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6. Be sure your bicycle has an adequate brake for a quick stop.
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Police arrest five students for vandalism

Five high school students were arrested Wednesday morning by Meridian police, and charged with vandalism and destruction of public property.

The charges arose from damage done to 13 school buses at Meridian and five buses at Eagle last Thursday night. As a result of the vandalism, bus delivery of students was delayed Friday morning throughout the district.

The damage included the removal of coil and spark-plug wires, the breaking off of keys in ignition locks, and the breaking of turn-signals. In addition, at least one bus seat was slashed with a knife.

Officials estimated total damage at about \$200; but said that amount did not include all the extra work and time required to correct the situation.

Police Chief Gene Hiner said the youths had admitted the vandalism, and said it had been committed in the hope it would result in the closure of schools last Friday.

Chief Hiner said the boys were aged 16 and 17. Three of them had never been in trouble before; and the other two had previously been involved in only minor infractions.

The five were released to the custody of their parents, pending action by the probate court.

JAN. 28, 1965

Burglars enter Meridian firm

Burglars entered the Co-Op Oil Association office at Meridian early last Friday morning. They stole a small amount of coins from the cash drawer, two pairs of gloves, and a set of \$30 tools in a box.

Eugene Gillaspy, manager, said entry was gained by prying open the office door.

Policeman at school

Charles Stuart of the Meridian police force attended an F.B.I. school on fingerprinting at Boise last Tuesday through Thursday, January 19-21.

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by the editor

JAN. 28, 1965

Police Chief Hiner is working out a plan that should cut down on bad-check losses by Meridian firms.

Under the plan, when Gene receives any report of a bad-check passer in the area, he will telephone two designated merchants. Each of them will telephone two other merchants, and so on, until all the local firms have been alerted.

Also, if a merchant gets a bad check, or suspects someone who tries to cash a check, he can start the same chain of telephone calls.

As Chief Hiner pointed out, such a plan would have stopped the recent passing of two bad checks for \$25 each at Meridian stores.

With cooperation by all merchants, the plan could save our town many dollars a year.

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C of C reports

Feb 4, 1965

Check plan

In other action at Wednesday's luncheon meeting at Pat's Cafe, Mr. Fouser appointed a committee to work on a check-protection plan.

Proposed by Police Chief Gene Hiner, the plan calls for a chain system of telephone calls to alert local firms when a bad-check passer is in the area.

Appointed as a committee to work out details of the plan were Bud Jerread, Ralph Mangum, Harold Morgan, Wayne Skiver, Wallace Lovan. They announced that all interested merchants are invited to join the committee in its work on the plan.

Meeting announced

Funds for '65 Feb 4, 1965

City council lists budget, tax levy stays at 30 mills

Meridian city council members Monday night approved a proposed budget of \$115,570 for 1965.

The amount is \$2,544 above the 1964 budget, but Mayor Don Storey said that there would be no increase in the city's tax levy of 30 mills.

Officials pointed out that the 30-mill levy—one of the lowest for any Idaho city of comparable size—had been in effect without change for the past 15 years.

Included in the proposed budget were salary increases for city employees as follows—\$25 per month for the city clerk, work superintendent, and Chief of Police; \$20 a month for the assistant work superintendent; \$15 a month for the assistant clerk and treasurer; \$25 a month for the night patrolman; and 5c an hour for laborers, representing about \$10 a month.

Complete details of the proposed budget are published in a public notice on the back page of this issue. A public hearing on the budget will be held at the next regular council meeting—Monday, March 1.

Herald J. Cox, city clerk, reported that city business during 1964 had totalled \$164,824.14. Included in the total were \$28,981.20 from sewer revenue, \$15,545.15 from trash-hauling fees (of which the city retains 10 per cent), and \$120,297.77 city business.

In addition, the city handled a total of \$94,334.60 in license plate sales, \$18,968.25 for drivers' licenses, and \$1,344.50—making a combined total of \$279,271.47 of business conducted last year at the city building.

City revenue during 1964 totalled

\$121,852.30—including \$48,848.90 in taxes, \$29,294.90 from waterworks revenue, and \$43,708.50 from sundry sources. Such sources, said Mr. Cox, include rebates from Intermountain Gas, city apportionment of cigarette and liquor taxes, fines, license fees, county road and bridge funds, state matching funds for roads, gas tax refunds, etc.

Sewer discussion

Present at Monday night's council meeting were a group of property owners, to discuss extension of a sewer line south from the present city limits to the area including the Dairy Show grounds, race track, bowling lanes, and other property.

The group included Harold "Buck" Morgan, president of Meridian Athletic Association, and M.A.A. member Brent Walker; William Hon, of the realty company that has purchased 18 acres south of the race track as a subdivision site; Earl Coryell and Dave Warren, each of whom owns property in the area; and Kent Kehler, representing the Meridian Bowling League.

It was agreed that, if the sewer project is to be undertaken, work should start as soon as possible—since construction of the connector from the interstate highway into Meridian is due in the immediate future.

Discussion was also held on the probability that the area would be annexed by the city in the near future.

Estimate given

Estimate of costs for another sewer project—to serve a proposed new subdivision in the north-east corner of Meridian—was reported by the engineering firm of Johnson-Underkofler and W. W. Briggs.

Cost of the sewer design was estimated at \$15,500—including a total of 1200 feet of pipe, lift station, and pressure line. Cost to each lot in the proposed subdivision, including hook-up, was estimated at approximately \$320.

The proposed subdivision is located in an area north of State street and east of East 4th—approximately two blocks east of the Meridian junior high school.

Zoning appointment

Mayor Storey announced the reappointment of Wayne Skiver and Robert Fouser to the city zoning and planning commission, for a

three-year term each. Other members of the commission are W. G. McCurry, Vernon Schoen, Ray Pitman, E. L. Bennett.

City officials also approved the transfer of the beer license for the Sport Shop from O. W. Berry to the new owner, Glen Luedeman.

As noted elsewhere, the council also approved a total of three ordinances, each amending existing ordinances.

March 4, 1965
Hiners return
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hiner and children have returned home after a visit with Mrs. Hiner's father at Richfield, Idaho.

Police warn ^{Feb. 25} on '65 plates ¹⁹⁶⁵

Chief of Police Gene Hiner today issued a warning to owners of vehicles not equipped with 1965 license plates.

He said that any such vehicle parked on a public thoroughfare will be subject to being hauled away and impounded in a local garage.

He said that the impounding of such vehicles will begin in Meridian next Monday, March 1.

1965 license plates are available at the Meridian city building from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., including noon hours, every day except Saturday and Sunday.

Tranquilizer gun

Police Chief Gene Hiner reported that the city is now using a tranquilizer gun in picking up dogs that are unlicensed or running at large.

The gun fires a tranquilizing pellet that puts the dog temporarily to sleep without injuring it.

^{March 18, 1965}

Police Chief Gene Hiner reported to the council on the need for a justice of peace in this area.

Extended discussion was held on the inconvenience of the present system, especially in misdemeanor cases and small claims cases. City officials urged civic action to obtain approval of county commissioners for the assignment of a local justice of peace.

Councilmen were given copies of a subdivision ordinance for study, and for discussion at a future meeting. Passage of the ordinance has been recommended by the city's zoning and planning commission.

Burglars enter Co-Op Oil here

Meridian police are investigating a break-in at the Co-op Oil Association office, which took place last Thursday night, April 1.

Police Chief Gene Hiner said entry was made by breaking a glass in the door. Stolen were various hand tools, 30 pairs of gloves, 160 spark plugs in cartons, and small change from the cash register.

^{April 8, 1965}

... not that it matters

^{April 15, 1965} by the editor

If you want immediate service, just call the Meridian police.

Tuesday night Patrolman Charles Stuart was driving south on East 1st, when the Boise police announcer broadcast a bulletin about a motorcycle being stolen from the BJC campus.

In a matter of seconds, Patrolman Stuart was on the air himself, announcing calmly, "Okay, I've got that motorcycle and the fellow, too." And he wasn't kidding.

What had happened was that, just as the bulletin went on the air, the motorcycle and rider had pulled around the police car, headed toward Nampa. Stuart gave chase and had the fellow in custody almost before the announcer ended the report.

That adds to the already-impressive record Meridian police have for quick arrest of fugitives.

Meridian Collision Injures Two

^{April 23, 1965}

MERIDIAN — Two persons were hurt in a collision involving a car and a pickup shortly before 3 Thursday afternoon at Cherry Lane and Meridian Street, according to Meridian Police Chief Gene Hiner.

Hiner identified them as Jim Kline, 18, Meridian Route 3, and Mary Wenrich, 40, 203 South Nineteenth Avenue, Caldwell. He said young Kline was driving the car, and Mrs. Wenrich was a passenger in the pickup, driven by her husband, Orric, 34.

Kline, who was alone in the car, and Mrs. Wenrich were taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Boise. Both were treated and released, hospital authorities said.

The accident remained under investigation Thursday evening, Hiner reported.

September 2, 1965

Police Chief Gene Hiner got an emergency call Monday to take an expectant mother to the hospital.

The situation called for speed, so Gene radioed ahead and got a Boise police escort, which met him at the Cole school. Lucky it did, too. Just a block farther, and a tire on Gene's police car blew out. They transferred the patient to the Boise car, which completed the run to the hospital.

