



## Meridian Area Senior Citizens Association, Inc.

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Meridian, Idaho 83642



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TO: All Members of The Meridian  
Occident Club

Everyone at the Meridian Senior Center extends heartfelt thanks for your very generous donation of \$1,721.49 to our Center.

Fundraising is a constant occurrence at the Center for renovation and up-keep. We are currently in the process of several projects, such as re-carpeting, storm windows and several very worthy projects.

We have received a bid to pave our parking lot and your generous gift will let us proceed with this and other improvements that need to be made, to keep our Senior Center a place the community can be proud of.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Dale Ryan

Dale Ryan  
President

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NEWSLETTER  
May 1988

The Meridian Senior Center would like to thank the Meridian Occident Club for their donation. The donation is greatly appreciated and will be used for projects currently under way and future projects to keep our Center a place our community can be proud of.

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On Friday April 22, a breakfast honoring the many Volunteers who put in so many hours of their time and efforts to make the Center run smooth at meal time was held. Central District Health sponsored the breakfast to let all Nutrition volunteers know how much they are appreciated. This is one morning the Staff will wait on them!

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We at the Center would like to invite you to our Rummage Sale April 20th and 21st. The sale will be held at the Meridian Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. We would appreciate if you would be thinking of things you might like to donate. Everything should be in good to excellent condition.

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Your Coordinator, Jeannie Hawk, has been selected to represent the senior citizens on the "Blue Ribbon Centennial Committee", for the City of Meridian. This committee will be working to get some long needed accomplishments done before the Idaho Centennial year 1990. It will also carry through to Meridian's Centennial year in 1993. I will be forming a committee of my own here at the Center to come up with ideas and how we can all work together to carry out these ideas, to take to the meetings. These people are very interested in hearing your ideas and what you would like to see accomplished in Meridian to make it more of a place we can all be proud of before the Centennial year. Please, if you have ideas to share, or would like to take part on the committee, see me in my office at your convience. This promises to be work, but also alot of fun.

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SHIBA Representatives, who have been trained by the Idaho State Insurance Commission, are ready to aid you in understanding or reviewing your insurance policies. This free service is available at the Center the first and third Mondays of each month, at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bring your policies with you.

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Highlights for May are:

- May 12, Seminar on Estate Planning, at 1:00 p.m.
- May 13, Potluck and Association meeting.
- May 20 and May 21, RUMMAGE SALE.
- May 24, Blood Pressures.
- May 30, MEMORIAL DAY (the Center will be closed).

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SMILE-----and have a good month!





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A circular library stamp with the text "BOISE, ID" at the top, "PM" in the center, "APR" below it, and "7" and "1988" at the bottom.



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18 East Idaho Avenue  
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A circular postmark from Boise, Idaho, featuring the text "BOISE, ID" at the top, "EPM" in the center, and "24 FEB 1987" at the bottom.



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May 1988

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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HOLIDAY (Center Closed) 7:30 Cards & Pool	30 9:30 Crafts 12:00 dinner 1:00 Music by- Don Gish & Group	31			

**VAN SCHEDULE**

Monday -- Boise for Appointments, Etc.  
Tuesday-- Center for Meal  
Wednesday-Center for Meal & Shopping  
Thursday--Center for Meal  
1st Friday of Each Month -- Karcher Ma  
3rd Friday of Each Month -- Center for

Check the above calendar for other special runs.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Delivered for 7 days per week with  
deliveries made on Mon., Wed.,  
and Friday.  
For Information call -- 888-5555



# Meridian Library District

18 East Idaho Avenue

Meridian, Idaho 83642

(208) 888-4451

February 24, 1987

Mrs. Annie Jones  
Occident Club President  
Elm Grove Trailor Park #49  
Meridian, Idaho 83642

Dear Mrs. Jones and Members of the Occident Club,

On behalf of the Library Board, the Library Staff, and myself, I wish to thank the members of the Occident Club for all that you have done for the library. We are all aware of your long history of promoting the library and in the past conducting many fund raising projects on behalf of the library.

