



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne G. Crookston, Jr.
(Connie Coleman)

Crookston-Coleman

Connie Coleman and Wayne Crookston exchange vows at September wedding

In a beautiful wedding September 27, at the Cathedral of the Rockies, Miss Connie Coleman became the bride of Wayne G. Crookston, Jr. Father Andrew Schumacher performed the ceremony in the presence of 300 guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elva Coleman and the late Carol Coleman, and her husband is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Crookston of the Veterans Administration Hospital.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her mother and her brother, Jerry K. Coleman, who gave her in marriage. The bridegroom was escorted by his mother and father.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Sandra Smith, and bridesmaids were Mrs. Sandra Mauerer of Waterloo, Iowa, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Laurie Crookston. Selna Pitkin was flower girl, with Travis Pitkin as ring-bearer.

Robert Dixon of Washington, D. C. stood as best man, and ushers were Rick James of Wenatchee, Washington, and Jerry Koeser of Pocatello. David Eichmann was soloist, with Wayne Richmond as accompanist.

Four grandmothers present
Special guests were Mrs. Ella Pitkin and Mrs. Oral Coleman, grandmothers of the bride; and Mrs. Joy Pettijohn and Mrs. Gilbert Crookston, grandmothers of the bridegroom.

Assisting at the reception, held at the Downtowner, were Kim Records, Robin Campbell, Krystal Laas, Jane Pitkin, Bev Pitkin,

Cheryl Plummer, Kathy Moyer, Penny Weldon, Pam Crookston.

Guests from out of area included the Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Henderson of Phoenix, Arizona; Doni Laas of Portland, James Maurer of Waterloo, Iowa; Bud Roman of Grangeville; Jack Maxwell of Seattle; Mrs. Gilbert J. Crookston and Mrs. E. Gene Schmidt, both of Camarillo, California; Mrs. Marjorie Doucette and Stefen Doucette of Seattle, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Fowles of Salt Lake City, and Miss Pamela Crookston of Baltimore, Maryland.

The bride attended Boise State College, and her husband received his law degree at the University of Idaho Law School. He is associated with the Ambrose, Fitzgerald, and Crookston law firm at Meridian, and his wife is employed by the Park and Meuleman law firm at Boise.

Following a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, Carmel, and Reno, the couple is now at home in Boise. They plan to make their home at Meridian within the near future.

Oral Coleman's
Ella Pitkin's } Granddaughter

Occident club meets September 18, 1975 Valley News

Forty-one attend first fall session, three honored with life memberships

Forty members and one visitor attended the first post-vacation meeting of the Occident Club. The club invites all interested women to attend its meeting.

The clubroom is located at the corner of Meridian Street and Idaho Avenue, across from Meridian city building. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Occident Club's two charter members, Nina Egbert and Zelma Haworth, were presented certificates of life-time membership. Life membership was also given to Nancy Sage in recognition of her dedicated service to the Meridian library.

Speaker enjoyed

Becky Lee, one of Meridian's delegates to Girls' State last June, gave an interesting report on activities there.

The pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Occident Club, was well attended and very successful, although expenses were increased for the annual event. When alterations in the club kitchen are completed,

the serving of meals in the clubroom is expected to be much more efficient.

Library title transferred

Members voted to turn the books and furniture to which it holds title in the library to the Meridian Free District Library, of which the city is now a part. It retained claim to one table in the library rooms.

The Emergency Closet extended thanks to Idaho Tent and Canvas Company for free repair work on one of the group's wheel chairs. Three wheel chairs were provided to the Heritage Retirement home for the transportation of some of its members to the Western Idaho State Fair.

Mrs. Chipman enjoys visitor

Mrs. Blanche Chipman has enjoyed a visit with her granddaughter and husband and great-granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Schiller of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and daughter Adrienne McNeely of Burley.

Mrs. Botkin hosts family visitors

Guests of Mrs. Mildred Botkin have been her niece Mrs. Carol Cunningham, of Maple Valley, Washington; the Frank Elmers, cousins from Oregon City, Oregon; Mrs. Ruby Freer of Farmington, Utah, and a nephew and family, the Gary Newbrys of Boise.

Families visit and entertain

Mrs. Jack Bell visited her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz of Tacoma, Washington. While she was there, her sister Mrs. John C. Gray of Walnut Creek, Calif. arrived and returned home with Mrs. Bell for a visit.

Californian leaves

Ernest R. Mathews of Marysville, California, has left for his home after houseguesting with his mother, Mrs. Ralph Haworth, and other relatives.

Twin Falls visitor

Mrs. Faye McQuire of Twin Falls was here last week to visit with the Jack McQuires of Hawaii before they returned to their home.

Washington visit

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin have returned from visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nellis at Grand Coulee, Washington.

Methodist women meet

Mrs. Bessie McNeff and Miss Lillian Peters attended the district meeting of United Methodist Women held at Ashton, Idaho.

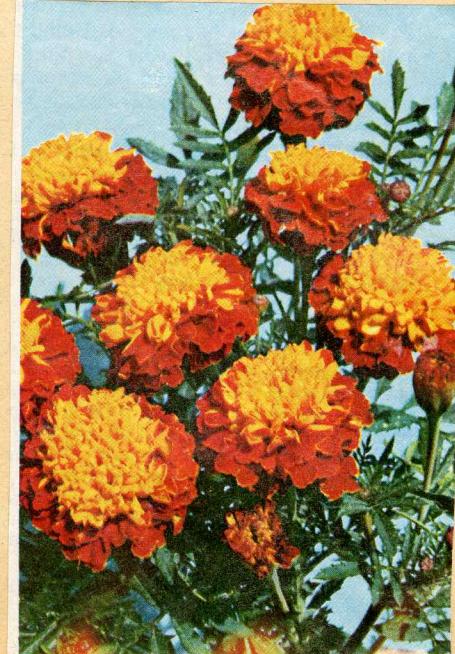
California leaves

Mrs. Omega Watson of Fresno, California, has returned home after houseguesting at the home of her friend, Mrs. Rillous Yates, and visiting other relatives and friends. Other guests of Mrs. Yates have been Mr. and Mrs. William Spring of Bozeman, Montana, and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McQuire of Twin Falls.

Visiting Mrs. George Moody has been Mrs. Mary Anna Gover of Baker, Oregon.

Summer outing

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ayers and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Treter have enjoyed an outing at Brownlee.



October



Area clubs list meetings

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP will meet next Monday, October 20, at noon for a potluck dinner with a social time following at the Occident clubroom.

Trip to last
Lois Frazier is home from a trip east, where she attended the wedding of her grandson, Robert Frazier, in Rhode Island. She then visited her sons, Robert Frazier and Eugene Frazier, and families at Washington, D. C., and returned through Kansas City, Missouri, where she was a guest of a niece, Mrs. Alice Heid.

Birthday club fêtes Mrs. Hudson

Mrs. Nettie Hudson, Meridian, entertained her birthday club Saturday with a 10 a.m. luncheon, co-hosted by Rosalie Wells and Cora Gilbert.

Members present were Mary Nix, Deane Ulmer, Bessie Matchaw, Ruby Wolfe, Gertrude Rosti, Marcia Bradley of Meridian, and Pearl Kinzer, Evelyn Perron, Erma Brogdon of Boise.

Also present were Bertha Marsters and Hazel Ryska of Star and Mrs. Jo Martin of Yuma, Arizona.