If it had happened otherwise, Gene might have got some practical experience as an obstetrician.

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by the editor

Meridian, Idaho, News-Times

October 7, 1965

Well, the annual hunting trip is over, and the various city officials are convalescing, and attempting to deny some of the stories about the shenanigans that took place.

Like Police Chief Gene Hiner's mishap. Gene is pretty darned brave in the line of duty, but he hates the sight of snakes. So when he almost stepped on a snake on the path along a small bluff, he leaped right off into space. Luckily, a small tree broke his fall so he wasn't badly hurt—just scratched and bruised.

Later the other fellows saw the same snake, and said, "What were you afraid of—that snake isn't poisonous."

"Look," Gene said, "when a snake can make you jump off a 15-foot bluff, it doesn't need poison!"

Police car bought
The bid of Gibson-Welker Ford agency of Meridian to provide a new police car was accepted. The local company will take the old police car in trade, leaving a total balance of \$924 to be paid on the 1966 model car. The local firm's bid was accepted over that of another firm, which involved a \$844.27 cash payment, because of the service factor. It was pointed out that trips required to Boise for repair and maintenance would exceed the \$79.73 difference between the bids.
Also approved by the council was the purchase of a new duplicating machine for use in the city business offices.

OCT. 7, 1965

Sept. 9, 1965
Meridian police
resume radar

Police Chief Gene Hiner has announced that radar is again being used for traffic control in Meridian.

Chief Hiner said the unit would be used extensively in school areas, and urged careful driving by all motorists.



FRIENDLY RELAXATION plus refreshments served by volunteer members of local organizations marks the final step in blood-giving. All community residents are urged to join their friends and neighbors next Thursday, October 28, when Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at American Legion Hall in Meridian, from 1 until 5 p.m. Donors and volunteers, shown above at previous blood-drawing, are from left—Bill Pitman, Police Chief Gene Hiner, Mrs. Lois Frazier, Mrs. Ray Anderson, Neil Kline, Mrs. Bernice Downend. (Creason photos)

Burglary Suspect Apprehended in Meridian Deposits Bond of \$2,500 in Ada Justice Court

MERIDIAN — A 34-year-old Boise man reportedly captured inside a Meridian business building early Wednesday and charged with first degree burglary after his arrest posted \$2,500 bond late Wednesday afternoon and was released from custody.

The man, identified as Richard W. Potter of 11103 Fairview Avenue, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Frank Chalfant Jr., who set bond at \$2,500 and continued the case to Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. for a decision on whether to hold a preliminary hearing.

Potter didn't post the bond immediately, was remanded to the custody of the Ada County Sheriff's Department and held in the county jail until his release later in the day.

Officers said a man was spotted inside the Bestway Build-

ing Center at 521 East Third Street in Meridian at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. When police surrounded the building, they continued, the man started a truck that was inside the building and sent it smashing through a large gate, jumping out of the truck before it crashed through the gate.

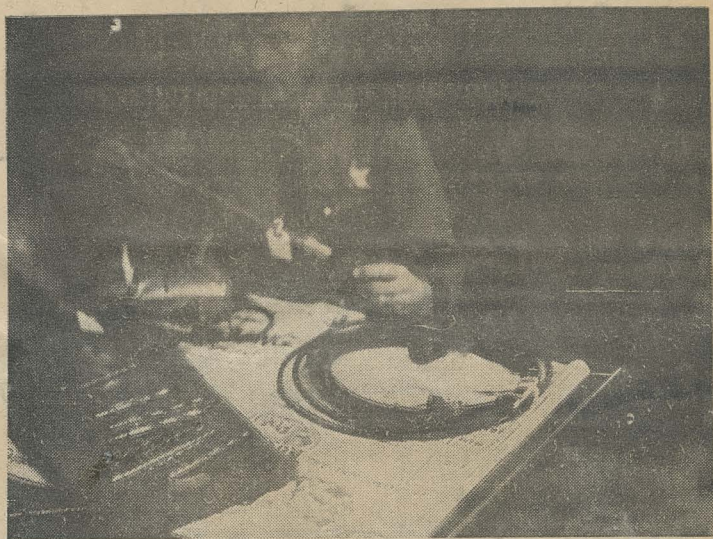
The truck rolled about 150 feet before it stopped at the Union Pacific Railroad tracks that run through Meridian.

Police said the suspect surrendered meekly after officers summoned from nearby communities took up positions around the building and demanded that he come out with his hands up.

In the man's possession, officers added that the building's

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Meridian police nab suspect

POLICE CHIEF GENE HINER examines tools taken from Richard W. Potter, 34, of 11101 Fairview, Boise, who was arrested at 2:25 a.m. Wednesday as he emerged from Bestway Building Center in Meridian. Patrolmen Don Lukehart and Charles Stuart assisted in capture of suspect. A company truck crashed through doorway of building just before the arrest, after apparently being started and put into gear by suspect to distract officers' attention. Suspect's car was later found parked on East Pine. He will be turned over to county authorities for prosecution.

Good turn-out *Nov. 4, 1965*

Area volunteers donate 90 pints of blood here

Community volunteers donated a total of 90 pints of blood when the Red Cross bloodmobile visited Meridian last Thursday.

The total, although 10 pints short of the area's quota, was the second highest ever received at Meridian.

Orville Vincent was presented a pin for having donated a total of three gallons; and one-gallon pins were presented to Mrs. Mary Jane Fothergill, Mrs. Grace Gregory, Mrs. Rose Reinhart, Police Chief Gene Hiner, and Otis Young.

Mrs. Margee Wright of Locust Grove Grange acted as volunteer receptionist; and Mrs. Wayne Skiver, Mrs. Gene Hiner, and Mrs. Cerola Nichols were typists.

Volunteers

Meridian Man Faces Charge Of Lewd Conduct

A Meridian man accused of lewd and lascivious conduct with a young girl was ordered to appear at 11 a.m. today in Justice Court.

A warrant issued by the court identifies the man as Robert L. Miller, 125 Bower Street, Meridian.

He was hailed into Justice Court Monday afternoon after his arrest. Bond was set at \$2,500. *Nov. 8, 1965*

Window breaking brings arrests

Nov. 18, 1965

Five Meridian boys, ages 14 and 15, have been charged with breaking windows at the Meridian grade school and the St. Francis Cabrini Catholic church.

A total of 16 windows were broken at the school. They were of double-strength safety glass, and replacement cost will be \$122.80. At the church, the boys broke sections from four stained-glass windows.

Police said the youths had no prior record. Their case was referred to school authorities for action.

Two crosswalks posted in city

Dec. 9, 1965

Police Chief Gene Hiner reminded area motorists that two crosswalks have been marked near Meridian schools. One marked walk is at Meridian Street and Carlton Avenue, and one at East First (Highway 30) and Carlton.

The law requires that motorists stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, and Chief Hiner said the rule was particularly important in school zones. He said that citations would be issued offenders.

Dec 9, 1965

Police locate explosives here

Meridian police have found 11 blasting caps hidden in the Bestway Building Center.

Police Chief Gene Hiner said it was believed the explosives had been left there at the time of the early-morning arrest of Richard W. Potter in the firm several weeks ago. The caps were finally located hidden above the office next to some rafters.

Potter has been bound over to district court on the Meridian charge, and also faces first-degree burglary charges at Payette, after being arrested there in a jewelry store at night.

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by the editor

*Dec. 23
1965*

Spectators missed a chance to make a citizen's arrest Monday—when a certain fellow got into another person's car and started to drive it away.

The suspect, of course, used the old alibi that it looked like his car.

Usually, in a story like this you use the phrase, "The police are investigating." But not this time.

Not when the culprit was our own chief of police.

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Burglars drill holes for entry

Dec. 23, 1965

An anticipated burglary at the Bazaar department store in Meridian resulted in law officers keeping the building under watch the past week.

Police Chief Gene Hiner said an anonymous telephone call last Tuesday, December 14, reported that intruders had been in the rooms above the store.

Investigation disclosed that holes had been drilled in the floor in two areas of the upstairs. One set had been completed, leaving a section of the flooring ready for quick removal. The section was directly above the rest room of the store, into which the burglars evidently planned to drop.

Chief Hiner said the drilling had presumably been the work of two men, and probably had required several hours to complete. The intruders had evidently planned to return another night for the actual break-in, but apparently became aware that their preparatory work had been discovered.

Letter to editor . . .

Meridian News-Times

This first week of the New Year is an appropriate time for we residents and business people of Meridian to express our appreciation for the outstanding service and protection we are receiving from our Meridian police force and the Meridian Auxiliary Police.

As we all know, Chief Gene Hiner and his assistants have established a high record for their department, including the apprehension in Meridian of persons wanted for major crimes elsewhere. We are certain that this record of efficiency has won Meridian a reputation as a good place

not to commit any crime!

We at the Bazaar Department Store were especially aware of the excellent police work during December. Through the work of the police, and long hours of surveillance, the planned burglary of our store was prevented. Assisting the police in the effort, including hours spent on watch Christmas Eve, were members of the Meridian Auxiliary Police.

Again, we can be proud of our police force, and appreciative of the fine service and protection they are giving our community.

