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JULY 12, 1963
**Youth's Flight
Plan Halted;
In Jail Again**

A 19-year-old already charged with petty larceny was arrested Wednesday night at the Boise airport on a burglary charge while preparing to board an airliner, Gene Hiner, Meridian police chief, said.

Hiner said the youth, Jack E. Mathis, from Marysville, Calif., was at liberty on \$300 bail on a petty larceny charge when arrested again.

The burglary charge, Hiner said, involved an entry of the Little Detroit Club and Cafe in Meridian on July 8.

Bail of \$2000 was set in Boise Justice Court on the burglary charge and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. July 19.

JULY 12, 1963
**Burglar enters
two firms here**

Approximately \$250 in cash and several cartons of cigarettes were stolen in Sunday night burglaries of two Meridian firms.

Don Bowers, owner of Don's Meridian Shell service station, said the burglar entered by breaking a window, and took about \$200 in cash from a hiding place.

At Little Detroit club and cafe, the burglar entered through a coal chute, and stole about \$50 cash and several cartons of cigarettes.

Youth questioned

Jack Mathis, 19, former employee of the Creamline Dairy west of Meridian, was charged with first-degree burglary this Thursday morning in connection with the two burglaries. Bail was set at \$2,000, and he was remanded to the county jail.

Mathis had resigned from his dairy job Monday. His employer, Mrs. P. R. Williamson, then reported the disappearance of clothing from the Williamson residence. Valley authorities that afternoon arrested the youth, as he was reportedly enroute to California in his car.

Taken to Boise, he was charged with petty larceny and released Tuesday on \$300 bond. Wednesday night, he was re-arrested at the Boise airport by Police Chief Gene Hiner of Meridian. Chief Hiner said the youth had purchased a ticket to Little Rock, Arkansas, and was apprehended as he was boarding a plane.

The first-degree burglary charges were then filed against Mathis. Hearing on the original petty larceny charges has been continued until next Thursday.

JULY 19, 1963
**Mathis draws
sentence, fine**

Jack Mathis, 19, former employee of the Creamline Dairy at Meridian, was fined \$300 and sentenced to six months in jail on a charge of petty larceny. The youth was accused of stealing clothes from the home of his former employer at the dairy.

Mathis also faces first-degree burglary charges. He is accused of breaking into Don's Meridian Shell service station and the Little Detroit Club the night of July 7. About \$200 cash was taken from the service station, and about \$50 cash and cartons of cigarettes were taken from the club and cafe.

Mathis is scheduled to appear in court this Friday on the burglary charge.

Meridian News-Times

**King-size shells
found in building**

In cleaning Idaho Pine Company storerooms after the closing of the mill, employees found a pair of items not listed on the inventory — two 20-millimeter shells.

One shell had been dismantled, but the other one was fully activated. Both were turned over to Police Chief Gene Hiner for disposal.

The shells were of the type used in the Navy's "pom-pom" type of anti-aircraft guns.

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JULY 20, 1963
**First Degree Burglary
Case Bound to Court**

Jack E. Mathis, 19-year-old Californian, was bound over to District Court Friday following a preliminary hearing on a first degree burglary charge.

Mathis, whose home address is listed as Marysville, Calif., is charged in connection with entry to the Little Detroit Club and Cafe in Meridian July 8.

Aug. 18, 1963

Wheel Kills Race Viewer At Meridian

Robert Blakesley, 37,
Stock Car Secretary,
Victim of Accident

MERIDIAN *P*—A runaway wheel from a stock car struck and killed the secretary of the Ontario, Ore., racing association Saturday night. The accident occurred during the finals of the Canadian-American modified Racing Association races at the Meridian Speedway.

The victim was identified as Bob Blakesley, 37, of Payette. Speedway officials said Blakesley was partially paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair. He was sitting in an area adjacent to the pits when the tragedy occurred.

Officials said an attendant pushed Blakesley's wheel chair behind a retaining wall when a car driven by Dallas Chester veered off the track and careened toward the spot where he was sitting. As the car sped past the wall, a wheel tore loose and struck Blakesley in the head.

He was taken to a hospital in Boise but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Officials said the axel of Chester's car apparently broke, causing the wheel to spin loose.

Paris Rules Track Death Inquest Out

Aug. 20, 1963

MERIDIAN *P*—Ada County Coroner Ed Paris said Sunday he does not plan to order an inquest into the death Saturday of 37-year-old Bob Blakesley in an automobile racing accident at the Meridian Speedway.

Blakesley, who was partially paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair, was fatally injured when he was struck in the head by a wheel that had torn loose from one of the racers in the finals of the Canadian-American Modified racing association meet.

Speedway officials said Blakesley, secretary of the Ontario, Ore., racing association, was sitting in an area adjacent to the pits when the tragedy occurred.

They said an attendant pushed his wheelchair behind a retaining wall when a car driven by Dallas Chester of Boise veered off the track and careened toward the pits. The wheel spun loose as the car sped past the wall.

Jerry Sylvester of Victoria, B.C. and Walt Laughlin, Boise, sustained superficial burns when their cars collided in the A main event. Both were treated in a Boise hospital and released.

Dale Evans, Meridian, received minor burns when the radiator of his car burst during the same race. He did not require hospitalization.

Candy, Cigarets Reported Stolen At Meridian Cafe

MERIDIAN—Several cartons of cigarettes and an undetermined number of candy bars were taken in a breakin at the Meridian Sale Yard Restaurant, which was discovered Monday morning, according to Police Chief Gene Hiner.

Entry was gained by breaking a padlock off the side door. Also, a shed behind the cafe was entered by breaking off a padlock, and a skill saw was taken.

Meridian, Idaho, News-Times

September 26, 1963

... not that
it matters

by the editor

Police Chief Gene Hiner doesn't know whether to be embarrassed . . . or to be proud of proving that he's really on the job.

Ted Gibson rode his bike down to Gibson-Welker's at 6:30 a.m. the other morning, to do some clean-up work before going to school. He left his bike out in the lot, and when he went out to leave for school, the bike was gone.

He got in touch with Chief Hiner, who started taking notes on the theft. When Ted told him where the bike had been left, the chief stopped writing and said, "Get in. I know right where it is."

Gene did, too. Seeing the bike on the lot that early in the morning, he figured it had been stolen and abandoned. So he'd taken it down to the police station.

How's that for solving a crime before it even happened?

Police report found bicycles

Lost a boy's or a girl's bicycle?

Police Chief Gene Hiner said two bicycles—one boy's model and one girl's — have been turned in at the city building.

Owners may claim the bicycles upon proper identification.

Dec. 5, 1963

Police arrest boys for fire

Two juvenile boys have been charged with setting fire to a chair in a vacant house at 24 East Carlton last Wednesday afternoon. Meridian firemen extinguished the blaze.

As noted in the city council report, Meridian officials are considering action to be taken against the absentee owner of the house, which has been termed a public hazard.

