies with America's youth. The flag retreats at sundown had made vivid impressions on their road to adult citizenship.

MINUTES of the June meeting and summer business and activities read and approved.

TREASURER'S report by Viela Moore:

June balance General Fund	\$104.40
Taken in	232.50
Paid out	48.97

August balance GF	\$318.09
Emergency Lean	395.51

Balance	\$2291.49
Total	3005.09

Viela's report accepted and filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS-Excerpts from the Idaho Youth Ranch Maverick, a card from Arnold Williams acknowledging annual report from president, Elma Veach. Report from the auditing committee dated July, 17, 1962 that the books had been audited and in order; MOTION to accept report, Hazel Hedges; carried. Report signed by Lois Frazier and Gladys Stuart.

THANK YOU notes were read from Muriel Radloff and Oral Coleman.

BILLS were read, MOTION by Nita Scrivner for payment; carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES-Emergency Lean, Zelma Rose, reporting. During the summer \$74.00 had been received through gifts and one memorial. The committee had been very busy during these months.

GET WELL cards had been sent by Deane Ulmer to Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Radloff and to Anna Blair. Sympathy cards to the Francis Veaches and to the Rey Dentons. Members expressing thanks were: Susie Cairns, Nina Egbert, Edith Marsters, Kathryn Westbrook and Mrs. V.A. Cox.

Our president dismissed her special committees-auditing and for the summer supper and annual breakfast. She expressed thanks and pleasure to the committees and that the projects had been so profitable.

Attention was called to the coming October meeting when charter members and past presidents are to be honored and a special speaker present. Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Thedre Botkin
Secretary.
Approved 10/1/62
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Attendance: 35

Hostesses: Mmes. Veach, Howell, Botkin, Bower.

October, 1st., 1962

The Occident Club of Meridian was opened at 2 pm with President, Elma Veach, presiding. She read the poem of Autumn, "Others Call It Ged," and extended to all present a hearty welcome.

She requested each one present to pick out some one petition from the club

Collect and give it special emphasis the following weeks. She then asked that the prayer be sung by Joy Flack, accompanied by Elsie Riddlemeier.

The PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was recited by five kindergarten pupils present with their teacher, Mrs. Harold Shelton. The five were: Allen Pack, Kathy Claussen, Barbara Bird, David Hammen and John Hunter. The assembly made our silent vows. This was followed by the prayer verse of America, led by Emily Pratt.

VISITORS were: Mmes. Ralph Hesley, Florence Rebisen, Henry Moore, S.C. Perry, Damon Flack and Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed of Beise.

PROGRAM: With well chosen words Marguerite Patch gave a brief sketch of the life and activities of Mrs. Turnipseed and how this valley has the good fortune to have her as a permanent resident. "Mrs. T.", as she is affectionately called, talked of "Women of a Changing World." Women have ever had a specific duty, other than propagation, on this earth. Now released from hard and laborious work, woman must expend her energies to guide youth and to work for world peace.

President, Elma, gave a resume of high spots in the history of our club from the beginning in 1924 to the present time.

Charter members were named, those present: Mmes. Orpha Baldwin, Susie Cairns, Marion Clelen, Nina Egbert, Esther Hardin, Zelma Matthews, Myrtle Sonner; Each was presented a corsage.

Past presidents were named with the following present: Marion Clelen, Vera Miller, Orpha Baldwin, Nina Egbert, Susie Cairns, Zelma Matthews Rose, Nadine Miller, Edith Marsters, Nita Serivner, Elma Veach, Hazel Hedges, Mildred Betkin, Ethel Soucie. These also were presented corsages.

Our president asked for group singing following this quote: "music washes from the soul the dust of every day living." In keeping with the years recalled Mrs. Pratt led several old time songs from sheets especially prepared.

MINUTES of the September meeting read and approved.