Sincerely,
Don C. Roberts

Council meets *JAN 6, 1966* Mayor, two councilmen, start new terms here

Mayor Don Storey and city council members Keith Ellis and John Navarro began their new four-year terms at the city council meeting Monday night.

The oath of office was administered to the officials by city clerk Herald J. Cox. Other members of the council are Wayne Skiver and Marvin Bodine.

Mayor Storey, with council approval, announced re-appointment of the following city personnel—Herald J. Cox, city clerk; Oral Coleman, city treasurer and office clerk; Gene Hiner, chief of police; Orville Vincent, work superintendent; Eugene Long, assistant work superintendent.

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City attorney named

Mayor Storey also announced the appointment of Grant Ambrose as city attorney. Mr. Ambrose, who served several years as city attorney in the past, fills the vacancy created by the resignation of John Child, who is now associated with a law firm at Boise.

In other appointments, the mayor re-named Ray Pitman and Vernon Schoen to the city's zoning and planning commission. Other members of the commission are W. G. McCurry, E. L. Bennett, Robert Fouser, and Wayne Skiver.

Mr. Skiver is chairman of the zoning and planning group, and is also the current president of the city council. The president of the council serves as mayor in the absence of Mr. Storey.

In other action at Monday night's meeting, Mayor Storey assigned council members to their respective responsibilities—Wayne Skiver, police; Keith Ellis, fire department and water; Marvin Bodine, parks and sanitation; John Navarro, streets.

Action on license

Council members voted unanimously again Monday night not to renew the beer-seller's license for the present lessee and operator of the Sport Shop in Meridian. The council had taken the original action at the December meeting, and the Sport Shop has been closed since December 31.

A Boise attorney, Bert Poole, appeared on behalf of the Sport Shop lessee and operator to request reconsideration of the license-cancellation. He presented petitions that had been signed by approximately 50 persons—including many from out of town.

Incidents listed

At council request, Police Chief Gene Hiner read a list of 15 incidents allegedly involving the Sport Shop that had been brought to police attention in the period from March 10 through December 17, 1965. Included were six reports of fights, seven reports of drunkenness including three arrests, sale of cigarettes to children, and other incidents.

The attorney asked that the license be renewed for at least a trial period, with its continuance to depend upon proper operation of the establishment. A spokesman for the owner of the property objected to the proposal, stating that the terms of the lease required "orderly operation" of the establishment, and said action had already been started to regain control of the property.

In casting their unanimous votes against renewal of the license, the city officials said the lessee and operators had received ample warning regarding the operation and charged that there had been no cooperation in the matter. The officials said also that it was not feasible for Meridian police to spend so much time in connection with one business establishment.

Proposed Budget

Other above-budget expenditures were for a new police car and radio, and a new street sweeper.

Plans discussed

Among plans discussed for the coming year was the addition of equipment to the city's park area near Keller's Market, and the adding of lights for newly-annexed areas.

Fire Chief Roger Welker said that study should be made of a plan to add new or replacement fire trucks—to be required because of the community's growth. He said the first need would be for a new unit for the rural fire department, but the city department would also need another truck in the future.

Fire hazards claimed

Discussion was also held on the alleged fire hazards in connection with self-service gasoline dispensers.

It was alleged that the local station was left unattended for periods. Also, instances were reported of purchasers lighting cigarettes and smoking while putting gasoline into cars, and of purchasers filling glass containers with gasoline from the self-service pumps. It was pointed out that the latter was in violation of state and federal laws and, if done by the operator of a regular service station, could result in heavy fines and even the closing of his business.

It was agreed that a study would be made of a proposed ordinance, governing the proper handling and dispensing of gasoline by any type of station.

As noted elsewhere, other business at Monday night's city council meeting included acceptance of a bid for work on Local Improvement District No. 1 . . . dog licensing and control . . . and operation of the city library.

In denying the license-renewal at the December council meeting, the city officials had said that the action was not directed against the property itself or its owner, and that consideration would be given a request for a license by other than the present lessee and operators.

Meets Council

No levy increase

Feb. 10, 1966

Meridian council lists proposed budget for '66

Meridian officials Monday night listed a tentative city budget of \$131,400.00 for 1966.

Although the new budget is \$15,830 above that of 1965, the officials said there would be no increase in the 30 mill levy.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 8 p.m. March 7, at the city building. The budget estimate appears as a public notice on Page 7 of this issue.

Increased water expenses

Among the increased items was the amount budgeted for water works with a new account "Water-works capital improvement" being

added. Mayor Don Storey said that additional lines would be required this year, for some of the areas recently annexed into the city.

Some salaries of city employees would be increased by the proposed budget. They include the following, with the present salary being shown in parentheses, followed by the proposed new salary:

Chief of police (\$5640) \$6240
City clerk (\$6000) \$6540. Senior police patrolman (\$4500) \$5040. Patrolman (\$4500) \$4900. Work superintendent (\$5820) \$6120. Assistant work superintendent (\$4200) \$4440. City treasurer (\$3180) \$3300. Clerk-typist (\$2700) \$2880. Permanent laborers' hourly pay would be increased 10c, to \$1.50 per hour; and common laborers' pay would remain at \$1.40 per hour.

Total business told

Total volume of city business for 1965 was \$313,970.66. That included \$113,840.32 in license plate sales and \$30,815.50 for drivers' licenses, sold by the city for the county.

Expenditures for 1965 exceeded the budget by approximately \$16,695, but the excess was covered by reserve funds. One of the major above-budget expenditures was for sewer expenses, with the new lift-station accounting for most of the increase.

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MERIDIAN POLICE DEPT.

Meridian, Idaho

This Certifies That

Gene D. Hiner

whose signature, fingerprint and photograph appear hereon, is a regularly appointed

Chief of Police Expires 1966

of the Meridian Police Department, and as such is charged with the duty of the enforcement of all laws of the State of Idaho and ordinances of the City of Meridian.

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Gene D. Hiner

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Chief of Police

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Mayor



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Meridian sets new enforcement of dog control

Feb. 10, 1966

Increased enforcement of dog licensing and control was ordered Monday night by Meridian officials.

Meridian police Tuesday began a canvass of residences to determine ownership of dogs not licensed as required by city ordinance. Dog owners failing to comply with the ordinance, or permitting dogs to run at large, will be cited into police court.

Officials said that dog licenses are available at the Meridian city building from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. any day except Saturday and Sunday. License fees are \$3 for male dogs and spayed females, and \$5 for unsplayed females.

Officials said also that city ordinances prohibited a dog being allowed off its owner's property unless on a leash and attended by a person.

Work superintendent Orville Vincent reported to the city council Monday night that the new city dog-pound would be completed as soon as the weather permitted pouring of cement.

Dog Pound Erection Delayed by Weather

MERIDIAN — Police Chief Gene Hiner has reported that work on the city's new dog pound has come to a standstill because of recent winter weather.

When it is completed, he said, the pound will be an insulated structure with cement floors, running water, good ventilation and will meet health standards.

Feb. 9, 1966



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Feb. 24, 1966

City announces bike licenses available now

Bicycle licenses for Meridian residents are available now at the city building, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day except Saturday and Sunday.

Cost is 50¢ per bicycle, and the license does not have to be renewed—it is good for as long as the same person owns the bicycle.

Officials said that the law calls for bicycles to be licensed as of January 1, but that the deadline would be extended to April 15. By that date, every bicycle owned and operated in Meridian must carry a license.

Police Chief Gene Hiner explained that the purpose of the bicycle-license law is to provide a means of registration of bicycles for identification. "It is not a revenue-producing law," he said. "As a matter of fact, the 50¢ fee does not cover even the actual cost of the license tags and service."

"However," Chief Hiner added, "bicycle licenses are a major help in locating lost or stolen bicycles. Last year we were able to return to its owner a bicycle that had been stolen and taken to Boise, as well as returning several other bicycles found in Meridian."

Improved plan Meridian police adopt new system for reporting juvenile misconduct

Police Chief Gene Hiner announced this week that the Meridian police department has adopted a new triplicate form for reporting cases of juvenile misconduct.

One copy of the report will be given the juvenile, one copy sent to the parents or guardians, and one copy kept in police files.

Chief Hiner said the reports would be used in all cases involving any conduct that brings a juvenile to police attention—including such things as cigarette smoking, rowdy behavior, as well as traffic-law violations.

Corrective plan

He said that the new system should correct situations that have existed in the past—when parents were not aware that their children had received police warning or action.

Chief Hiner emphasized that the reports are intended to help the children and their parents, not to add to the penalty. "We are quite sure," he said, "that a majority of the misconduct situations will

be corrected if parents are aware that their children are involved."

Report quoted

The new report-form will list the child's name, the nature, time, and place of the misconduct, and the official action taken.

It includes the following message addressed to the parents: "This information is sent to you so that you will be aware of the situation. We firmly believe that, with your reprimand and/or restriction of this child's privileges, along with our enforcement of applicable laws, the result of this situation can be beneficial—by encouraging acceptable behavior and worthwhile activities on the part of our young citizens.

"Citations or warnings from our Police Department are immeasurably more effective when parents cooperate in the matter. That is the basic purpose of this letter—to enlist your cooperation for the lasting benefit of the boys and girls of Meridian."