Library lists Halloween books

Librarian Grove Koger has announced that the following new books are now available at the Meridian public library for Halloween reading pleasure.

THE BEST GHOST STORIES OF ALGERNON BLACKWOOD, a collection by a modern master of the supernatural.

THE REINCARNATION OF PETER PROUD, by Max Ehrlich, a terrifying fictional investigation of one man's previous existence.

THE ENCHANTERS, Romain Gary's romance of Venetian adventurers and magicians at the court of Catherine the Great of Russia.

THE GREAT VICTORIAN COLLECTION, a novel by Brian Moore about a young man who dreams to life an assemblage of Victorian artifacts.

A TREASURY OF MODERN MYSTERIES, a two-volume collection of novels and stories of crime and detection.

Party slated

A birthday luncheon for Mrs. Blanche Millis of Vernonia, Oregon, is planned for Friday, October 24, by her sisters and niece, whom she is visiting at Kuna.

Mrs. Millis, who arrived October 15, is spending her time with her sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McFadden; and her sister another spouse, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Oregon trip

Mrs. Rebecca Eggers and Mrs. Monta Watts were weekend guests of Mrs. Eggers' daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bostad, at their ranch home in Black Butte, Oregon.

Flacks surprised

Mr. and Mrs. Damon Flack enjoyed a surprise party in their home for both their birthdays October 1. Guests included their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flack, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor,

OWLS, by Tony Angell, an album of drawings of North America's winged nocturnal predators.

DRACULA, a biography by Radu Florescu and Raymond McNally of the bloodthirsty Romanian nobleman who inspired the famous vampire novel.

ENIGMAS AND ODDITIES, two classic collections of "unexplained facts" by Rupert Gould.

THE UFO CONTROVERSY IN AMERICAN, an examination by David Jacobs not of flying saucers themselves but of the furor their appearance has created.

THE CLASSIC FAIRY TALES, a collection by Iona and Peter Opie that includes the original colorful illustrations.

THE CURSE OF THE PHARAOHS, by Philipp Vandenberg, an investigation of the deaths that have followed the openings of Egyptian tombs.

OCCIDENT CLUB will meet at 1:30 p.m. next Monday, October 6. The program on education will be in charge of Mrs. Deane Ulmer. Paul Loree of the Meridian School District will be guest speaker. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary have been invited as guests. Hostesses will be Mildred Langley, Hazel Goodwin, Lillian Peters, Emily Pratt, Lena Bodine.

Californian here

Mrs. Mildred Bradley of Alhambra, California, came to be with her sister, Mrs. Marguerite Patch while she is convalescing at her home.

Visitors at Botkins

Guests of Mrs. Mildred Botkin have been Mr. and Mrs. Orson Terry of Pasadena, California, who were returning home from a nine-state tour, and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Cline of Baker, Oregon, who had been at Hill Air Force Base visiting a son.

Meridian gals win paid trips

Two Meridian girls, Becki Lee and Mary Morgner, have won expense paid trips to the National 4-H Congress at Chicago, November 30 to December 4, said the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service.

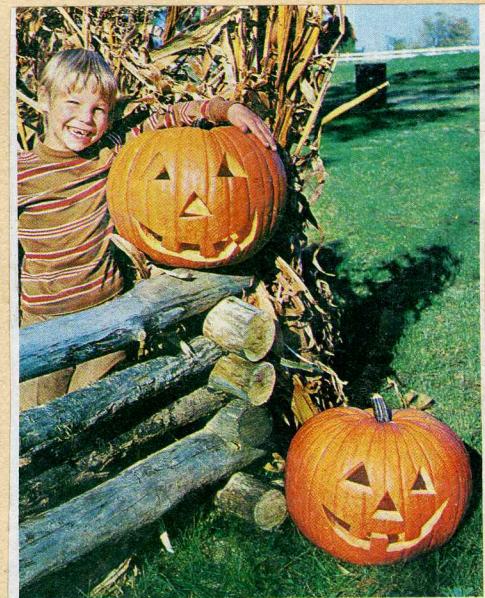
Residents see guests, travel

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wolff of Meridian recently returned from a trip to Monmouth, Oregon, where they visited Mrs. Wolff's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Woods.

They were accompanied on their trip by Mr. and Mrs. Dulles Foster of Star. The Woods were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and were honored at a reception at the local Christian Church by more than 150 relatives and guests.

Birthday surprise

Mrs. Bessie McNeff was honored on October 15 with a surprise birthday luncheon at the Coffee Mill restaurant, Meridian. Included among the 28 guests were her three daughters, Mrs. Patricia Currier of Emmett, and Mrs. Leola Lucas and Mrs. Bernadine Morgan, both of Meridian.



Pumpkin-Jack O'Lantern

Visitor arrives

House guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith is his brother, Louis Smith of Yakima, Washington. He also is in the area to visit his sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Cooper of Meridian and Mrs. Nellie Thomason of Ustick, as well as another brother, Jasper Smith of Boise.

The hosts themselves, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, recently returned from a vacation to Bryce Canyon, Utah. During their return they visited with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith of Pocatello and Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Hood and family of Hazelton.

Deane Ulmer's family

Everything From Canes to Beds Supplied

Loan 'Closet' Aids Meridian's Injured

By DIANNE WHITACRE
The Idaho Statesman

MERIDIAN — Fall is the busiest season for the Emergency Loan Closet in Meridian. That's when football injuries sideline high school boys and send them limping to the "closet" next door to 18 East Idaho.

There, they can borrow crutches or canes, or, if the injury was serious, a wheelchair or hospital bed.

The Emergency Loan Closet is a project of the Meridian Occident Club,

a women's club that has been looking after Meridian residents' welfare for more than 50 years.

It loans medical equipment, ranging from bed pans to hospital beds, to Meridian residents who are ill. There is no charge for use of the items. Any donation is used to buy new equipment, said Zelma Haworth, one of the two living charter members of the Occident Club.

The club felt since emergency medical equipment like wheelchairs and hospital beds were expensive and were only used a short time, the community

could share what it had. All age groups, from football players to senior citizens, use the Emergency Loan Closet.

It shares the building with the Meridian Public Library, another Occident Club project, said Lois Frazier, another club member. Since she lives across the street from the library, Frazier is holding the key for the Emergency Loan Closet while other committee members are out of town.

"People should just contact any club

member if they need to borrow equipment from the closet," she said. Sometimes the equipment is out a few weeks or several months, Haworth said.

There is a pancake breakfast each year to raise money to maintain the club's inventory or to buy new equipment.

Most of the charter members met regularly to roll bandages for the Red Cross during World War I. In 1924 they joined to form the Occident Club, now the oldest civic club in Meridian.

MERIDIAN OCCIDENT CLUB



November

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THANKSGIVING

.....a Time for Togetherness, with Prayer and Gratitude

TO ALL, A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Methodists host service November 26

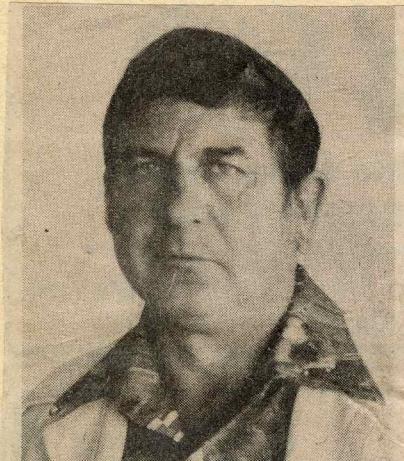
The annual Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Meridian Ministerial Association will be held next Wednesday, November 26, at the United Methodist church, at 7:30 p.m.