Your most recent act of generosity was to pay for the vertical blinds covering the window between the meeting room and the circulation area, and two mini blinds for the exterior windows.

We are all very pleased with this addition to the library and thank all of you for providing it. It is a nice complement to the remodeled library.

Sincerely yours,

*William H. Snyder*

William H. Snyder  
Library Director



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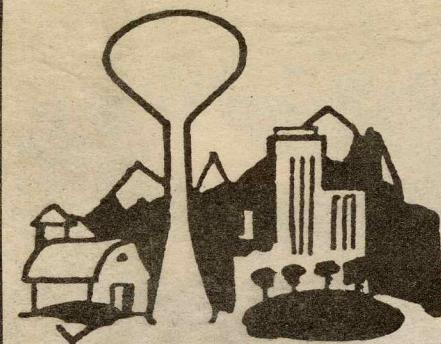
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Mrs. Annie Jones  
Occident Club President  
Elm Grove Trailor Park # 49  
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*Book*



Local Community Newspaper - Serving Western Ada County from Meridian, Idaho

# VALLEY NEWS

Vol. 88, No. 23  
June 15, 1988

30 E. Franklin, P.O. Box 365  
Meridian, Idaho 83642

Second-class postage for The VALLEY NEWS (USPS No. 636040) is paid at Meridian, ID.  
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## Parade opens Christmas season

"Christmas Fantasies" materialized Saturday during the ninth annual Winterland Parade on the main streets of Meridian.

Over 70 floats, bands, antique cars, walking groups, horse riders, and drawn vehicles participated according to the sponsor, the Meridian Chamber of Commerce.

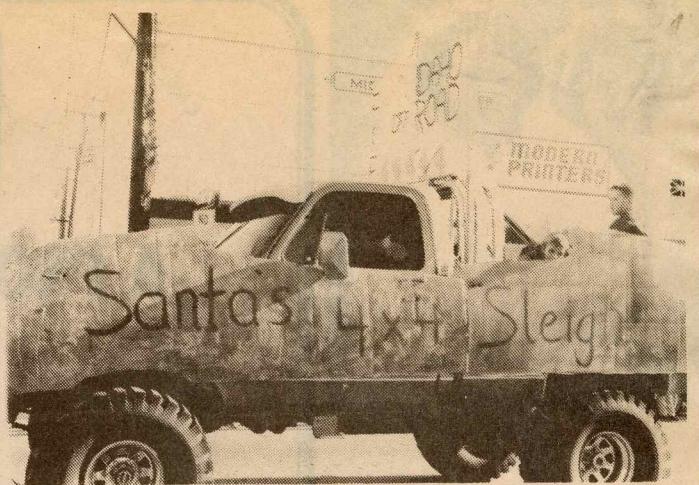
"Land before Time," co-sponsored by Penney's, Pizza Hut and Channel 12 took grand prize in the commercial float category with huge stuffed animals: Little Foot, Cera, Spike and other dinosaur characters, from the recent Steven Spielberg movie. The Meadow Gold Dairy "Santa's Workshop" placed second in the category.

Boise Elks Lodge "Dreaming of Christmas at Grandma's" won the sweepstake trophy and grand prize in the non-commercial category. The Meridian Optimist's "Where's Santa?" won best theme trophy and second place.

Job's Daughters Bethel 6 of Meridian won third with "Angel's Choir." Meridian Middle School was awarded honorable mention for "All We Want for Christmas Are Two New Schools."

Centennial High School drill team won a trophy for the best walking group.





*The Winterland parade  
had floats, clowns and trucks*

**Scenes of the Winterland Parade**



## Kelvin Delmont "K.D." Hartwell

K.D. Hartwell, 85, of Meridian, died Saturday at his home of cancer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 16th, in Meridian United Methodist Church. Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence officiated. Burial followed in Meridian Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian.

K.D. was born June 30, 1907, at Salt Lake City, Utah, to Byron and Janie Dunn Hartwell. At the age of three he moved to Albion and later to Burley, where he graduated from high school. He attended Gooding College, a Methodist school, and graduated in 1931. He worked at the State School for the Deaf and Blind to help with his expenses while at Gooding.

