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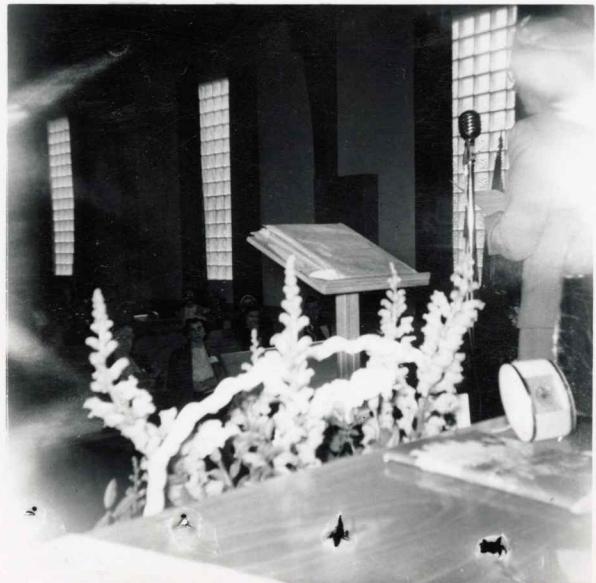
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The successful year of 1955-1956 was carried through by the leadership of our outstanding president, Mrs Edna Usack.

A breakfast was served Sept 14 to raise money for the emergency chest. It turned out very successful, as \$75.45 was raised. Two chairs were purchased with the breakfast money. A pair of crutches & pad was also purchased & added to the supplies. All of the equipment has been out in use most of the time. We received some gifts of money from those people wishing to express their thanks for the use of the equipment.

An art exhibit was held Oct 7th at club house for all school children and awards were presented to winners.

Several of our members took advantage of the parliamentary class held in the club rooms. Mrs Roy Arnold from Boise was the instructor.

This year we donated to Liver Bug campaign, gave to Penny art fund, Pennies for Penis, gave box of gifts to children of Nampa State School, A Christmas basket to a Needy family, gave a donation for the backdrop for Christmas Pageant, gave to Veterans birthday fund, Doris Scott scholarship fund, Girls State, Cancer, Red Cross, Polio, gave toward expense of sending one girl to scout camp, a donation to help put on brochure for better schools, and also joined the blood mobile group.

Now children are taking advantage of the library this year. There has been a great increase

of books loaned over previous years. The library loaned 9,442 books during year, an increase of 2,124 over last year.

A number of our members attended the 56 convention of Second district of the Idaho Federation of women's clubs at Caldwell.

During the year the Accident was well represented as guests of century club at Nampa on their guest day and also visited the Columbian club at their social meeting.

We had as our guests during the year the Garden club, Peacock Apple blossom club, Beta Sigma Phi, B.P.W., Corallins and a number of our own community women.

On Feb 13 we entertained our husbands & guests at a Sweetheart Party. A pot luck dinner was followed by a brief program & a social hour.

As has been the custom for many years, we served the lion's club their luncheon twice each month. Dinners were also served to the sorority girls, The Hostess Carriage Club and a luncheon to cancer school.

The collect was presented by a panel at our Sept. meeting. "Americanism" the theme of our Oct. programs was presented by Mrs N.D. Wille, teacher of American schools. Her talk was on qualifications for the school. Mrs. Nellie Roberts explained how she became an American citizen & gave musical numbers & showed films on Casablanca & French Morocco. Mrs Roy Lovell, president of Second District paid her official visit to our club on Nov. 1st. Her program was explanations of Christmas by readings,

songs & pictures given by Mrs Stanley Andrews.
Mrs Charles Hansen of Tampa Century Club gave
book Review on life of Charlie Russell, a Western
Artist, at Jan. Meeting. Mr. Frank Chace (former
President of Crusade for freedom project) was guest
speaker for the Feb. meeting. He gave a review on
his trip to Europe & what Crusade is doing
for people behind iron curtain. In March
Guest speaker Lt. John McDonald spoke on
"Ground observer corp." For our April meeting Mrs
Roy Denton gave a humorous skit on safety. A
cancer film was also shown. Mrs Coral Coleman
presented our president, Elma Mack, who was
chosen woman of the year, with a corsage. Mrs
Patch presented a skit on planting a garden of
life in May. Finishing our year in June we
installed our new officers for the coming year.

Margaret Huskey
Historian

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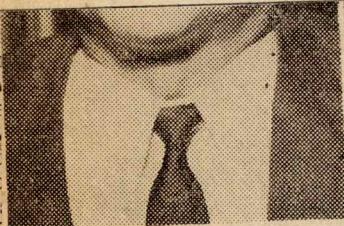
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The Emergency Loan Committee



THIS PHOTOGRAPH of a north Idaho legislator—Joseph R. Garry—by Photographer Virgil Parker of Boise has been selected by the Photographers Association of America for display at the 1957 international convention March 24-29 in Washington, D. C. The photo is entitled: "Kay-Lah—Man of Clear Vision." Garry, senator from Benewah county, is president of the North American Indian council.

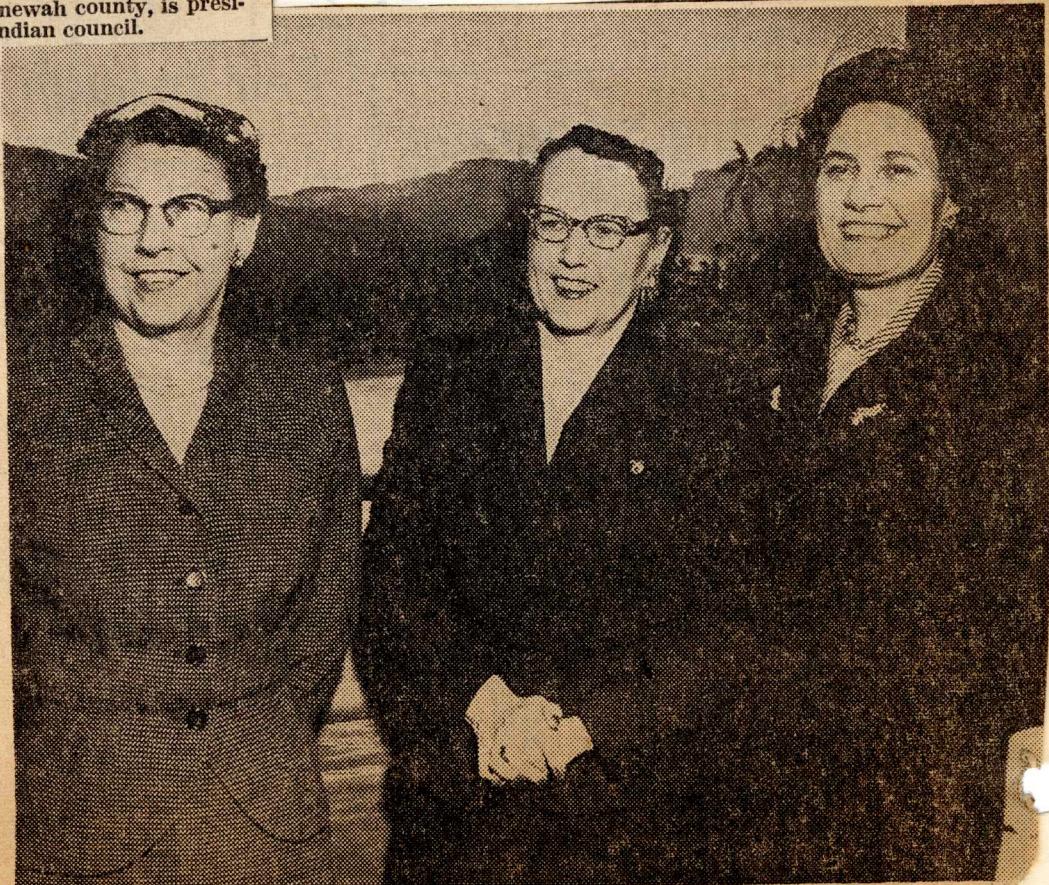


REP. JOSEPH R. GARRY

Rep. Joseph R. Garry, Benewah county Democrat, is a member of the Coeur d'Alene Indian tribe. The 46-year-old representative said that he was born in a teepee on a reservation in Benewah county, and the event gave him even more primitive campaign ammunition than the old saw about being born in a log cabin. Garry, a resident of Plummer, and a farmer, was educated in the Sacred Heart mission school at DeSmet, Gonzaga high school, Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kan., and Butler University at Indianapolis and Washington State college. He majored in animal husbandry at Washington State. Garry served in World War II as an infantryman and with the combat engineers in Korea. He is married to an Ogallala Sioux, and has two daughters. Education