The service will be led by the Rev. Stanley W. Day. The speaker will be the Rev. Randy Sikkema, pastor of the Church of God Seventh Day, Meridian. Special music will be provided by the United Methodist Choir. The public is invited to attend.

The United Methodist church is located at East Third and Idaho Streets, Meridian.

Centennial salute

A salute to the 200th birthday of the United States of America in hymns will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, November 23, at the United Methodist Church. Marji Tuell, noted music educator and hymnody scholar, will be a special guest with her husband Bishop Jack Tuell, who will participate in the hymnody celebration. Invited to attend are members of all the UMC of the Boise area and their friends.



Marvin Bodine



Meridian voters choose city council members

THREE CANDIDATES for two city council seats brought larger-than-usual turnout of voters at Meridian. Above picture was taken at American Legion hall, and shows group of

voters with election clerks Blanche Chipman and Ruth Sheasley. Man at right had true interest in the outcome—he is Marvin Bodine, who was re-elected for his fifth term.

(Valley News-Times photo)

Holiday plans

Judds enjoy visiting with relatives, host Thanksgiving dinner for friends

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd are home from a three-week vacation with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Judd in Salem, Washington and Gordon Judds in Fullerton, California.

Guests of the Judds for Thanksgiving will be Mr. and Mrs. Murray Jensen of Boise, Mrs. Gladys Lauterbach, Boise, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Little of Nampa.

Gales entertain

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Gale will be Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Snodgrass and family of Boise, Mrs. Blanche Chipman, Ronald McNeely and Steve Gale.





New Meridian firm offers house plants, macrame supplies

MERIDIAN PLANT SHOP opens Friday, November 7, with the owners giving away two-inch plants to the first 100 customers. New store, called The Window Box, is the front portion of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Little's home at 1103 East First Street. The couple moved from Portland in May after seven years of working in a bank, and decided to set up shop. Tom went to high school at Mountain Home and his wife Cheryl originally is from Boise, "So really, we just moved home," she said. She added that since the store is in their home, overhead won't be high and prices will be reasonable. The store will carry anything necessary for maintenance of plants, such as

fertilizer, leaf shine, charcoal, and a wide array of pots, include pottery, terra cotta, fiberglass and chrome. Yarn hanging and macrame also will be sold, with the latter available on a custom-made basis or as piece supplies. About 60 varieties of plants will be carried by the shop, which will operate from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Grand opening hours this Friday will be 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. A free drawing will be held next Friday, November 14, for which a Boston fern in a fiberglass pot with an owl macrame hanging, at a combined value of \$33.40, is the prize.

(Valley News-Times photo)

The Queen's Eight Bridge club was entertained by Mrs. Albert DeMeyer. Attending were Mary Boice, Deane Ulmer, Bessie Matchum, Ethel Pilkington, Marsh Hoalst, Clysta Gray, and Grace Davidson. Winning prizes were Mary Boice and Marsh Hoalst.

Birthday dinner

Mrs. Rillious Yates was hostess for a birthday dinner Sunday honoring her son-in-law, Frank Florian of Boise. Other guests were Mrs. Florian, Mrs. Anna Koaler of Nampa, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sedlachek of Nampa.

Here for funeral

Out-of-town relatives here for the funeral services of Phillip Woods were Cecil Woods of Monmouth, Oregon, Clyde Woods of Red Bluff, California, Edna Taylor of Arcata, California and Mrs. Betty Spooner of Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

Mildred Botkin's former Home

Hosts open house

Mrs. Ralph Haworth was hostess for open house honoring her husband's birthday anniversary, Friday evening. Guests at the event were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haworth of Star, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Haworth, Mr. and Mrs. John Goodrich of Boise, Margaret Haskins of Washington D.C., Cora Frymeyer and Vernon Cairns.

Scrivners entertain

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scrivner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Scrivner of Weiser and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Peterson of Toole, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nicolino and children of Vashon Island, Washington, will be holiday guests of her mother, Mrs. Marguerite Patch.

Blanche Wolff's
Brother



Jeanita Davis
Missionary from India
Our Guest Speaker



COME HELP CELEBRATE
CALDWELL FORWARD CLUB
GUEST DAY

DATE: November 11, 1975.

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: United Methodist Church
824 East Logan
Caldwell, Idaho.

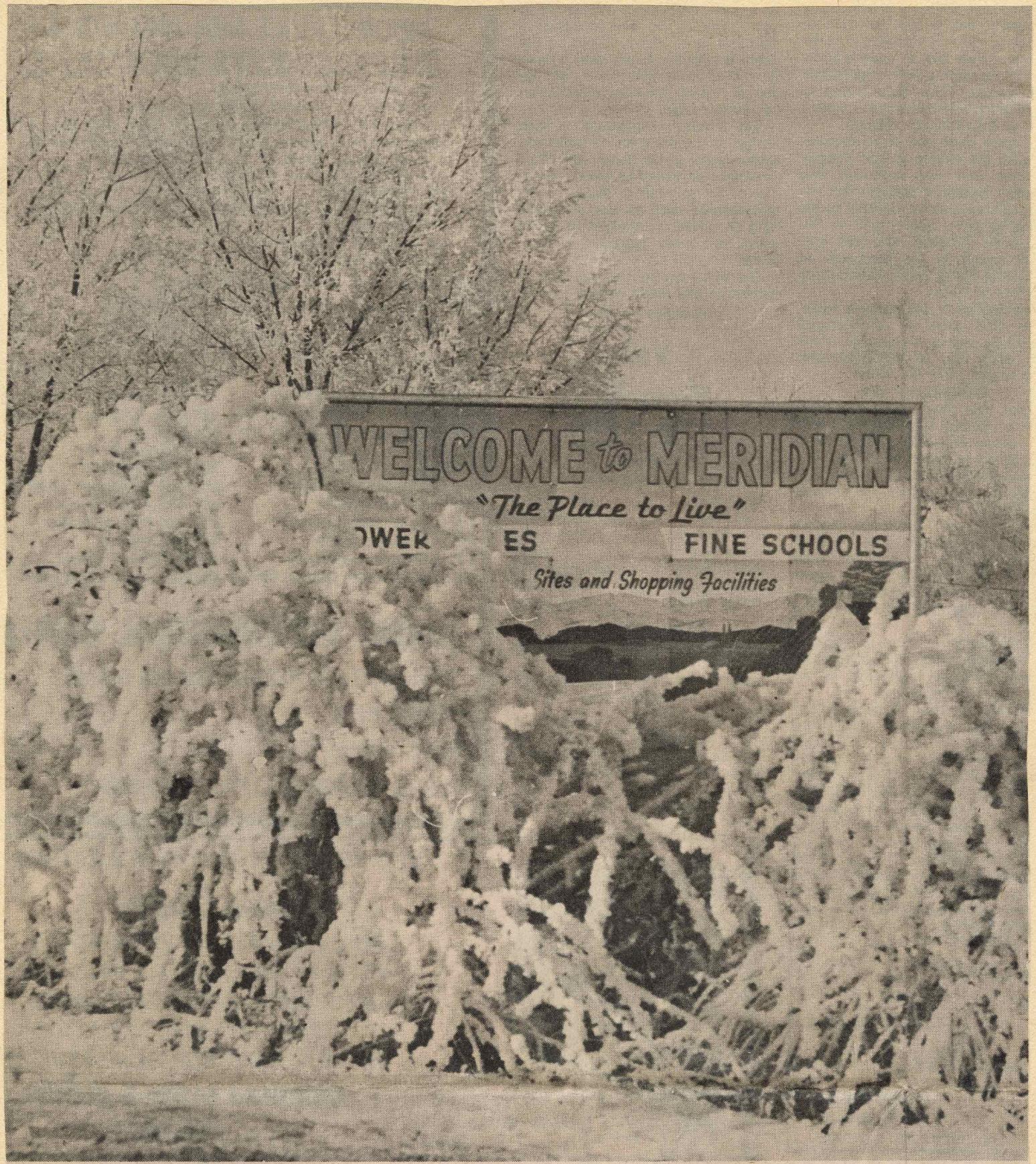
PROGRAM: Bicentennial Program, which will include a Style Show of old and new dresses. If you have a Centennial dress, wear it. Bring a guest, besides yourself, if you wish. All officers and members invited.