Blood drawing

March 17, 1966

Volunteers give 70 pints

Community residents donated a total of 70 pints when the Red Cross bloodmobile visited Meridian last Thursday.

Officials of the Meridian Community Blood Group expressed appreciation to the donors and the volunteer workers.

They said there would probably have been a better turnout except for the high incidence of influenza, and the fact that MHS was playing in the state basketball tournament that afternoon.

Five donors honored

Five multi-gallon donors were presented pins — Lamont Cutler, seven gallons; Clifford Stringer, four gallons; Kenneth Records, two gallons; Vaughn Barson and Bill Luke, one gallon each.

Volunteer workers included the following: Receptionist, Mrs. Zelma Rose of the Garden Club. Typists, Mrs. Kay Skiver, Mrs. Midge Hiner, Mrs. Polly Merle. Temperatures, Mrs. Jan Scrivner and Mrs. Ann Wilder of the Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Registered nurse volunteers were Mrs. Blanche Schullsmeyer, Mrs. Ralph Fothergill. Refreshments were served by the Mmes. Louise Latimer, Laura Wilson, Ethel Hawkins, Marie Moser, Veta Hawkins, Naomi Albright, Georgia Unser, Clinton Barber, all of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Numbering aides were Mrs. William Vaughn, Mrs. Cecilia Dunlap; donor room aides were Mrs. Ruby Jakomeit, Mrs. Wanda Waldram, Mrs. Ethel Stroup, of the VFW Auxiliary.

Helping to unload and load the

bloodmobile equipment were Ed Albright, Lawrence Hawley, Ralph Mangum, Elmer Lorah, Jack Cluff, Herley Wilson, Arthur Ultis, Clinton Barber, Voris Botkin, Mrs. Marilyn Marks and Mrs. June Pack assisted with publicity.

Other volunteer workers included the Mmes. Juanita Crawford, Earl Bolen, Velma Buck, Harold Shelton, Lucille Wood, Ethel Ebel, Ernest Lembke, Iris Kirkpatrick, Ross Boyack; and Harold Bales, Ray Martin, K. D. Hartwell, Orrin Wright, and personnel at the Meridian city building.

The 73 community residents who volunteered blood donations were as follows.

Lamont Cutler, Burton Johnson, Arthur Himerich, Earl Hill, the Rev. Dorwin Smith, E. O. (Swede) Boice, Frank Bryce, Mrs. DaWana Johnson, Mrs. Lois Conzens, Russell Haggerty, William Pitman, William Brown, Otis Young, Mrs. Clara Young, Glenn Green;

Clarence Conner, Dr. Humbert Valenti, Orville Vincent, Gene Eveland, Vaughn Barson, F. D. Arnold, Mrs. Wilma Ellensohn, Roy Alger, Mrs. Evelyne Valenti, Dr. Renn Derrer, Clark Ellensohn, Herald Cox, Kenneth Records, Mrs. Marie Moser, Lyle Bramhall;

Clifford Stringer, Chester Mc-

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Blood donors . . .

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Pherson, George Judd, Roy Wood, Arthur Lotridge, Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Mrs. Mary Jane Fothergill, Earl Bolen, Gene Hiner, Mrs. Bernice Downend, Mrs. Grace Gregory, Mrs. Betty Jossis, Mrs. Robert Hieter, Mrs. Minnie Buhr, Mrs. Viola Nielsen;

Mrs. Nova Potts, Mrs. Emma Bales, Miss Signe Wolfe, Dean Foster, Mrs. Cecilia Dunlap, Miss Ruth Raynor, Mrs. Emma Hebdon, Mrs. Birdie Dalrymple, Gerald Wilkin, Mrs. Laura Payne, Mrs. Gertrude Ward, Mrs. Dorothy Paul, Bill Luke, Mrs. Jean Davis, Mrs. Dolores Voss, Mrs. Sharlene Peterson, Dwight Potts;

Arthur Ultis, Thayne Andersen, the Rev. Ralph Fothergill, Mrs. Maralyn Larson, Mrs. Patricia Uhl, Grant Ambrose, Mrs. Winifred Ambrose, Jesse Lee, Mrs. Wilda Clayton, Mrs. Helen Cox, Robert Moore.

Outgoing officers of the Meridian Community Blood Group were in charge of the drawing. They were Dr. Humbert Valenti, chairman; Ralph Hawkins, vice chairman; Mrs. Bud Jerread, secretary-treasurer.

Newly elected officers of the community blood group are Arthur Ultis, chairman; Dr. Russell Brooks, vice chairman; Mrs. Ross Boyack, secretary-treasurer.



Civic officials for progressive city

APRIL 28, 1966

GROWTH AND PROGRESS bring civic pride, but they can also bring civic problems and added responsibilities. Coping with expansion that has seen 500 per cent increase in municipal business in past 10 years are above city officials. Seated, from left—council president Wayne Skiver, councilman Keith Ellis; Mayor Don Storey,

who has headed city government since 1953; councilman Marvin Bodine, councilman John Navarro. Standing—Herald J. Cox, city clerk since 1951, also serving as police judge; city work superintendent Orville Vincent, fire chief Roger Welker, police chief Gene Hiner.
(Horton photo)

Police At Meridian Solve Nampa Theft

NAMPA — Meridian police Friday solved a burglary in Nampa before it was reported to the Nampa police, Chief Buster L. Baker said today.

Chief Gene Hiner was returning to Meridian from Boise on U.S. 30 when he happened to notice a boy behind a vacant building swinging a hatchet as though he was chopping. As a matter of routine, he stopped to investigate.

He found the youth chopping copper tubing on a log and coils and boxes of tubing lying near-

by. Another youth was loading chopped pieces into an open station wagon. A girl was sitting in the car.

After questioning at the Meridian police station, the youths said they got the copper tubing at a trailer factory in Nampa — they didn't know which one. Also found in the station wagon, according to Chief Hiner, were a box of new tools and a spare tire taken from two cars in Garden City, a transistor radio and tape recorder reportedly taken in a burglary at Vale.

Chief Hiner called Nampa police and they hadn't heard of a burglary here involving copper tubing. They checked Fleetwood and nothing was known to be missing. A call to the MGM, Inc., mobile home plant at 1323 11th Ave. N. Ext., revealed that the tubing was missing from that plant but the burglary had not yet been reported. The youths and the girl were brought here.

Leon R. Neal, 18, Nampa Route 6, was taken before Justice of the Peace Leon R. Weeks, who continued the case until Monday afternoon.

The 16-year-old youth, who lives in the Nampa area, was cited into Canyon County Probate Court.

The 15-year-old Caldwell girl who was with them and who apparently was not involved in the burglary, according to Chief Baker, was released to her parents.



May 6, 1966

Cases increase *May 5, 1966* Meridian officials study need for justice court

Meridian city officials Monday night discussed the growing need for a local justice court, to handle cases in the area. Police Chief Gene Hiner pointed out the inconvenience of the present system, which requires all cases to be taken to a court in Boise.

The officials said that, after Meridian lost its services of a full-time justice of peace, the county officials had assigned a justice to the area on a part-time basis.

Plan cancelled

They said that the extremely limited schedule of the visiting justice had resulted in such little use of his services that the arrangement was finally cancelled.

"However," said Mayor Don Storey, "the growth of the area's population has changed that picture. If we were to have an adequate schedule of services by a justice of peace, the arrangement could result in impressive savings of time and costs for the people involved."

Excessive time and travel

Cited as an example was the report of 218 traffic citations in one year within a five-mile radius of Meridian. Chief Hiner also reported on 10 cases which he had handled so far this year, each one requiring extra travel and costs because of there being no local court. He said a case last week involving two check-passers, had required more than 100 miles of driving.

It was agreed that city officials and Chamber of Commerce representatives would arrange a meeting to discuss the matter with county officials.

ported broken. City work superintendent Orville Vincent is to check into the matter.

Street survey

Councilman John Navarro, in charge of streets, reported plans for street repairs and improvements, including the following areas. The one-third block east of the corner of State and East First. The block on East Carlton between East First and East Second. Washington Avenue between West 1st and West 4th. West Pine from West 4th to the city limits. West 7th from Washington to Cherry Lane. West Carlton between West 5th and 6th. A 240-foot section of new street for Carlton between West 7th and West 8th. The block on Pine Avenue between Meridian Street and East First.

In final action, the city officials approved a resolution for the sale of a strip of land 8-feet by 330-feet at the end of West Broadway. The resolution appears as a Public Notice on Page 6 of this issue.

COVER

L.I.D. payments

Garold Bedard, representing the Meridian Bowling Lanes, appeared at the council meeting to discuss the method to be used in paying assessments for the Local Improvement District No. 1. Officials said that there had been indications that several of the property owners involved planned to pay the amount in full. They said the extent of such planned payments would have to be determined before any program was established for the district payment. Mayor Storey said that there may be such a small balance left that the city would choose to handle the financing and collection itself.

Recreation program

Upon recommendation by councilman Marvin Bodine, the council voted to charge a fee for participation in the city's summer recreation program by any child living outside the city limits. They established a fee of \$5 for each non-resident child, with a \$10 maximum per non-resident family.