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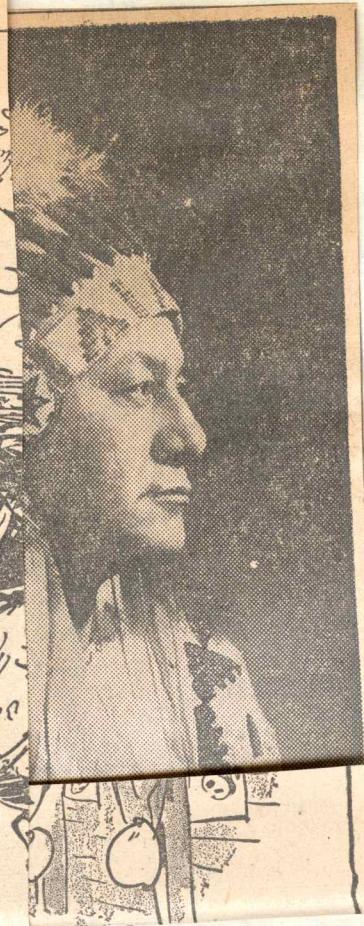
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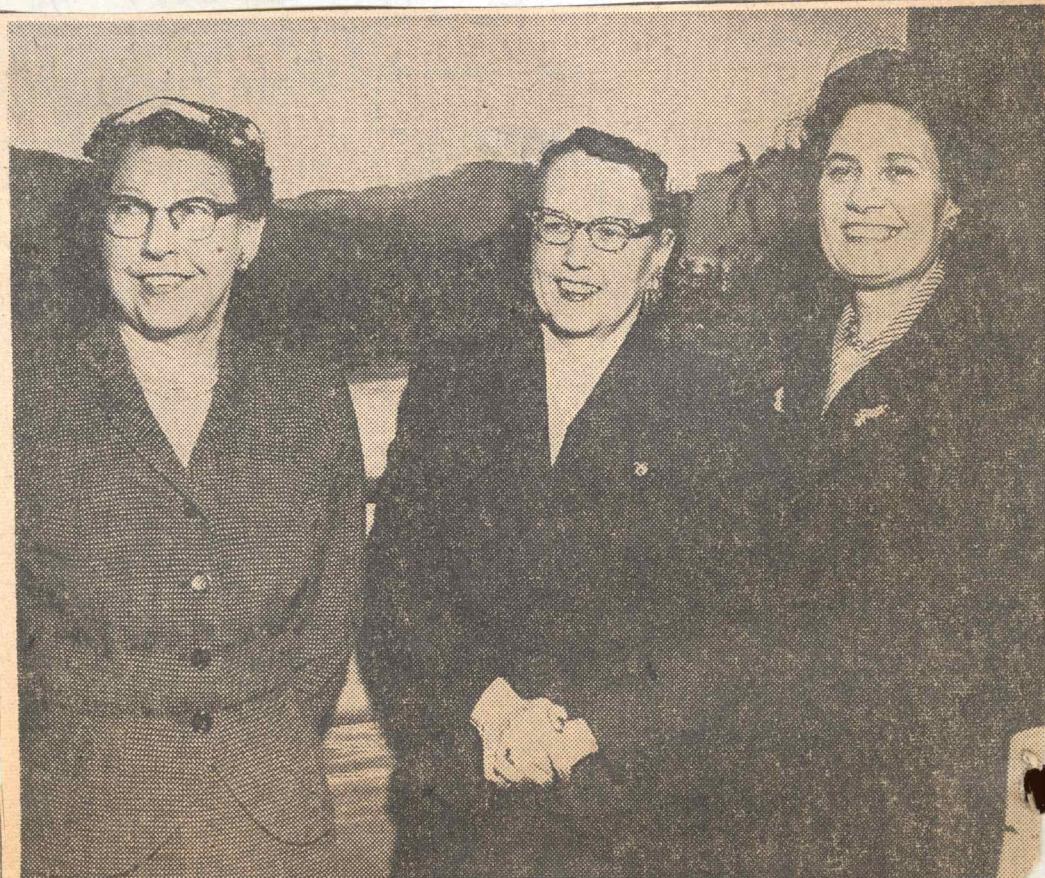
Mrs. Charles Winkler of Council, President of the 2nd District of FWC, was present on an official visit. She spoke on the aims and projects of the organization for this year.

Guest speaker was Representative Joseph R. Garry, legislator from Benewah County and resident of Plummer. Rep. Garry is a member of the Coeur d'Alene Indian tribe and spoke on "Indian Affairs". Educated in the Sacred Heart Mission school at DeSmet, Gonzaga high school, Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas, Butler University at Indianapolis and Washington State, Mr. Garry is president of his people's Council. His views of their problems was interesting and authoritative.

A report was given on books issued out of the Public Library. The average given, of 101 books per day, indicated a gratifying response to this project.

Plans were made for the annual Valentine party honoring the husbands of Occident Club members. It is to be February 20th, a potluck dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to plan to attend.

Hostesses for the day on the serving committee were: Grace Elliot, Nina Egbert, Fay Creason, Viola Moore, Clysta Gray and Effie belle Denton.



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Occident Club 1956-57

The Club year of 1956-57 drew to a successful conclusion under the leadership of Mrs Hazel Hedges.

Many worthwhile activities were accomplished during the year, of course our pet projects of the Emergency Loan Closet and the Library come first to our minds. The fine committee for the Loan Closet were kept very busy with their acts of mercy. Numerous pieces of equipment were added by purchase and by donation. Meridian and the community can be justly proud of this phase of the Occident Club. Miss Ruth Cline our efficient librarian had a most successful year with a record number of books being loaned. The value to the community derived from the Library is far reaching.

Among other worthwhile projects sponsored by the Club were The State School at Nampa, Indian Scholarship-fund, Veterans Hospital, Blood-mobile, Childrens' Aid Society, Girl's State, Girl Scout Camp, Polio, Red Cross, Cancer, and Pennies for Pines.

The Club rooms were rented for numerous community affairs throughout the year as the cheerful atmosphere makes a pleasing setting for many activities.

To add to the safety and convenience of the Club the electrical wiring was improved and a file box was purchased for the safe keeping of records.

For the beauty of the tea table a beautiful silver service was purchased from funds raised throughout the year. This service was the project of Mrs Hedges and is one of which we may be proud for years to come.

The beauty of the club-rooms was greatly enhanced by the labor of love preformed by several industrious members who gave the entire interior a thorough cleaning.

Many worthwhile and enjoyable programs were given throughout the year. In September Hazel Nortman and Charlotte Martell told of Girl State which they had attended at Moscow and thanked the Club for their part in sending them. Mrs E. Tarbet and Mrs C. R. Lowery presented a program on citizenship and Women and the Vote, at the October meeting. The November lesson was on candle making by Faye Creason, she demonstrated many lovely Christmas candles. Following the December pot-luck luncheon Mrs Gillion demonstrated how to make candy wreaths, tin can Christmas trees and other holiday ornaments. The January program was a book review of "The Nun's Story," by Mrs Amy Ambrose. Also in January a public card party was held to promote fellowship as well as for profit. In February Mrs Charles Winkler made her official visit and gave her report. At the same meeting Representative Joseph Garry legislator from Benewah County gave an informative talk on "Indian Affairs", he was well qualified for such a talk as he is a full blooded Indian having been born in a teepee. The March lesson on mental health was given by Mrs Wallace Bond, she also reviewed the book "Love or Perish".

weather
Because of inclement weather in February the Husbands' party was postponed until March 17th at which time a pot luck dinner was served to a large group of members and friends. Mrs Gus Reikes showed pictures of her tour of Europe. April brought a group of Boise Little Theatre players including our own member Mrs Rebecca Wright who presented two playettes which were enjoyed immensely. Election of officers was held following an informative discussion on "What Women Should Know" by Mrs Hedges. Those to be installed at the June meeting are: Mrs Mildred Botkin, President. Mrs Faye Creason, Vice-president, Mrs Wanda Lounsbury, Secretary. Mrs Elma Veach Assistant-secretary. Mrs Viola Moore Treasurer.

Fund raising projects for the year were the bi-monthly dinners for the Lion's Club, along with a number of courtesy meals served to various organizations.

members of the Occident Club were invited to speak at the Nampa Columbian Club, the Foward Club at Caldwell, and the Century Club at Boise.

Each year the Occident Club does many worthwhile things which are not brought to the attention of the public but which makes for a better community and a Club of which we are justly proud. Many of our own members have participated in programs not only in the Club but in the community that makes the Occident one of the outstanding organizations in Meridian. Each year is a good year because we strive for the good of all.

Kathryn Smith Historian 1956-57
Society, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Boy Scout Camp, Girl Scout Camp, Girl Scouts, and Committee for

the local area and the new club and the various activities will continue to grow.

Activities such as golf, tennis, basketball, football, baseball, and swimming are also popular.

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Occident Breakfast Nets \$56.00 in Gifts

The Occident Club's annual sourdough hotcake breakfast was held last Friday, August 24, with the Emergency Loan Committee in charge. A free-will offering netted the club \$56.00. This sum will be used to purchase a new oxygen regulator for the loan closet. This will make the fifth one the club has purchased.

The Emergency Loan was started in 1944 when Mrs. V. A. Cox was president of the Occident club. The object of the project was to gather together equipment for care of the sick in the home and operate it wholly on a loan basis. Over the years much equipment has been acquired by contributions and proceeds from the annual breakfast. The equipment is in constant use in the Meridian community. No charge is made for the use of the equipment.

Occident Club

The Meridian Occident Club opened the fall season, Monday, September 3rd. The new President, Mrs. Jess Hedges, opened the meeting, with seventeen members and four guests present. The guests were Mrs. Damon Flack, Mrs. Alma Barber, Hazel Nortman and Charlotte Martell.

The president, Hazel Hedges, gave a short reading and devotions were led by Mrs. Francis Veach. There was a prayer and a song, "Thanks Be to God," by Joy Flack.

Charlotte Martell and Hazel Nortman made a report on the 1956 program at Girls' State in Moscow.

Hostesses were the Mmes. Matcham, Huskey, Veach and Hedges.

Occident Club

Occident club members met for the second time this season, Monday, October 1st.

Mrs. Everett Eager opened the meeting with Devotions.

Hostesses were Helen Smith, Orpha Baldwin, Dorelda Chapman, Ethel Lower and Betty Eager.

Mrs. C. R. Lowery gave two readings, "Old Glory" and "Your Flag, My Flag."