Ruby Roger
President
Caldwell Forward Club

RSVP

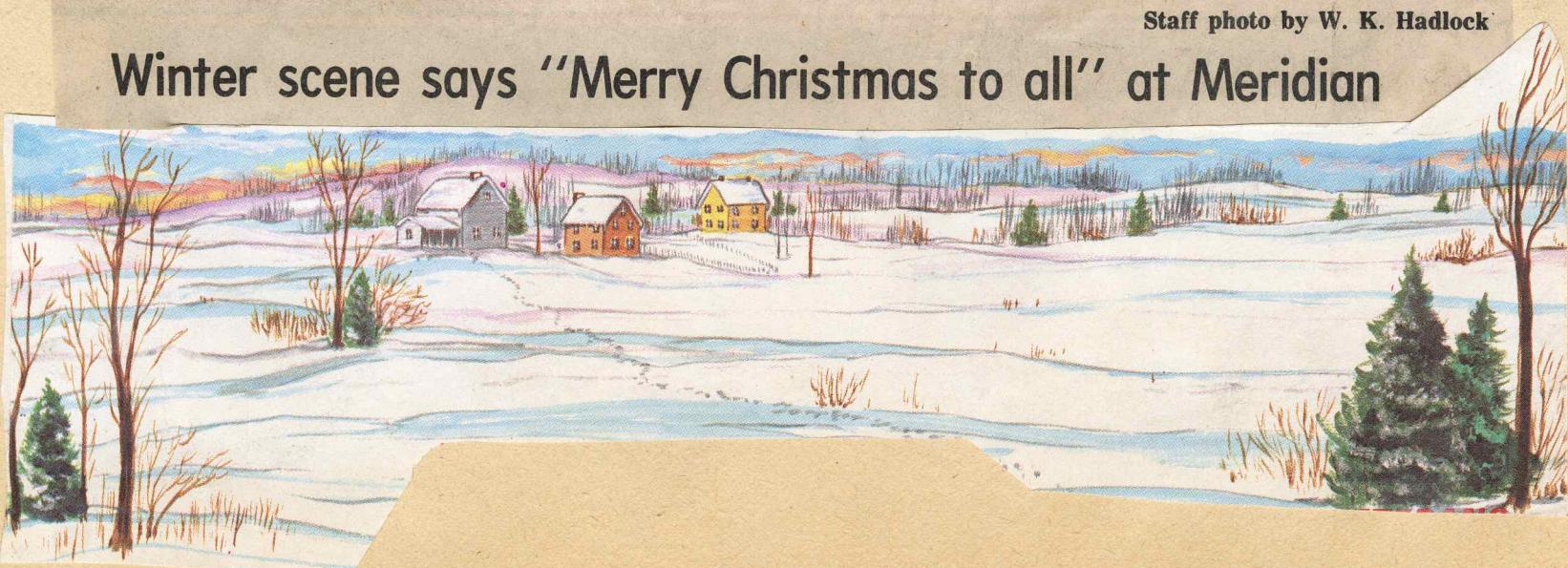


December



Staff photo by W. K. Hadlock

Winter scene says "Merry Christmas to all" at Meridian





Woman of Year

Darrel Sage journeys
Darrell Sage visited his mother Mrs. Nancy Sage while in Boise on a business trip. He is from Rockport, Texas.

Rebekahs honor '75 president

Acme chapter of Rebekah Lodge honored Rebekah Assembly president Ellen Platt of Pierce, with a dinner served prior to its recent meeting. There were 47 persons attending the dinner served at the Occident clubroom.

Lucille Wood decorated the tables with evergreen bough and pink candles carrying out Mrs. Platt's colors in the decorations. An angel favor was used for each member that was later used for a pin.

Meeting draws 70

There were 70 persons attending the meeting, with Mrs. Platt as special guest. Others were Gladys Hensley, vice president; Erma Trent, warden; Carolyn Hancock assembly secretary.

All past Noble Grands were honored. An excellent drill was given.

New officers for Acme chapter are Agnes Clark, Noble Grand; Dorothy Wurst, vice grand; Barbara Newbey, recording secretary; Rose Beers, financial secretary; Berniece

Meridian library starts story-hour

The Meridian library will kick off its new story-hour program with a Christmas party this Saturday, December 20, from 11 to 12 noon.

Parents are invited to join their pre-school children at the festivities, which will be held in the Occident clubrooms next door to the library. There will be gifts, entertainment, refreshments and a surprise guest.

AT RIGHT, Lillian Peters, at left, was chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Shown with her are Rose Steffens, center, who made the presentation for the sorority; and at right, Mrs. Peters' sister, Emily Pratt.

The top civic honors were awarded at the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

Downden, treasurer.

The next meeting will be 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 29, at the American Legion hall. Members are to bring a \$1 gift for the Christmas party.

Meridian collects gifts

MERIDIAN — Occident Club members and the Meridian Library staff are sponsoring a collection of gifts for residents at the Idaho State School and Hospital of Nampa.

Anyone wishing to donate a gift should wrap the gift and clearly label the contents on the outside. The gift should be a new, unused item.

To enable delivery of the gifts by Christmas they should not be left later than Monday, Dec. 22, at the Meridian Library, 18 East Idaho. Library hours are till 6 p.m. each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and from 7 till 9 p.m. each Monday and Friday.

Downers enjoy dinner

Mrs. Bertha Downer was among the family group that enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Dr. Lester Downer south of Nampa. Other guests included the doctor's mother, Mrs. Durward Downer of Caldwell, Dale Downer of Portland, and the Dennis Downer family of Eagle.

Gary Judds move

George Judds enjoy family visitors, take granddaughter to Casper, Wyo.

Allison Judd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Judd, has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Judd, while her parents were in the process of moving from Pasadena, California to Princeton, New Jersey. Gary Judd will be employed in New York City. The George Judds took Allison to Casper, Wyoming, to visit with her grandmother, Mrs. H. D. Campbell, before going home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Judd of Fullerton, California, arrived Wednesday to visit his parents.

Occident Club will meet at the clubroom at 12:30 p.m. next Monday, December 1, for a potluck dinner. The program will include reminiscing and a gift exchange. Lillian Peters will lead the group in singing Christmas carols.

Members are asked to bring handmade gifts to exchange. Hostesses will be Bessie Matcham, Edna Everist, Nettie Hudson and Iona Bruett.