Dec. 5, 1963

Chief arrests car thief here

Police Chief Gene Hiner arrested a Mountain Home airman Wednesday night on charges of car theft.

Boise police had broadcast a description of the stolen car, a 1963 Dodge sedan, and Chief Hiner sighted the vehicle being driven down East First (Highway 30) by William Mark Parker of the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

The suspect was turned over to the custody of the sheriff's office.

Dec. 11, 1963

Shot Victim Recuperating At Meridian

MERIDIAN—Phillip E. Reed, Meridian Route 2, is recuperating at his home after being accidentally shot with a .38 caliber revolver in downtown Meridian, according to Chief of Police George Hiner.

Chief Hiner said Tuesday that Reed and his wife were sitting in a farm truck downtown with the weapon. He was told that Mrs. Reed was holding the gun and began to hand it to her husband, but in the transfer the gun fired and struck his right foot.

He said Reed was taken to a Meridian doctor late Monday night after it happened. The gun had been purchased just before the incident, he thought.

MOTORIST FINED

MERIDIAN—A charge of operating a motor vehicle on a suspended driver's license brought a \$100 fine and 10 days in jail for Kenneth Montgomery, 36, Emmett, Police Chief Gene Hiner said. *NOV. 23 63*

OCT. 17, 1963

Meridian awards police car bid to local firm

In a special meeting held Friday, Meridian city officials accepted the bid of Gibson-Welker Ford Sales for a new police car—a 1964 two-door custom Ford sedan.

Accepting the old police car, a 1962 Ford, as a trade-in, the local firm's bid was for a \$1,185.20 difference.

Well approved

In other action at the special meeting, the council approved the digging of a surface well on the city property east of Keller's market, at an estimated cost of \$820. Francis Veach will be employed by the city as supervisor of the project.

Dec. 8, 1963

Meridian Thief Gets Tools, Change, Candy

MERIDIAN—Tools valued at \$150, \$6 in change and some candy bars were taken in a weekend burglary of the Meridian Bowling Alley, Police Chief Gene Hiner said Monday.

Hiner said the owner of the bowling alley noticed Sunday morning that the building had been entered.

ON ICEBREAKER

City ^{Dec. 19, 1963} appoints
new patrolman

Mayor Don Storey announced today the employment of Ralph Jones as the new night patrolman for the city.

Mr. Jones, a resident of Boise, was formerly a member of the Garden City police force.

Officer Jones said he planned to move his family to Meridian. He and his wife have four pre-school children.

^{Dec. 19, 1963}
Burglars enter
bowling lanes

Meridian Bowling Lanes were burglarized again early Sunday morning. Stolen were about \$150 worth of hand tools, an electric drill, candy bars, and about \$5 in coins.

Entry was made by removing a pane of glass in the rear window. The intruder, or intruders, replaced the glass when leaving, and the break-in was not discovered until mid-morning by manager Ray Tolsma.

The building, which is located outside the city limits, has been burglarized several times since it was opened in July of 1959.

Guest editorial

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compiled an exceptionally good record of enforcement.

"In fact, although Meridian operates with a police force of only two full-time men and one part-time assistant, more than 300 dogs were picked up the first year that the ordinance was in effect. The problem has since greatly decreased, but we are continuing strict enforcement—with 82 dogs picked up in the past 10 months. On this point, Meridian rates well above average in adequate dog control."

Weed problem

Commenting on the matter of weed control, Mayor Storey said that legal responsibility for the removal of weeds rested solely with the owner of the property involved.

"The city, of course, has power to adopt a get-tough policy, and have the weeds removed and the costs assessed to the property owner," he added. "But, unless an actual fire hazard exists, we try to operate on a less dictatorial basis of seeking the property owners' voluntary cooperation." The mayor said that fire officials made periodic inspections, with written notices being sent to any offending property owners. "Also, the city helps by providing free trash and rubbish pickup during each annual Clean-Up Week."

City water system

"We admittedly have a hard-water problem in Meridian," said the mayor, "but there is no practical correction possible on a city-wide basis—the costs would be completely prohibitive. However, the problem can be solved on an individual basis, as has been done at many homes."

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said the mayor.

"This is a legitimate complaint," he added, "but there are several factors to consider. For example, it is obviously not safe for youngsters to ride their bicycles on East First (Highway 30) during the busy hours.

"That is not to say," he continued, "that bicycle riders have any right to interfere with, or endanger, any pedestrian. One sensible solution might be to require that children dismount and walk with their bicycles in the business section. That would keep them out of the highway traffic, and at the same time would protect the pedestrians. Here, too, a program of education at school and home would be a big help to all concerned."

Law enforcement

"One point of which Meridian can be particularly proud is its record of law enforcement," said Mayor Storey. "Our town has one of the lowest crime rates for any city of comparable size in the entire state. At the same time, the department operates with almost two full-time men less than the recommended strength for a town our size."

The mayor expressed special commendation for Police Chief Gene Hiner, noting that Chief Hiner spends as many as 18 hours a day on the job, with no extra pay.

The mayor also expressed appreciation for the work done by other city employees—including city clerk Herald J. Cox, and work superintendent Orville Vincent.

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Commenting on sidewalks, Mayor Storey said, "Here, as in the case of weed control, responsibility lies with the individual property owners. However, the city will cooperate with anyone desiring to install or repair sidewalks, and will provide the use of sidewalk and curb forms without charge."

Fire protection excellent

Meridian volunteer firemen drew praise from the mayor, who said, "Because of the excellent work of fire prevention and fire-fighting, our town enjoys one of the lowest fire-insurance rates."

Cited as an additional improvement to be added soon, in cooperation with the rural fire department, was the installation of an additional fire siren in Meridian, plus the installation of two-way radios in fire trucks and the fire station.

Other factors listed

Also cited as an excellent city project was Meridian's summer recreational program, drawing annual participation of hundreds of youths. "We are also exceptionally fortunate in having the Meridian Athletic Association," said the mayor, "which has done so much to encourage youth activities, particularly the Little League baseball and football groups."

Occident Club was another local organization drawing praise. "Receiving only a small amount of city money," said the mayor, "the club operates a fine public library; as well as conducting its own project of loaning sickroom equipment free to community residents."

Postoffice cited

Continuing his report, Mayor

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Mayor reports . .

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Storey drew attention to the high rating given the Meridian postoffice in the Jaycees' community opinion survey.

"The postoffice drew the most unanimously-favorable rating of all local services," he reported. "Postmaster J. D. Petty and his excellent staff can well be proud of the record they have established, and the high regard in which the postoffice is held by our community."

Swimming pool

Concerning the fact that a public swimming pool was listed on several ballots as a community need, Mayor Storey said the city had taken its only possible action on the matter when a proposed bond issue was listed on a ballot two years ago.