The theme of the session was "Citizenship" under direction of Mrs. Dean Ulmer. The guest speaker, Mrs. Edward Torbert, of Boise, spoke on "Women and the Vote."

A committee of four was appointed to examine the purchase of a silver service for the club. Mrs. Viola Moore was appointed chairman, with Mrs. Nettie Hudson, Clara Anderson and Elma Veach assisting.

There were thirty-eight ladies present, fourteen of them guests.

Occident Club

The Occident Club will hold a Silver Tea on November 12th at the Occident Clubhouse. The Occident ladies who are sponsoring the tea are each requested to bring guests. There will be a program. The hostesses will be Mmes. Warren Moore, Frank Hudson, Francis Veach and Richard Anderson. The public is invited to attend.

Occident Club Party

MERIDIAN — Meridian Occident club held its Christmas potluck party last Monday. Guests attending were the Mmes. Herb Wolff, Bessie Welis, and Eugene McCoy. A program was provided by Mrs. W. E. Gillam who demonstrated how to make candy wreaths, tin can Christmas trees, and other holiday ornaments. Hostesses for the meeting were the Mmes. Archie Scrivner, Leo Marsters, Sr., Frank Matcham, and Lester Lounsberry, chairman.

Occident Club

The Occident Club meeting was held Monday, January 7th at the clubroom and was opened by the President, Mrs. Jess Hedges. Devotions were read by Mrs. Everett Eager. 25 members and 3 guests were present. A book report reading was given by Mrs. George Ambrose entitled "The Life of a Nun." Hostesses were Mrs. Archie Scrivner, Mrs. Roy Goodwin, Mrs. F. A. Benjamin and Mrs. Oral Coleman.

Sunday, March 17th, the Occident club ladies and their husbands had a potluck at the club rooms. 50 attended the gathering with Hazel Hedges, president, Bessie Matcham, Mrs. Frank Hudson and Mrs. Fred Rosti as hostesses. Mrs. Gus Reikes of Boise gave a talk and showed pictures of an extended 4 month tour of the European countries. Mrs. Reikes is a niece of Mrs. Edith Marsters.

Civil Defense Meeting Tuesday

A civil defense program will be sponsored by the Meridian BPW at the Occident Club Rooms next Tuesday, March 26, Mrs. Lena Sweet announced today. The program is an initial step towards establishing an over-all preparedness organization in the Meridian community.

School Art Display At Occident Club Monday, April 1

Outstanding pictures chosen by the art teachers from their classes throughout the district will be on display at the Occident Club on Monday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to noon, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., and 7 to 9 Monday night.

These pictures are entered in a contest which is nationwide and is sponsored by the Federated Women's Clubs of which the Occident Club is a member.

All grades, kindergarten through the twelfth, will be represented. The pictures will be judged in four groups: I, grades 1 to 3; II, grades 4 to 6; III, grades 7 to 9, and IV, grades 10 to 12. The Kindergarten does not compete but Mrs. Braddock promises an interesting display.

Mrs. Roy Denton, Art chairman of the Occident Club, is in charge of the exhibit, and urges all parents, teachers, students and friends to view this display of local art.

Cancer School Held At Occident Club

A training school for Cancer Campaign workers for rural Ada County was held Wednesday last week in the Occident Club in Meridian. Mrs. Blanche Smith, Eagle, Ada County Captain, was in charge of the program which featured Miss Betty Judd, staff member of the Idaho Division of the American Cancer Society, Dr. Allen R. Cutler, Boise Dentist, and Catherine Franklin, Kuna chairman.

The school presented information on the aims and objectives of the American Cancer Society, the extent of the cancer problem in Idaho, highlights of the Boise training school, the April house-to-house visitation and research and training of professional people.

Rural Ada County has been divided into districts for the April educational and fund raising crusade. They are East, West and South Meridian, Ustick, Kuna, Eagle and Star.

Occident Club

The Occident Club will meet at the club rooms on Monday, May 6 at 2 p.m. There will be a convention reports and election of officers and a talk, "Matters Women Should Know."

Mrs. V. R. Botkin Heads Occident Club

New president of the Occident Club for the coming year is Mrs. V. R. Botkin. Completing the roster is vice president, Mrs. Harold Creason; secretary, Mrs. L. W. Lounsbury; assistant secretary, Mrs. Francis Veach; treasurer Mrs. Warren Moore; historian, Mrs. A. K. Smith.

Convention reports were given by Mrs. Frank Matcham, Mrs. Verle Cox and Mrs. Jess Hedges.

Emergency loan department reported most of the equipment is out on loan. Also they have purchased another hospital bed and some other small supplies. It was reported that several clubs and business groups had joined together in Parma and are planning a project patterned after ours.

Mrs. Jess Hedges gave a short report on "Legal Matters Women Should Know About." Hostesses for the day were Lee Egbert, Bert Rose, Mabel Cairns.

Our next meeting will be June 3 at the Club house. Members will meet at 12:30 for a Spring Luncheon.

Occident Club

A covered dish lunch was served to forty members and eight visitors with the business meeting and installation of officers held after the luncheon. The new officers are: president, Mrs. V. R. Botkin; vice president, Mrs. Harold Creason; secretary, Mrs. L. W. Lounsbury; assistant secretary, Mrs. Francis Veach; treasurer, Mrs. Warren Moore; historian, Mrs. Carl Patch.

The honored charter members were Mrs. Edna McCoy, Mrs. Marian Clelen, Mrs. Patsy Davidson Mrs. Nina Egbert and Mrs. Susie Ressie Cairns.

Hostesses for the day were Mrs. Deane Ulmer, Mrs. Mildred Botkin and Mrs. Virgil Smith.

The next club meeting will be held in September.

Feb. 8. 1958 for 57- 58.

Chairs 4 Big ones and 4 folding chairs
1 small low bed and mattress
9 Hospital beds and mattress
4 metal beds rails, and 1 canvas bed rail
2 fracture bed lifts or bars
15 pair crutches
5 Oxygen regulators
4 Oxygen tanks
10 bed pans
2 female urinals
1 male urinal
3 bed tables
2 Enema Irrigators
2 Commodes
5 canes
7 bed rings
1 syringe & bag attachments
2 Stoupe rings for Hot Compresses
2 Vomit pans
7 Hospital gowns
1 Box of small sick room articles
4 rubber sheets.

(List of
Supplies in
Emergency Loan
Closet.)

Aug 1958



READY FOR THEIR CHORES at the annual Meridian Emergency Loan Closet breakfast Friday are 11 volunteer servers. Shown, left to right, are Mrs. Jess Hedges, Mrs. Edith Marsters, Mrs. Lois Frazier, Mrs. Bert Rose, Mrs.

Francis Veach, Mrs. Carol K. Benjamin, Mrs. Susie Bairns, Mrs. Archie Scrivners, Mrs. Frank Matcham, Mrs. Nina Egbert and Mrs. Roy Goodwin.

Club members serving the annual sourdough hotcake breakfast. A benefit to the Emergency Loan Closet.



OUTDOOR BREAKFAST served Thursday by Meridian's Occident club drew about 90 persons. Freewill offering to club helps provide home equipment for convalescents. In photo are (from left) Mrs. Edith Marsters, member of the serving committee; Mrs. Jack Mahrler, Boise; Mrs. James Rice, Boise; Mrs. Roy Goodwin (serving); Mrs. Rice, and Mr. Mahrler.

Many guests came to eat and enjoy a friendly visit. The breakfast served outside on the Club House grounds.

The Loan Closet was started during the Second World War by a few local women who were making

bandages, and grew out of the need for such equipment due to the overcrowded conditions of our hospitals at that time. It was started with the donation of a few articles and has grown rapidly ever since. The Occident Club has been its guardian.

The closet receives its financial support from the sourdough breakfasts given annually by the Occident Club, freewill offerings, and donations made by persons in appreciation of the use of equipment. All funds received are kept in a special account and used only by the committee in charge for maintenance and the purchase of new equipment. Neither salaries nor rental is paid.

New supplies bought and donated in 1957-58 as follows:
April 7, bought a new bed
May - Water Container for Oxygen Regulator
June - 2 plastic nasal tubes for regulator
Aug - Cane donated by Mrs Clara Maw
Aug - New pr. of extension crutches, & arm cushions
Dec. - Gift of hospital bed & mattress from High School
Jan - Arm Crutch cushion
Jan - Gift of Bedtable and bed pan
Mar -

Occident Club Breakfast Brings Aid to Meridian III

MERIDIAN—The Occident club, Meridian's federated women's group, which provides an emergency loan service for home convalescent patients who need equipment not readily available, served their annual breakfast Thursday.

They finance this sick-room service with the breakfast, featuring sour-dough hotcakes, bacon and eggs and juices and coffee. They do not charge for the breakfast, but everyone who eats makes a freewill gift to the club.

This year's breakfast Thursday morning was on the club-house lawn. They served about 90 persons. The offering was generous, they reported.

The equipment on hand that the club has provided includes nine beds, eight oxygen regulators, 14 pairs of crutches and eight wheelchairs as well as many smaller items and sick room supplies.

This equipment is loaned without charge to anyone who needs and requests it.

The service was started about 15 years ago and has grown as new equipment has been acquired.

The Occident club has about 40 members who operate the public library and take part in many other civic enterprises.