Sorority plans meeting
The Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority held their meeting at Nampa, with state president-elect Mabel Billick of Nampa Gamma chapter as their special guests.

The program with the theme "Christmas Bells" was carried out, with Mrs. Blanche Chipman in charge. A reading was given by Mrs. Mary McPherson and Helen Cox and Esther Douglas presented a duet. Mrs. Chipman had her collection of 67 bells on display and gave a talk about them. The singing of Christmas carols closed the program.

The decorations were holly and Christmas wreaths.



Meridian schools offer passes to all senior citizens

LIFETIME PASSES, good for all home functions of the Meridian school district, were presented at Tuesday's senior citizens' meeting to Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hartwell, 1404 East First Street. The passes were the first issued to citizens over 62 years of age, and Supt. August Hein said anyone who fills out a form certifying he or she is of that age will receive the free, permanent pass. Making the

presentation to the Hartwells is school board chairman Dr. Blaine Sorenson. Hartwell, a 35-year employee of the school district, retired in 1972 as principal of Meridian junior high school after 38 years in education. He also was at the high school for 12 years and earlier, was principal of Eagle junior high school for 10 years. (Valley News-Times photo)

Scrivners journey

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scrivner spent Christmas with other family members at the Larry Scrivner's in Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Peterson of Toole, Utah, was also with the group.



Bernice Booth
Reading an Inspiration
from Ideals

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Ethel Pilkington
Mary Alice White
Florence Hall
Laverne Hartwell
Mildred Batkin
Lillian Peters
Edith Crockett



Committee for Christmas
Dinner - Bessie Matcham
Edna Everist
Gertrude Rosti
Ione Bruett

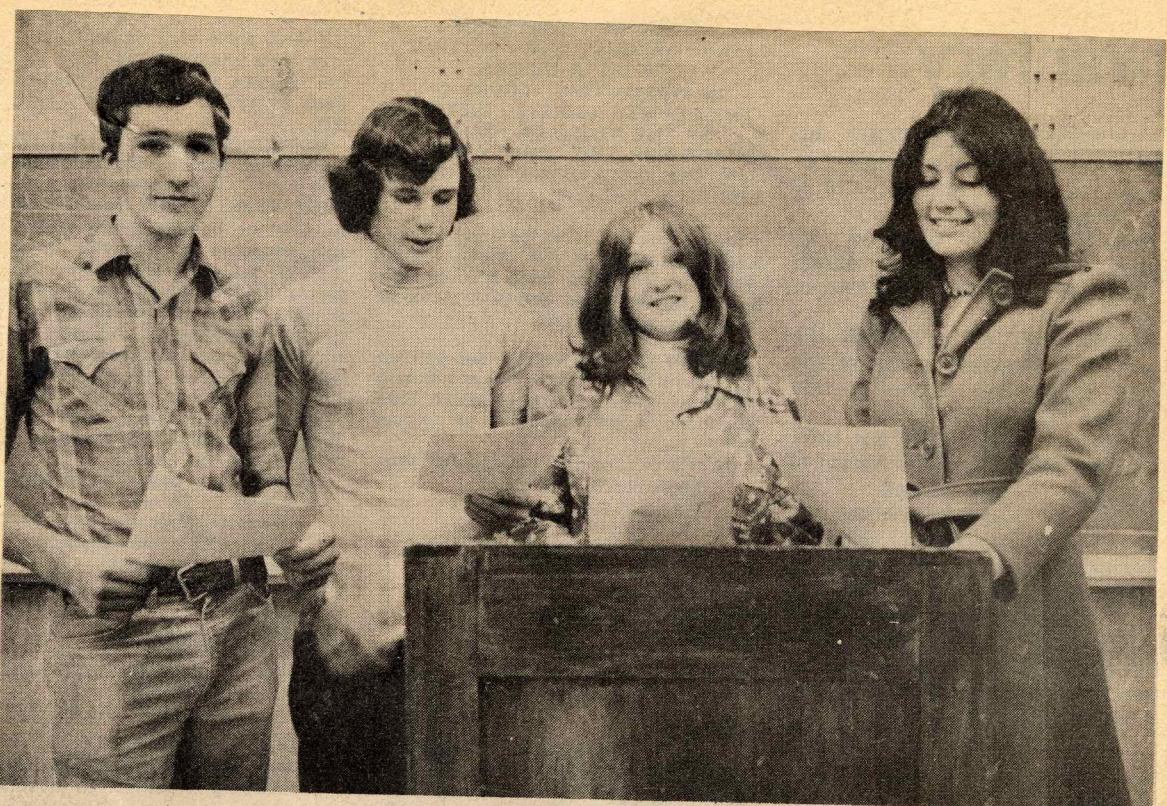


June Thomas - President
Our Christmas Party



Sunday reception fêtes Meridian couple

MR. AND MRS. E. B. JENKINS will be honored at a reception this Sunday, December 7, in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary. The event will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at Meridian, and all friends and relatives are invited. Hosts will be their children and spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cullison, and their children. The Jenkins were married December 7, 1935, at Mound City, Kansas. They have lived at Meridian for 34 years.



VFW speech contest features Bicentennial theme

SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS at Meridian high school is this foursome which participated in the Meridian V.F.W. 4000 Post and Auxiliary's Voice of Democracy competition last Thursday, December 4. Subject of the speeches was "What Our Bicentennial Means to Me," and first through fourth places, respectively, were garnered by, from left, Brian Winn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Winn of Rt. 2; Van Kierstead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kierstead, 11230 Valley Heights Court; Sue

Smitchger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smitchger, 3890 East Ustick Road; Jan Piccard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Piccard, 6204 Latigo. As the school's champion, a tape of Winn's speech will go to the district contest, the victor there will attend the state finals and that winner will compete in the nationals at Washington, D. C. Judges for the local contest were Mrs. Doris Scott, Ken Robison, Ralph Hunter and Vern Moore.

(Valley News-Times photo)



New medical center invites public this Sunday

ALL AREA RESIDENTS are invited from 2 till 5 p.m. this Sunday, December 7, to an open house at the new Meridian Medical Center — at the corner of East Second and Pine, one block north of the post office. Dr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Drennan are shown in front of completely remodeled building, which includes a reception room, lobby, five