"However, the outlook for a pool is much more promising than it has been. I have learned that federal aid may be obtainable for such a project; and, also, the Meridian Athletic Association and its auxiliary are actively interested in helping to obtain a pool."

Irrigation water problem

Another problem cited on several ballots was that of control of irrigation water within the city limits. "This matter was also referred to the voters, but the majority of ballots were against city control. The city, of course, receives no revenues to pay for water control; and authority for the control rests with the irrigation district."

"On this—as on the matters of littering, upkeep of sidewalks, and weed removal—probably the most important factor is that of civic pride by the residents involved." *continued*

New park due

Plans were also reported for a new city park area, to be installed east of the Kellers' Market building, at East Pine and Second. (See details in story on Page 1.)

City business

In closing, Mayor Storey said, "The scope of our city business is constantly expanding. Last year, for example, a total of more than \$300,000 business was handled through our city office."

"That amount included more than \$100,000 received for vehicle license plates, and about \$17,000 for drivers' licenses. There is no doubt but that having these services available at Meridian means a real boost to our economy, especially to our retail stores and business places."

Progress welcome

"All of us, of course, are pleased with the constant growth and progress of Meridian," concluded the mayor, "and we of the city government truly appreciate the fine cooperation we receive from the majority of residents. It takes all of us working together to make this a fine community for homes and business places."

JAN 27 1964 Meridian Will Renew Health Pact

MERIDIAN — After ceremonies which saw Don M. Storey sworn into his sixth consecutive term as mayor of Meridian, the City Council voted Monday night to renew this community's agreement with the City-County Health Department for 1964.

The Council acted after the mayor and two councilmen were sworn in and several appointments were made.

Sworn in as councilmen were Carol Coleman and Wayne Skiver. Appointed by Storey to three-year terms on the zoning and planning commission were V. R. Schoen and W. G. McCurry.

Duties Assigned

Named as commissioners were councilmen Keith Ellis, fire and water commission; Coleman, parks and sanitation commission; John Navarro, streets commission; and Skiver, police commission.

Herald Cox was renamed city clerk and ex-officio police judge, and Orville Vincent was appointed works superintendent. Named as Vincent's assistant was E. L. Long.

Other appointments: Gene Hiner, chief of police; Oral Coleman, treasurer and office clerk; Roger Welker, fire chief, and Grant Ambrose, city attorney.

Skiver Heads Council

The Council elected Skiver as its president.

In other business the Council discussed the proposed budget for fiscal year 1964, but otherwise took no major action.

Mayor Storey said there will be a special meeting of the Council in the near future to work out the budget resolution for presentation at the next regular Council meeting Feb. 3.

Drivers warned

Police Chief Gene Hiner has called motorists' attention to the law prohibiting unauthorized vehicles from following emergency vehicles such as fire equipment and police cars. "Last month," he said, "two local boys drew fines of \$50 each—for driving so closely behind a fire truck on a call that they interfered with the volunteer firemen who were also answering the call." Chief Hiner said that, without exception, a citation will be issued for each such violation.

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Meridian Chief Given New Police Patrol Car

MERIDIAN — The Meridian Police Department, or rather Police Chief Gene Hiner who is the Police Department, received a new patrol car readied for use Wednesday.

JAN 23, 1964

Meridian charge jails three men

JAN. 30, 1964
Three young men were fined \$50 each and sentenced to five days in jail at the Boise justice court this Thursday, on charges involving Meridian high school girls.

Officials said that the three—Victor Alexander, 20; John Stephenson, 19; Terry Fisher, 18—had come to the high school Wednesday and left with three 16-year-old girls, keeping them out of school all that day.

The three men were charged with causing minors to come under the purview of the Youth Rehabilitation Act.

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MERIDIAN POLICE
CAPTURE FUGITIVE

ranging from \$82 to \$435. He was also accused of burglarizing motel rooms in Reno, and of stealing checks from other firms there and passing them.

Atkins was also accused of using a stolen credit card to obtain a car from a California rental agency. The vehicle was the one he had been driving here Saturday night.

More charges told

In further reports, Atkins is listed as being wanted also in Hillsboro, Oregon, on a burglary charge; and it is expected that car theft charges will be filed at San Francisco.

In addition, Atkins faces a federal charge, under the Dyer Act, of taking a stolen car across state lines.

Authorities said Atkins usually stayed only a day in each area, making his apprehension very difficult. Meridian police drew official praise for their actions Saturday night, which resulted in his arrest.

Meridian Times

Feb. 13, 1964

Police plan use of radar unit in town areas

Meridian police have announced that radar equipment will be used on various streets, including those in residential areas, to enforce speeding regulations. Notice of the planned use was made this Thursday by Police Chief Gene Hiner.

Minor Complaint Leads Meridian Police to Fugitive

MERIDIAN — A minor complaint brought a fugitive into the hands of Meridian police late Saturday night, Police Chief Gene Hiner reported.

Chief Hiner said Lee Atkins, 27, address unknown, is wanted on first degree burglary charges in Nevada. When taken into custody by Meridian police, assisted by Ada County Sheriff's officers and Idaho State Police, the man was armed, Hiner said.

Ada County Sheriff's officers took Atkins to Boise for confinement on a local charge of passing an insufficient funds check. Hiner said a Meridian resident called police to report that someone had backed into his car and then left the scene. Officers spotted the car Atkins was driving. After a brief attempt to elude officers, Hiner reported, the man was arrested.

The investigation of the case is continuing.

Meridian police capture fugitive

Feb. 27, 1964

William Lee Atkins, 27, arrested in Meridian last Saturday night, has been identified as a fugitive from Nevada, where he is wanted on felony charges.

The capture started when Atkins backed his car into the driveway of a local home. A woman at the house, thinking he was going to collide with a car parked in the driveway, called to him.

When the man drove away a short distance, then left the car and started running through a field, the woman called the police.

Captured in house

Police Chief Gene Hiner and night patrolman Charles Jones pursued Atkins through the southeast part of town, and saw him enter a house. Chief Hiner went into the house through the back door, and Atkins fled out the front door, where he was taken into custody by state police officers.

Investigation disclosed that Atkins was wanted at Boise for cashing insufficient-funds checks. Further investigation was made when he was found to be in possession of numerous other checks, 18 credit cards in five different names, and keys from 21 motels in Reno, Nevada.

Nevada charges

Nevada officials said that Atkins was wanted in Reno on charges of burglarizing a lawyer's office, and using a check-writer there to make out 10 checks, which he passed for amounts

Youth arrested on beer charge

Feb. 27, 1964

Thomas Lee Wolfe, 19, was fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to five days in jail, after being arrested at Meridian last Saturday night on charges of illegal consumption of beer.

Idaho State Patrolman said Wolfe struck him as he was attempting to handcuff him; but no assault charge was made during the youth's Monday court appearance at Boise.

