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Opening of new building.

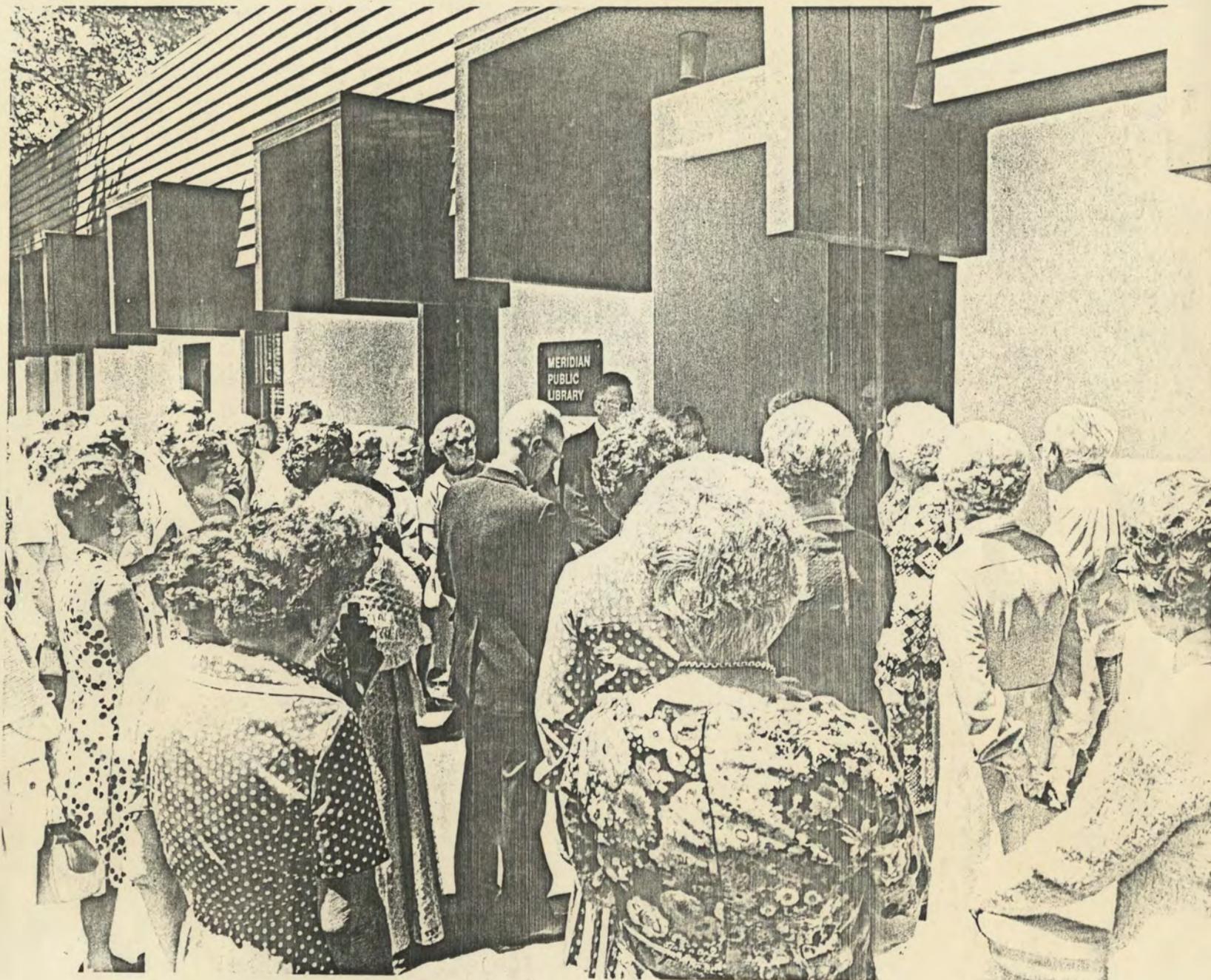
Jaycees and Meridian

Occident Women's

Club members at

Ceremony.

June 2, 1971



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June 6, 1974

Mrs. Nancy S. Sage
Librarian
Meridian Public Library
18 East Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho 83642

Dear Mrs. Sage:

May I apologize for the late date of responding to your kind invitation for Governor Andrus to be with you last Saturday at the Open House for the new library. I was called away from the office unexpectedly and did not return in time to respond properly.

We regret that the Governor was unable to be with you as he would have enjoyed very much the opportunity to visit your new facility. Perhaps this will be possible in the future when he is in the Meridian area. We understand you had a most enjoyable and successful time and know that you will continue to serve your patrons in a most efficient manner.

Again, thank you for your gracious consideration of the Governor.

Sincerely,


(Mrs.) Jean Taylor
Administrative Secretary

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MERIDIAN FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT

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On August 27, 1974, the voters approved the establishment of the Meridian Free Library District. The area served by this library follows the Western Ada Recreation District with the exclusion of a small portion served by the Kuna Library District. Residents of the City of Meridian were not allowed to vote as they were being served by the Meridian Public Library.

The Ada County Commissioners appointed the first board of 5 trustees. The trustees elected Ralph Hunter, chairman; Carl Rathjen, vice chairman; Pat Fabricius, sect., Dave McFaddan & Nancy Spear members of the board.

Federal funding (CETA) was obtained to pay the salary of a librarian & a clerk-typist until tax support was available.

On Sept 27th, Grove Koger was hired as the District librarian and at the trustees meeting, he assumed the duty of secretary and Carl Rathjen was named treasurer.

On Oct. 31, 1974, Nancy Spear resigned from the board of trustees to begin her duties as clerk-typist. Evelyn Olsen was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board.

At this time there were two libraries operating in one building owned by Occident Club at 18 E. Idaho Ave. Mr. Koger was District librarian & Mrs. Nancy Sage was Meridian Public Library librarian and Mrs. Marie Sandy was her assistant.

The Meridian Public Library had its beginning on July 17, 1924 when members of the Occident Club started a small library in the Songer Drug Store on the corner of 1st and E. Idaho Ave. with a few shelves of books.

In 1925 the library was moved to the City Hall on Meridian St. There were approximately 2,000 books, mostly donations.

In 1929 the Club raised funds, incorporated & purchased the old Interurban Depot on the NE corner of Meridian St. & E. Idaho Ave. to house the Club & the library. When space proved inadequate, fund raising efforts brought enough money to add a 50 by 20 foot room on the east side of the depot & the library moved into this addition in 1951. Meridian City Clerk Herald Cox reports that the Occident Club received a tax levy of 1 mill for the library in 1950. Up to this time the Club had volunteered their time to the library. Help from the City was appreciated, but volunteers were still a necessary part of taking care of the library needs.

In 1968 plans were made for further expansion of the library. Fund raising efforts were begun to reach the goal of 40% in local funds to match for \$17,879 in federal funds from the Library Services & Construction Act. Bake sales & the sale of popcorn balls & miniature rose bushes along with contributions from individuals & local organizations including the Meridian Athletic Association who donated their 1974 Easter Day race proceeds to the building fund helped the realization of a bigger library of approximately 1800 square feet.

Mrs. Nancy Sage came to work in the library under Ruth Cline in 1954. Nancy became librarian in 1961 when Mrs. Amy Ambrose retired. Many students in the Meridian area will remember Nancy as being willing to help them at all times by finding the necessary information to complete a school assignment and help them with their problems. All the patrons of the Meridian Public Library will remember her and Mrs. Sandy as being cheerful & anxious to help

find just the right book for enjoyable reading. Mrs. Sage retired in Feb., 1975 and Mrs. Sandy in Dec. of that year.

Before the move into the new addition on June 1, 1974, the Library Board & Occident Club members knew that Meridian & Ada County were growing in population & that meant more library service was going to be needed. They were receiving money from the City of Meridian to administer the library & the staff but many people outside the City wanted the use of a library through taxation. The Occident Library Board members at that time were Mildred Langley, Pres., Mary Alice White, Leona Egbert, Marie Sandy & Nancy Spear. Petitions were circulated calling for the formation of the Meridian Free Library District. The petitions were filed with the Ada County Commissioners and a hearing was held at the Ada County Courthouse on July 16, 1974 attended by many citizens of the area & this was followed by a setting of the August 27th election date. Members of the Occident Club voted unanimously to provide the Meridian Free Library District use of the Meridian Public Library building for a fee of \$1 a year.

At the time of the formation of the District Library, it had been planned that the Meridian Public Library & the District Library should merge & become known under one name---- Meridian Free Library District.

The Meridian Public Library became a charter member of the Southwestern Idaho Regional Library System (SIRLS) in August, 1974 and after the appointment of the Meridian Free Library District trustees, the two Libraries were represented by Nancy Spear with Pat Fabricius as alternate. After Mrs. Spear's resignation, Pat Fabricius & her alternate Evelyn Olsen attended as SIRLS members & Mrs. Olsen currently fills that position and is secretary of the SIRLS executive board.

When Mrs. Sage retired in February, 1975, Mr. Koger was appointed acting City librarian & Mrs. Sandy continued as part-time librarian.

On June 9, 1975, members of the board of trustees were Dave McFaddan, president; June Black, vice president; Evelyn Olsen, treasurer; Jack Riddlemoser & Charline Denny, trustees and Grove Koger, secretary. Charline was Marilyn Plant's appointed replacement after Marilyn was forced to resign shortly after the voting took place. These were the first elected trustees of the District.