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Meridian Occident Club
1957 - 1958

MRS. V. R. BOTKIN
OCCIDENT
MERIDIAN, IDAHO

EARL'S CHEVRON SERVICE
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24 HOUR SERVICE
ACROSS FROM POST OFFICE
WELCOMES

40th ANNUAL
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Mr Robbins serving to Club members
at Open House, Nov. 17, 1958

Occident Club Holds Pre-Christmas Fete

The Occident club held a potluck Christmas dinner and program Monday, December 2, in the club-rooms, which were beautifully decorated in Yuletide theme for the occasion.

The program opened with a story of the first Christmas and a reading of the Second chapter of Luke, by Mrs. Tessie Davidson. Mrs. A. M. Thomas spoke on the topic of Christmas, giving several poems and readings. Mrs. Ethel Thorne gave a humorous skit.

Group singing of Christmas carols was led by Mrs. Carol Benjamin.

Hostesses for the fete were Mrs. Warren Moore, Mrs. Everett Eagler, Mrs. Ethel Thorne, Mrs. Frank Matchum, Mrs. Edith Morsters, and Mrs. Roy Stuart.

*Our annual
Christmas party
is a happy
occasion.*



Mrs. Tessie Davidson

MERIDIAN — Services for Mrs. Tessie Davidson, 78, who died Friday morning at her home, will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Robison chapel with the Rev. A. M. Thomas officiating. Interment will be at Meridian.

Occident Club Holds Meeting

The Occident club met Monday afternoon, Jaunray 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Occident club rooms. Mrs. Voriss Botkin, president, expressed her New Year's greetings to those present.

Mrs. Bert Cole of Boise, from the Gem Shop, was guest speaker. She gave a very interesting talk on gems and had many raw and finished specimens to show the group.

The club has purchased a new file for valuable papers. It also went on record against "paid" TV. The librarian reported 495 pay cards for 1957. 9,285 books have been ~~bought~~ for 1957.

Hostesses for the afternoon were Mmes. Earl Coleman, L. E. Gray, Claude Robins, Roy Denton, and Ray Anderson.

The Occident club is invited to the Columbian club of Boise, Monday, January 20.

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Occident Club Reports Meeting, February 3

The Occident Club held their regular meeting Monday afternoon, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the Occident club room.

Mrs. G. M. Brown of Nampa, state president of the Women's Federation of Clubs, was a guest speaker. Patrick Rossi gave a very interesting talk on his native country, Italy. Elma Veach gave a reading entitled "America Looks in a Mirror."

A new flag was presented to the club by Mr. and Mrs. William Lycklma. Nelson Voss and Melvin Partridge gave the staff and base of the flag to the club.

The club voted to give \$100 to their current project, the Idaho Youth Ranch at Rupert.

The Century Club of Nampa extended an invitation to the Occident Club to be their guests on Monday, February 24.

Funeral services for Mrs. Tessie Davidson, Rt. 1, Meridian, were held Monday morning at the Robison Memorial chapel. Mrs. Davidson passed away Friday, February 7, at the age of 78.

The Rev. A. M. Thomas officiated at the services; with Glen Green as soloist, and Mrs. Florence Robison at the organ.

Pall bearers were Ray Tolsma, Ray Ulmer, Jess Hedges, Earl Brinegar, Don Pritchett, and Richard Rutledge. Interment was at Meridian.

Mrs. Davidson was born January 7, 1880, at Main City, Mo., and was married to William J. Davidson May 9, 1900. The couple came to Idaho in 1900 and settled at Idaho City before moving to Meridian in 1901. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 9, 1950. Mr. Davidson died Feb. 21, 1952. She was a member of the Methodist church, WSCS, the Rebekah lodge of Meridian, the Occident club, the Neighborhood club of Meridian and the Birthday club of Meridian.

She is survived by one son, W. Dean Davidson, Meridian; four daughters, Mrs. Dora House, Mrs. Daisy Miller and Mrs. Betty Jo Henderlinder, all of Boise, and Mrs. Mary Boyer, Honolulu, Hawaii; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a. m. in the Robison chapel with the Rev. A. M. Thomas officiating. Interment will be at Meridian.

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*A Charter member and a
past president, and a faithful
member through the years.*

Occident Club Program Honors Pioneer Women

Remember When?



OCCIDENT CLUB MEMBERS and guests honored pioneer residents in a special program here Monday. Shown above in costumes of era, standing near elegant 1919 Essex sedan, left to right: Mrs. Bert Rose, Mrs. A. G. Friedline, Mrs. Earl Coleman, Mrs. Ray Ulmer and Mrs. Carol Benjamin. See story page Five. (Meridian Times Photo)

First Mayor Here

Mr. Anderson was the first mayor of Meridian, and was active in attaining a dependable water supply—with the present well and water tower as a result.

Mrs. Anderson presided over a millinery shop, in a small addition on the north of the furniture store. A number of ladies still remember buying her chapeaux.

Seven of the Anderson offspring grew to maturity. Nora (Mrs. Will Palmer), Loula (Mrs. Albert Kury), Elizabeth (Mrs. Frank Norris) Frank and Will. Mrs. Pfost and Mrs. Lewis, living in Boise, are the sole surviving members of the immediate family.

Mrs. Friedline Speaks

Mrs. A. G. Friedline, daughter of Mary Pfost and Martin Burns, also reported on her forebears. She too, was in costume, modelling a wedding dress of heavily-beaded satin complete with floor-length veil.

Her grandfathers Pfost and Burns were freighters. Much of the freight came from Kelton,

Utah. Her parents were married in the Pfost home on Franklin Road, west of Meridian. It was on the first farm in the area and her grandfathers pioneered in the early effort to irrigate the virgin soil.

The sparsely-settled village the Burns moved to about 1891-92, was called "Hunter", after the man that promoted the privately-owned spur from the main line railway at Nampa. The private line to Boise was later purchased and incorporated into the system as "The Oregon Shortline."

Town Name Changed

An active, early-day fraternal group the Odd Fellows, pressed for a change in the town's name from "Hunter" to "Meridian". The geographical designation won out when Meridian was officially incorporated.

One of the first dances drew such a crowd that the sponsors had to wait until some of the guests dispersed to their homes before the dance could start. It is not recorded what the dancers did during the lull before the dance.

Mrs. Friedline has written a book "Generations" (Caxton), giving her family history in informal story form.

Three children, Waldo Burns (Oregon) Mrs. Frank (Elsie) Haasch, (Boise) and Mrs. Friedline, survive.

Pioneers Recall Early Days

Speakers and special guests were native daughters of pioneer Meridianites. Mrs. L. E. Gray introduced the guests; Mrs. Emmitt Pfost (Bess Anderson); Mrs. Marshall Lewis (Jewell Anderson) and Mrs. A. G. Friedline (Apal Burns).

Mrs. Pfost represented the Anderson family, and spoke of the trek made by her parents, Mr. and Mr. J. M. Anderson, across the plains in a covered wagon drawn by oxen, in 1876. Two small children, Nora (Palmer) and Will, accompanied the parents, and a third, Loula, was born the January following their arrival in Boise Valley, October of 1876.

Mr. Anderson was elected treasurer of Ada County about 1892, after a horse-and-buggy campaign. When his term was up he moved his growing family to a sage-covered 80 acres 1½ miles north of Meridian. The family cleared and burned the brush.

He bought 10 acres from John Wilburn and erected a building on the corner of Broadway and Meridian streets. The first furniture store in Meridian, it is now the Legion hall, having been moved several feet west of the original site.

Mr. Anderson handled the first funeral supplies, and performed the customary chores of the modern mortuary. A coffin, as opposed to a "casket", was a narrow, tapered and unlined box.

Some interesting facts of a pioneer family.

Pioneer Motif Followed

The table setting and the refreshments carried out the theme "Pioneer Days". Cornbread muffins were served from a cast iron dutch oven, along with butter, jelly and coffee. The butter dish, property of Mrs. Bert Rose, was a family heirloom, the wedding present of the Rev. and Mrs. Birrell Lee. The Rev. Lee, a Civil War chaplain, was the brother of General Robert E. Lee.

The tablecloth was a bright red plaid, lighted by kerosene lamps, centered with a floral arrangement in novel ironstone containers.

Many interesting heirlooms were displayed of Pioneer Days in Meridian.

M. J. M. Anderson
first mayor of
Meridian

The Meridian Occident Club honored area pioneers in a special program Monday, October 7.

Adding pioneer atmosphere in their costumes that were heirlooms of the early-day era were club members Zelma Rose, Oral Coleman, Bessie Macham, Dean Ulmer and Carol Benjamin.

Ready For A Weddin'



OCCIDENT CLUB program Monday included early day memories told by pioneer families. Adding authentic color with costumes were, left to right, Mrs. Clara Maw, Mrs. Emmitt Pfost, Mrs. A. G. Friedline, Mrs. Marshall Lewis, and Mrs. Frank Matcham. (Meridian Times photo)

Costumes worn by members and friends dating back to pioneer days.

Occident Club Plans Spring Benefit Monday, March 31

The annual Spring Benefit of the Meridian Occident Club will be held in the club rooms, Monday, March 31.

A dessert luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m. Cards and bingo will be played, and prizes are to be given.

All members are asked to come and bring friends. The public is cordially invited.

The committee in charge will be the Mmes. Leah Lane, Dorelda Chapman, Nettie Hudson, Ethel Lower, Bessie Matcham, and Gertrude Rosti.

An Annual affair looked forward to by Club members and their friends.

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The Mmes. Ralph Lane, Frank Hudson, Jess Hedges, Fred Rosti, and Frank Matcham will be the committee in charge.

Occident Club Names Weiser Delegates

Mrs. Jess Hedges, Mrs. Fred Rosti, and Mrs. Frank Matcham were elected delegates for the Weiser Convention at the Occident Club meeting, Monday, April 7.