TREASURER'S report: balance, \$117.00
pd out 50.80 60.80
balance \$3061.29 Report filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS- A brief resume of the IFWC Executive board meeting was read. From the State president's letter resolutions were read. (These are clipped to these minutes)

BILLS included \$2.00 for flowers. MOTION for payment by Gertrude Resti; carried.

Hazel Hedges reported that the WAYS and MEANS will serve breakfast for the BPW. Her committee is to use their discretion concerning ^{serving} ~~other~~ dinners.

Mrs. Bower announced that October's meeting will be Pre-Americanism with Elma Veach in charge. Our president then related a humorous joke on herself.

EMERGENCY LOAN-A walker just purchased from Mrs. Blair was displayed by Zelma Rose. After reading the balance of her report this committee received a round of well deserved applause.

HOUSE and GROUNDS and BLOODMOBILE reports by Ethel Soucie. Our president said that she will fill a responsibility requested by the Bloodmobile program.

Deane Ulmer said that CARDS had been sent to Mrs. Elliott and to Mrs. Cox in hospitals. She told that club members had not known that Anna Lisenby had ~~under~~ ^{gone} surgery in the summer. Smith Marsters thanked the club for her card. Dottie Fisher reported ill.

Lions Dinners-Susie Cairns reported that two dinners had been given without a shift in names.

Our president mentioned the success of the style show. She spoke of new books

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Resolutions adopted at 2nd District Convention in Boise, Idaho

1. WHEREAS, the evil forces of another political philosophy are attempting to influence the peoples of the Western Hemisphere, and

WHEREAS, we believe in our Constitutional Republican form of government, and

WHEREAS, many people can not clearly explain what they believe about the form of government of our country, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Second District of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs take a stand for Pro-Americanism and study the beliefs established by the founding fathers of our beloved country.

Signed: Mrs. Roy Lovell
Mrs. Charles Winkler
Mrs. V. H. Tregaskis

2. RESOLVED, That the Second District Federation of Women's Clubs endorse the movement to make illegal the Communist Party in the State of Idaho.

Signed: Mrs. Robert T. Green,
Columbian Club
Mrs. A. J. Denney,
Forward Club
Mrs. Bertha Schooler,
Columbian Club

3. RESOLVED, That the Second District of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs initiate a program of Patriotic Reverence for the American Flag and suggest each club procure a fifty-star flag.

Signed: Grace P. Groome
Bertha T. Schooler
Mabel L. Rosa

Resume' of Letter

1. State Board Meeting of I. F. of W. Clubs met in Boise in Sept.
2. Vogue Sewing Contest discontinued
3. Pine ^{White} to be planted on Capitol Grounds in Washington D.C. - in honor of the late Senator Divarsak.
4. Physical abuse of small children in U.S. becoming a serious problem - Idaho has no laws to punish such offenders. We should contact our legislators to consider proper laws concerning this problem.
5. Youth Ranch - Memorials, if sent through the State Rec. Secy - can be credited to our building fund.

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added to the shelves of the library.

Minnie Anderson, who has taken many pictures for our scrapbook asked that members please contribute others.

Mrs. Veach thanked all for coming.
Meeting adjourned, 3:15 pm.

Millie Larkins

Secretary.

Attendance: 48

Hostesses: Mrs. B. Matcham, Minnie and Clara Maw, Doris Barker, Dottie Fisher
Deane Ulmer.

Approved Nov. 5, 1962.

Meridian, Idaho.
Nov., 5, 1962.

The Occident club was called to order at 2 pm by president, Elma Veach, who read, "What America means to me." Our president asked permission to conduct what business could be done while awaiting our speaker.

Our Collect was given with Lois Frazier reading each petition, and Mable Cairns reading a further commentary on each.

State & National

The colors were advanced by Mrs. Emerson Latimer and Mrs. Ralph Hawkins. The prayer verse of America was then sung. Mrs. Myrtle Neibaur, one of our members, is also a Gold Star Mother of the Aux. Mrs. Veach introduced Mrs. Ralph Hawkins as president of the American Legion Auxiliary, asking that she present the other members present who were: Mmes. Esther Hardin, Clyde Waitley, B.F. McNeff, Joe Iverson, Fred Peter, Clint Barber, Emerson Latimer and Mabel Cairns. They were invited to join us for future meetings; in appreciation of their presence this day and for Veteran's Day we sang, God Bless America; this was followed by "Over the River and through the Woods," memorable for days gone by.