On August 26, 1975, the hoped for merger took place. The City residents had to vote to join the District & the District had to vote on whether or not to accept them.

In Jan., 1976, funds were provided for a full-time clerk typist & Mrs. Spear became librarian assistant & Debbie Higgins assumed the clerk-typist position. Mrs. Sandy retired & along with Mrs. Sage & Mrs. May Howell provide substitute help when we need it. As of June, 1977 the clerk's job has seen changes. Mrs. Higgins was unable to continue due to illness in her family & Mrs. Pat Rabehl took over. She left after a few months & now Mrs. Fern Wilson is at the circulation desk.

In April, 1976 Mr. Koger resigned & Mrs. Eleanor Arndt was hired as head librarian.

In July, 1976, Jack Riddlemoser was elected president of the Trustees; June Black,

vice-president; Evelyn Olsen, treasurer; Charline Denny & Carl Rathjen members of the board and Eleanor Arndt, sect. & clerk.

The Meridian Free Library District is open 54 hours a week including Mon. & Fri. evenings until 9:00. Due to forecasted energy shortages, this may change in the upcoming fall & winter months. We had our library insulated this spring, hoping to keep in the heat & bring down our high power bills. We have a successful Tues. morning pre-school storyhour conducted by Eleanor Arndt from Oct. to May. Our Sat. storyhour & movies were cancelled after two months because competition from T.V. cartoons was too strong. Mrs. Arndt is taking books to a shut-in. We have volunteers for this job, but as Meridian's older people are so active, we haven't had to call on them for help. We have had a very successful Summer Reading Club in connection with Idaho State Library for 3 years. This year gives us the most cause for pleasure with close to 200 members & membership is still open. The competition has been taken out of the program & Mrs. Arndt credits our success to fun (not quantity) in reading. We had a book sale in the fall of 1976.

In Sept., 1976, a 3 month old white & black cat adopted us. He joined our 2 resident gerbils (Dot & Dash) and was named Figaro by the staff. He has quickly become an important staff member. He met Gov. John Evans in May, 1977 when the governor held his press conference at the library & the following week our friend Dianne Whitacre of the Idaho Statesman did a front-page feature on him. The governor sent his best wishes & autograph to Figaro & Figaro sent a thank-you letter back complete with paw print. Figaro is our press relations purrson and a good one, too, judging from the gifts he receives throughout the year and the verbal greetings from patrons & passerbys alike.

Our board of trustees remain the same after the election held this month in which June Black was up for re-election. John Evans opposed her and June was re-elected.

Total circulation figures for 1976 was 42,562. The circulation figures for Jan. to May, 1976 were 16,469. The circulation figures for the same period in 1977 is 19,291. Our circulation is up by almost 3,000 books & library material over last year for the first five months. We have added 484 new books in this five-month period.

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Ceremony starts major library project

MAYOR DON STOREY breaks ground in official starting ceremony for new addition and improvement of Meridian library. With mayor are Charles Stevens, president of Meridian

Jaycees who are sponsoring the project; Mrs. Blanche Wolff, chairman of the Occident's club library board; and Mrs. Jonas Lee, Occident club president. (News-Times photo)



Civic and club groups attend ground-breaking

MERIDIAN CITY OFFICIALS, Occident club members and officers, Jaycee members, architect, contractor, and others were present for ground-breaking ceremony at public library.

Major project of Meridian Jaycees, the new addition and improvement will cost estimated \$30,906; of which \$17,879 has been approved for federal grant. (News-Times photo)

Work starts on library

With ground-breaking ceremonies attended by Jaycees, Occident Club officers, and city officials, the major addition-remodeling project is underway at the Meridian city library.

The project is sponsored by the Jaycees, and a federal grant of \$17,879 has been approved, with the total cost estimated at \$30,906. Gerald J. Sprute of Boise is the architect, and Jerry Gould the contractor.

The main library room will occupy the new section, and the present quarters will be remodeled to include a reference room, work room, rest rooms, and storage area. The entire exterior of the present building will be remodeled to match the new addition. The side of the building on Meridian Street will be completely renovated and repainted.

^{Station} 3 Meridian ~~Group~~ Plans for Library Addition

MERIDIAN — Representatives of three Meridian groups voted unanimously Wednesday night to accept plans for construction of a \$30,960 addition to the Meridian Public Library.

Boise architect Gerald J. Sprute presented the plans to members of the Occident Club, Meridian Jaycees, and the library board. Plans also call for extensive exterior work on the present building.

Mrs. Jonas Lee, member of the library board and Occident Club president, reported ground-breaking will take place about March 1, 1969

A \$17,879 federal grant, repre-

senting 57.77 per cent of the total cost, has been approved by the regional assistant commissioner of education in Denver, Colo.

Charles Stevens, Jaycee president, said his organization would make up the remainder of construction costs. It is the largest project the local organization has sponsored, Jaycee officials said.

Attending the Wednesday night meeting were library board members Mrs. Herman Sandy, Mrs. Ray Ulmer and Mrs. Glen Ayers; Mrs. Jonas Lee of the Occident Club; and Charles Stevens and Jerry Gould from the Jaycees.

Occident club hears architect, enjoys program

Occident club members and guests Monday heard architect Gerald Sprute of Boise reveal completed plans for the addition and remodeling to be undertaken for the club building and city library.

Ray Voss and Jerry Gould of the Meridian Jaycees assisted Mr. Sprute in the presentation.

IT'S HAPPENING

Help for the amateur librarian



by Alice Dieter

Statistics are tricky. Take Idaho library statistics. It may be impressive to tell an out-of-stater that there are 100 public libraries in Idaho. But to make that statistic mean anything close to reality you must add that 90 of those libraries are small, have small or nonexistent budgets, and are maintained by dedicated amateurs who love books, but have no formal training as librarians.

This was the rationale for a grant request for an institute in basic library skills written by Boise State College's library science teacher, Marjorie Fairchild. The U.S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare has funded the institute for five weeks next summer at \$25,000.

Thirty will be chosen to participate. For some of them it will be the first experience on a college campus, the first opportunity to earn college credit and the first professional training for a job on which they already lavish hours of love and service.

State Librarian Helen Miller, who helped Fairchild prepare the project, says that special care has been taken to keep the project directly relevant to the needs of local librarians and that applications have come already from all parts of the state.

They have come from people like Gladys Cole, librarian at the Garden City Library, a completely volunteer affair. The library is open two afternoons a week, shepherded by Cole, who does housecleaning for a living, and gets assistance from the State Library staff once a year to weed out her donated acquisitions and catch up on cataloging the collection.

Nancy Sage presides over the Meridian Public Library, which has a small budget from the city. The library is open three afternoons and one evening a week and serves a rapidly expanding suburban population. Sage is a widow, also works at hourly jobs and has not had previous professional training.

The Eagle Public Library has a volunteer, Heidi Warren, who did have training in librarianship. She presides over a public library that has taxing district status, but was formed under a gentleman's agreement that no taxes would be levied. Instead the Eagle library meets its budget with such neighborly activities as the community auction held last week which netted \$1,000.

In Idaho City the public library is open five days a week and managed by Daveda Crowley, who is also chairman of the library board. The Idaho City library does have a tax levy to support its budget, but no money goes for salaries.

Miller and Fairchild have recruited a teaching staff which is familiar with Idaho libraries and their special needs. Going over HEW's list of suggested speakers for the institute, they checked one man's background and found that the "small public library" he worked in had an annual budget of \$250,000. They black penciled the suggestion, secure that he would have little of relevance to offer the institute.

The grant has made possible five divided weeks of study, and an hour of credit is offered for each week completed. There is no charge and registrants will be paid a stipend of \$75 weekly to help cover their travel and living expenses. Subjects cover reference services, children's services, cataloging, book selection and community services.

With a look in the other direction, at the library professionals at work in the ten larger libraries in the state, librarian Miller has been working on a continuing education plan for librarians with WICHE, based on that higher education organization's pattern of upgrading professional skills without requiring return to graduate schools for medical and health professionals.