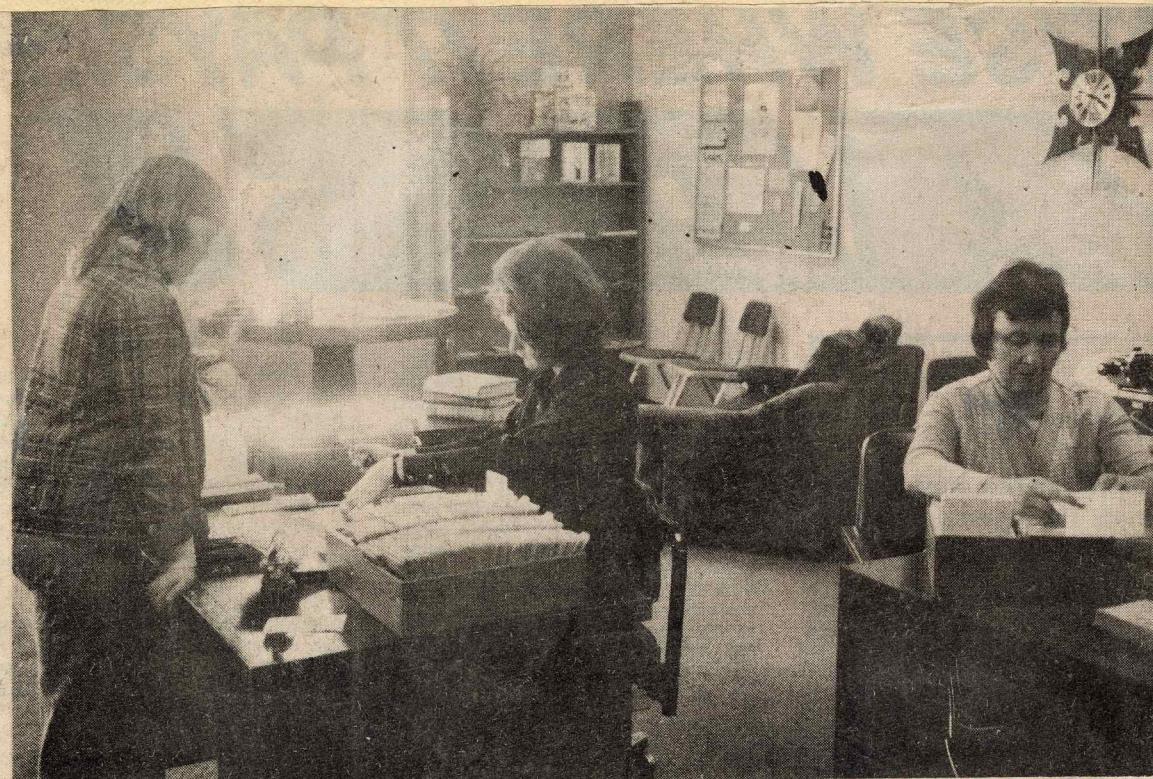
examination rooms, the doctor's office, and three large examination rooms in another wing. In addition to Dr. Drennan, the new center will house five specialists, each on a one-day-a-week basis, with an optometrist to have offices in the back portion of the building.

(Valley News-Times photo)



Meridians' New Doctor

JANUARY 1976



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 Huggins, 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)

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This is to gratefully acknowledge receipt of your gift

for Residents of Idaho State Schools.

The following articles were received: Christmas gifts (1975)

and decorations for our people
at ISSH. Thank you so much for helping
make their Christmas happier this yr.

May we all wish you all a Happy Bicentennial!

Thank you.

Cfo/Ses

Checked by Anne Burdick
Sir. of Volunteers

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. Pratts son and family, the Richard Pratts, with the John Pratt family of Beverly Hills joining the group for the holidays.

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.

Judds return

Mr. and Mrs. George Judd have returned from Princeton, New Jersey, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Gary Judd and Allison and welcomed a new grandson, named Damon.

Mrs. DeReus is home

Mrs. Mildred DeReus is home from visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Captain and Mrs. J. R. Rockwood at Mare Island, California.

Meridian in '75

Value of new buildings soars past \$9 million

The comprehensive 1975 construction report issued recently by building inspector Vern Schoen indicates that 369 permits were issued during 1975 for a total value of \$9,047,947.

Of that number, 170 were new homes, which Mayor Don Storey said is a larger figure than that of new homes constructed at Nampa in 1975.

The mayor added that "We have more than 500 lots approved for building that haven't been built on yet."

Schoen's comment at Monday's city council meeting was, "The building department definitely is running to where it's a paying proposition."

Mobile homes rise

His report also shows a breakdown of the permits issued, 77 of which were for mobile homes, bringing the city's total to 523. There were 59 remodeled homes for which permits were needed, and 44 commercial constructions, the latter valued at an aggregate of more than \$4 million.

New apartment buildings totaled 12, with 38 units altogether, bringing the overall estimate to 346 apartments.

Last year was highest

Five-year figures show that Meridian permits rose from 233 in 1971 to 362 in 1973, then dipped to 258 the next year before jumping to 369 for 1975. However, 1973 was the only year the value of the constructions went past the \$4 million mark, with a total of almost \$7 million that year.

The biggest boom in new housing

prior to 1975 also came in 1973, when 96 permits were issued. The estimated value of the 170 housing permits for 1975 is about \$3.8 million.

Only two removals were reported for 1975, at a total cost of \$7,500, the first elimination of housing in the five-year span.

Library lists change of hours

Meridian library has announced new hours, effective this week.

The library will be open to the public Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The change almost triples the number of hours patrons can use the library.

The library's weekly story hour will be held again this Saturday at 11 a.m. Pre-schoolers and early elementary students are invited to take part.

Programs vary, but include films, story-telling, songs and crafts. The sessions last from 30 to 45 minutes.

Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Haworth

Meridian women observe birthdays in 55th annual joint celebration

Mrs. Rillous Yates of Meridian was hostess for the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Ralph Haworth and her own. Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Haworth have celebrated their birthday anniversaries for 55 consecutive years together.

Other guests were Mr. Haworth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Florian, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Yates, of Boise, and Mr. and Mrs. John Goodrich, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. Haworth, of Boise.

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.



Plans for Meridian More programs, patrons stamp library's future

More books, longer hours, growing patronage and new community programs all are part of Meridian public library's current operation facelift, under the direction of librarian Grove Koger.

Several weeks ago, the library almost tripled the hours it is open to accommodate an ever-rising number of users. At the same time a children's story hour was instigated, and more plans are in the offing.

The library's hours, now from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, are an important step toward accomodating upcoming programs.

First among them is a books-for-sheriffs program, which Koger says "We're just beginning work on now," and which should be operable within two months. The initial step will be a campaign to determine who would benefit from the program.

Next, volunteers will be assigned to disabled and elderly individuals. Their particular reading tastes will be examined and appropriate books chosen and delivered to them. Koger plans to pattern it after a successful Boise program, and admits "I try to utilize everybody else's experience whenever I can."

Clubs planned

"We're also thinking about reading clubs for older children, but that's a little vague right now." Such a project would be largely recreational and would include field trips and group discussions. Koger expressed pleasure with the amount of volunteer help he has received, "And now I'm glad to have something for them to do."

Even an adult reading group is in the tentative plans, although no program has been outlined yet. When it is developed, it will be

intended to introduce readers to books they might not otherwise discover. Koger hopes to avoid the Great Books format many libraries use, and instead concentrate on slightly less "heavy" reading.

Book count rises

The library's volume count continues to rise, and Koger said the 1976 book budget is higher than last year's, when more than 1,000 new titles were purchased. Exact figures are not yet available, since the library district's board of trustees has not yet approved a final budget.

That board, chaired by Dave McFadden, includes Jack Riddlemoser, June Black, Evelyn Olsen and Charline Denny. It has open meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the library.

The trustees are elected for staggered five-year terms, so that normally one member per year is up for reelection.

Some of the major allocations in the estimated \$50,000 budget (which will be comprised of property and sales taxes, grants from the Regional Library System in the form of matching funds, and Comprehensive Employment and Training Act monies), will be in the area of equipment as well as books.

New shelves

A two to three year process of replacing the old wooden bookshelves with more durable, useful and aesthetically pleasing metal structures featuring adjustable shelves, will be started this year.

Perhaps more interesting to patrons, though, will be two more new offerings—an album collection and art prints—both of which will be available on free loan. About \$400 has been allocated for the records, which should enable Koger to select about 100 albums for the first year.