K.D. was a star athlete in high school and college and held positions of student assistant and student body president. After graduation, he began his coaching and teaching career in Fairfield.

He married LaVerne Clark on June 5, 1932, at Union Oregon Methodist Church. In 1934, they moved to Meridian. Except for four years spent in upholstery training and work, his entire career was spent in the Meridian School District where he taught high school for 15 years and was a junior high principal for 20 years, retiring in 1972.

This year marked K.D. and LaVerne's 61st wedding anniversary.

In 1979 he was chosen as a Statesman Distinguished Citizen by *The Idaho Statesman* newspaper. K.D. was the first president of the Meridian Education Association, a member of the IEA, NEA, and long time member

and past president of Phi Delta Kappa, as well as a member of the Masonic Lodge. He worked with Boy Scouts and was a member of the Mtn. View Council. He was a 30-year member of the Lion's Club and past president of that group. He was a 58-year member of the Methodist church where he served on many boards and taught Sunday School for 20 years.

K.D. was a fine craftsman and loved refurbishing antiques, stream fishing, pheasant hunting, photography, and traveling. He and his wife traveled extensively in the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and several foreign countries.

A kind, courteous, gentleman, K.D. was happy to help family, friends, and his community. A co-worker once described him as "a gentleman's gentleman."

Survivors include: his wife, LaVerne; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosalee and Bill Wigle; a son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Pat Day Hartwell; special loved ones Delbert and Betty Stevens; grandchildren: Scott and Cathy, Mike and Pam, Mark and Debbie, Jim and Vicki, Matt and Jean, and Chris and Toni Wigle; Kelly and Pam Hartwell-Beal; Marci Hartwell; Mike Stevens; Cheryl Stevens Geiger; and Jennifer Stevens; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law Leonard and Helen Marie Clark; 6 great grand children and several nieces and nephews. He was preceeded in death by his parents, four brothers, a sister, and a beloved daughter, Norma.

The family suggest that memorials be sent to MSTI Hospice Program, 151 E. Bannock, Boise, ID 83702, or to a favorite charity.

## Travel plans

# George Judd, after 40 years, retires as post office aide

After 40 years in the Meridian post office, George Judd, assistant postmaster, will put aside his walking shoes, polish up his traveling boots and retire from active duty next Monday.

Besides his long and outstanding

career in the post office, Judd is known throughout the Meridian area for his many civic and community activities and was selected several years ago as "Meridian's Man of the Year".

Traveling will be the first order

of business by Judd and his wife, Margaret, who retired at the end of the school term last summer after 19 years as an English teacher at Meridian junior high school. They plan to visit all three of their sons which is not as simple as it sounds, because it will include a trip to Beirut, Lebanon to visit their son, Gary.

### 'Taking it easy'

They will start out, however, with visits to the other two, Roger, at Salem, Ore., and Gordon, at Fullerton, Calif.

In addition to their travels, Judd plans to catch up on his fishing and hunting and do a lot of "sitting back and taking it easy", which will be a novelty for a man who has been so active in so many things for so many years.

Judd came to Meridian in 1935 as a mathematics teacher at Meridian high school and taught for the first four years he was here. In 1939, he accepted a position in the post office as a clerk and in 1956, when Meridian qualified as a first class postal office, he was made assistant postmaster, a position he has held ever since except for an interval when he was acting postmaster between the retirement of Frank Jolley, former postmaster, and the appointment of J. D. Petty, the present one.

### Active in Legion

During that time, he also served in the Navy during World War II and upon his return, he became a leader in the Meridian post of the American Legion and still is active in that organization.

With all of his 40 years in the

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Mr. and Mrs. George Judd

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# Hartwells are part of Meridian's spirit

BY DAVID DUNN

One of the benefits of being a reporter is the interesting people one meets. K. D. and LaVern Hartwell are such people. Born in the early part of our century they struggled through the great depression, raised a family, and served the Meridian and Boise areas as dedicated teachers, volunteers, and neighbors. They have lived in Meridian since 1934.