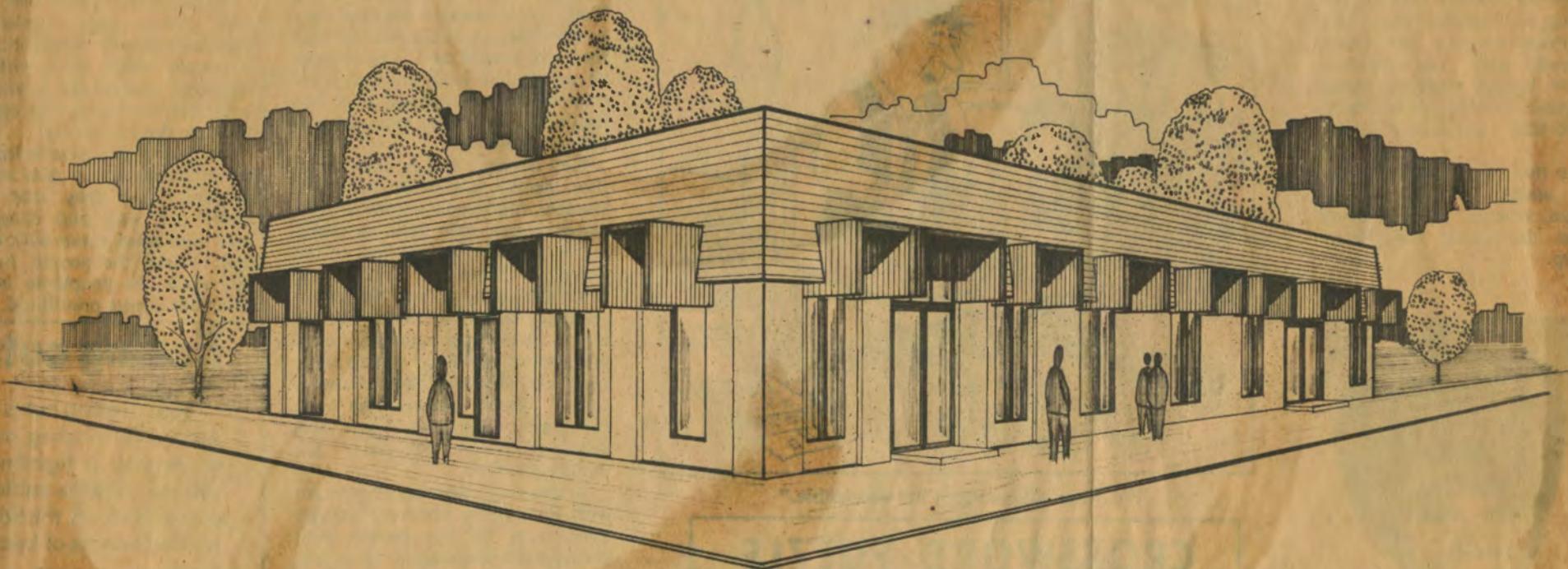
Next week in Boise these Idaho librarians will attend the first workshop under this plan on "Marketing the Public Library," with the idea of improving the chances of public support on bond issues and library budgets.

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Work to be started in few weeks on Meridian's new library

THIS IS HOW the new Meridian city library will look when the Jaycees get through building a 30 by 50-foot addition and completely remodeling the present Occident club quarters on the inside and outside. The

Jaycees hope to hold ground-breaking ceremonies for the project about the middle of March. Members of the Jaycees will do much of the labor and a considerable part of the material is either being

donated outright or bought at cost. The Jaycees have taken on responsibility for \$13,000 of the \$30,000 total cost of the work.

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Ready to go *Feb. 27-1969*
Valley News Times
**Library groups schedule
 ground-breaking in March**

Complete plans for work to be done in enlarging and remodeling the Meridian city library were approved last week at a meeting of representatives of the organizations concerned. Ground-breaking ceremonies were set for some time during the week of March 10. The work will include remodeling of the present building, as well as a new addition.

The Meridian Jaycees will do most of the labor. They will also be responsible for the city's share of the money necessary to build a 30 by 50-foot addition and to completely remodel the exterior and interior of the present location in the Occident club building on East Idaho at Meridian Street.

In the plans prepared by architect Gerald Joseph Sprute of Boise, the main library room will occupy the entire space in the new addition. The Occident club quarters will be virtually rebuilt to allow for a reference room, work room, rest rooms, and a storage area. The portion of the building on the Meridian Street side, now used for club functions, will be repainted and renovated.

The entire exterior of the building will be remodeled to match the outside of the new addition.

Total cost \$30,906

The total cost of the work has been estimated at \$30,906, of which \$17,879 has been approved in a federal grant. The Meridian Jaycees are pledged to raise the remaining \$13,081 in cash, material and labor.

While the Jaycees will be responsible for the work from now on, city officials, members and officers of the Occident club, and the Meridian Library board have

been working for months with the Jaycees to get the project under way. Among scores of other details, the city had to enter into a lease with the Occident club for its property, so that the project would qualify for federal financial assistance.

Sprute said the working plans will be completed this week and that bids for the work can be sent out immediately thereafter. Much of the planning work has already been done, and only the final details have delayed the start of the work.

The board of directors of the Jaycees will be the committee in charge of the entire project. With Charles "Chuck" Stevens as president, others are Ray Voss, Jerry Gould, Don Lambert, and Gary Henry.

Reading interest as child leads to librarian career

Thursday, April 24, 1969



MRS. NANCY S. SAGE, Meridian librarian, on the right, considers that any extra time devoted to the library above regular hours is a pleasure, not a chore. She feels that the booklined shelves of the library are like a second home to her. Pictured with Mrs. Sage is assistant librarian, Mrs. Marie Sandy.

(Photo by Donna Conn)

by Donna Conn

MERIDIAN -- Mrs. Nancy Stoner Sage and books are old friends. When she was 11, her grandmother made a special trip to the library and requested that Nancy be allowed to select books from the adult section. Permission was granted after Nancy proved to the librarian she had read all of the children's books and almost all of the juvenile section.

Nancy, in her senior year of high school at Boise, took the first introductory course in Library Science offered in the Boise school system.

Nancy said it was like coming home when she started work at the Meridian Public Library in 1954.

Born in California

Nancy was born February 19, 1905, in San Francisco, California, and she and her sister, Margaret, 17 months older than Nancy, were raised by her grandparents. The family stayed for 10 days at a disaster center after the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco. They then moved to Boise, where the grandmother went to work as a nurse. Margaret was adopted by a Boise couple, and the grandfather, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, died in 1913. Nancy's education was interrupted while she and her grandmother cooked at logging and mining camps.

Nancy said, "I can remember I had to stand on a box to help grandmother make bread. We had to have hot bread at every meal, and I learned to cook in large quantities."

Nancy stayed in Mountain Home with relatives for her first year of high school, and finished her education in the Boise schools in 1927. She worked as a nurse and companion for an elderly couple until her grandmother's death in 1930.

Nancy, an aunt, and a cousin, embarked on what Nancy called, "An exciting part of my life," when they purchased the Featherville hotel and ran it themselves. All three of the women learned to ski, and Nancy said they would frequently ski 12 miles to Pine, stay over night, and return the next day.

The three women divided the work, laundry, cleaning, cooking, waiting tables, and during one winter managed to use 12 cords of wood. In one 24-hour period they had three feet of snow, and they spent the day shoveling snow and sliding down the roof of the hotel.

Their busy time was in the summer months, and they often had miners for guests. Nancy's cooking days with her grandmother came in handy.

Nancy said, "My aunt would get out two cups of spaghetti and a can of tomatoes, and I would just double everything and add to it, because those men could really eat."

Winter adventures

The mail came through winter and summer, and the hotel was a way station. Nancy met her future

was delivering mail to Pine and Rocky Bar.

Featherville was snowed in most of the winter, and she said the mailmen would have to use skis and toboggans instead of horses. A favorite pastime was skiing by moonlight, and one evening the group noticed they were colder than usual and the moon had an unusual blue cast. The following day they found out the temperature had been 50 degrees below zero. As one of the mailmen entered the warm hotel from the cold, his glasses "starred".

Nancy said, "He was lucky his glasses didn't shatter, but we had to tell him what was wrong, because he thought they were just fogged."

Married in Utah

Nancy and Howard were married December 12, 1939, in Salt Lake City, and Howard went to work as a log-scaler and timekeeper at Cascade. Howard, with a friend's help, built a trailer home from blueprints, and Nancy and Howard followed logging until 1949, but always spent their winter months at Featherville and Rocky Bar.

A son, Darrell H., was born August 9, 1946. During the war years Howard was at Pearl Harbor as a civilian employee.

Nancy related a coincidence concerning her husband and son. Darrell joined the Navy in 1965, and was determined to see the places in Hawaii his father had described to him. Twenty years after his father was in Hawaii, Darrell walked into a little restaurant owned by an Islander, and was recognized because he so closely resembled his father. Nancy said the owner wouldn't let Darrell pay for his dinner, and they carried on a very limited conversation, because the owner could speak very little English and Darrell could speak even less of whatever language the owner was using.

Darrell has served on light-armored patrol-and-search craft along the Mekong Delta. He is based in the Phillipines, and Nancy said his four year hitch will be up in August of 1969, and then he will be home.

The family moved to Meridian in 1950, and in 1951, Nancy lost her husband when he was asphyxiated, with two other loggers, in the back of a vehicle on the way home from work.

Appointed in 1961

Nancy said she kind of drifted into helping at the library in 1954, and when Ruth Cline said they could use the help, she was ready and willing. Mrs. Amy Ambrose was the next librarian and, when she retired in 1961, Nancy was appointed temporary librarian.

Nancy said, "I'm still here, and I enjoy every minute of my work."

Nancy, assisted by Mrs. Marie Sandy keeps 7,000 books circulating, 300 books repaired each year, and takes care of all the preparation and indexing of books. She indicated children outread

school systems seem to be accelerating the reading level of the students. She said she had to study to keep up with the different reading levels, in order to fill their requests and obtain special requests from the state library.

Nancy has a small garden to satisfy her green thumb. She is a member of the Meridian Methodist church, and of Chapter 66 O.E.S., but said the library kept her busy.

Nancy's eyes sparkled when she mentioned the planned expansion of the library, and pointed to the plans prominently displayed on the library table.

She said, "The library will be carpeted, and there will be much more space. I know just where everything should go, but I told them to plan on a second story some day."