Guest speaker was Professor A. J. Finkbeiner of Nampa, who lectured on fine arts.

Mmes. Archie Scrivner, Mable Cairns, D. R. Howell, Virgil Smith, and Elmer Ross were hostesses.

Providing further pioneer color, Mr. and Mrs. Leo F. Hostetler of Boise loaned two antique cars from their collection of "horseless carriages". One was a 1932 Pierce-Arrow sedan, originally purchased by the pioneer Eastman family of Boise. The other was a cream and blue Essex, vintage 1919, beautifully restored with custom-made top and leather upholstery—and which purred along like a contented cougar at 40-45 miles per hour.

Club Reports Given

Club president, Mrs. V. R. Botkin, conducted a business session preceding the program. Members heard a report from the committee in charge of the Emergency Loan Closet and the library. The committee said the equipment, offered as a free service, was in great demand, and was in almost constant circulation. The library committee reported the popularity of this effort, and urged members to take out loan cards.

Harold Cox gave a brief talk on the urgent need for Den Mothers in the Scout movement, and invited club members to lend a hand in filling that need. It was suggested that the members not able to take an active part in this could serve as baby-sitters for Den-Mothers with small children of their own.

Occident Club Issues Books

The Occident Club met Monday afternoon at their club rooms in Meridian. The new year books were distributed to the members present.

The books were designed by Mrs. Marvin Goodwin, daughter-in-law of the club's president, Mrs. Roy Goodwin.

Serving refreshments for the meeting were the Mmes. Ted Howell, Roy Goodwin, Roy Stuart, and Mabel Cairns.

The outside front cover of our yearbooks depict the Club's two projects, the library and Emergency Equipment from our Loan Closet.

Library Open House



OPEN HOUSE was held Sunday at Occident Club to acquaint public with public library and emergency loan services, the club's two major projects. Above, Mrs. V. A. Cox serves Meridian's public librarian, Miss Ruth Cline. (Times Photo)

Meridian Library

The Meridian Library is an organized library and belongs to the State Association of Libraries. It is open each Tuesday and Friday, and on Friday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone in Meridian or surrounding territory is eligible to use the library. The card fee is ten cents per year for grade school students and fifty cents for adults.

The Meridian library had its origin in the Occident Club. Years ago a few books were gathered together and kept in the Songer Drug Store. Certain days each week a member of the Occident Club would volunteer to act as librarian. Later the books were kept in the City Hall, and when the Occident Club secured its present building, the library was moved into its present location and was so organized and indexed as to make it eligible to receive assistance from the city. It now receives a very small levy. The only other financial aid is what is collected from fines for past due books and receipts from cards of users. After the necessary maintenance charges are taken out there is practically nothing left with which to purchase books or magazines.

*The history
of the
Meridian
Library*

*Miss Ruth Cline
Librarian
Open House
Nov 17, 1958*

Meridian Joins Library Salute

By proclamation of Mayor Don Storey, Meridian will join communities through the nation in observance of Library Week, March 16-22.

Governor Robert E. Smylie has also issued a proclamation, setting the period aside as Library Week for the State of Idaho.

In his proclamation, Gov. Smylie said: "The history of our Western civilization and its magnificent contribution to human dignity and liberty shines from the pages of books and manuscripts that have become the working tool of freedom, wherever freedom is loved."

In his local proclamation, Mayo Storey urged community participation in the event, through more active use of the city library.

The library, at Idaho and Meridian streets, is one of the major projects of the Occident Club. Public librarian is Miss Ruth Cline.

Representatives of the club are planning talks at organizations to further interest in National Library Week, and have invited all area residents to visit the library in Meridian.



MRS. V. R. BOTKIN, Occident Club president, is served by Mrs. Claude Robbins, honored guest at open house at club house Sunday. Mrs. Robbins was retiring after many years' service on club's library board. Other members of the board shown above are Mrs. Everett Eager and Mrs. Archie Scrivner. (Times Photo)

*Board Members
of the Meridian Library*

Amity Club Gives Money to Groups

Community Club Aids Emergency Closet, Local Library, and Other Organizations

The Amity Neighborhood Club has given a total of \$1,787.59 to the Meridian library and the emergency loan closet of the Occident Club.

The money was from a fund originally raised to build a community hall or club house for the group. When need for such a building lessened, alternate projects were adopted.

Following is a report on the disposition of the club's funds, as prepared by a representative of the group.

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During the Second World War the Amity Neighborhood Club served lunches at farm auction sales and invested the proceeds in government bonds. There was no specific use designated for the money other than the purchase of war bonds.

Later it was decided that a community hall or club house would be an asset to the community and, as a building site had been offered to the club, a fund was started for that purpose. The members of the Amity Neighborhood Club served lunches at farm sales, held bazaars, gave dinners, dances and card parties, and some money was received as outright gifts toward the building fund.

Due to changing conditions during the last several years, the need for such a building has lessened and it has been decided best to abandon the building idea. Instead, the money was to be used for some worth-while project or projects which would serve the community as a whole, and which would be of benefit to those who had supported the building idea.

A tea was given honoring the ladies of the Amity Neighborhood Club who gave to the Library and Emergency Loan Closet the sum of \$1,787.59.

Occident Club Thanks Donors

Members of the Amity Neighborhood Club were recent honored guests of the Occident Club.

The group was thanked by Mrs. Betty Eager, on behalf of the Meridian public library, and by Mrs. Zelma Rose, on behalf of the Emergency Loan Closet, for their recent generous donations to the two projects.

Occident Club Pays Tribute To Group for Projects Aid

MERIDIAN—Nearly 50 women gathered in the Occident club house Monday afternoon. The members honored the Amity Neighborhood club, who recently donated a large sum of money to Meridian community projects. Equipment suggested by the Amity club has been purchased for the Emergency Loan closet and it was displayed. The library displayed a table of new books including some by Idaho authors.

Dr. James Carkhuff, baritone, presented a number of Stephen Foster songs. He was accompanied by Prof. T. C. Leckie. Both men are teaching in Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa.

The hostesses were the Mmes. Jess Hedges, Roy Goodwin, Frank Jolly, O. E. Kuckenbecker, Fred Rose, Susie Cairns, Frances Veach, A. D. Scrivner and Everett Eager.

Committee Appointed

A committee was appointed last fall to investigate the report on projects. After a thorough investigation and study, the club voted unanimously to distribute the \$2,162.59 in the treasury as follows:

\$250.00 (of the \$375 derived from the bonds which were purchased before the building fund was started) to be divided equally between organizations for cancer, heart, infantile paralysis, crippled children, multiple sclerosis, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. \$125.00 to be kept in the club treasury for such future uses as there may be calls.

\$1787.59, representing the principal and interest of the building fund—\$1000.00 to be given to the Occident Club's Emergency Loan Closet in Meridian for the purchase of additional equipment; the balance, \$787.59, to be given to the Meridian Library for the purchase of books, especially books of Idaho writers, and book shelving.

The equipment the club is interested in having added to the Loan Closet is patient lifter, wheel chair, and glider commode chair, both with removable arms, and a walker. Any remaining money is to be held and used for the purchase of equipment as the need arises.

The club feels that the Emergency Loan Closet and the Library are the projects which would most nearly serve the largest number of people in the Meridian district, and that the money could not be put to a better use than to apply it to the use of these two very worthwhile projects which are community wide in their service.

Loan Closet Program
Anyone in Meridian and surrounding communities can borrow any piece of equipment in the Loan Closet which they need in caring for the sick. There is no charge whatever for the use. The only requests are that the items be given good care and returned as soon as they are not needed, and that oxygen tanks be returned full, as they are kept ready for immediate use.

In the Loan Closet are oxygen tanks and tents, wheel chairs, crutches, hospital beds and mattresses and numerous other items. All equipment is kept at the Occident Club house. Mrs. Bert Rose, Mrs. Susie Cairns and Mrs. Roy Goodwin are the Chest committee and are on call twenty-four hours a day.

School District Residents View Art Display of Area Students

Students of the local school district participated in an area art exhibit Friday, March 28.

The event, sponsored by the Occident Club of Meridian, drew an attendance of 300 community residents.

Judges were art teachers from junior high schools of the area—Mrs. Mary McKenzie, Nampa; Mrs. Beulah Scheideman, Boise West; and Kin Milerling, Boise East.

Winners Listed

The following winners and their respective awards were announced for the various divisions.

Division IV—10, 11, 12 grades. Blue ribbon, Venture Coy. Red ribbon, Mark Orton. White ribbon, Karen Wilson. All are students at Meridian high school.