President Elma asked consent of the club to temporarily dispense with business and introduced Mr. Laszlo Bedegi, now of Nampa, formerly of Hungary. Mr. Bedegi first paid homage to the American flag, then gave a fervant plea for all American born to LIVE our full appreciation of living under this flag; he told old and new reasons for the feeling and explained many ways we of this country are being led to a state of confusion of mind and action.

MINUTES of the October meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S report was read by Viola Moore:

Sept. balance--\$3,061.29	Emergency Loan--\$464.51
took in-- 101.26	Library--2,168.28
-----	Gen. Fund 357.13
\$3,162.55	-----
paid out- 172.63	Total Oct. Bal.\$2,989.92

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BILLS were: cleaning, \$20.25, stamps and supplies, \$3.32, utilities, \$4.55, Intermountain Surgical Supply, \$18.50.

MOTION by Gertrude Rosti to have bills allowed; carried.

EMERGENCY LOAN was reported on by Zelma Rose and \$13.00 turned in.

WAYS and MEANS turned in \$10.06 and reported a Buffet Supper and BPW breakfast to be served.

Communications: "Thank yous": Grace Elliott of the family of Della Col. 18 memorials had been sent to the G.R. for Y. in memory of Mrs. Col.

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Nov., 5, 1962.

An invitation from the B.P.W. Club to attend a meeting. Reminders from Mrs. C E McKinney for from Mrs. Dexter Arnold concerning Club Homage Subscriptions and one from Mrs. Deane Ulmer relative to Club business. Relative to District and State.

CARDS and FLOWERS--Deane Ulmer had sent cards to Mrs. Roy Fisher and Mrs. Nora Lawson and a plant to Mrs. Thyrsa McClure.

Legislation--An article on Indians and one on Women voters was read by Lois Frazier who mentioned that the Mongolian Clause would come up this year.

"Render unto Ceasar those things which are Caesar's" was an article read by Emily Pratt; Mrs. Veach will have the copy for any interested persons.

LIONS dinners contributed \$20.87 to our funds, reported Susie Cairns.

Library reports are good, and many new books to be added in November.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned.

Visitors present 6
Members who are
Aux. members 3
Other members 28

37

*Approved 36/2
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Mildred Botkin
Secretary.
and
Hazel Hedges
president

HOSTESSES: Mmes. Edith Marsters, Esther Hardin, Mabel Cairns, Lulu Eastman, and Zelma Rose assisted by Elma Veach.

Meridian, Idaho.
December, 3, '62.

Mrs. Ethel Soucie was chairman for the annual Christmas covered dish luncheon held in the club house. Others on the committee were Mmes. Ella Pitkin, Ethel Thorne, Lillian Stocking, and Iva Howell. Following the Doxology approximately 36 members and guests enjoyed food at the prettily decorated tables.

At 1:50 pm Mrs. Elma Veach tapped the gavel and called for the Collect. This was a candle lighting ceremony in charge of Mrs. Botkin who had chosen the seven charter members to take part. Viola Moore was the exception but who had stood in for her mother, Mrs. Carrie Cato, who also was a charter member.

Our president read a portion of the Christmas story from the scriptures.

Visitors were Mmes: Clara Hill, Raymond Wolf and daughter Joyce, Marvin Davis (a cousin of Mrs. Roy Goodwin), ~~xxxx~~ and Mrs. Ralph Hoseley and Mrs. Marion Clelen; the latter two became members.

Mrs. Emily Pratt and our president sang the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under the direction of Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Riddlemoser several Christmas carols were sung.