Work to start

Meridian library project gets \$17,879 federal aid

The green light to go ahead with the construction of the proposed addition of the Meridian library, together with extensive remodeling work, was given this week with the approval of the request for federal funds to aid in the financing of the work.

Word was received by Mrs. Sally Lee, president of the Occident club, that the regional assistant commissioner of education in Denver, Colo. had approved plans for the building and that a grant of \$17,879 had been set aside for the project.

The grant represents 57.75 percent of the total cost, which had been estimated by the Meridian Jaycee organization at \$30,960. The Jaycees have taken on the library addition as their main project for the year and will assume the balance of the cost, amounting to \$13,081.

Charles "Chuck" Stevens, president of the Jaycees, explained that the labor provided by members of the organization and material donated by Meridian and area firms will be included in the \$13,081. The Jaycees have arranged for a \$5,000 loan to use as a working fund and they plan to stage various community fund raising activities to obtain the rest of the money.

Stevens went to Boise Wednesday for consultations with Jay Spurtie, architect in charge of planning the building. Stevens said that as soon as the plans are approved, bids will be let and work will be started immediately.

"We have just been holding back until we were sure we would get the money," Stevens said. "We did not want to 'make a lot of noise' until all the loose ends were tied up. Now we're ready to go ahead with everything full speed.

The Occident club, which Mrs. Lee heads, owns the building and the property on which the addition will be constructed. It was necessary for the club to lease the land to the city to meet federal requirements for funds. The money from the government will be sent to the library board, of which Mrs. Fred Bower is president.

Granting of the federal appropriation follows months of work and negotiations by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Bower, city officials, the officers of the Jaycees, Miss Helen Miller the state library board,

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May 29, 1969

Jay-C-ettes open drive for sale to aid library

A rummage sale of such proportions that it will be one of the major events in the Meridian Jaycees library fund drive is being planned by the wives of the members, the Jay-C-ettes.

Mrs. George Cuttlers, publicity chairman for the event, said the date has not yet been set but that all members of her group are on the lookout for articles that can be sold at the sale.

It is planned to hold the sale at the library building to give area residents an opportunity to see how the building operation is progressing and an idea of what the facility will be like when the annex is completed.

Mrs. Jay Gould is chairman of the committee in charge. Persons with articles to donate are asked to call Mrs. Cuttlers at 888-5548 and arrangements will be made for pickup service.

Jaycees plan metal drive

Meridian Jaycees will hold a scrap metal drive June 14 - to help raise money for their library addition-and-improvement project. Larry Cantrell is in charge of the metal drive.

Cantrell said that anyone willing to donate metal for the sale is asked to write to the Meridian Jaycees, P. O. Box 595, Meridian, Idaho - and the metal will be picked up.

News-Times editorial

Jaycees have earned your help with new library

When the Meridian Jaycees undertook the job of building a much-needed annex for the Meridian public library and completely remodel the interior of the building, they decided from the start not to make a public appeal for financial assistance "until we have something to show the people".

Last week a crew of brick layers got on the job, and in a few days the walls were up and now they have, in truth, "something to show the people".

We would most urgently call your attention to this worthy project.

The Jaycees, themselves, have and will continue to do most of the work on the building. They are devoting hours and hours of their free time to cut down on the cost of the project. They have literally gone from door to door to building material suppliers to get what they can free of charge, and to get the best price possible on what they can't.

Their wives, who make up the Jay-C-Ettes, and they have actions and, in their husbands

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individuals and businesses who contributed so generously have the thanks of the community.

But now is the time for the \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10 donors to be heard from. And the \$25 and \$50 contributions will be welcomed, and used proportionately.

The money is needed now.

The Jaycees were able to get federal grants to pay more than half the cost of the building. But they have to put up matching funds to get the government checks. The people who handle those federal funds have certain rules they must observe, and as they put out more money, the Jaycees must have their share of the matching funds.

Now that the walls have been erected, the Jaycees can go ahead with the work as fast as we let them go. From here on in, building delays, if any, probably will be caused by a lack of money.

The Jaycees now have a good start, and we believe they have more than earned the respect and confidence of the public - if, indeed, that wasn't won many years ago. They have been a power for good in the community ever since they organized.

You can mail your donation to the Jaycee Library Fund at either the Meridian Library on Meridian Street, the Jaycee Post Office, Box 595 or if you live out of town, drop your donation in at the office of the Valley News-Times.

You can also attend the Occident club pancake breakfast next Tuesday morning and leave your donation there. All of the proceeds of that traditional affair will go to the library fund.

The additional space and the remodeling work both are urgently needed. Both will be of benefit to almost every family in the area. Certainly, this project is worthy of your support.

- W.S.

Jaycee-ettes push old paper drive

As a result of the succes of their drive to collect old newspapers, the Meridian Jaycee-ettes have decided to continue the campaign for the remainder of the year.

Thanking all those who have contributed, the young women announced they realized \$32 in their original drive. They ask that all papers be bundled. Those wishing to cooperate are asked to call Mrs. Alice Van Dorn, 888-3703.

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Meridian library annex takes shape

JERRY GOULD, extreme left, is not only president of the Meridian Jaycees, he's the contractor for the big addition to the Meridian library the Jaycees have undertaken to build. Last week, Gould got a crew of bricklayers to work on the structure and by the end of the

week, the walls were all up. Most of the labor is being donated by members of the organization, and much more money is needed for the Jaycees to continue the work. They are currently conducting a drive for funds.

(Valley-News Times photo)

Food sale aids library building

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A cooked food sale will be conducted Friday of this week by members of the Occident club at Mangum's for the benefit of the Jaycee library fund.

According to the committee in charge, the sale will start at 9 a.m. August 8 and "continue until everything is sold".

The Meridian Jaycees have undertaken to build an addition to the Meridian library

Occident club sets breakfast for library fund

The annual pancake breakfast of the Occident club which, over the years, has become a tradition in the Meridian area, will be staged Tuesday, August 12, at the club building on Meridian Street.

Service will start at 6:30 a.m. and continue through until 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit juice and coffee will make up the menu.

This year, proceeds of the free-will offering that is always taken at the affair, will be donated to the library fund to help with building the new annex the Meridian Jaycees have undertaken.

Members of the Jay-C-Ettes, with Mrs. Jerry Gould as committee chairman, will help the Occident club women with the meal.

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Library auction brings in \$700 to Jaycee fund

The Meridian Jaycees have \$700 more in their library building fund as the result of the public auction sale last Saturday at the Meridian sales yard.

Although the crowd was disappointing in numbers, those in charge of the event said that "those who came, bought" and that the financial returns were gratifying.

The Jaycees are building an annex to the present library and remodeling the old one in the Occident club. The walls have been completed on the addition and they are now waiting for the beams so they can have the roof built before the bad weather starts.

Members of the Jaycees are doing much of the work, themselves, and are counting on public financial support for the material.

Big contributors donate \$2,400 to library fund

The Meridian Jaycees have reported a total of \$2,400 in cash and pledges from 12 major contributors to the fund for the addition to the Meridian public library that the organization has undertaken to build.

Smaller donations and the proceeds from an auction sale conducted by the Jay-C-Ettes recently have not been tabulated, according to Charles Stevens and Ray Voss, who made public the initial report to the drive.

"We are now making plans to launch our big public appeal," they said. "With what we have pledged and have received in cash, we can go ahead immediately with construction work, but we still need around \$9,000 for our share of the financial end of the project."

The Jaycees are providing most of the labor on the building themselves. This, in addition to the material that has been donated or obtained at special prices, has reduced greatly the ultimate cost of the building. The remainder of the financing is being taken care of through a federal grant and a bank loan negotiated by the Jaycees.

The major contributors so far are:

R. S. Phillips, Dr. Lee G. Pulley, Wayne Skiver, Chapel of the Chimes, Zamzow's Seed and Feed, Davis Foods, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Hunter and sons, Robert and John, First Federal Savings, Bud's Place and Farmers and Merchants bank.

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Donations asked

Jaycees open all-out drive for library auction sale

An all-out effort to get a portion of the estimated \$9,000 still needed for the Meridian library annex will be made by the Meridian Jaycees between now and September 13 in arranging for a big community auction to be held at the Meridian sales yard.

Right now, according to Harlan Schildhauer, chairman of the auction committee, Jaycee members are looking for articles of value to be put on sale at the auction. To make the sale a success, the Jaycees are anxious to get a number of "big" items they can sell at a bargain to assure a large crowd.

Smaller items, he hastened to say, will be more than welcome, too. They are working on the theory that a large variety of items with something everybody can use, will help to attract the crowd.

At the same time, it was reported by the Occident club women that a cooked food sale conducted at Mangum's store last week was a success and that sales and donations exceeded \$75.

Schildhauer said that the Jaycees will arrange to pick up any item offered for the auction. Schildhauer can be reached at 888-2867 and Ron Roberts, associate chairman, can be reached at 888-2260.

The sale will be held Saturday afternoon, September 13.

Jay-C-ettes plan hot dog sale this Saturday

The Meridian Jay-C-Ettes are going to do their bit this Saturday to help their husbands with the building of the addition to the Meridian library.

They plan to hold an all-day hot-dog sale at the Cloverfarm store. All proceeds will go to the library building fund.