Police Chief Hiner said other Meridian juveniles had been involved in illegal beer consumption, with such cases coming under jurisdiction of juvenile authorities.

Meridian Times

Feb. 19, 1964

Meridian Worker Suffers Eye Burn From Lye Splash

MERIDIAN — A. R. Zisselberger of 513 East Pine Avenue, a local plumber, was rushed to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise Tuesday morning after some lye accidentally splashed into one of his eyes while he was working on a plumbing job.

Zisselberger and Robert Voss, both with the Meridian Plumbing Company, were out on an assignment when the incident occurred.

Voss rushed the injured man to city hall, and Police Chief Gene Hiner escorted them to the Boise city limits. From there a Boise police escort rushed the two men to the hospital.

Zisselberger was treated at the hospital and released.



Auxiliary police ready for duty

AUXILIARY POLICEMEN of Meridian are on call for community service in any emergency, and for duty during special events such as Halloween, parades, and other gatherings. This year the group will also be on guard and patrol duty

for the Meridian Athletic Association at the speedway. From left—Kenneth Smith, Roy Wood, Jonas Lee, Bill Luke, Lowell Gass, Neil Hudson, Ted Dennis. Auxiliary group works under direction of Police Chief Gene Hiner, and is being trained in modern police and control methods.

Police warn litterbugs

Meridian Times 4-9-64

Police Chief Gene Hiner was instructed by city officials Monday night to begin a strict enforcement of anti-litter laws in Meridian.

Council members reported a growing number of complaints by residents and business owners. Listed as chief offenders were students, charged with throwing lunch sacks, bits of food, and other waste on sidewalks, streets, and private property.

Chief Hiner said that the situation has now reached the point where he will have no choice but to issue citations to any offender, who will then face trial in city court.

"There are both city and state laws forbidding littering," said the officer, "and they are going to be strictly enforced, effective immediately."

Fire-truck followers

Warning was also issued against the practice of following fire and police vehicles to a fire or other emergency. Chief Welker said several accidents have been narrowly avoided at the last two fire calls, because of private cars following the emergency equipment.

Same levy *Meridian TIMES*
**City councilmen approve
\$113,026 budget for '64**

March 5, 1964
Meridian city officials Monday night unanimously approved a budget of \$113,026 for city expenses during 1964.

They also approved continuing the same 30-mill tax levy that has been in effect here for more than 10 years. Public notices of the budget and levy appear on Page 7.

The new budget is \$6,846 above last year; but Mayor Don Storey said increased evaluation and city growth will compensate for the increase without raising the levy.

Police increase planned

One item included in the new budget plans is the addition of one full-time police officer. At the present time, there are only two full-time officers on the force, although four is the recommended minimum for a town of Meridian's population. Police Chief Gene Hiner said the new officer had not yet been selected.

Also approved under the new budget was the installation of mercury vapor lights the length of East First (Highway 30) through Meridian, and the installation of a light on the city-owned free-parking lot near the Masonic building. Officials termed the new installation a major improvement for the town.

In other action Monday night, city officials directed the new city attorney, John Child, to proceed with measures to correct health and safety hazards at an unoccupied house at 24 East Carlton.

Formal notice will be sent the owner, who lives in Nevada, that final discussion on the matter will be held at the next city council meeting, April 6. If it is decided that the house cannot be repaired to acceptable standards, the city will order the building removed. Cost of the removal will be chargeable to the owner on the tax rolls.

New siren here

Fire Chief Roger Welker reported that the new siren for

the northwest part of Meridian has been received, and installation will be completed within the next two weeks. The new siren will be installed on high school property. Total cost, shared by the city and rural departments, will be about \$1,500—less one-half paid by matching funds as approved by civil defense officials.

Zoning change

No one attended the meeting to protest the re-zoning from Class A residential to Class C commercial of three lots in the Taylor Subdivision, owned by the Grade A Milk Producers Association. The council, acting upon the recommendation of the city zoning-planning commission, unanimously approved the change.

School lunch report

Councilman Carol Coleman, in charge of sanitation, reported that the City-County Health Department had made a favorable report upon school lunch facilities at the Meridian grade school. He said the report listed some minor recommended changes, and said the information would be passed on to the school officials.

March 12, 1964
**Meridian adds
new policeman**

Meridian News Times
Police Chief Gene Hiner has announced the addition of Charles R. Stuart to the Meridian police force.

Mr. Stuart has lived in this area the past eight years, and has been employed in construction work. He and his wife have three children—Neal 6, Sandra 5, and Linda 3.

Chief Hiner said the new officer had been assigned as night patrolman.

Herald Cox, city clerk, said that he is now accepting applications for a full time clerical position in the city office.

Street work planned

Discussion was held on the breaking-up of paving on several streets. Officials said the condition was prevalent throughout the valley, and that corrective action would be taken here as soon as the weather permitted.

Convention plans

Ed Simmerman, manager of Idaho Municipal League, met with the council to discuss Meridian's activities as host-city for the league's convention in June.

The convention will be held June 18-19-20 at McCall. Meridian's major responsibility as host city will be to provide the program and activities at the annual Host City Banquet to be held Friday, June 19.

Meridian officials said tentative plans for the event include the presentation of city brochures to those attending the convention, plus a Meridian delegation to greet the group, as well as souvenirs as publicity and promotion for this area.

Improvement district

Don Roberts was present at the council meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a local improvement district in Meridian for the installation of sidewalks and curbs in certain residential areas.

Discussion was held on the advisability of studying a plan for any new district to include a quite large area. City officials asked Mr. Roberts and city attorney John Child to study the matter and to determine opinion of the residents whose properties would be involved.

As noted in a separate story on this page, city officials Monday night accepted the resignation of Grant Ambrose as city attorney, and named his law partner, John Child, to the position.

APRIL 16, 1964

Meridian jury

convicts driver

NEWS TIMES

Larry N. Palmer, 21, of Rt. 3, Meridian, was found guilty by a jury Wednesday on charges of reckless driving.

Police Judge Herald J. Cox sentenced the youth to pay a \$100 fine and suspended his driver's license for 30 days. At the request of defense counsel, Palmer was granted a stay of judgment until April 22.

Police Chief Gene Hiner testified that he had arrested Palmer on East First (Highway 30) after the youth had "spun out" of the parking area at Olive's cafe, drove across the alley and across part of the paved area at John & Bill's service station, then onto East First, in what the officer said was a reckless manner that endangered others.

With Bob Fouser as chairman, the jury included W. G. McCurry, Bob Moore, Don Mummert, Kenneth Crawford, Garold Bedard. City attorney John Child acted as prosecutor in the case.

The trial lasted almost six hours, but the unanimous verdict of guilty was reached on the jury's first ballot.

Free Press

APRIL 25, 1964

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NAMPA, IDAHO, SATURDAY

Meridian Police Capture Ontario Robbery Suspect

MERIDIAN — A Meridian policeman today arrested a suspect in a \$2,000 robbery of an Ontario, Ore., cafe.