No detailed records were kept of last year's program, nor of the exact number of children participating, but Bodine said the estimated cost averaged out at \$16.16 per child.

Mr. Bodine also recommended an increase in the cost for the swimming program. Last year's fee was \$7.50 for each child participating, which included bus transportation throughout the several-weeks program. No final action was taken on the swim-fee increase.

Director for this year's program will be Wesley Lowe, coach and instructor at the high school. Plans call for the program to begin the first full week in June.

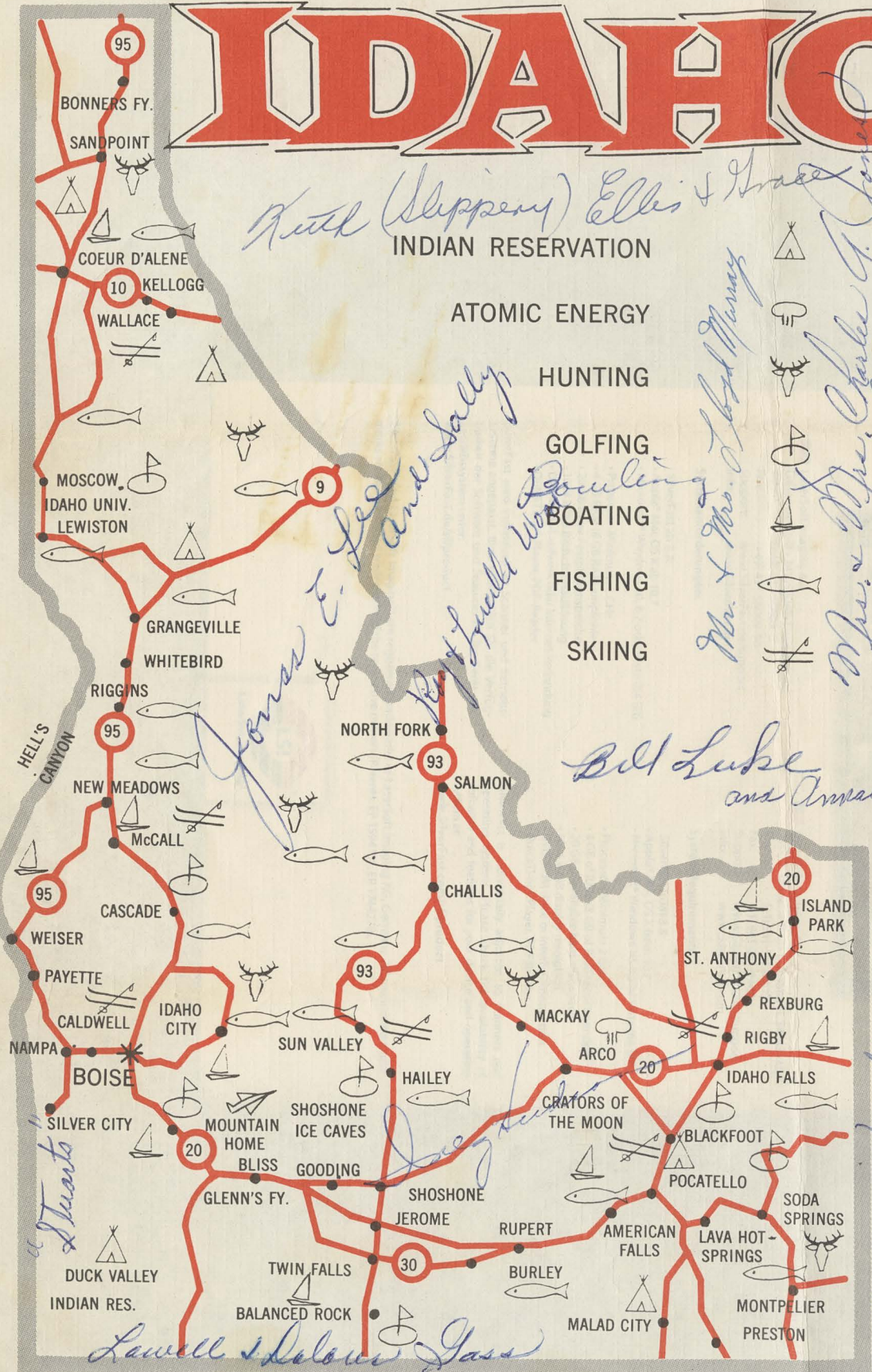
Water problems

Other matters discussed at the council meeting was a report by Arthur Beach of the annual flooding by waste water of his property in the vicinity of Gruber and 2½ Street. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged between the property owners involved and the Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District.

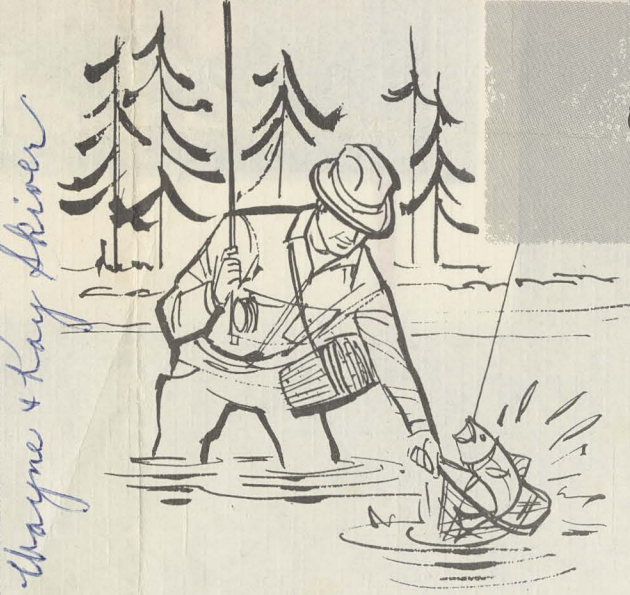
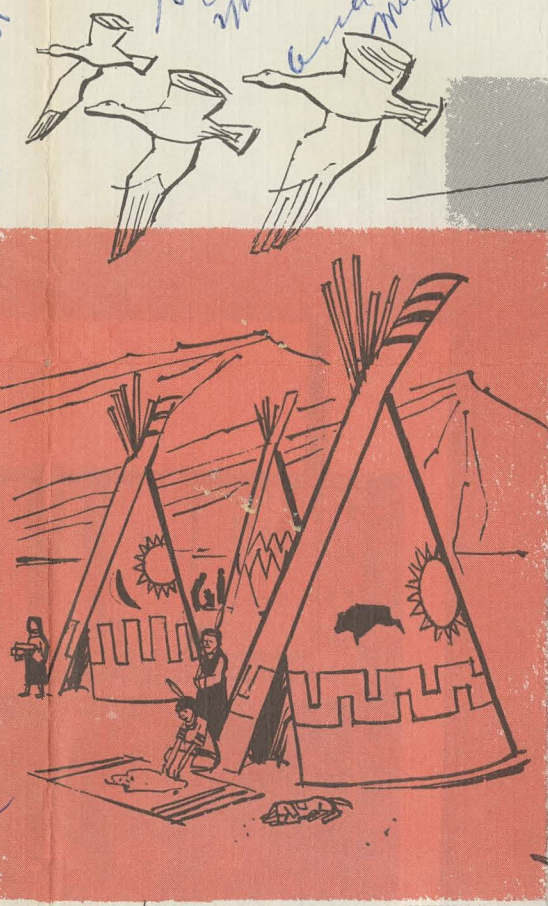
Trouble with excess water was also reported for property on Meridian Street, where a tile was re-

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May 12, 1966



Police recover alleged loot

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS of merchandise reported stolen was found in car of Loren R. Neal, 18, of Homedale, following arrest of him and two juvenile companions by Police Chief Gene Hiner of Meridian, at left, shown with State Patrolman William Green. Chief Hiner found youths behind Stonewood Creations building on Highway 30 last Friday morning, chopping copper tubing into lengths. Total of 13 boxes of costly metal was stolen from H&M Trailer company in Nampa the preceding night. Copper was recovered, along with transistor radio, tape recorder, piggy bank (which had contained \$25), and other items reported stolen in burglary at Vale, Oregon, a few days before; plus a tire, new set of tools and tool box, reported stolen from car in Garden City the night before youths arrest. Neal was charged at Nampa court with first degree burglary, and juveniles were referred to probate court for action.

Chamber plans meeting on justice court

Meridian Chamber of Commerce members Wednesday noon discussed with county commissioner Leon Fairbanks the need for a justice court in Meridian.

Mr. Fairbanks said it would not be possible to assign a full-time justice of peace at this time, since the 1966 budget had already been set.

He suggested that a committee be appointed to discuss the matter with the county commissioners. Ralph Mangum, Chamber of Commerce president, named Mayor Don Storey, Marvin Bodine, Ralph Hunter, and himself, to meet with the county officials.

The discussion included the possibility of a part-time justice of peace being assigned to Meridian; with perhaps a formal request to be made for provision in the 1967 county budget for a full-time assignment.

Also discussed at the C of C meeting were plans for the pancake supper to be held at the Meridian Dairy Show grounds June 1.

Women plan cancer drive this Saturday

Volunteer workers will canvass Meridian business and residential districts this Saturday, May 14, in the annual cancer drive.