He plans to pick "as wide a range as is possible," which will include spoken-word albums (poetry and drama), childrens' records, classical and popular music. They probably will be available on a

two-week check out basis.

Borrow a print

The art prints will range in subjects from Audubon bird pictures to the works of famous Impressionists to those of contemporary "masters." They will be mounted on a stiff backing, probably about 19 x 23 inches, and will be covered with a tough, clear plastic.

Koger expects to obtain about 20 for the first year, and they probably will be available on a one-month loan basis.

Yet another service offered by the library includes "talking books," designed particularly for those with poor eyesight but which may be used by anyone. "They're special records which hold a great deal of information, much more than a normal album," Koger explained, "and they require a special record-player; but both are supplied free of charge.

"It's all part of a general trend of more service to the public," he said of the varied plans, "and we're collecting books at a faster rate even than last year. The emphasis in book selection is on useability and practicality, with particular emphasis on strengthening our literature and history and social science."

How-to books

Obtaining more manuals, guides and other books dealing with pragmatic subjects is a foremost objective, followed by additions to the children's and the popular adult fiction sections.

Anything the library does not have is readily obtainable from the state library, one of Idaho's three major universities, or if those sources fail, from as far away as the Northwest Regional Center at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Occasionally, an unusual request may take as long a month to fill, but even when Koger has to go out of state, the postage the patron must pay is minimal. Anything he can get within Idaho is free of charge.

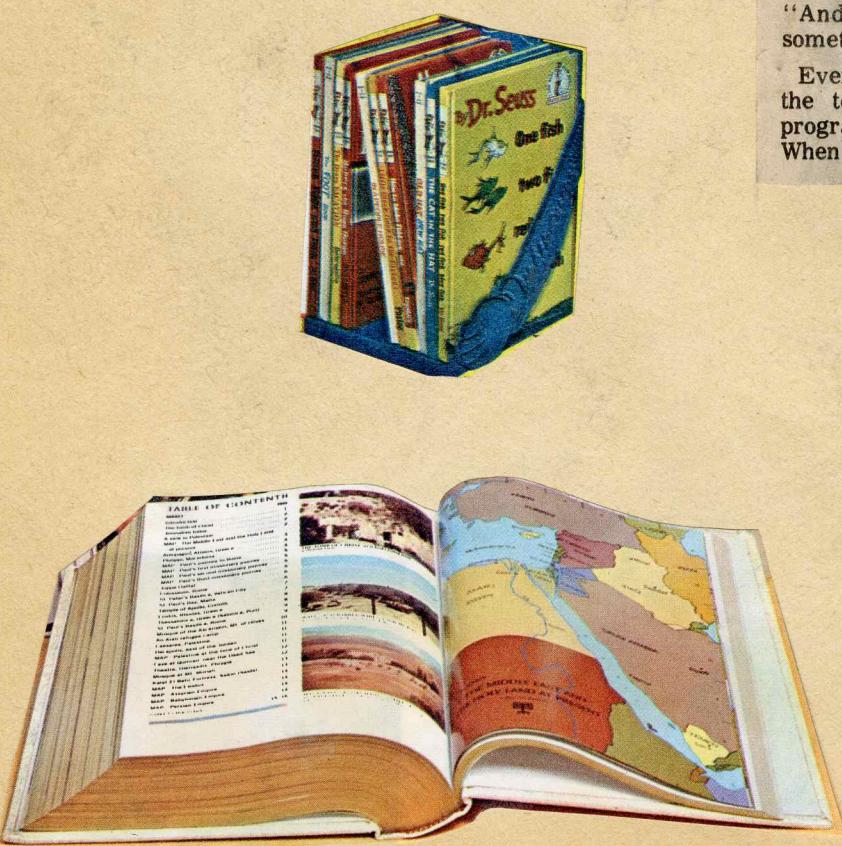
Periodicals at the library number about a dozen titles, all chosen with the dual guidelines of practicality and variety in mind. Thus, the National Review is the offering on the political right and Ramparts on the left. News, sports, a women's magazine, and gardening are some of the topics covered by the other periodicals.

New hours

Two conditions expected to remain stable in the foreseeable future at the library are the hours, recently expanded to 54 a week, and the space itself, which Koger is intent on utilizing to its utmost.

As the library expands, it's Koger's job to see that the growth is well-directed. He stresses, though, that "I'm always really glad to have any suggestions from the public as to what we should buy."

He wants the quality of his selections to be good, but he also wants the new material to be, as nearly as is possible, the people's choice.



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**Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Baldwin
(Deborah Foster)**
(Creason Photography)

Baldwin-Foster

Star miss and Middleton man are united at Meridian church

The former Deborah Foster of Star became the bride of Rodney Baldwin of Middleton in ceremonies conducted January 22 at the Meridian United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Stanley Day officiated at the 8 p.m. rites, attended by 180 guests. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster of Star.

The bridegroom is the son of Myrtle Matsumoto of Middleton. Both newlyweds are graduates of Middleton high school.

Music featured

Soloist at the event was Marilyn Marks, accompanied by Lila Hill. Maid of honor was Charlene Buskirk, with Nancy Johnston, Marcia Foster, and Kathy McCullough as bridesmaids.

Standing as best man was Roland Baldwin, while Oscar Sorensen, Tim Sommers and Robert Maxwell

seated guests. Candles were lit by Nancy Johnston and Tim Sommers.

Special guests for the ceremony included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin, grandparents of the bride.

A reception was held afterwards at the church, with Grace Foster, Sally Rutan, Maxine Mendenhall, Betty Goodwin, Sue Mayer, Rose Jensen, and Eunice Rutan assisting.

The couple then left on a wedding trip to McCall, and will settle at Middleton, where he is self-employed.

Nettie Hudson weds at Yuma, Arizona

Nettie A. Hudson of Meridian and Byron L. Cross of Weed, California, were married February 14 at Yuma, Arizona. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans of Weed and Mr. and Mrs. William Ryska of Star.

A reception was planned for the couple at Magnolia Village, Yuma, after the newly-marrieds return from a wedding trip to Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross will return to Meridian for a short while about April 15. They plan to leave in May for Ohio and other interesting points in that area.

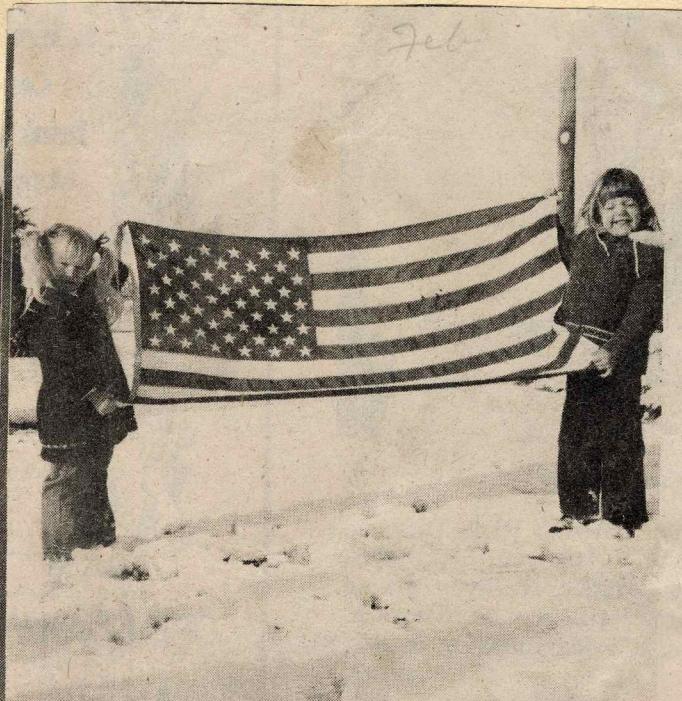
Host meeting

Mrs. Lee Egbert was hostess for the Pinchot Club last Friday. Bessie Matcham was a guest.