'Children's hour' at library

THE YOUNGSTERS are already using the new annex to the Meridian library Jaycees are building. With the walls completed last week, the Jaycees now have a good start on the work and are waiting for additional material to continue with the project. In the meantime, the kids are using it for a sheltered playground.

(Valley News-Times photo)

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New books

Meridian librarian issues new list of mid-summer additions on shelves

A mid-summer list of newer books in the Meridian public library has been compiled by Nancy S. Sage, librarian. It includes both adult and juvenile volumes.

The list follows:

Adult Memorials -- "Flowering and Foliage House Plants", by J. Kramer; "Ride Western!", by L. Taylor.

Youth -- "Back-tracking Bronco", by E. Daniel; "Bronze Bow", by E. Speare.

Juvenile 1-6th -- "To the New World with Christopher Columbus", by V. Ruffo; "Daniel Boone: Boy Hunter", by A. Stevenson; "Weird and Wonderful Ants", by G. and L. Poole; "George Rogers Clarke", by H. M. Miller; "Talking Hands: Indian Sign Language", by A. Amon; "Rocks All Around Us", by A. T. White.

From Meridian Senior Girl Scout Troop, No. 137 -- "Expo Summer", by E. Fitzgerald; "Undecided Heart", by N. Faulkner; "Hushed Were the Hills", by M. McWhirter; "Wait for Me", by V. Sightler; "Collector's Guide to Antique American Glass", by M. Schwartz; "Indira Gandhi", (biography) by Willcoxon.

Adult non-fiction -- "The Day Kennedy Was Shot", by J. Bishop; "Window to the Past", by H. Holzer; "The Seekers", by Jess Stearns; "How to Control Plant Diseases", by M. Shurtleff; "Robert's Rules of Order", by Roberts; "Flights that Changed History", by the Thomas; Lowell and Jr.; "Only in Alaska", by Tay Thomas; "The Psychic World Around Us", by John Nebel.

Adult fiction -- "The Indian Hater", by G. Vernam; "Nine Seven Juliet", (mystery) by L. LaFore.

Youth, non-fiction -- "Prince Charles", by G. Fisher; "A Yak for Christmas", by Louise Hillary; "Teen-age Plays for All Occasions", by M. Hark.

Juvenile, non-fiction -- "The Solar System", by C. Bonestell; "Let's Travel to Hawaii", by D. Geis; "Story of the Liberty Bell", by N. Miller; "Charles Lindberg", by K. Richard; "Babe Ruth", by K. Richard; "Robert Frost", by N. Richards; "Helen Keller", by N. H. Richards; "You Come Too", (poetry) by Robert Frost; "The Vikings, (Landmark) by E. Janeway.

Fiction -- "Wet Albert", by M. and J. Cole; "Suprise in the Storybook", by S. Asheron; "Red Fox and His Canoe", by R. Benchley; "Snow", by McKie and Eastman; "Truck and Bus Book",

by W. Dugan; "Big Snow", by B. and E. Hader; "I Am a Boy" and "I Am a Girl", by D. Higgins; "Brave Baby Elephant", by S. Joslin; "Story of Ferdinand", by M. Leaf; "House at Pooh Corner", by A. A. Milne; "Sparrow Sox", by G. Seldon; "Horse that Liked Sandwiches", by V. Thompson.

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Jaycees push auction drive

Donations for the auction sale planned by the Meridian Jaycees to raise funds for the public library building project have begun to trickle in, but Harlan Schildhauer, chairman of the committee in charge, said that a concentrated drive will be opened over the weekend for more articles.

"What we want most," Schildhauer said, "are some unusual items that will help us draw a big crowd to the Meridian sales yard for the auction." The sale will be held Saturday afternoon, September 13.

He said that hay, farm items, some services and other articles already have been donated.

The Jaycees will pick up any articles offered and Schildhauer can be called at 888-2867. Ron Roberts, associated chairman, can be reached at 888-2260.

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Jaycees ready

Meridian civic meeting irons out plan to get federal funds for library work

Final plans for the construction and financing the proposed addition to the Meridian Public Library were made at a meeting last week of state library officials, city officials, Occident club and Jaycee leaders at the Occident club.

Gerald Gould, Meridian contractor and Jerry Sprute, Boise architect, sat in on the meeting which was devoted mostly to the matter of obtaining federal library funds to help with the cost of the new building which the Meridian Jaycees have undertaken as their main project for the year.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Miss Helen Miller, state librarian, said that she could see no obstacles to the granting of federal funds, amounting to 57.75 percent of the total cost and that Meridian's application could be sent to Denver for clearance after a meeting of the State Library board on January 21. She said that it usually takes about two weeks for an application to clear the Denver office to make the money available.

Robert Ensley, also of Boise, co-ordinator for the public library program, also attended the meeting to answer questions on the project.

Herald Cox, city clerk, and John Fitzgerald, city attorney, said they are completing arrangements for the Occident club to lease the property to the city to meet

federal requirements. Mrs. Sally Lee, representing the club, and Mrs. Fred Bower, chairman of the library board also were present, with Mrs. Lee acting as chairman of the meeting.

Charles Stevens, president of the Meridian Jaycees said his organization is only waiting for federal approval of the plans before the Jaycees start an all-out program to build the 30 by 50 foot addition and do extensive alterations and remodeling to the existing building.

Nancy Sage, librarian, said that all the information and forms needed for federal improvement could be completed in time for the state board meeting.

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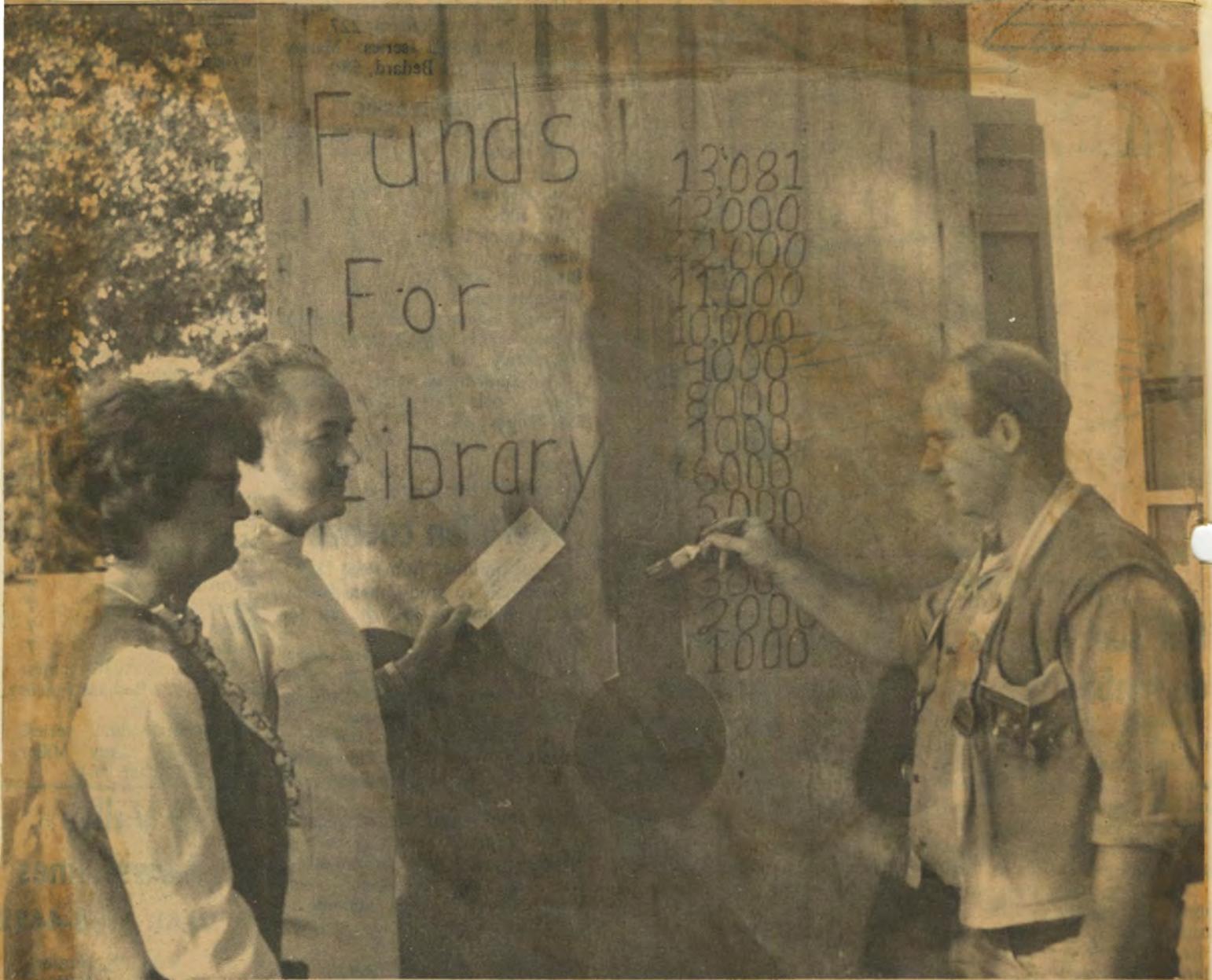


Jaycee library auction set Saturday

MRS. SALLY LEE stands behind a picture she painted and a television set she donated for the Meridian Jaycee's big auction sale this Saturday afternoon to raise money for the construction of the Meridian library addition. Ronald Roberts, co-chairman of the event, is shown with her. The Jay-C-Ettes will serve lunch -- hot dogs, homemade pies, beverages -- at the sale which starts at 1 p.m. at the Meridian Sales Yard. A Holstein calf, several refrigerators, hay, straw and a host of other items, both large and small, have been onated for the auction. Eddie Bryce will be the auctioneer.