A coffee hour will be held at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Gordon Clever, at 9 a.m., as a kick-off event for the drive. All interested women are invited to come and to bring a friend.

The volunteer workers, who will distribute cancer information and solicit funds, include the Mmes. Earl Marks, Gordon Clever, Lee Mitchell, Ernest Lembke, Harry Tewksbury, Gene Galespie, Darwin Martin, Phillip Buck, J. A. Lyman, Bill Luke, Ray Ewing, C. R. Pethel, H. L. Myers, Gene Hiner, L. L. Jerome, Bob Kisner.

Officials study local court plan

May 19, 1966

Plans for establishment of small-claims-court services at Meridian were discussed Monday afternoon, in a meeting of Meridian officials, Chamber of Commerce representatives, county commissioners, and two justice court judges from Boise.

Under the plan, a member of the Meridian city staff would be authorized to accept filings of small claims, and to forward the documents and fees to Boise—thus saving area residents the round-trip to the court house in Boise.

County commissioners Roy Murphy, Rulon Swenson, and Leon Fairbanks, said that details of the plan would be studied with the justice-court judges at Boise.

Meridian police arrest Harrison

May 19, 1966

Blaine C. Harrison, 24, of 3615 Fairview, Boise, was arrested Tuesday at Meridian and charged with embezzlement, by theft of items from his employer.

Items listed in the complaint, and valued at approximately \$400, included tools, garden hose, and other new and used merchandise. Police Chief Gene Hiner said that in addition to the Meridian complaint, Harrison will be questioned concerning a total of 10 other thefts from area farms.

A hearing has been set at the district court in Boise at 10 a.m. next Monday, June 23. Harrison has been released on his own recognizance.

Check charge

Chief Gene Hiner also arrested John W. Cannon, 27, of Emmett, Tuesday at Boise. Cannon is charged with issuing a \$3 no-funds check May 3 to the Towne Oil company in Meridian.

He was released at the Boise court on \$100 bond.

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it matters

by the editor

May 19, 1966



In addition to being a darned good police chief, Gene Hiner also rates as a good neighbor.

Our ad man, Hank, was coming into Meridian on Highway 30 Tuesday morning—and there was Gene changing a tire for a woman driver.

Chief Hiner had been on his way to court at Boise, and was in the hurry that's a part of his every-day routine. But he still took the time to help.

Gene really rates the military phrase—"officer and gentleman."

May 22, 1966

Boisean Faces Charge Of Assault in Meridian

MERIDIAN — Ted Shepherd, 31, 2218 Targee, Boise, was being held at the Meridian jail on a charge of assault and battery, police officers reported.

Officers said Shepherd is charged in a complaint with using force and violence against his wife, Rosemary. He was being held in lieu of a \$100 bond, police said.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1966



Community training for youngsters

TYPICAL OF THE INTEREST of the community in its boys and girls is above scene—showing bicycle-safety course conducted at Meridian grade school by Chief of Police Gene Hiner, at right, and Officer Charles Stuart, in center. Course included showing of safety film, and explanation of bicycle-traffic regulations. Boys and girls then

rode bicycles around a marked course on the school grounds, obeying signals, making proper turns, and extending courtesy to pedestrians. Upon completion of course, students were issued Bicycle Safety Certificates signed by Chief Hiner and the school principal Obed Dahl.

(News-Times photo)

June 1, 1966

Court Places Boise Burglar On Probation

Richard W. Potter, 35, 11103 Fairview Avenue, Tuesday was placed on a four-year probation in lieu of a 10-year prison term for burglary.

Third District Judge Charles R. Donaldson passed sentenced on Potter, a father of five children, and then suspended it.

The defendant had pleaded guilty to the charge, brought against him after police caught him inside of the Bestway Building Center in Meridian last October.

Judge Donaldson emphasized to Potter that he is giving him "one more chance."

Fight with wife leads to arrest

June 2, 1966

Troubles mounted for Ted Shepherd, 31, of Boise, after a fight with his wife Saturday night at a Meridian tavern.

Arrested by Meridian police, Shepherd posted a \$100 bond for the assault charge. But investigation showed that he was wanted in California on a charge of parole violation, reportedly on an original charge involving cattle rustling.

He was placed in custody of the Ada County sheriff, where his bond was set at \$5,000. Police Chief Gene Hiner of Meridian said information had been received from Detroit, indicating that Shepherd was wanted in that city also.

Delegation to Attend City League Meeting

MERIDIAN — Mayor Don Storey has announced that Meridian city representatives will attend the state convention of Idaho Municipal League to be held at Coeur d'Alene July 14-16.

Those attending will be the mayor, councilmen Wayne Skinner and Marvin Bodine, city clerk Herald Cox, fire chief Roger Welker, police chief Gene Hiner and work superintendent Orville Vincent.

July 14, 1966

June 9, 1966

Police warn on motorbikes

Meridian police issued a warning today against parking of motorcycles or scooters on the sidewalk.

Police Chief Gene Hiner said several reports of such parking had been received, and that violators would be issued a citation with no further warning.

Chief Hiner pointed out that motorcycles and motorized scooters must obey the same traffic and parking regulations that apply to all other motor vehicles.

Motorcyclists Told No Parking on Walk

MERIDIAN — Police Chief Gene Hiner has issued a warning against parking of motorcycles or scooters on the sidewalks. Hiner said several reports of such parking had been received by him and that violators would be issued citations without further warning.

Chief Hiner said that motorized scooters and motorcycles must obey the same traffic and parking regulations that restrict all other motor vehicles.

June 5, 1966

Sept. 1, 1966

Police announce use of radar for school zone

Police Chief Gene Hiner announced today that radar would be used to control Meridian traffic speed, when school opens next Tuesday, September 6.

Chief Hiner said the radar unit would be in operation in Meridian from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. all four school-days next week — Tuesday through Friday—as well as at other times during the year.

He said the unit would be operated at various intervals on Cherry Lane, West Pine Avenue, Meridian Street, and East First Street (Highway 30).

"Opening days of school, when children are not yet settled down to routine after the summer vacation, are especially dangerous," Chief Hiner said. "We urge every motorist to take extra precaution, and to remember that our radar unit will be in use during the coming months."

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POLICEMAN HIRED

MERIDIAN — Police Chief Gene Hiner has announced the appointment of Melvin E. Rawlinson to the Meridian police force to replace Donald Luke-art who resigned recently. Rawlinson moved to Meridian from Cambridge.

He said advance announcement was made of the planned use of radar, since its purpose was to encourage careful driving within legal speed limits, rather than to increase the number of citations issued. "However," he added, "we will have no choice but to issue citations to each violator. The safety of our school children must come first."

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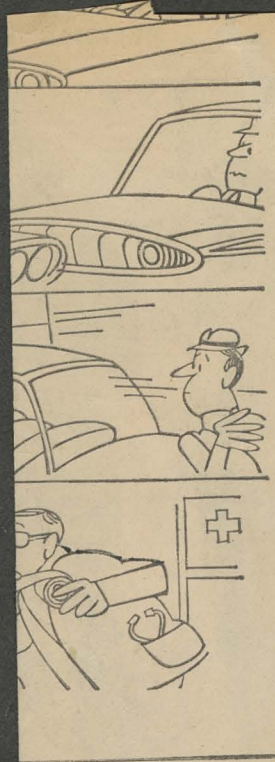
The officer also reminded students that traffic laws apply also to pedestrians and to bicycle-riders. He urged children to cross only at marked intersections, and particularly to avoid darting out from between parked cars.

He said bicycle riders must ride in the right-hand lane, must signal all turns, and must obey stop signs and other traffic signs.



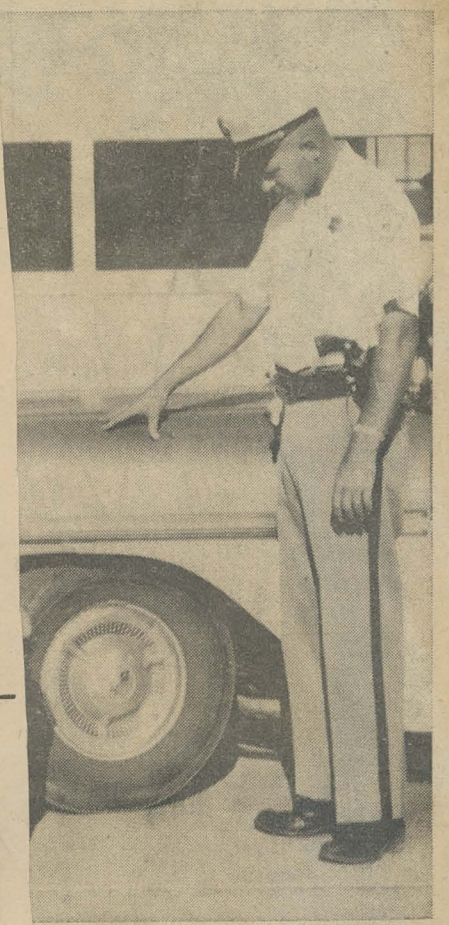
Police officers hear talks on law *Jane 23 1966*

MERIDIAN POLICE CHIEF Gene Hiner, right, was among valley law enforcement officers attending series of lectures given by Jon N. Wyman at county court house, under auspices of Ada County sheriff's department. Wyman, candidate for prosecuting attorney, said emphasis of talks was on practical and procedural aspects of law, and explanation of how to use new Supreme Court rulings to make prosecution effective. First lecture was on problems of arrest, with others on law of search and seizure.