Mrs. June Howland and Mrs. Wanda Carlson of Homedale were Monday guests of Mrs. Marsh Holst of Meridian.

Bowers move

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowers moved this week from their home at 159A East Washington Street, to Rose Park, where they purchased a home.



Masons honor two Meridian instructors

OUTSTANDING TEACHER was the title conferred on Helen Cox, center, by the Meridian Masons at their annual George Washington's birthday banquet last Saturday at the Masonic temple. Also honored as a past teacher and for her community activities was Mrs. Oma Jenkins, who taught at

Meridian from 1944 until her retirement in 1968. Mrs. Cox, who is active in United Methodist Church work and Eastern Star, has taught for 26 years in the district. Presenting the awards is Howard Jenkins, past master and son of Mrs. Jenkins. About 100 people attended the event.

(Horton Photography)

Occidents hear of bus service for seniors

A weekly bus service into Boise from Meridian for senior citizens was announced at Monday's meeting of the Meridian Occident Club.

The bus arrives every Friday at 9:15 a.m. in front of the Meridian post office. It returns at 3 p.m., leaving from in front of the Idaho Hotel, Tenth and Main streets, Boise.

Senior citizens wishing to use the transportation to do volunteer work at Boise or to shop are invited to do so.

Party plans

Also announced at the meeting were plans for a Valentine party to be held next Monday, February 9, in teh clubroom at 6:30 p.m. Husbands and guests are invited, and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and table service. Entertainment, probably cards, will be provided.

The 28 club members on hand for the meeting heard views on the impact of the proposed Cherry Manor subdivision on Meridian farmland, sewer and water services, and schools. Speaking on behalf of the city planners were councilman Marvin Bodine and Don Roberts.

Library lists more volumes for Meridian

The following new books may be checked out at Meridian library this Friday, February 13.

SAVING THE QUEEN, William Buckley's novel of espionage and the CIA of the 1950s.

HAMMETT, a mystery by Joe Gores featuring real-life detective and writer Dashiell Hammett.

THE FINAL FIRE, a firefighting novel from the author of Report from Engine Co. 82, Dennis Smith.

THE SUMMER BEFORE, by Patricia Windsor, a story for teenagers about death and its impact on the living.

U.S. WEST, the saga of Wells Fargo by Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg.

WE ALMOST LOST DETROIT, John Fuller's true account of a near disaster in the Enrico Fermi atomic reactor.

ANGELS, a study by Billy Graham of supernatural forces working for good rather than evil.

THE RIGHT TO DIE, Dr. Milton Heifetz' plea for euthanasia.

MAN IN THE ENVIRONMENT, a calm, clear exposition of ecology by Ruth Moore.

SYLVIA PORTER'S MONEY Book, a guide to earning it, spending it, saving it and borrowing it.

THE WHALE, a brilliantly illustrated chronicle of whales and whaling.

NO CHINESE STRANGER, by Jade Snow Wong, a sequel to Fifth Chinese Daughter and a picture of contemporary Chinese-American life.

Meridian library lists new books

The following new books are now available at the Meridian library.

Beyond the Looking Glass—a collection of Victorian fairy tales and fantasies edited by Jonathan Cott.

Salem's Lot, by Stephen King—a story of horror in a small New England town.

The Boys From Brazil—Ira Levin's novel about a bizarre attempt to revive Hitler's Reich.

The Cricket Cage—by R. H. Shimer, a mystery-thriller set in the Seattle of 1886.

The World of Twentieth Century Music—by David Ewen, a guide to 150 composers and over 1500 pieces of music.

The Complete Book of Rug Making—a collection of folk methods and ethnic designs by Cecilia Felcher.

On the Track of Murder—Barbara Gelb's description of a New York homicide commando squad.

The American Heritage History of the Congress of the U.S.—by Alvin Josephy, a colorfully illustrated volume for the Bicentennial year.

The Kitchen Sink Papers—Mike McGrady's story of his life as a househusband.

The Greatest—Muhammad Ali's own story of his life in the ring.

The Russians—by Hedrick Smith, a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter's picture of life in the Soviet Union.



Sorority honors retires teachers at Meridian

RETIRED WOMEN TEACHERS were special guests at the annual brunch of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority, Zeta chapter. Those honored were, front row, from left in top photo, Mary Turner, Oma Jenkins, Rose Ousterhout, Blanche Chipman, Florence Fluharty, Edith McFaddan. Back row, Mary Alice White, Frieda Mayer, Margaret Judd,

Ida Bechtel, Zeinia Bruege, Doris Scott. Front row, bottom photo, Frances Goodland, Hazel Marlatt, Emma Krieble, Edith Crockett, Ruby Trautman. Back row, Esther Douglas, Gertrude Post, Frances Thompson, Leone Lund. A total of 36 persons attended the event hosted by retired teachers Mrs. Trautman and Mrs. Frost, as well as Lorraine Sall, Betty Cleveland, and Sherry Smith.

Groundhog day gets welcome by Methodists

Meridian Methodist Church's Groundhog Day Feed will be held this Saturday, February 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the church.

The public is invited to attend the event, sponsored by the Meridian Methodist Men. Proceeds will go toward the activities of that group.

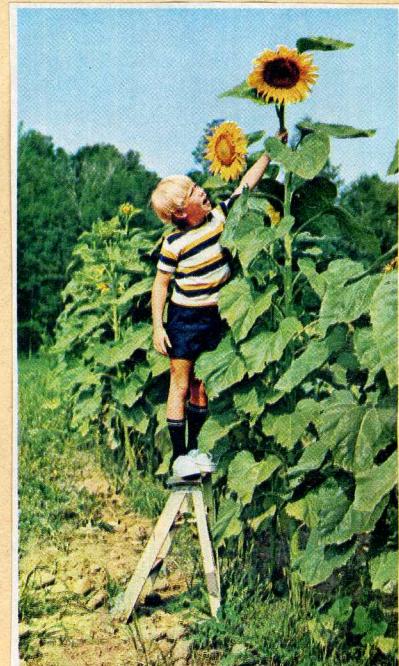
Featured on the menu will be pork, and the price will be \$2.50 per person.

Chairmen are George Judd, food; Melvin Lane, settings, decoration and waiting tables; George Stewart, clean-up.

Mrs. Mosman ill

Mrs. Elsie Mosman is seriously ill at St. Alphonsus Hospital, Boise. Her daughter, Mrs. Jim Sprague of Bandon, Oregon, has been at Boise visiting her. Mrs. Mosman will be 90 years old February 28. She has been active in Meridian clubs and was a member of the Meridian library board for several years.

OCCIDENT CLUB will meet at 1:30 p.m. next Monday, February 2, at the clubroom. The program on "History and Places" will be presented by LaVerne Hartwell. Hostesses include Midred Botkin, Deane Ulmer, Grace Betts and Blanche Wolff.



*Signed
Marguerite Patch
Dorothy Brace*

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