Meridian Police Chief Gene Hiner said the suspect identified himself as Edward D. Killingsworth, 29, Los Angeles. The man waived extradition to Oregon.

When arrested this morning in Meridian, Killingsworth reportedly had in his possession more than \$900 in cash, mostly in rolls of coins and bills, and a locked night deposit bag said to contain more than \$1,000.

The suspect is expected to be charged with taking the money from the Palomino Cafe where he had been employed part-time.

Ontario police broadcast

a report of the burglary and a description of the suspect about 6:40 a.m. today. A short time later, Meridian Patrolman Charles Staurt spotted Killingsworth in Meridian and took him into custody.

Chief Hiner expects Oregon officers to pick up the suspect today.

The Idaho Evening Statesman

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BOISE, IDAHO, SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1964

Price Ten Cents

Californian Held on Count Filed at Ontario

MERIDIAN P—A California man accused of absconding with money from an Oregon cafe where he had been employed was arrested here today less than an hour after a pickup request was distributed.

Meridian Police Chief Gene Hiner and a police officer heard the all-points bulletin while on a routine patrol. They saw a car answering the description listed in the bulletin, stopped it and arrested the driver.

He gave his name as Edward D. Killingsworth, 30, of Los Angeles and was held here on a valid operator's license.

Hiner said he found in the car three cigar boxes and a bank deposit bag containing \$934 in coins and currency.

Hiner said he was informed that Killingsworth reported for work at 6 a. m. at a cafe in Ontario, Ore., but left a few minutes later. Officers were notified when it was discovered that the cigar boxes and bag in which the money was kept were missing.

Hiner said he was informed a warrant charging a felony was filed in Ontario against Killingsworth.

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TEN CENTS



MORE THAN \$1,200 in change and bills allegedly taken from the Palomino Cafe, Ontario, early Saturday is being counted by Meridian and Ontario officers before being released to the latter. The money, according to Meridian Police Chief Glen Hiner, was found in the possession of Edward D. Killingsworth, 29, Los Angeles, a former employe of the cafe, when he was arrested in Meridian. He waived extradition on a charge of grand larceny. From left are, Chief Hiner, Meridian Patrolman Charles Stuart, who spotted Killingsworth in Meridian, and Ontario Police Sgt. Harold Amidon.

April-30-1964
Meridian Times



Meridian officers recover stolen money

(Horton Studio)

LOOT STOLEN EARLY SATURDAY from Palamino Cafe at Ontario is shown by Meridian Police Chief Gene Hiner left and Officer Charles Stuart—who apprehended suspect Edward Killingsworth in car on East First in Meridian after hearing broadcast of theft. The 29-year-old sus-

pect, who had been cook at Ontario cafe, signed statement that he had taken money on "spur of moment," and was turned over to Oregon authorities after waiving extradition. In search of his car, Meridian officers found total of \$1,201.85 in coins and currency, plus night-deposit sack.



Horton Studio Meridian, Idaho

... not that
it matters

by the editor

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Chief Gene Hiner brought us in an unusual copy of a newspaper — the New York Herald for April 15, 1865. The major story, of course, was the tragic happening of the day before: President Lincoln Assassinated!"

The paper belongs to H. C. Myers, and was handed down to him by his father. We know that a lot of facsimilies of this particular issue have been printed in later years,

But the condition of Mr. Myers' copy makes us think it's genuine.

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June 18-19-20

Meridian completes plans for hosting McCall event

Plans are nearing completion for Meridian's role as host city for the Idaho Municipal League convention at McCall, June 18-19-20.

Ralph Mangum and J. Lowell Scott, of the Chamber of Commerce committee for the event, reported developments at the city council meeting Monday night.

They said the event was receiving "outstanding cooperation" from Meridian business places, with almost every local firm taking some part—including donation of gifts to be presented the convention guests, cash donations, and other participation.

A featured speaker at the convention will be Police Chief Gene Hiner of Meridian, who will address the 400-member audience on "The Multiplicity of Factors Inherent in Municipal Behaviorism Control."

As host city, Meridian will be in charge of the convention banquet Friday night, June 19. Mayor Don Storey will give a brief talk on Meridian, and entertainment will be furnished by local people—including the MHS stage band led by Phil Cherry. The entertainers will be guests of the Idaho Municipal League for their overnight stay at McCall.

Also participating will be the Meridian Athletic Association, which will furnish bus transportation for the band members and entertainers, with Kenny Crawford the driver. M.A.A. will also have on display two of the top racing cars—owned by Don Bowers of Meridian and Jim Dillon of Nampa.

Delegation named

Meridian's delegation attending the convention—either for all three days or for part of the event—will include Don Storey, Herald Cox, Wayne Skiver, Keith Ellis, Carol Coleman, John Navarro, John Child, Orville Vincent, Gene Hiner, Roger Welker, Virgil Luke, Ralph Mangum, Ralph Hunter, Don Bowers, J. Lowell Scott, Robert Fouser, Bud Jerread, Bob Hammons, and Jim Dillon from Nampa. Most delegates will be accompanied by wives, and some families will include their children.

400 to attend

Idaho Municipal League officials said an attendance of 400 is anticipated for the convention. Included will be city officials and delegates from all parts of the state.

Featured speakers will include Kinsey Robinson, president of the board of directors for Washington Water Power and also president of the Northwest Power Association. He will discuss the economic effect upon Idaho of the High Mountain Sheep dam.

Speaking at the president's banquet Saturday night, June 20, will be Dr. W. Ballentine Henley, nationally-known speaker and educator. He is a member of the General Motors' executive speakers panel, and is also with the California College of Medicine at Los Angeles. He will speak on "Free enterprise."

Friday fashion show

Women at the convention will be guests at a luncheon and a hat show Saturday, June 20, at the McCall Yacht Club. On display will be the various styles of hats worn by American women from 1896 to 1964, in a collection loaned by the Sperry and Hutchinson company.

The hat show will be narrated by Mrs. Joanna Maitland of the Idaho Consumers League.

Idaho Municipal League Convention
Host Night

CITY OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO

JUNE 19, 1964
Shore Lodge, McCall, Idaho



Meridian Host City Banquet

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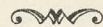
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John L. Child, *Attorney*

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City of the Year - 1962

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Meridian Chamber of Commerce	McFadden's Market
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Meridian News Times	Meridian Drug Center
Intermountain Gas Company	Mayes & Mayes Insurance
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In grateful recognition to the Meridian Athletic Association for its outstanding contributions to our schools and our community, the Meridian High School cordially invites you to be a guest of honor at the MHS Warriors' home game with Emmett Friday, October 30.
Meridian Speedway Game starts at 8:00 p.m.
Admit Two John C. Riddlemoser, Principal

Gene Hiner
Chief of Police
City of Meridian
Meridian, Idaho



*Congratulations on
having been chosen to
deliver the keynote address
at the Grand Opening of the
Frosty Fanny Nudist Camp
on Porcupine Mountain
Thursday at 7 p.m.*

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Police Chief

Charles Stuart,
Patrolman

BOTTOM: Herald Cox,
City Clerk

Dora Storey,
Mayor

Wayne Skiver,
City Council

Surprise party for police chief

Gene Hiner was honored with a surprise party for his birthday anniversary Wednesday night.