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A report of fireworks injuries from the Fourth, included a severe burn on his hand for W. L. Hendrix, from a sky-rocket he held too long, the little Dunten boy burned two fingers with fire-crackers, the son of Ernest Craw-



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Feb. 2, 1967

Meridian Group Views Service of Ambulance

MERIDIAN — Meridian citizens were notified Wednesday evening of the possible loss of community ambulance service, previously provided by a Meridian funeral chapel. The situation was discussed at a meeting held Wednesday at city hall, called by members of Meridian city council.

Representatives of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Lions Club and other organizations met city council members and heard Bud Gerread, owner of Chapel of the Chimes, announced that he intended to terminate the ambulance service to the area.

A committee composed of Gene Hiner, chief of police, Ray Pack, Meridian pharmacist, and Ralph Hunter, publisher of the Meridian News-Times, was appointed to solicit funds to purchase the ambulance from Chapel of the Chimes. They planned, according to reports, to collect a fund of approximately \$1,500 to purchase the ambulance.

Plans indicated that all three officers of the Meridian force will participate in operating a round-the-clock ambulance service in the Meridian area. Fees have been set at \$25 a call in the area outside of Meridian, \$10 for local runs. It is planned to install special telephones in the three officers' homes.

Compensation to the police will be one half of the fees, the other half going to a maintenance and operation fund, it is planned. Two men will be required for each run, it was reported, one as driver, the other to help in handling patients, oxygen equipment and stretchers when needed.

Faced with the imminent loss of community ambulance service, area residents and organizations Tuesday night launched a community-wide campaign to solve the problem.

Under the plan, a fund of approximately \$1,500 will be raised—to purchase an equipped ambulance now owned by the Robison Memorial Chapel of the Chimes.

After its purchase, the ambulance would be operated by Meridian police officers—with special telephones to be installed in the three officers' homes, for around-the-clock service throughout the year.

The ambulance will serve not only Meridian residents, but all residents of the entire Meridian

fire district.

Fees will be below the area average—\$25 instead of \$35 for an area run, and only \$10 for a local run. The only compensation the police will receive for their year-around service will be one-half of the fees—with the other half to go into a fund for maintenance and operation.

Two men will be required for each run—one police officer as driver, the other to help with the patient, stretcher, oxygen equipment, and other matters. Police Chief Gene Hiner said that cooperation has already been promised by firemen and members of the Meridian Auxiliary Police.

A committee, headed by Chief Hiner and Ray Pack, pharmacist-

owner of Rice Pharmacy by Ralph Hunter, will lead the community fund-raising campaign.

Chief Hiner said he earnestly urges the entire community to join in the total is not just something that could mean life or death. He is willing to help \$10, or any amount, to bring it in or make it. You can leave it at the News-Times' office or to 'Community Fund,' Meridian.

In addition to maintaining ambulance service, the police officers will also

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fire district. Fees will be below the area average—\$25 instead of \$35 for an area run, and only \$10 for a local run. The only compensation the police will receive for their year-around service will be one-half of the fees—with the other half to go into a fund for maintenance and operation.

Two men will be required for each run—one police officer as driver, the other to help with the patient, stretcher, oxygen equipment, and other matters. Police Chief Gene Hiner said that cooperation has already been promised by firemen and members of the Meridian Auxiliary Police.

A committee, headed by Chief Hiner and Ray Pack, pharmacist-

owner of Rice Pharmacy, assisted by Ralph Hunter, will coordinate the community fund-raising campaign.

Chief Hiner said, "This is a community-wide project, and we earnestly urge the help of the entire community. The \$1,500 total is not prohibitive, for something that could actually mean life or death. Anyone who is willing to help—with \$1, \$5, \$10, or any amount—is urged to bring it in or mail it in today. You can leave it at the Meridian News-Times' office, or just mail it to 'Community Ambulance Fund,' Meridian, Idaho."

In addition to manning the ambulance service, the Meridian police officers will also receive the

area fire calls, over the special telephone lines to be installed in their respective homes today or tomorrow.

Bud Jerread, owner of the Robison Chapel of the Chimes, said that the firm's continued operation of the ambulance service had become economically unfeasible. He said that possible involvement with federal regulations could raise operating costs to an all-time high, and that other ambulance services were going out of business across the nation. (Announcement was made this week of Boise mortuaries leaving the ambulance business, which will be handled by an individual firm.)

Present at Tuesday night's meeting with the Meridian city council

were representatives of the Meridian Jaycees, Meridian Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Meridian Lions club, Business and Professional Women, Occident Club, Ada County Pomona Grange, Meridian Rural Fire District, Exempt and Alpha Alpha chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, and other interested individuals.

In offering the ambulance to the project at a cost of \$1,000, Mr. Jerread said that payment could be made on any convenient basis—over as long a period as desired. The ambulance is fully equipped, including radio, red light, oxygen equipment, splints, and other items.

Walter Teeter and Vilbert Sun-

dell, representing the Meridian Fire District, said they were sure their group would help in the project—and said they would check into any legal restrictions that may exist. Mr. Teeter said, if permissible, he hoped their contribution could be about \$500.

Mayor Don Storey and the city council members said they would cooperate in the project, because of the emergency, even though no facilities or funds existed for the city to enter into the ambulance business.

They said the ambulance could be housed in the city-rural fire station, and the operation would be under city supervision after the ambulance and equipment were purchased.

It was stressed that the proposed plan was to be on a trial basis only. One speaker said that the commercial ambulance firm in Boise may move out to the Cole area—in which case, it could serve the area between Meridian and Nampa as well.

It was also emphasized that the situation was one of immediate urgency—and that the new operation should be underway within a matter of days.

The Meridian News-Times' office will serve as information center, and as a collecting-place for donated funds. The office telephone number is 888-4423, or calls may be made in the evenings and on week-ends to: Ralph Hunter, 888-3302.

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News-Times editorial

Your help is needed today!

We are all familiar with worthy community-projects—but seldom does any project involve the extreme urgency or extreme importance of the Community Ambulance Fund.

As reported on the front page, residents of the entire Meridian Fire Protection District are faced with the immediate loss of local ambulance service.

Unless there is an immediate replacement, it would mean that the closest ambulances would be in Boise or Nampa. Think of what that could mean if you had an immediate need of an ambulance for your child, your husband or wife, an older member of the family . . . or yourself.

Thanks to the generous cooperation of Meridian police, assisted by firemen and auxiliary police, there is an answer to this crisis—if we act at once.

An ambulance, plus the necessary added supplies, can be obtained for a total-project cost of only \$1,500. **Remember, that total project includes the all-important matter of someone to answer the community's fire-calls, as well as ambulance calls.**

Once we have obtained the ambulance,

the Meridian police, firemen, and auxiliary police, will provide around-the-clock ambulance service throughout the entire district. Headed by Police Chief Gene Hiner, three Meridian police officers will have special telephone lines installed in their respective homes—with at least one phone to be manned every hour of every day.

That generous offer of the three officers should surely be an example to all of us. We and our families are the ones involved—it is up to us and our families to provide the ambulance.

How can you help? By making whatever contribution you are able to make—\$1, \$5, \$10, or \$100. Remember, in making that contribution, you may be insuring a community service that would be of vital importance to you and your family in an emergency.

Mail your contribution **today**—address it to: “Community Ambulance Fund; Meridian, Idaho.” Or, if convenient, bring it to the Meridian News-Times’ office.

Time is the essence—the problem must be solved within the next few days. Please help yourself, your family, and your community.

With help of police

Feb. 9, 1967

New ambulance, fire system goes into operation for area

With the Community Ambulance Fund nearing its goal (see story at bottom of page), the new ambulance and fire-call system is now in effect for the entire Meridian Fire District.

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or AMBULANCE**

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The Robison Chapel of the Chimes turned over the ambulance Wednesday, for operation by the Meridian police, assisted by firemen and auxiliary police.

Payment of \$1,000 for the equipped ambulance has not yet been made, but Bud Jerread of the Robison Chapel of the Chimes said that could wait until the fund was completed . . . or until payment was convenient. Fund committeemen said they appreciated Mr. Jerread's generous policy, and said they hoped the fund could be completed and payment made within the coming week.

Under the new plan, 24-hour telephones for fire calls and ambulance calls are in operation in each of the three police officers' homes — Chief Hiner, Officer Charles Stuart, Officer Richard Trumble—and also at the Meridian city building and the city-rural fire station in Meridian.

For ambulance calls, there will be a charge of \$25 for trips that will take the ambulance out of the fire district (compared to area-average charges of \$35-to-\$45), and a \$10 call for a trip from one

point within the district to another point also in the district.

The police officers, who will share the 24-hour telephone responsibility throughout the year, will receive one-half of the fee, with the other half going into a maintenance and operation fund. The ambulance will be kept in the fire station, and the city will assume insurance and other costs.