Their story begins 84 years ago with K. D. being born in Salt Lake City in 1907 and moving with his parents to Albion, Idaho in 1910. Everything has changed since then, as K. D. explains, "at that time Albion was the county seat of Cassia county and Burley hadn't even been built yet."

Early on K. D. set his sites on college. To secure his goal he found himself "hooking beets." Using a machete like device with a hook on the end he "hooked beets and topped them individually. Then we tossed them into a 5-ton truck, for \$1.00 per load per worker." He

also worked with his father on their farm and later in a garage in Burley.

In high school K. D. was a bit of a star playing football, basketball, and track, the proof, "his picture was up there on the high school wall" says LaVern. He graduated in 1926.

LaVern Clark met him while they both were attending the Gooding Methodist College. K. D. graduated in 1931 with a BA in education. "He was quite a good athlete in basketball and in track," LaVern explained with a smile. They were married in 1932.

K. D. worked his way through college as a janitor for the state school for the deaf and blind and as a coach for the Fairfield football team. During the summers he worked in service stations. That time invested coaching would pay off later with one of the few jobs available in the depression years. So with his graduation from college he got his first teaching and coaching

position in Fairfield. Reflecting on those days K. D. remembers, "I was paid \$1,250 for the first year and then with the depression I got \$750 the second year."

Before they were married LaVern had received a two year associate degree and was teaching at a county grade school in Fairfield. As she explained, "with the scarcity of jobs during that time my contract stated that if I was to marry I couldn't teach. My contract was for \$90 a month for seven months because they were cutting back during the depression." LaVern then became a full-time homemaker. At the age of 49, after raising her family, LaVern returned to college at Northwest Nazarene College and obtained a degree in elementary education. She then taught for 14 years in Boise.

In 1934 K. D. "traded jobs with a fellow named Harry Durall in Meridian, I coached and taught history and science." He taught in the old Meridian rural high school on Carlton

Street. K. D. remembers that "at that time there was about 350 students in the school." After 12 years he quit and tried his hand at the upholstery business. Four years later, after "a hard time" he returned to teaching in Eagle. In 1962 he returned to Meridian as the principal of the junior high, retiring in 1972.

Today they still live in the house K. D. built in 1938. In the intervening years he has refurbished and restored antique furniture and some some upholstery work. But as LaVern says, "mostly we like to travel." And travel they have, they have been to all but five states, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Fiji and Hawaii. Their favorite activity has been seeing the western states in their R.V.

In 1976 K. D. was the State-man's Distinguished Citizen. The couple had three children Rosale, Norma and Jack. They have eleven grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren, and lots of friends.

K. D. and LaVern Hartwell are familiar names to many Meridianites, it is because of dedicated people like these two that Meridian is the nicest place in the valley.

There was a time when friends would yell, "Mr. Hartwell, you should slow down." K. D. Hartwell has slowed down a bit, but not too much! But, keep your eyes open for when the weather warms up you may still see K. D. striding through the town he knows so well.

September 21, 1989

Occident Club

Meridian, ID 83642

RE: USE OF MERIDIAN LIBRARY

Dear Occident Club Members

We want to again express our appreciation to the members of the Meridian Occident Club for their generosity and graciousness in providing the property for the Meridian Free Library. We want to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to you to provide you with a meeting place as long as requested by you.

We have enjoyed our association with you and look forward to the continuation of this relationship.

Very truly yours

Maurine B. Boling

Betty Dusler

Donna L. Farmer

Norman J. Galler

Charline Denny

MERIDIAN FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

February 25, 1990

Date  
Org. Meridian 1924  
Occident Club

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is the name inscribed on a brick in your honor

Brick to be placed in the Meridian Centennial Gardens  
in Storey Park in Meridian, Idaho

Grant Kingsford

GRANT KINGSFORD  
Mayor, City of Meridian

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PATSY S. FEDRIZZI  
Director, Meridian Centennial Bureau

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