Those sharing in the birthday cake were the Mmes. and Messrs. Charles Stuart, Charles Jones, Guy Smith, of Meridian; and Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong of Caldwell.





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Police report two burglaries

Burglars entered the Bestway Building Center on East Third Street over the week end, and stole 12 hunting knives and 42 pocket knives. Police Chief Gene Hiner said the nature of the articles stolen indicated that the intruders may have been juveniles.

Entry was made into the building by breaking a glass in a rear door.

A burglary attempt was made just before midnight Tuesday at Davis Foods, but the attempt set off the burglar alarm and the would-be intruders fled.

Solicitor fined

An encyclopedia salesman, Ewald V. Raatz, was arrested Sunday on a charge of soliciting within the city without a license. He was released from jail upon posting of \$25 bond, which was forfeited upon his failure to appear for trial as scheduled July 13.

Tony Trock of Nampa was fined \$100 on a charge of driving while drunk, and was transferred to the county jail. Also transferred was Manuel H. Costello of Nampa, after being fined \$25 on a charge of being drunk in a public place. A similar charge was placed against Nasario Magallanes of Tafe, Texas, who was released on \$25 bond.

Lester A. Race of Rt. 3, Nampa, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 10 days in jail, on a charge of driving while drunk. He also lost his driver's license for one year, as required by Idaho law.

Thieves enter local garage

Burglars last Friday night stole \$365 worth of automotive parts from the repair shop operated by Darwin Berheim on Meridian street, former location of Storey Seed & Feed.

The intruders took a four-barrel carburetor valued at \$65; a four barrel manifold valued at \$50; and a four-speed 1964 transmission valued at \$250.

July 30, 1964

Police warn bike riders

Police Chief Gene Hiner today reminded all bicycle riders that they must obey the same traffic laws as motorists.

He said several cases have been reported when bicycle riders almost caused accidents by failure to signal turns, turning from the wrong lane, riding on sidewalks, and other infractions of the law.

Max Horton, who signals traffic when the fire siren sounds, said that two youths narrowly escaped being struck by firemen's cars, when they ignored the siren and kept riding in the traffic lane. He said "Bicycle riders should follow the rule that applies to vehicles—when the siren sounds, immediately pull over to the curb and stop."

Chief Hiner said that bicycle riders failing to obey the law would be cited into traffic court.

Kids come up with wild tale

Three Meridian grade school children caused a several hour hunt by police and auxiliary police, when they failed to return from school Wednesday afternoon.

Finally located near the edge of town, they told a fanciful tale of being forced into a car by two women. One boy reported he had been struck when he resisted, and showed a bump on his head as proof.

After hours of investigation, and the near filing of serious charges by the children's mother, it was learned that the three youngsters had missed their school bus—and had then concocted the fanciful tale to escape punishment.

New police car

Upon recommendation of police commissioner Wayne Skiver and Police Chief Gene Hiner, council members approved a call for bids for a new 1965 car for police use. Figures were presented to indicate that the purchase would result in a savings of about \$200, compared to maintenance and repair of the present police car.

Council members also approved a study of the possibility of obtaining matching federal funds for the purchase of a new radio for the police car.

Weed removal

SEPT. 24, 1964
**Four bicycles
await owners**

Police Chief Gene Hiner said today that four bicycles have been found, and are now at the Meridian city building.

He said owners could claim the bicycles by identifying them, and calling for them at the city building.

OCT. 22, 1964
**Scout campaign
volunteers open
annual drive**

Adult Scouters and volunteer workers of the community opened the 1964 Boy Scout fund drive this week.

Sixteen of the workers gathered at 6:30 Tuesday morning for an "early bird breakfast" at Pat's Cafe. Conducting the dawn session was Francis Frost, community chairman of the drive.

Meeting with him were Chester Eggers, Owen Frost, Wallace Lovan, George Judd, Wayne Skiver, Gene Hiner, Ross Hadfield, Kent Kehler, K. D. Hartwell, Vern Alleman, Ralph Hunter, Bob Moore, Verl Cluff, Dean Labrum, Doran Peterson; and Darrell Miller from the Boy Scout Council, who showed a film of council activities.

Members of the group, and other volunteers and Scouters, are now canvassing residential and business areas in the once-a-year campaign. Proceeds are used to provide central services, including leadership training, guidance, records, and registrations, the annual Scout-A-Rama, Boy Scout Week, and other activities in which all Meridian Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Explorer Scouts take part.

OCT. 29, 1964
**Application open
for city police**

Police Chief Gene Hiner announced today that applications are being accepted for positions on the Meridian police force.

Applicants should be at least 21 years old, with a high school education and good character, and preferably with experience in law-enforcement.

Interested men should apply in person at the police station in the city building.

NOV. 19, 1964
**Meridian names
new policeman
for night patrol**

Police Chief Gene Hiner today announced the appointment of Don Lukehart of Meridian as night patrolman, replacing Charles Jones.

Mr. Lukehart has had many years police experience, including eight and a half years with the Nampa police department.

The new patrolman lives in Meridian, and has one daughter, Jackie Lukehart, a senior at MHS.

Nov 24, 1964
**Police Seek
Missing Girl
In Valley**

Authorities in the Boise Valley area have been requested by the parents of a missing 15-year-old girl to be on the lookout for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Bailey, Kelso, Wash., said their daughter, Marilyn, has been missing for about three weeks and that they have reason to believe she may be in this vicinity.

The sheriff's office at Kelso said that a second degree kidnaping warrant has been issued for the arrest of a 29-year-old man in whose company the girl was last seen on Oct. 30.

Friends of the missing girl reported they saw her getting into a pickup truck bearing New Hampshire license plates on that date. The sheriff's office said the girl had become acquainted earlier with the driver of the vehicle. Investigation showed, the sheriff's office said, that the man had quit his job in the Kelso area the night before he left the community.

Miss Bailey is described as being 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds and having blue eyes and blonde hair.

MERIDIAN, IDAHO, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1964

Felony charged Meridian police capture fugitive kidnap suspect

Police Chief Gene Hiner, assisted by local and state police officers, Tuesday afternoon arrested a 28-year-old man wanted at Kelso, Washington, on a kidnaping charge.

The suspect, Ronald Edward Menter, was taken into custody at a local dairy, where he had been employed the past two weeks as manager.