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Ambulance surplus funds boost Meridian library drive

JERRY GOULD, right, is receiving a check from Ray Pack, chairman of the Meridian ambulance committee, for \$1,030 for the Meridian library fund and Mrs. Gould, vice president of the Meridian Jay-C-Ettes looks on. Gould is this year's president of the Meridian Jaycees who have taken on the project of building an annex to the Meridian library. Besides doing most of the work, the Jaycees are collecting funds and materials to complete the job. Although the check from Pack represents about a fourth of the

entire amount collected for the project and brings the total to around the \$4,000 mark, the Jaycees still have a long way to go in this respect and are still seeking contributions. About \$8,000 more is needed to complete the job. The check from Pack represents the money that was left over from ambulance services while the committee was conducting the ambulance service. It does not include money raised by donation for the purchase of ambulance. (Valley News-Times p

New shotgun**Longest feather of pheasant season wins prize in Jaycee library drive**

If you can shoot a pheasant rooster with a long, long tail, you have a pretty good chance of winning a new 12-gauge shot gun. And if somebody shoots one with the second or third longest feather in its tail, he will win a hunting vest and some shells or just a vest.

The Meridian Jaycees, in a continuing drive to raise money for the addition to the Meridian library they have undertaken to build, have pounced on the "long feather" idea to help out their finances.

Jaycee members are going about town selling tickets for the contest for the opening of pheasant season this weekend. The area hunter who gets the longest tail feather wins the gun. Second prize is a hunting vest and two boxes of shells, and third prize is a hunting vest.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Jaycees or at the Meridian Plumbing office. Tail feathers are to be taken to Meridian Plumbing for measurement.

Jim Burgess and "Skip" Voss are co-chairmen of the contest.

Excess cash**Ambulance group donates \$1,000 to JC library fund**

A check for more than \$1,000 will be turned over to the Meridian Jaycee library fund after the first of October by the Meridian ambulance committee as the final act of the group before disbanding.

Ray Pack, chairman of the ambulance committee, explained that the action was taken at a recent meeting which was called to decide what disposition should be made of the money that has accumulated in the organization's bank account.

The money, Pack explained, was collected for ambulance service before the ambulance was turned over to the Whitney fire department for operation. Pack and the other two officers of the committee, Wayne Skiver, secretary, and Don Roberts, treasurer, emphasized the fact that none of the excess money was left from the original donations that made the purchase of the ambulance possible.

"A service charge was collected during the time the ambulance was operated by the Meridian committee," Pack explained, "and this money was deposited in the ambulance account."

"When difficulties arose in the operation of the ambulance strictly on a voluntary basis, the Whitney fire department promised

to give the area good and prompt service in conjunction with the operation they were conducting.

"In return for this service, the Meridian equipment was turned over to the Whitney people, but no disposition was ever made of the money that had been received for service."

The committee leaders explained that time was allowed to ascertain the results of the change and all members agreed that the service given by the Whitney department is satisfactory in every respect.

The committee said it wanted the money to go to a "worth-while community project" and unanimously agreed that the library fund fit that requirement, especially since the library serves not only the town but also adjoining rural areas.

Meridian library increases charge

Rates for the patrons of the Meridian public library are to be raised the first of the year from the "token payment" the library has been receiving for many years.

Saturday, January 1, a charge of one dollar a year will be made for adults living in the city and 25 cents for children. Outside the city, the rates will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Previously, 25 cents a year was charged for adults within the city limits and 15 cents for children, with an increase of \$1 for adults outside the city and 50 cents for children.

Librarian Nancy Sage explained that the difference between city and out-of-city charges is that residents of the city, through taxes, already pay some money toward the operation of the facility.

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Talk about Christmas gifts!

NINE OUTSTANDING PRIZES will be awarded by Meridian Jay-C-Ettes in their pre-Christmas project to help the library-building fund. Mrs. Chuck Shaul, Jay-C-Ette president, is shown above with gifts — which are now on display in window of former location of Rice Pharmacy, next to Pat's Cafe. The nine gifts, to be awarded lucky ticket holders, include a genuine mink hat, handmade fan-design quilt, occasional chair, Corningware coffee pot, blanket, hand-crocheted throw rug, record album of winner's choice, 50-foot lawn-and-garden hose, fibre glass double-sink. At left, Mrs. Shaul models the new black-and-white mink hat, which has retail value of more than \$75.00, and is accompanied by letter from Bon Marche certifying it is genuine mink. Tickets are 60c each, or two for \$1, and are now on sale by all Jay-C-Ettes, and also at Valley News-Times' office. A separate ticket will be drawn for each of the nine gifts, in the order listed above. Those donating the gifts included Western Auto, chair; Paul's Cloverfarm, coffee pot; The Bazaar, blanket; Mrs. Nancy Sage, throw-rug; Idaho First National Bank, record album; Zamzow's, hose; Meridian Plumbing, sink; Jay-C-Ettes, quilt. (Photos by Valley News-Times)





Students help Meridian library fund

IN APPRECIATION for service given by Meridian public library, Future Teachers of America at high school made cash contribution of \$25, to help in purchase of research material. Making presentation last Saturday was Larry

Starkey, president of F.T.A., to Mrs. Herbert Wolff, library board chairman; and Mrs. Ray Ulmer, vice president of Occident club which operates library.

(Horton Studio)



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Gifts and purchases

Meridian library lists new books added to shelves during summer

Mrs. Nancy Sage, Meridian librarian, has listed the new books added during the past months, through either gifts or purchases.

A total of 36 new youth and juvenile titles were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Enghouse of Portland; and about 25 other donated books were added over the summer.

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ADULT -- NON-FICTION -- Solar System and Back, I. Asimov; In the Shade of the Juniper Tree, K. & E. Ainsworth; Sabra: six-day Israel war, T. Berkman; Five Patients, M. Crichton; Idaho Chinese Lore, Sister Alfreda Elsonsohn; The Damned Engineers, J. H. Giles; Revolution in Astronomy, P. W. Hodge; Indira Gandhi, L. Mohan; Peterson's Field Guide, Book of Insects, and Rocky Mountain Wild Flowers, F. Lutz; Mathematics: Time/Life, D. Bergamini; Introduction to Anatomy, R. Warwick; Sunset Magazine books on camping, decorative stitching, woodworking.

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YOUTH -- NON-FICTION -- Skin and Scuba Diving, Borgeson & Spiers; Complete Ski Handbook, N. Robinson; Henry Aaron: Quiet Super-Star, A. Hirshberg; Indian Crafts and Lore, B. Hunt; Sunken History: Ocean Archeology, R. Silverberg; Underwater World, J. Thorne.

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Many activities

Meridian Jaycees take part in 50th anniversary year

Meridian Jaycees and their wives, the Jay-C-Ettes are joining in the national observance of the 50th anniversary of the organization and are opening their anniversary year by recognizing three outstanding residents of the Meridian area.

Each January, the organization selects and pays honor to the Young Farmer of the Year, the Young Educator of the Year and the Boss of the Year.

In reviewing the activities of the Meridian Jaycees, Mrs. Toni Cuttler said there are now 30 members in the organization, with Jerry Gould as this year's president.

Emphasis on Youth

"The youth of the community are important to Jaycees," she said, "so several projects are held during the year for the young people. A long term project has been the lighting of the tennis court. To date, two strings of lights are up. Also two "Battle of the Bands" contests were conducted as well as a teen dance held under the lights at the tennis court."

"In the grade schools of the Meridian district, the Jaycees have launched a 'Cautious Twins' program. To aid the Jaycees, the sheriff's department will distribute booklets to the first three grades in all the schools. These booklets are written and illustrated at a child's level to teach the children about child molesters. Contributions from the Meridian businessmen helped to purchase the booklets."

The Dairy Show parade is organized each year by the Jaycees to further acquaint people with local businesses and the outstanding organizations available to the young and old.

\$5,000 in library fund

A total of \$5,000 has been collected by the Jaycees toward the Meridian library addition. Another \$8,000 is needed to complete work on the structure. This is the largest project attempted by the Jaycees. They now have the walls up and a roof overhead. Between raising money and doing most of the construction themselves, hundreds of man hours have been spent on this project, alone. Projects to raise funds for the library were the Jaycee auction and the scrap metal drive.

Early this spring with hammers in hand the Jaycees spent a day putting a new roof on the Ada county day school for the retarded. While the men worked, their wives tore up rags to be sold at a trailer factory for clean-up purposes.

Christmas time is always busy for the Jaycees with many projects underway. Baskets are filled for needy families and gifts bought for the children. The annual orange sale is conducted at this time and this year \$100 of the orange sale proceeds was donated to the library for the purchase of books. Still another project is the decorating of the Christmas tree on the Junior high school lawn.

Library meeting

Mrs. Nancy Sage, Meridian city librarian, and Mrs. Herbert Wolff, chairman of the library board, attended the governor's conference on libraries Monday at the Rodeway Inn. They heard discussions on how libraries can best serve the people of the state. After meetings, they attended the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new state library.