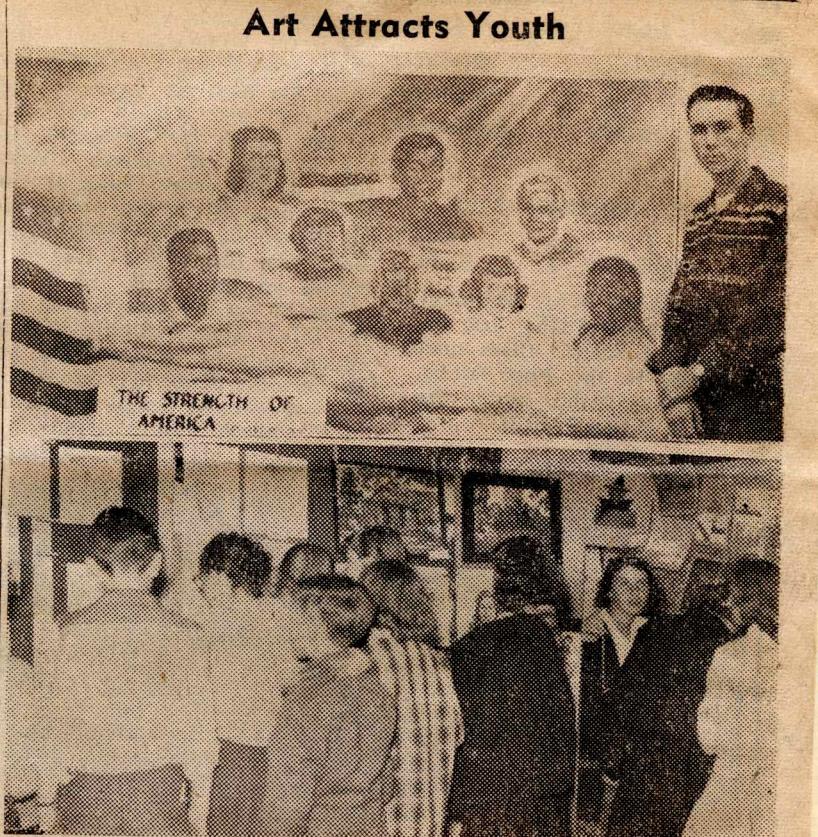
Division III—7, 8, 9, grades. Blue ribbon, Eleanor Smart. Red ribbon, Toni Dietkus, white ribbon, Sharon Ossman.

Division II — 4, 5, 6 grades. Blue ribbon, Gary Hart, Meridian. Red ribbon, La Donna Upshaw, Roosevelt. White ribbon, Connie Moser, Amity.

Division I — 1, 2, 3, grades. Blue ribbon, Sandra Haddock. Red ribbon Vicki Knowlton. White ribbon, Johnny Powell. All three attended Meridian grade school.

Committee Named

The committee in charge of the event were Mrs. Francis Veach and Mrs. Ray Anderson. They were assisted by Mrs. John Curtis, art teacher at the high school, and by other faculty members in the district.



VENTURE COY, (top photo) first prize winner in the senior division of the district art show last Friday, is shown with one of his paintings. In lower photo, students of Meridian junior high school give interested attention to art submitted by students from various schools of district. Event, sponsored by Occident Club, drew crowd of 300 community residents. (Meridian News-Times Photos)

Boise Valley Art Students Win District Club Awards

Mrs. R. G. Call, chairman of the fine arts department of the second district, Idaho Federation of Women's clubs, Monday announced the student art winners of the competition held during the district convention last week in Weiser. They follow: Division one, grades one to three, Janetta Davis, Boise, first; Jonathon Edwards, Council second; Johnny Powell, Meridian, third; honorable mentions, Tony Ho, Boise; Sandra Haddock, Meridian, Howard Thompson, Cascade; Division two, grades four to six, Janice Rodriguez, Weiser, first; Jack Haymond, Boise, second; Kenneth Ditworth, Mountain Home, third; honorable mentions, Kay Gardner, Boise; David Clark, Weiser; Larry Logue, New Meadows.

Division three, grades seven, eight, nine; Eleanor Smart, Meridian, first; Nadine Clopton, Payette, second; Roberta Layne, New Meadows, third; honorable mentions, Janet Mancille, Emmett; Susan Smith, Boise; Mary Lee Mordhorst, Payette; division four, grades 10, 11, 12, Venture Coy, Meridian; Sandra Halvorsen, Boise, second; Claudia Herman, Boise, third; honorable mentions, Zella Howell and Lee Storey, Nampa; Sandra Haynes, Boise. Judges were the Mmes. Ann Hughes, Weiser; Ed Colpin, Payette and Vi Curtis, Nampa.

*The Annual
art Exhibit-
Sponsored
by the Occident
Club*

Mrs. Hattie Wylie - a Charter Member.

Former Residents Feted by Family

Several dinners and parties have been held recently in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde K. Wylie, Boise, and visiting members of their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on the 22nd of September and the family has been honoring them early while they are together.

Children of the Wylies are, in order of birth, Mrs. Orin Roberts (Blanche Wylie) and daughters, Carolyn and Harriet of Crawfordsville, Indiana (Mr. Roberts and another daughter, Jean Catherine, were unable to attend); Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wylie, Pasco, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wylie of Yakima, Washington; Mrs. Kermit Ragain (Dorothy Wylie) and son Kerry, and daughter Kathleen, with whom the senior Wylies make their home; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wylie and daughters, Sue and Carolyn, of Twin Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wylie, Boise; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wylie and daughter, Marilyn, Boise; and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Fawcett (Harriet Wylie) and children Millard Jr., Susan and David, of Cleveland, Ohio, who were unable to attend.

The visitors attended a birthday dinner Tuesday, July 16, honoring Clifford Wylie in his home, and dinner Thursday in the Bill Wylie home. A dinner was held Saturday in the Cliff Wylie home and the final reunion gathering Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ragain.

Mr. Clyde Wylie is a retired mail carrier. He and Mrs. Wylie are former long-time Meridian residents.



MR. AND MRS. ELMER C. ROSS.
Party honors Meridian couple. (Horton photo, Meridian).

50th Wedding Tribute Set By Ross Clan

MERIDIAN—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Ross will be honored with a golden wedding reception and open house in their home on Cherry Lane, one-half mile west of Meridian on Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m. Host and hostesses will be their children, Elmer Ross of Homedale, and the Mmes. Wilma Hannum, Bernice Baldridge of Boise, and Della Tomlin of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross were married April 29, 1908, in the home of the bride's parents on Ustick road near Meridian. They immediately moved to the mountains of southern Idaho where Mr. Ross was employed as a forest ranger, an occupation he continued until his retirement in 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs Elmer Ross
a member of the
Accident Club.

Occident Club Honored At State Convention

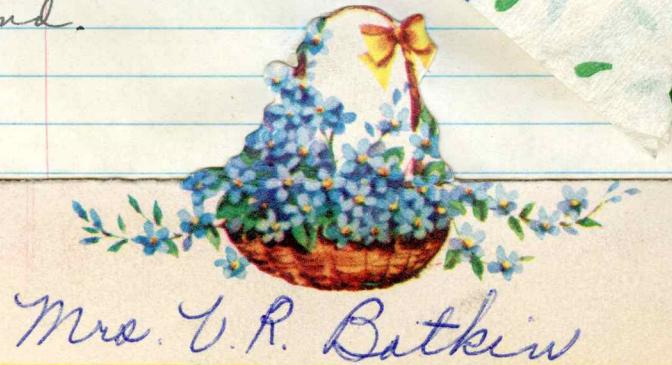
The Occident club of Meridian was co-hostess with other clubs in the Second District for the state convention of Federated Clubs in Idaho, which was held in Nampa last week. On Wednesday they joined with Horseshoe Bend to present the luncheon. Mrs. Jess Hedges, convention chairman from Meridian, was toastmistress.

Among those attending from Meridian were the Mmes. V. R. Batkin, Ray Ulmer, Roy Stuart, Jess Hedges, V. A. Cox, Frank Matcham and Fred Rosti.

An award was presented to the Occident Club for placing second in the state in increased membership. The club also received a citation for community service.

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Co-Hostess
with Nampa
and Horseshoe
Bend.



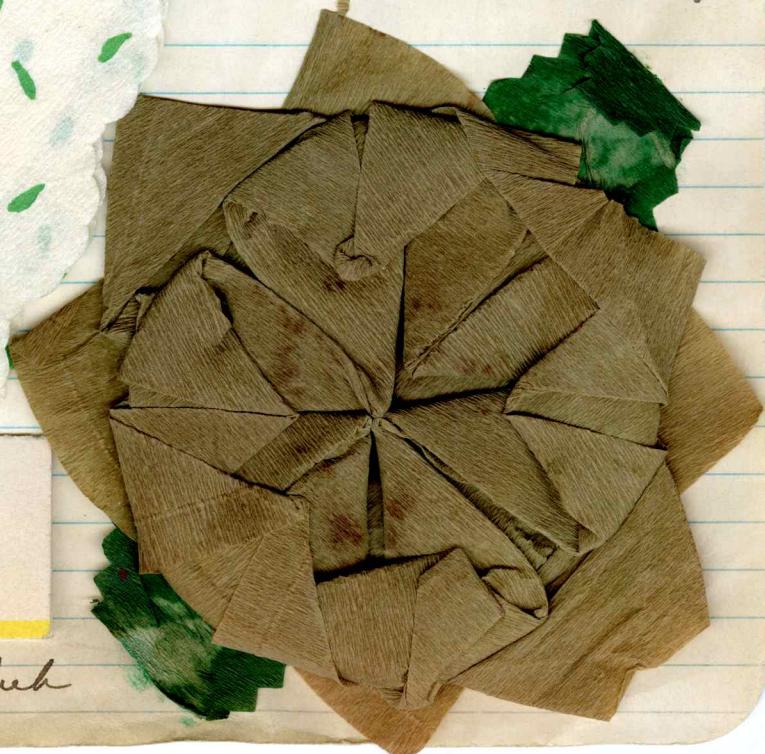
Mrs. V. R. Batkin

President of Occident Club
1957-58



THESE OFFICERS of District Federated Women's clubs were installed in a Weiser meeting. Above is Mrs. Roy Ulmer of Meridian.