The arrest was made on a federal warrant charging unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Menter also faces charges of kidnaping a 15-year-old girl, Mildred Bailey, from the Washington town. The pair had posed as man and wife, after leaving Kelso the last of October.

Report gives lead

Chief Hiner was alerted to the case Tuesday morning by a published report that the suspect was driving a pickup truck carrying New Hampshire license plates. The officer had noticed the pickup in Meridian, and traced it to the dairy, where he obtained the license number and a detailed description of the suspect.

While verifying details by telephone with the Kelso authorities, state police, and the FBI, Chief Hiner was advised that the sus-

pect had a past criminal record. The record included a prison term in Texas on a charge of second-degree murder, two escapes from detention in New Hampshire, six months detention on suspicion of another murder, a five year prison term for auto theft, and a five year term for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

(A clipping found in Menter's wallet Tuesday indicated that the Texas murder charge had involved the death by gun-wound of a college student with whom Menter had hitch-hiked a ride.)

Posse organized

After obtaining a telegraphic kidnaping warrant from Washington and a federal fugitive warrant from Boise, Chief Hiner arranged for a posse—which included Meridian police officers Don Lukehart and Charles Stuart, and nine Idaho state police officers.

Because of the suspect's past record, precautions were taken for the arrest. Four carloads of officers arrived at the dairy simultaneously, blocking all exits. The officers then stationed themselves at vantage points, armed with rifles and revolvers, surrounding the corral in which Menter was working on a tractor.

The suspect, however, offered no resistance when Chief Hiner approached the tractor and placed him under arrest. Menter told the Meridian officer, "You don't have to show me the warrant. I know what you're here for."

Girl found at Boise

The girl, Marilyn Bailey, was taken into custody later that afternoon at Boise, where the couple had been living. She was brought to Meridian for questioning, then turned over to Ada County juvenile authorities, and charged with being a runaway minor. Blue-eyed and blonde, the girl was 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighed 140 pounds, and was mature looking for her age.

Menter had spent considerable time in Meridian the past two weeks, including trading at local firms and eating regularly at a cafe here. Last week end he had rented an apartment in Meridian, into which he and the girl had planned to move this week end.

Chief praised

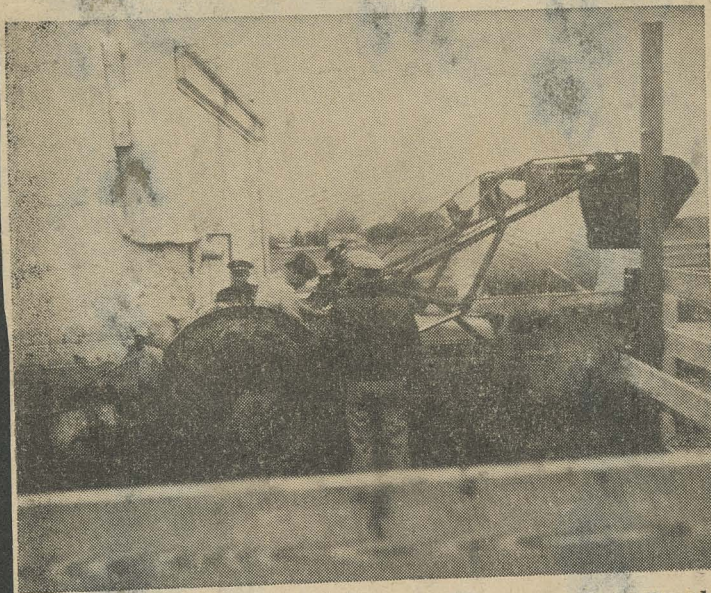
Police Chief Gene Hiner drew the praise of state and local officials for his alertness, and his efficient handling of the investigation and arrest.

Mayor Don Storey pointed out that Tuesday's case was the third time in nine months that the Meridian officer had apprehended fugitives from felony charges in other states.

In late February, the Meridian officer arrested a man wanted in three states—California, Oregon, Nevada—on felony charges of burglary, car theft, and forgery. Two months later, in April, he and Meridian patrolman Charles Stuart apprehended a man wanted in Oregon on a grand larceny charge of stealing \$1,200 from a restaurant.

"We can feel fortunate that a town of our size has a police chief of Mr. Hiner's calibre," said the mayor. "In addition to his outstanding record of alertness for fugitives, he maintains his department on a high level of efficiency in all phases of law enforcement."

Arrest made at area dairy



MOMENT OF ARREST. Police Chief Gene Hiner places Ronald Menter under arrest Tuesday afternoon at local dairy, on charge of unlawful flight to escape prosecution, in connection with alleged kidnapping of 15-year old girl from Ritzville, Washington. Because of suspect's past record, state and local police officers, armed with rifles and revolvers, surrounded area in which suspect was working.



ARRESTED MAN OBJECTS to having his picture taken by News-Times editor, who accompanied posse of 12 police officers to the area dairy. Behind suspect is Chief Hiner, and at left is Meridian police officer Don Lukehart.



HANDCUFFED SUSPECT was brought to Meridian by local officers, and questioned by state police and FBI agent. Also questioned was 15-year-old girl in case, who was taken into custody at Boise that same afternoon.



U. S. DEPUTY MARSHALL Dewey Farmer and Chief Hiner escort arrested man to car for transfer to jail at Caldwell where hearing will be held on federal fugitive charge.



NEW HAMPSHIRE PLATES on suspect's pickup truck led to investigation by Meridian police chief, and Menter's arrest on felony warrants Tuesday afternoon.

(Meridian News-Times photos)

Suspect Held by Lawmen



RONALD EDWARD MENTER, right, attempts to hide his face as he is brought for a hearing at Caldwell after being arrested in Meridian Tuesday in connection with a kidnaping charge filed at Kelso, Wash. At left is Dewey Farmer, Pocatello, deputy United States marshal, and in the background is Meridian Patrolman Donald Lukehart.

Meridian Posse Arrests Employee of Dairy Firm In Charge of Kidnaping

MERIDIAN — A posse composed of Meridian police and state police officers arrested a 28-year-old man in the employ of a Meridian dairy firm Tuesday afternoon and turned him over to federal authorities for prosecution in connection with the alleged kidnaping of a 15-year-old Kelso, Wash., girl.

In custody after his apprehension at a dairy farm near here was Ronald Edward Menter, who listed his current address as 4500 State Street, Boise.

Taken to Hearing

He was taken by FBI officers before U.S. Commissioner Richard Rosenberry of Caldwell late Tuesday afternoon.

Menter waived a hearing and Commissioner Rosenberry set bond at \$2,500. Menter was placed in Canyon County jail for further proceedings of the United States Marshal's office.

Police Chief Gene Hiner, who led the arresting posse, said he had noted accounts of the girl's disappearance from Kelso, Wash., stated the man who was accompanying her was driving a pickup with New Hampshire license plates.