Club seeks help for food sale

Want a pretty cake or other delicacy for Valentine's Day?

Library-board members of the Occident Club will hold a cooked-food sale at the Meridian post office Friday, February 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

All kinds of cooked food will be sold, including cake, pies, rolls, home-made candy, and other treats. Proceeds of the sale will be added to the library building-fund.

Donations of food items for the sale are earnestly invited -- please bring them to the post office the day of the sale (along with your purse, so you can buy some of the goodies!)

Food sale will help library

Library board members of the Occident club will sponsor a cooked-food sale at the Meridian post office this Friday, February 13, beginning at 8:20 a.m.

Everyone is urged to bring items for this worthy project, and to buy special treats at the sale, including cakes for Valentine's Day.

Library appoints new fund secretary

The Meridian Library board has received the resignation of Mrs. Ted Howell as secretary of the memorial fund.

The board has appointed Mrs. Herbert Wolff, Rt. 3, Meridian, to fill the vacancy.

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Occident club meets

Meridian library reports new funds received from sale and donations

Work is progressing on the library building, Occident Club members were told at their meeting Monday afternoon. Frame for a new roof line has been added and decorative shades have been built over the windows.

The library board also reported a profit of \$100.05 on the cooked food sale held recently for the building fund.

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, reported that over \$125.00 has been collected for the building-fund in the money jar on the librarian's desk.

Library lists more new books

Arrival of more new books at the Meridian public library was announced today by Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian.

The new books include four memorials -- Poems That Touch the Heart, A. L. Alexander; Room for One More, A. P. Rose; Odyssey Book of Wild Flowers, H. W. Rickett; and Amateur Gardener's Picture Book of Flower Arrangement, V. Stevenson.

Gift books, purchased with funds donated by the Meridian Ministerial Association include The New English Bible, Oxford and Cambridge Universities of London, England; 1,000 Inspirational Things, A. S. Morris; "I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God", Marjorie Holmes; By the River of No Return, Don I. Smith. Juvenile -- Bible Encyclopedia for Children, C. Northcott; Tell Me About Prayer, M. A. Jones.

Students help

Girls and boys of the M.U.Y.F. at Meridian junior high school, and their leaders, recently spent an evening at the library preparing a bulletin-board display for National Library Week, as part of their Community Service project.

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Local librarian attends workshop

Mrs. Nancy Sage, Meridian librarian was one of 20 Idaho librarians attending a special workshop on "Marketing the public library"; sponsored by the Idaho State Library and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

The event was held March 16-17-18 in Boise. It included talks by library experts, displays, demonstrations, and group-discussions.

Salute to reading April 12-18 1970

Meridian library marks national week, librarian reports addition of 98 books

Meridian Public Library is joining in observance of National Library Week from Sunday, April 12, through next Saturday, April 18.

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, has announced the addition of the following new books, including donations received of adult books.

Adult non-fiction -- A Mirror for Witches, E. Forbes; A Handbook on Witches, L. Tindall; Trials of the Lancashire Witches, Peel & Southern; Shapes of the Supernatural, Manley & Lewis; The Powers of Hypnosis, J. Dauven; Your Mysterious Powers of ESP, H. Sherman; Linda Goodman's Sun Signs; Coffee Table Book of Astrology, J. Lynch; Mythology, E. Hamilton; LeMort D'Arthur, Sir. Thom. Mallery; Home Book of Tanning and Taxidermy, G. H. Grantz; Horseman's Almanac and Handbook, M. C. Self; Brave New World Revisited, A. Huxley; Dog Training Made Easy, W. C. Duncan; Betty Crocker's New Cookbook; Simple Colonial Furniture, E. H. Gottshall; How to Draw Animals, J. Hamm; Basic Drawing, L. Pricilla; Collecting American Glass, K. M. McClinton; Field Guide to American Victorian Furniture, T. H. Ormsbee; Golden Age of the American Racing Car, G. Borgeson; The Pursuit of Poetry, L. Untermeyer; Recent American Novelists, J. D. Salinger, Aldous Huxley, George Orwell by U. of Minn.; Thomas Hood, Dylan Thomas; Middle-aged Man on the Flying Trapeze, J. Thurber; Lost Cities, L. Cottrell; Atlantis, E. Sykes; It's an Old Pennsylvania Custom, E. V. Mitchell; Ruffles and Flourishes, Liz Carpenter; "King" Martin Luther, D. Lewis; Black History, M. Drimmer; Room for One More, A. P. Rose; My Life and Prophecies, J. Dixon.

Adult Fiction -- Tears Are for the Living, M. Bannister; Other People, C. Dale; The Beautiful and the Damned, F. Scott Fitzgerald; Best American Short Stories of 1969, Foley and Burnett; Shorter Novels of Herman Melville; Bless the Beasts and Children, Swarthout; And Not To Yield, J. R. Ullman; Look Homeward, Angel, T. Wolfe.

Adult Mystery-suspense -- The Malady on Maderia, A. Bridge; Waiting for Willa, D. Eden; Fiona, C. Gaskin; The Unfinished Clue, G. Heyer; Marry in Haster, J. A. Hodge; Mourning Raga, Ellis Peters; Crooked Adam, D. E. Stevenson; The House on Bitterness Street, de Travino.

Science fiction -- Illustrated Man and Martian Chronicles, R. Bradbury; Brave New World, A. Huxley.

Westerns -- Western Bonanza -- short novels, Western Writers; Winchester for Quarantine, C. T. Young.

Youth non-fiction -- The Wonders of Algae, L. Kalaver; Viruses and the Nature of Life, Stanley & Valens; The Great Monster Hunt, D. C. Cooke; Eight different titles on "How to Improve Your Sports".

Athletic Institute; Prize Plays for Young People, A. S. Burack; Famous Astrologers, J. S. Peckering; Thomas Jefferson and His World, American Heritage.

Youth fiction -- The Receiver, Tex Maule; Secret of the Cove, D. S. Hallacy, Jr.; Mystery of the Screaming Clock, A. Hitchcock; The Hydranauts, C. Biemiller; Those Gresham Girls, A. Jones; Escape from Nowhere, J. Eyerley; Golden Dream, V. Nielsen; Fielder from Nowhere, J. Scholz; Minstrel Boy (horse), V. Smith.

Juvenile -- 1st through sixth grades -- All in a Day, Betts; Big Show, McKie; Cat in the Box, Merriam; Someone Small, Borack; Jokes and Riddles, Peters; Did You Ever Dream?, Lund; I Met a Man (poetry), J. Ciardi; Did You Carry the Flag Today, Charlie?, R. Cuadill; Sidney's Ghost (horse), C. Ider; Tony Beaver, Griddle-Skater, Carmer; Giant Birds and Monsters of the Air, W. Wise; Abraham Lincoln, Martin; George Washington, Thompson; Paul Bunyan, Kumin; Dynamite at Indian Gap, Hunt; Civil War Weapons, C. B. Colby; Go to the Room of the Eyes, B. K. Erwin; A Red Skeleton in Your Closet, Red Skelton; Hydrospace, J. Coggins; Buster the Burro, Gates.



Methodist women help library fund

MERIDIAN LIBRARY FUND received boost from WSCS Circles of Meridian United Methodist church. Presenting check is Mrs. Bill Curtis of Circle Four, to Jerry Gould, immediate past-president of Meridian Jaycees, who is in charge of work on library remodeling and enlarging project sponsored by Jaycees. Jaycees will be in charge of Dairy Show parade, and will award cash prizes of \$50, \$40, and \$30 to top winning entries, plus \$10 to each float entered. Additional float-entries are invited, and interested persons and groups are invited to telephone Mr. Gould at 375-1737. Riding club entries are asked to call Ron Roberts at 888-2260. Parade will be held June 26. (News-Times photo)

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Meridian Grange disbands unit after 62 years

The final chapter in a record book that opened April 24, 1908, was written last week, when the Meridian Grange voted to disband. Master Edgar Davis said that the decision was based on the urbanization of the immediate Meridian area the past several years, and the resultant drop in membership. "There were only a few older members left," he said, "and we felt that the many other Grange units in the valley could serve those who wanted to remain active."

In disbanding, the Grange added further to their long record of community service. With a little more than \$300 in their treasury, the disbanding members voted to donate it to youth projects - including \$150 to the Meridian Jaycees' library project, and the balance divided between the community swimming pool fund and the Idaho Ranch for Youth.

Sept. 17 - 1970
Jay-C-Ettes work on service plans

Meridian Jay-C-Ettes are among the busiest girls in town. Fall projects include helping their husbands get ready for the big library fund-raising auction October 17. A special Jay-C-Ette contribution will be a quilt made by the members.

Members are also working on both knitted and terry cloth slippers to be given at Christmas to residents at the Nampa State School.

A fund-raising rag drive is underway. Anyone with rags to donate may contact Mrs. Chuck Shaul, 375-5901, for pick-up.

Oct. 1 - 1970
Jaycees Request Items to Auction In Meridian Sale

MERIDIAN — Meridian Jaycees need items to be auctioned at the Meridian Sale Yard, beginning at 2 p.m. Oct. 17, chairman Charles Henthorn said.

Proceeds from the auction will be used for the library building fund. The slogan is "The library fund completed by Christmas."