Leanne Ulmer
Member of
Occident Club



Award of Merit

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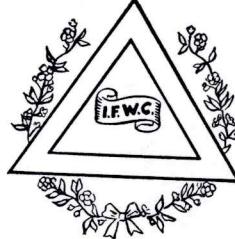
Meridian Occident Club

For

Second Place in Membership increase

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Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs



Meridian Dairy Show

Pageant Program Has 24 Features

Community Highlights of Past Years To Be Portrayed by 20 Organizations

A tentative program of 24 events has been announced for the community-wide historical pageant, "The Desert Shall Bloom".

Dennison Ambrose, general chairman of the pageant, said that the 24 parts of the pageant will portray community highlights of the past half-century.

George Bowditch, director and narrator for the pageant, listed the following tentative line-up of the features to be presented by the respective organizations.

- 1) Indian Family and Scouts — Meridian Riding Club.
- 2) Pioneer with Wagon and Livestock — Locust Grove Grange.
- 3) First House in Meridian — Meridian Grange.
- 4) The Railroad Comes to "Hunter" — VFW and American Legion.
- 5) First Postoffice — Lions Club.
- 6) First Church — Methodist church women and choir members.
- 7) The Family Doctor Rides Out — BPW.
- 8) Coming of Water in Settlers' Ditch — Ten Mile Grange.
- 9) The Town is Re-Named — I. O. O. F.
- 10) Old Farm Kitchen — P. E. O. and Grade A Milk Producers Association.
- 11) The First School — Masonic Lodge.
- 12) The Doctor Rides Again — B. P. W.
- 13) Grasshopper Plague — Meridian Fire Dept.
- 14) The First Newspaper — Meridian Chamber of Commerce.
- 15) Steam Harvest Days — Upper Fairview Grange.
- 16) Sheriff and Posse — Meridian Riding Club.
- 17) Interurban Railroad — Meridian Junior Chamber of Commerce and Jay-C-Ettes.
- 18) Early-Day Fire Fighting — Meridian Fire Dept.
- 19) Wild Cow Milking — Meridian Farm Bureau.
- 20) Typhoid Epidemic — Occident Club.
- 21) Fruit Harvest — Meridian Athletic Association.
- 22) Senator Borah Campaigns — The Agrarian Club.
- 23) The Doctor Goes "Modern" — B. P. W.
- 24) 1958 Dairy Show Queen — Meridian Dairy Show Association.

Pageant Tonight and Friday

Tonight's feature event will be the first presentation of the community-wide historical pageant, "The Desert Shall Bloom," at 8:00 p.m. The hour and a half performance will present more than 20 fast-paced incidents depicting the local events of the past half century.

Pageant tickets will be available at the gate for both tonight's per-

Featuring The Community-Wide

HISTORICAL PAGEANT

"The Desert Shall Bloom"

Parade and Queen Coronation Today, Pageant Tonight and Friday Night

The three-day program of the 1958 Meridian Dairy Show is scheduled to open today—Thursday, June 5.

Events will begin today with the judging of 4-H and FFA cattle at 9:00 a.m. The afternoon highlight will be the annual Dairy Show parade at 2:00 p.m.

Her Majesty of 1958



MERIDIAN DAIRY SHOW

(Horton Studio)

QUEEN MARILYN FROST, sponsored by Ada County Pomona Grange, holds royal court with beautiful princesses at 1958 Dairy Show. Honored girls and their sponsors, left to right: Kay Frost, Explorers Post 101; Janis Rambo, VFW Auxiliary; Barbara Hill, Meridian Chamber of Commerce; Susan Asumendi, Meridian Junior Chamber of Commerce and Jay-C-Ettes; Karen Allen, Canyon County Pomona Grange; Norma Reaman, Job's Daughters; Marcia Fowler, Beta Sigma Phi.

1958 Meridian Dairy Show Parade

Dairy Show Parade

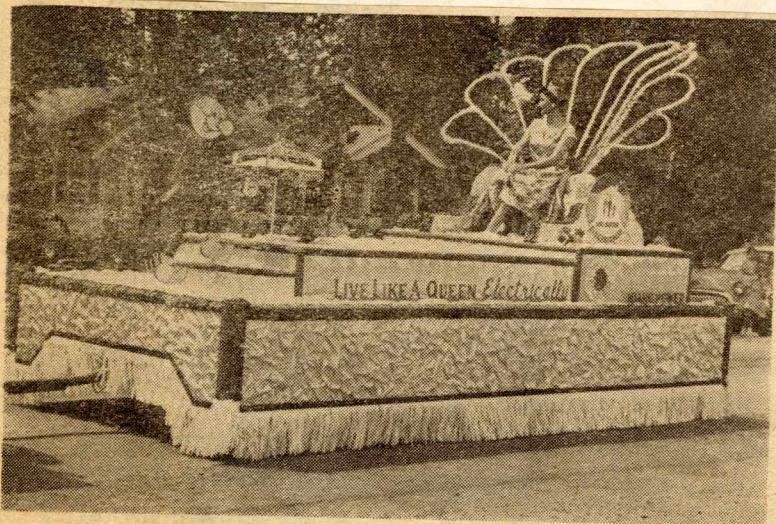
2 P.M. - THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Followed By Crowning Of

1958 DAIRY SHOW QUEEN

FLOAT AWARDS - JUNIOR AWARDS

Prize-Winning Floats -



First prize, commercial division—Idaho Power Company's float, based on the theme "Live Like A Queen Electrically."

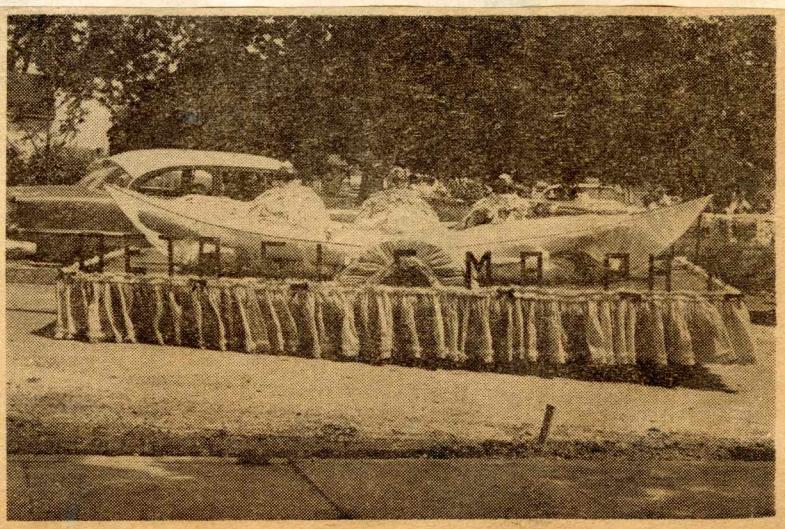
First prize, organization division — Exemplar Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, portraying use of dairy products in giant banana split.

Herald Cox, secretary-treasurer of the Dairy Show Association, has announced the scheduled appearance of two bands in the Dairy Show parade at 2:00 p.m. today. The groups furnishing free music for the annual event here are the 25th Army Band from the Idaho National Guard at Nampa, and the Ninth Airborne Group's band from the Air Force base at Mountain Home.

The parade winners included the Exemplar Beta Sigma Phi, best of the organizations with a huge banana split float as part of the dairy industry; followed by the Alpha Alpha Beta Sigma Phi float, the senior Chamber of Commerce, the Nazarene church, the Ada County Jersey club and the Explorer Post No. 101.

The Meridian Riding club was judged the best riding organization in the parade, followed by the Eagle Riding club and the Ada County Mounted Posse-Ettes.

The Royal Neighbors float was named the top comic entry with the Zamzow float second. Idaho Power was judged first in the commercial class. The Ada County Dairymen's float was next, and the Farm Bureau float, third.



Pioneer Resident Recalls Meridian 50 Years Ago

(As I was a lad scarcely five years old when I came here and as I am writing this entirely from my own memory I must ask some of those who were a little older than myself and whose memory might be a bit better than mine to please excuse any errors.

—Clyde Ball)

In November, 1907, the late P. H. Snow, who was the father of Mrs. George Thomas, had a blacksmith-shop where Henry Neitzel's garage is located today.

My father, the late Charles W. Ball, walked from Nampa to Meridian along the railroad track to see Mr. Snow about a job shoeing horses and then walked back to Nampa along the same route.

The next day we moved into a little three-room house that was painted pink, located on the same property where Mr. and Mrs. John McNeff are living today. The folks were only looking for a place to locate, but as fate would have it they found quite a permanent location for me.

As I recall Meridian that day

it was just a village and a rather small one at that, of some 400 souls. It reached from where the Christian church is located on the north to where the Henry Carter's live on the west, to the old Atwater property on the south and a straight line from the Clayton Freytag's to the Carl Neuman's would very well describe the eastern boundary.

There was no city water system and no electric power service. There was just one block of cement sidewalk, from Kernen's Variety Store to the Drug Center, all the rest were either board walks or just planks strung along. There were no paved streets and in the spring of the year the mud was knee deep (or deeper) on the tall est Indian that ever came to town.

As I can recall the older folks talking, the chief topics of conversation were: The sinking of the battleship Maine, the assassination of President McKinley and Governor Stuenburg, the Japs knocking out the Russian Fleet at Port Arthur, the San Francisco fire,

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EARLY-DAY MAILMEN prepare for route delivery in horse-drawn mail carts. At left J. C. McIntosh, the first rural route mail carrier working out of local office, whose service started in 1903. Next, in light coat, is Dr. Reynolds, Meridian postmaster. At right is J. W. Moore, mail carrier on early Route Two. Standing between Moore and postmaster is substitute carrier, Guy McIntosh.