He said he had observed the pickup around Meridian the past week. "I read the story this morning and then everything dawned on me," he said. He verified the number he had obtained with Kelso authorities and then gathered the posse, nine state police officers and three men from his own force.

Went to Farm

They went to the farm where they found Menter working in a cattle corral with a tractor.

James Wilson Davis and Car-

neanne Williams, both of Boise.

COOKANE, Wash
Boise

Kidnaping Charge Faces Farm Hand

MERIDIAN, Idaho (AP) — Ten police officers walked into a corral on a dairy farm near Meridian Tuesday and arrested a 28-year-old man charged with kidnaping a 15-year-old Kelso, Wash., girl.

Police Chief Gene Hiner said Richard Edward Menter offered no resistance, saying: "I don't want to see the warrant. I know what you're here for."

Marilyn Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Bailey, Kelso, was turned over to Ada County probate court on a charge of being a runaway. She was picked up at the Boise address Menter listed as his home. She was reported missing from her home Oct. 30.

Hiner said Menter was working on the farm where he was arrested.

The police chief had read accounts of the girl's disappearance saying the man accompanying her was driving a pickup truck with New Hampshire license plates. He had seen such a pickup around Meridian the past week, and traced it to Menter.



MARILYN BAILEY
... held as runaway

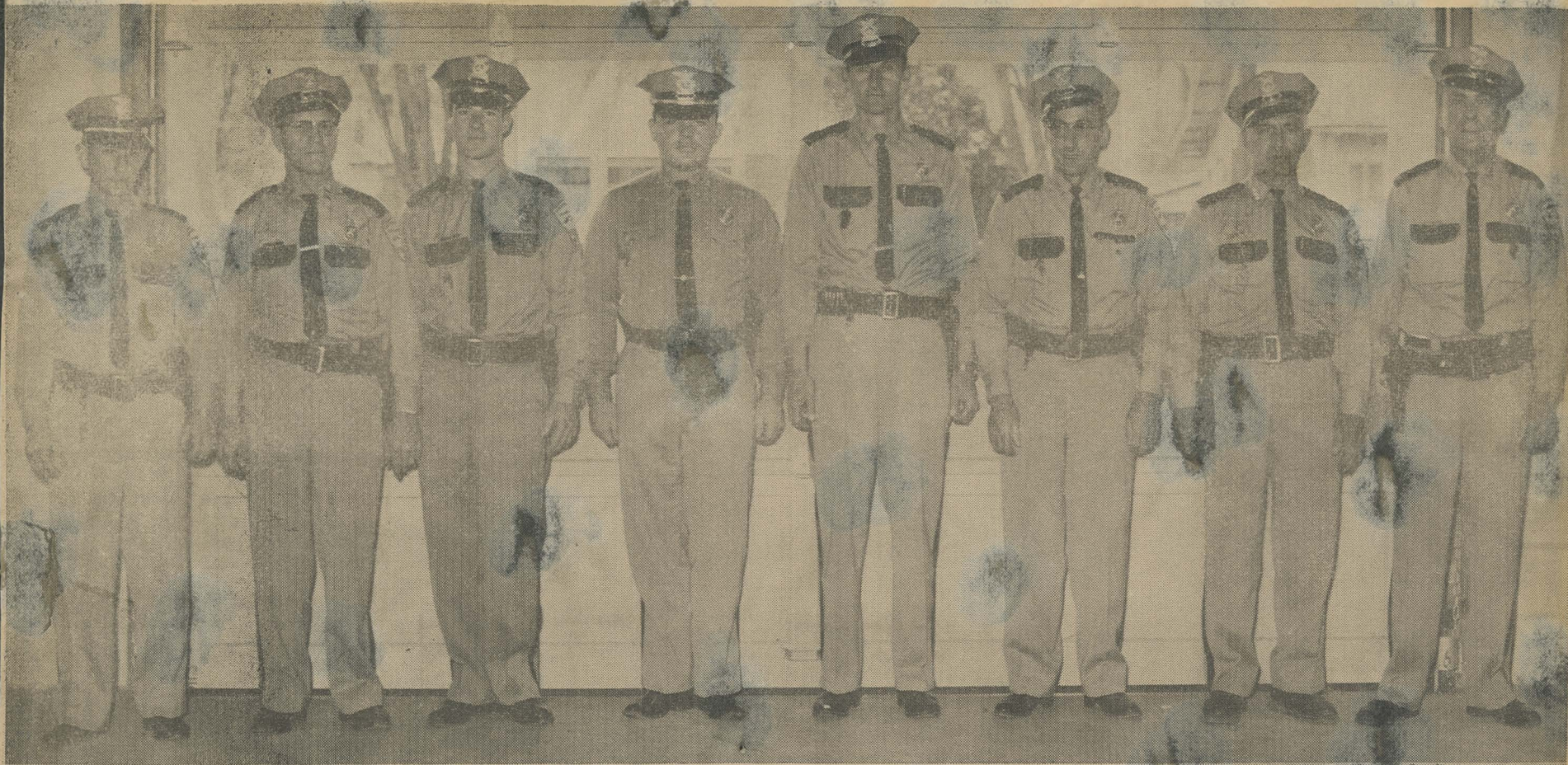
Menter is charged in a warrant from Kelso, Justice Court with the second-degree kidnaping of Marilyn Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Bailey. She was last seen on Oct. 30.

Menter's arraignment before Rosenberry was on a charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Hiner said the girl was turned over to Ada County Probate Court to be detained on a charge of being a runaway.

Hiner said the two had no difficulty posing as man and wife to their local employer. They

had worked on farms before, he said. The girl had been described as being 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 140 pounds with blue eyes and blonde hair.



Auxiliary policemen win community appreciation

MERIDIAN AUXILIARY POLICE have drawn civic and community praise for outstanding services at area events—including school activities, Halloween, auto races, official gatherings, and emergencies. Force includes, above from left—Kenneth Smith, Neal Hudson, Robert Metich, Don Sneddon, Lowell Gass, Wally Everist, Ted Dennis, Roy Wood—and (not present for picture) Bill Luke, Jonas Lee, Lloyd Murray. Group has worked total of 1,196 hours in 10 months from January to November, including 60 hours worked Hal-

loween. They receive no pay for service to city; but are paid nominal fee for service to other agencies such as race track, Dairy Show, school events—with all such proceeds going into treasury of the non-profit group. Auxiliary police group purchases own uniforms and personal equipment, including sidearms and police items, and has also purchased red flashers for members' cars, and two-way transistor radios. They donate use of their private cars when vehicles are needed. They work with Police Chief Gene Hiner and other

members of regular police force, for training and experience, and are planning a complete training course. Auxiliary group now numbers 11, and plans to add four more members. Qualifications are: at least 21 years old, live within Meridian postal district, of good moral character and integrity, good physical condition. The group meets the third Monday of each month at the Meridian police station. Next meeting will be December 21, and potential members are invited.

(Horton photo)