In announcing the start of the new operation, community spokesmen expressed sincere appreciation to Mr. Jerread and the Robison Chapel of the Chimes. "In addition to operating the ambulance service at a loss," said a spokesman, "Mr. Jerread has for

more than six years provided around-the-clock answering service for all area fire calls. He did this completely free of charge, despite the fact that it often meant great personal inconvenience, including curtailing his personal and business activities to insure that every call would be immediately answered.

"Surely this is a record of true community service, and we are all appreciative and grateful to Mr. Jerread."

Feb. 9, 1967

Area residents

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Police Chief Gene Hiner, chairman of the coordinating committee for the fund-drive, said, "Members of our committee who have worked on literally hundreds of

fund-raising drives say that they have never seen such immediate community-wide response.

"Remember," he added, "more than 90 per cent of the money received so far has come in on a completely voluntary basis—people walking in to leave the donations, or putting money in the collection jars around town, or mailing donations in. It certainly speaks well of the community-spirit that exists throughout our entire fire district."

Chief Hiner said that donations, still needed to put the fund drive over the top, may be brought to Rice Pharmacy or Meridian News-Times, or may be mailed in—addressed simply to: "Community Ambulance Fund, Box 365, Meridian, Idaho." He and the other committee

members, Ray Pack and Ralph Hunter, said that it was hoped the remainder of the money will be received by this Saturday night, February 4. "Any amount at all will be appreciated—50c, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$100. Just give whatever you can afford—with the knowledge that it is for a highly worthwhile fund to help all the families within the entire Meridian Fire District."

Contributors named

The largest contribution was made by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce; followed by Locust Grove Grange, and the Meridian branch of Idaho First National Bank.

In addition, a sizeable amount has already been paid by the Meridian Fire District, underwriting the costs of the telephone-installation

changes, and also guaranteeing a fire-call fee for each person making an ambulance call.

Major volunteer contributions were also made by Meridian Pine, Occident Club, Exemplar chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Bennett Realty, Meridian News-Times, Rural Volunteer Firemen, Arvad Roberts, W. D. Bienapf, Dr. and Mrs. John Lee.

"Certainly our community's sincere appreciation goes to these contributors," said Chief Hiner, "but we want to stress that, by far, the greater part of the money came in contributions from individuals.

"We want to list those individuals, without naming the amounts—which range from 50c to \$10—because, in some cases, a \$1 donation meant as big a sacrifice for

the person as \$100 would for someone else.

"Also, we have no way of knowing the names of the persons who so generously put money into the jars around town. Also, your name may be inadvertently omitted from the following list. We sincerely ask all such persons to call—Meridian News-Times, 888-4423, or Rice Pharmacy, 888-4414—and give their name. You needn't list the amount, just your name. We really want you to do that—so that your names will appear on the list of additional donors that will be published in next week's Meridian News-Times."

The recorded list of donors is as follows. (Again, it does not in-

clude those who put cash into the jars, and there may be some unintentional omissions.) Also, in many cases, the name represents both husband and wife.

Otis Cooper, Ed D. Cooper, Pat Fowler, Curtis Corey, Gene Hiner, Ralph Gregory, Sport Shop, E. B. Jenkins, H. R. Bryce, Dr. Humbert Valenti, Dennie Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Everist;

Riley and Neva Clarkson, Roy Turner, Effie Murphy, Rollie Stickley, Edith Crockett, G. W. Baxter, Henry Estrick, Ada Pomona Grange, Ross Furniture, Florence Eggers;

C & L Plumbing, Speedway Signs, Guy Bowers, C. Frank and Helen Bryce, Shorty Wolfe, Mrs. J. H. Prescott, Mayes and Mayes Insurance, Davis Body Shop, El-

mer Ross, Ric Thierhouse;

Mrs. Philip Woods, Louise Latimer, Richard Ziegler, Leon Vostrez, C. R. Maw, Chester Chapman, Wayne Skiver, Carl Rathjen and Dr. Olive Stretch, Nancy Sage, Roy Stuart, Bill and Janet Berg;

Ernest Hoffman, Mrs. Julia Marks, Cherrie Tankersley, Carol Smith, Mrs. Cornelia Walters, Herald Cox, Dick Marks, Ray Pitman, Vernon Taylor, Calnon Floral.

The committee also expressed thanks to the local business places that are displaying collection jars in their store or office—Dr. J. T. Brunn, Rice Pharmacy, Meridian Drug Center, Keller's Market, Bowen's Market, Pat's Cafe, McFadden's Market, Davis Foods, the Meridian post office, Sport Shop.

Feb. 9, 1967

News-Times editorial

Fine people in a fine community

Talk about a wonderful community — we have it!

Ask the people who are working on the Community Ambulance Fund. Some of them are veterans of literally hundreds of fund-drives, but not one remembers any other drive where the response was so quick, so voluntary, and so generous.

Within just five days after the ambulance fund-drive was announced, men and women and business places of the entire Meridian Fire District have contributed a total of \$1,100—within \$400 of the basic goal of \$1,500!

If you are among the many fine community-minded donors, take a well-deserved bow—and the thanks of all of us in the community.

If you are not yet on the list of donors,

join us today, please! Hopes are that the remaining \$400 will be donated by not later than this Saturday night. Help a good cause—and, at the same time, make sure that your name will be on the Community Honor Roll that we'll publish next week. You can either bring your donation to the Rice Pharmacy or Meridian News-Times, or put it in one of the jars in the Meridian business places, or put it in an envelope and mail it to: "Community Ambulance Fund, Box 365, Meridian, Idaho."

The Community Ambulance Fund is certainly a vitally important project, and a highly worthwhile drive.

You, and your friends and neighbors, are responding to this important call in a way that makes us proud to be a member of this community.

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Ambulance fund goes over the top

The community Ambulance Fund went over the top this week—thanks to the voluntary donations of persons and business firms throughout the Meridian fire district.

Basic goal for the fund was originally set at \$1,500. As of Wednesday noon of this week—just 12 business days after the fund-drive was first announced—donations now total \$1,910.90!

Members of the fund committee—Police Chief Gene Hiner, Ray Pack, and Ralph Hunter—said, "The most impressive part of the wonderful community response is that it has been completely voluntary. No fund-raising events were staged, no one canvassed the residential or business district—every penny was mailed or brought in by community residents and business people."

Chief Hiner added, "Everyone concerned is especially happy that the fund not only reached its goal, but has gone almost 25% over the top! That means there is at least a modest amount left for operating expenses—after payment has been made for the ambulance and various supplies."

Citing the importance of such a fund, Chief Hiner said that donations were still coming in as of late Wednesday—and all persons who want to add to the fund are cordially invited to do so. The money may be left at Rice Pharmacy or the Meridian News-Times—or may be mailed to: Community Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 365, Meridian, Idaho.

"More than \$75 came in Wednesday," Chief Hiner said, "and we're beginning to hope the fund may even go over the \$2,000 mark!"

The money has been deposited in the bank at Meridian, with two signatures required for withdrawals. Payment of \$1,000 has been made to Robison Chapel of the Chimes for the fully-equipped ambulance, and linen and other sup-

plies have been purchased.

Contributors listed

The largest contributions came from the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, Idaho First National Bank, Locust Grove Grange, and Meridian Lions Club.

Also, the Meridian Rural Fire District has already paid much of the costs of installing telephone lines to the homes of the three Meridian police officers who will operate the ambulance. The phones will also handle fire calls for the district.

Major volunteer contributions were also made by Strang Sand and Gravel, Modern Woodmen of America, Ralph Hoseley, Meridian Pine, Occident Club, Dr. John Lee, Exemplar chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Bennett Realty, Rural Volunteer Firemen, Arvad Roberts, W. D. Bienapfl, Meridian News-Times.

"As stated last week," said Chief Hiner, "the generosity of those firms and individuals deserves the appreciation of the entire community—but equally impressive is the fact that the greater part of the money came in contributions from individuals . . . ranging from 50c to \$10."

"We also want to repeat that we have no way of knowing all the names of the persons who put money into the jars around town. Also, there may be some names inadvertently omitted from the following list."

"Any person who has given to the ambulance fund in any way, and whose name is not on the following list, is sincerely asked to call the Meridian News-Times, dial 888-4423, and give your name. You needn't list the amount, just tell your name, so that it can be listed on the additional honor roll to be published in the News-Times later."

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Doug Rutan, Al Schmitt, Irwin Ewing, Leslie Folwell, Eugene Martin, Harley Smith, Joseph Huwyler, Calnon Floral, A. H. Cowles, Frank Marcum, R. E. Henshaw, Ruben Asumendi, Orchard Bee Club, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore, Lane's Corner Grocery, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyde, John Schollen, Harry Yost, Sr., Ivan Lowry, Dwaine Wolf, Mary Tyler;

Charles Cheney, Ethel Scholin, Mrs. Zena Cobleigh, Bernhardine Hoseley, Dean Jerome, Gerald Dirksen, Harry Hoskins, Roy Edlemon, Vernon Law, W. D. Davidson, Arthur Ultis, Earl Brown, Charles Dusek, J. W. Allison, Joe Larrondo, John Navarro, Beatrice Morgan, Victor Barfuss, Elmer Badesheim, Meridian Grange, Amity Social Club, Lester Vogel;

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