(Photo Courtesy Mrs. Clara Maw)

Remember When . . . ?



MAIN BUSINESS SECTION of Meridian, about 1910. As shown, East First street (Highway 30) was then a country road, with practically no buildings. Other street shown is East Broadway, where McFadden's Market, Meridian Cigar Store, etc., are now located. Building at left corner, Barz Commercial Co., is on site now occupied by Meridian News-Times. Barz

and all adjoining buildings burned about 1919, destroying village records which had been housed in small building at back of Barz store. In upper middle background can be seen bell cupola of first grade school built in Meridian. Other buildings seen include saloon, Webb commissary. (Photo courtesy of Bob Voss, Meridian.)

Pioneer Resident Recalls . . .

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Jim Jeffrey's chances if he should decide to come out of retirement and fight Jack Johnson, and how Walter Johnson was going to make it in major league baseball.

Only 20 Left

If I am leaving anyone out of this category I am extremely sorry, and if I may be reminded I shall make correction later. Of the more than 400 people who lived right in town on that day I arrived here, there seems to be only 20 left.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Champlin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor, Della Tolleth, Mable Cairns, Ira Vorhees, Loah Adams, Shad Clarke, Elsie Peer, Wanita Hatfield, Frank Matchum, Robert French, Alice Freytag, Matt Anderson, Meda Whiteley, Rebecca Louderbough, Bob Huish, Winton Peer, and Edith Crockett.

There is another group that, while they haven't actually lived here in town, they have lived so close that they seem to be a part of Meridian. In this group I would like to mention: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Beery, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baldwin, Will Snyder, Ada Ball, Jess Hedges, Emma Waggoner, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waggoner, Ina Overton, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wolfe, the Hudsons, Egberts, Rambos, Evans, Maddens, Mrs. Esther Hardin, and probably some others that I don't recall at this writing.

There is still another group which, undoubtedly, is worthy of mention; the Andersons, Palmers, Decks, Reynolds, Helms, Turners,

first in the new building before it was hardly finished. There was just one other church, the Christian, it was located at or about its present location and I believe Rev. J. H. McSparran was minister.

The first, second and third grades of school were in an old four-room two-story building, which had been through quite too many winters, was located between the new Mason building and Keller's Market. The teachers were Hester M. Spackmann, Ethel Tolleth and Nellie Tolleth, and my "Grandma" Helm did the janitor work.

The old Bank of Meridian Ltd. was in the building that is occupied by the Elite Cleaners, but the only one I can remember as being connected with it is Howard Davisson.

Dr. C. L. Dutton had his office at the same location as the Rice Pharmacy but the building has been remodeled considerably since.

Favorite Playground

The space between the cleaners and the drug store was the scene of some of the happiest moments I ever spent in Meridian and which were eventually to come to the saddest ending. That was indeed an ideal spot for our games of "kid baseball" but after a very few years a man named Ed Mathews came to Meridian and of all places to put a blacksmith shop he picked our "baseball park".

The prints of the horseshoes are still in the walk in front of the Idaho Power office, I suppose, to stay there forever as grim reminders that our playground was gone forever. Sometimes as I pass by that spot I am rather happy that I am the only one of the old gang who must walk over those prints and be reminded, all the others are gone from here.

Roscoe B. Gore (for goodness sake don't any of you old timers laugh) — you can all remember Roscoe and his barber shop next

Meridian Warriors 53 Years Ago



MERIDIAN'S FIRST football team, the 1904 squad shown above, included 12 students of combined grade school and high school. First row, left to right: Art Frazier, deceased; Lew Stokesberry, deceased; Dan Barker, Meridian; Harry Opie, Portland; Jess Hedges, Meridian. Second row: Shad Clark, Meridian; Henry Compton, Idaho Falls; Guy Barker, deceased; Marion Rose, deceased; Guy McIntosh, deceased. Upper row: Bill Madden, Ketchum; Roy Scott, Boise. (Although school furnished no official coach, team was directed by Billy Moreland, "Tub" Dailey, and Thorne Bisby, former college athletes.)

(Photo courtesy Shad Clark)

Occident Club Installs Officers

The following officers were installed into the Occident Club at a meeting, June 2. Mrs. Roy Goodwin, president; Mrs. Roy Stuart, vice-president; Mrs. Lester Lounsbury, secretary; and Mrs. D. T. Howell, assistant secretary; Mrs. Warren Moore, treasurer; and Mrs. Edith Robbins, historian.

Thirty-three members and six visitors enjoyed a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. Marguerite Patch assisted by Mrs. Clare Hunt were in charge of the program which featured a style show with fashions dating back to 1891. Styles of 1929 and 1931 were very similar to models of today's chemise styles.

Memorial gifts to the club were received from the families of Eleanor Songer McGuire, Ben Robinson, Tessie Davidson, and Clara Anderson.

The next meeting will be held in September.

Mrs. Goodwin Named New President Of Occident Club

Mrs. Roy F. Goodwin was elected president of the Occident Club at a meeting held Monday, May 5. Other officers named were Mrs. Roy J. Stuart, vice-president; Mrs. L. W. Launsbury, secretary, Mrs. Warren Moore, treasurer, and Mrs. Claude Robbins, historian.

Hostesses for the meeting were the Mmes V. A. Cox, Ed Baldwin, T. C. Scheer, and Ralph B. Soucie.

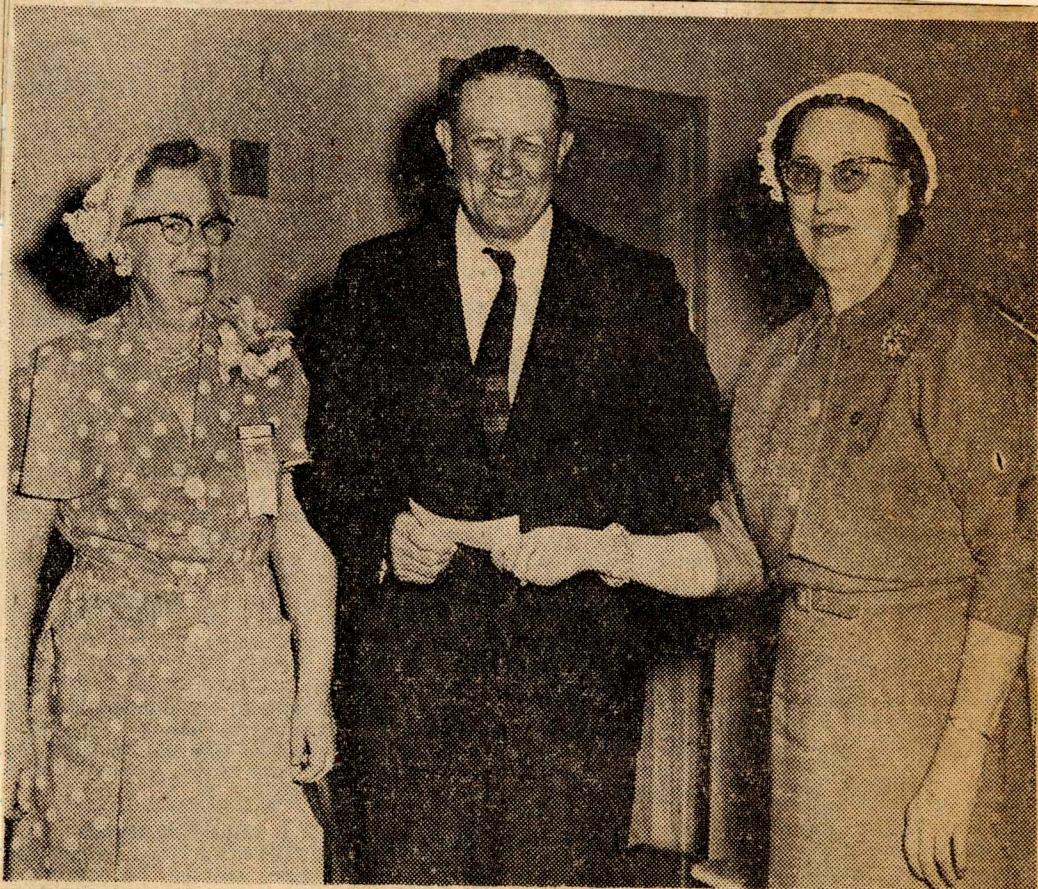
Occident Club Sets Installation Monday, June 2

The Occident Club will have a covered dish luncheon, Monday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m., with installation of officers to follow.

Mrs. Marguerite Patch and Mrs. Pauline Hunt will have charge of the program. The topic will be "Brides".

Hostesses for the day are the Mmes. Frank Hudson, Fred Rost, Ray Ulmer, Marion Clelan, Leota Gregory, and John Magnuson.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1958



PRESENTATION of a check for more than \$10,000 was made Wednesday at the closing session of the Idaho Federation of Women's clubs' 40th annual convention in Nampa. The federation presented the funds for development work at the Idaho Youth ranch, near Rupert. On hand to make the presentation were Mrs. A. F. Kalk, Sandpoint, incoming president, and Mrs. G. M. Brown, Nampa, outgoing president. Receiving the check is the Rev. James R. Crowe, superintendent of the ranch. Other new officers installed Wednesday are Mrs. J. E. Graham, first vice president from Rexburg; Mrs. Charles Winkler, Council, second vice president; Mrs. E. A. Oeck, Rupert, third vice president; Mrs. J. E. McCatton, New Meadows, recording secretary; and Mrs. W. H. Dickinson, Shoshone, treasurer. (See story in Women's section).

Marguerite Patch
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