Mrs. Iva Bower, program chairman for the year turned the meeting to Mrs. Hazel Hedges who gave the program. She told of carols and traditions from different countries and the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and the origin of each, and legends which ensued. It was brought out that the evergreen has been used in the United States but the past hundred years. The legend of this tells that it was the choice of the angels, it being a universal symbol of everlasting life. Each part related to Christmas has the birth of Christ as its instigation.

Legend

Bidness

MINUTES of the November meeting were read and approved.

The TREASURER'S report was as follows:

October bal \$2,989.92
took in --237.68- EL \$53576 Filed
\$3,227.60 LIB 214939 for
paid out 182.20 GF 36015 audit
Nov bal \$3,045.40 total 304540

The report was filed for audit.

BILLS: Calnon Floral plant, \$2.50, MOTION
Insurance, Edmiston Agcy., 59.95 by
Nampa-Meridian Irrigation, 4.06 Zelma R
CW cleaning # laundry, 21.20 for
Coffee pot Meridian Hdw., 2.35 pmt;
10 cards & stamps, D.U., 1.90 carried

COMMUNICATIONS-a thank you note from Mrs. Thursa McClure who hopes to meet with us soon. Mrs. Charles Glasby, Library chairman from Shoshone, urging promotion of *the* Library in our community. Neil Kline, representing the local Jaycees asked that we enter the Woman of the Year event. One letter contained samples of cards sent out for the benefit of UNICEF, sponsored by the United Nations.

BILLS presented were:

A MOTION by Zelma Rose that they be accepted and allowed; carried.

Deane Ulmer reported having sent CONVALESCENT cards to Mrs. Elmer Ross and Mr. Roy Goodwin. A card of sympathy to Mr. John Pratt who had lost a sister in death.

Program chairman Iva Bower announced that the January Conservation of Forestry, with Gertrude Risti in charge, promises to be valuable and interesting. Mrs. Bower read the names of the hostesses for this month.

EMERGENCY LOAN fund was increased with \$35 having been given in as gifts. This committee will purchase a new mattress. Zelma Rose gave the report.

Mrs. Veach who chairmans the Library board announced a new high had been reached in November, 280 books loaned one afternoon. Many new books are being added to the shelves. That the library now has near 7000 volumes. In the club'S behalf she expressed thanks to the Alpha Alpha Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi; this group having presented to the Occident club a check for \$153.75, this to be divided between the Emergency Loan and the Library. A letter of thanks would be sent.

Susie Cairns reported that the LION'S DINNERS are being prepared; Mrs. Cairns told of nessary purchases which have been or will be made.

Mrs. Goodwin thanked the club for the card sent her husband.

Mrs. Veach called attention to the scrapbooks which have been meticulously kept by Minnie Anderson, are up to date and on display. Mrs. Anderson again asked members to contribute pictures or material that may not be available to her.

Deane Ulmer is 2nd district recording secretary and had attended a workshop November, 28th in Boise. In the absence of local club officers Deane had taken full notes on the suggestions made and passed them on to our club members.

Our president commented on the Hawaiian dress being worn by Minnie Maw. Mrs. Maw will give details and perhaps have pictures at our next meeting.

of this trip
Elma named as a committee, Hazel Hedges, Bessie Matcham and Gertrude Rosti to make purchase of a framed glass to hold pictures of past presidents and to bring that feature up to date.

Mrs. Veach asked that Folger coffee bands be kept to be redeemed for a percolator. The hostess committee was thanked for the lovely decorations and for the delicious food THEY had prepared.

Mrs. Marsters was reported ill with flu.

Our president announced that the Emergency Loan Closet will be featured in our next Community Improvement endeavor.

A MOTION by Ethel Soucie that a committee be named to take some action on the Jaycee Woman of the Year project. Mrs. Soucie, Hazel Goodwin and Marguerite Patch were named.

It was decided to disregard the letter from the District Library chairman inasmuch as our club is and has been promoting the local library in every conceivable way.

No further business meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE: visitors 6 members 32 total 38

Meredith Patch
Secretary

Approved Jan 16 '62