Remodeling of the Occident Club, which houses the Meridian Public library, and adding needed space for book shelves is a project of the Meridian Jaycees. Anyone having donations please contact Meridian Jaycee Charles Stevens at 888-2043. Donated items will be picked up by contacting Charles Henthorn, Kuna, 892-5576.

Oct 8 - 1970
Jaycees postpone date for auction, seek more items

Meridian Jaycees today announced that the Community Auction to raise funds for the library has been postponed until Saturday, November 7.

Jaycee chairman Charles Henthorn said that, to date, too few items have been received to make the auction possible. He urged community residents to check their attics, closets, garages, barns, etc., for any items that could be given for the auction.

Arrangements for picking up donated items may be made by telephoning Henthorn at his Kuna number - 692-5576.

National Book Week

Meridian librarian lists

127 new books for patrons

Meridian public library will join in the observance of "Children's National Book Week" from November 16 to 22 with special displays of children's books to encourage youngsters to acquire the reading habit early.

At the same time, Nancy S. Sage, librarian, has announced the fall book list with 127 new titles. These new books include fiction and non-fiction for adults, juniors and children.

Titles of the books and the authors follow:

Grades 1-6th

Memorial books

A Pocket Full of Cricket, by R. Caudill; Story of Queen Victoria, by Booth; Ski Pup, by Freeman; America and Its Presidents, by Miers; Story of the Statue of Liberty, by Miller; Poetry for Autumn, by Jacobs; Squanto: Indian Chief, by Stevenson.

Non-fiction - 1-6th

Sir Winston Churchill, by Richards; Henry Ford, by Richards; Gandhi, by Richards; Ernest Hemingway, by Richards; Eleanor Roosevelt, by Richards; Harry Truman, by Richards; Napoleon, by Corley; The Pueblo Indians, by Erdoes; Two Brothers of Peru, by Ling; Let's Find Out About the Red Cross, by Pitt.

Story of Cattle Ranching, by Arnold; Wild Peninsula, by Baker; Great Ghost Stories of the Old West, by Baker; Let's Travel in Nigeria and Ghana, by Kittler; Let's Travel in West Germany, by Dyra; Congo, River of Mystery, by McKown.

Science

The Infinite Voyage, by P.

Anderson; The 'True' Book of Reptiles, by Ballard; The 'True' Book of Dinosaurs, by Clark; The 'True' Book of Little Eskimos, by Copeland; Space and the Weather, by Dwiggin; Pioneers in Science, by Siedel; Light, by Weart; Chemistry, by Whitmor; How to Draw Ballet Figures, by Zaidenberg.

Stories

The Kite Mystery, by Adrian; The Brave Cowboy, by Anglund; The Fire Cat, by Averill; The Egg, by Bruna; Chicken-Little-Count-to-Ten, by Friskey; Indian Two Feet, and His Eagle Feather, by Friskey; Indian Two Feet, and His Horse, by Friskey; A Dog for Joey, by Gilbert; How Six Found Christmas, by Hyman; Kick-Pass and Run, by Kessler; Mr. Elephant's Birthday Party, by Kent; The Silver World, by Kirby; The Eye Book, by LeSieg; The Impossible, by McCarthy; Das and Days of Darling Sam, by McLaughlin; Mystery Under Fugitive House, by Martin; Keep Them Rolling, by Meader.

The Guinea Pigs that Went to School, by Meshover; The Zoo that Moved, by Miklowitz; Brown Rabbit, Her Story, by Morse; Stray Dog, by Olson; Ask the Windy Sea, by Pomerantz; The Christmas Bower, by Redford; The Onion Maidens, by Roche; Cats

General

Lillies of the Field, by William Barrett; Omar, by Blunt; The Three Daughters of Madame Liang, by P. Buck; Dark Hills to the Westward, by Caudill; The Complete Mother, by Phyllis Diller; Max Brand's Best Stories, by Easton; Mr. Roberts (WW II), by Heggen; A Pledge of Love, by Judson; The Bright Promise, by Kennedy; The Jade Shamrock, by Newcomb; Gerald and Elizabeth, by D. E. Stevenson; The Wind on the Dragon, by Stranger; The Fellowship of the Ring, by J. R. R. Tolkien.

Western

The Pitchfork Patrol, by Fisher; Arrow in the Sun, by Olsen; To the Far Mountains, by Overholzer.

Have Kittens, etc., by Schurr; Long-ago Elf, by Smith; Mystery of the Absent Neighbors, by Wood; Jellybeans for Breakfast, by Young; An Eagle for Courage, by Walker.

Grade 7-12

Pirates of the Spanish Main, by American Heritage; You Come Too, (poetry) by Robert Frost; Haunt Fox, by J. Kelgaard; The Battle for Iwo Jima, by Leckie; Medal of Honor Heroes, by Reeder; Poems for Young People, by Edna V. Millay.

Non-fiction

The Unpopular Ones, by Archer; Wilderness Wife, by De Gering; Legacy of a Pharaoh, by Trevor; The Sea, Ships and Sailors (poetry), by William Cole; 1969 Science Year, by World Books.

Fiction

Who Goes Next?, by Alter; Spice Island Mystery, by B. Cavanna; Boys Life Book of Mystery Stories; Mystery of Spiral Bridge, by Dixon; Mystery of the Opal Ring, by Emery; Mystery of the Meaning Cave, by Emery; Secret of Skeleton Island, by Hitchcock; Winking Ruby Mystery, by Keene; Great Suspense stories; Margie, by Allen; Witch Dog, by Beatty; The Ghost Front (WW II), by Bonham; Road Racer and Stock Car Racer, by Butterworth; The Real Dream, by Cone; Euloowirree Walkabout, by Kiddell; Rocket to Infinity, by Del Rey; Ice Falcon, by Ritchie;

Rex, a Scotch Border Collie, by Stranger; Chucklebait, by Scoggin.

New adult books

Memorial

Sandlewood Fan, by Eyre; Training Your Retriever, by Free; Carl Sandburg, by Golden; Flowers, by Zim; The Complete Book of Games and Stunts, by Hindman; The Thirty-Sixth Way (escape from China), by Ying.

Mysteries

Ride a Paper Tiger, by Ash; Eye of the Peacock, by Dodge; House of the Strand, by D. Dumaurier; Case of the Blonde Bonanza and Case of the Phantom Fortune, by E. S. Gardner; Duplicate Death, by G. Heyer; I Came to a Castle, by V. Johnston; Something Wrong, by Linnington; Brazilian Stardust, by McEvoy; the China Shepherdess, by McHugh; Puppet on a Chain, by A. McLean; Second Cousin Removed, by Troy; Spy Who Spoke Porpoise, by Wylie.

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Nov. 5 - 1970
**Jay-C-Ette group
 starts "fan club"**

A chance to own a beautiful hand-made fan-design quilt, and to help the public library project, is being offered by the Meridian Jay-C-Ettes.

The Jay-C-Ettes will award the outstanding quilt to some lucky person at Christmas time.

The "fan club" tickets are now on sale at 60c each or two for \$1. The fan-design quilt will soon go on display at a Meridian firm.

THE IDAHO STATESMAN, Boise,

Thursday, November 5, 1970

Sale Slated In Meridian For Library

MERIDIAN — An auction to raise funds for the Meridian City Library will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, and a Jaycee official says some \$8,000 still is needed to finish the building.

"Some of the building costs have been financed by a federal matching funds project grant, but as a community we all need to come out for the auction," said Charles Henthorn of the Meridian Jaycees.

"We expect to get out \$200 from the auction, but we need \$8,000 to get the building finished," he said, "so we need as much area participation as possible."

Henthorn said the auction, featuring new and used household and farm items, will be at the Meridian Stock Yards. Ed Bryce, sales yard auctioneer, will run the auction.

People wishing to donate items to be auctioned should call Mrs. Charles Stevens, Meridian. "Getting donations for the auction has been like butting heads against a stone wall," Henthorn said, soliciting more community support for the project.

92 new titles

Meridian library lists new books, Children's Book Week starts Sunday

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, has announced the titles of 92 books added to the Meridian public library shelves.

The library is joining in observance of Children's Book Week, November 15-21. The 1970 theme is "This is the year of the book".

Memorials -- The Mountain States, Time/Life Library; Retreat to the Bear Paw (Idaho-Nez Perce War), M. T. Place; Last Rig to Battle Mountain, W. Wilhelm; O'Henry: life of Wm. S. Porter, R. O'Conner; The First Ladies, S. Barzman; Meander to Alaska, I. Petite.

Juvenile -- 1st grade through 6 -- The Bear's Christmas, S. & J. Bond; Emily's Moo, T. Gergely; Have You Seen My Brother?, E. Guilfoile; The Car Book, W. O'Brien; Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?, Dr. Seuss; Mountain Man: Life of Jim Beckwith, M. T. Place; San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, H. M. Miller; Fire Plume: Legends of American Indians, J. Bierhorst; Drugs: Facts on their use and abuse, N. W. Houser; The Christmas Tree Mystery, W. St. John; Mystery of Z Canyon, K. Gilbert; How the Littlest Cherub Was Late for Christmas, M. C. Johnston; Story of Archeology in the Americas, M. Elting; Peanuts, popcorn, ice cream, candy and soda pop: how they all began, S. P. Russell.

Youth -- 7 thru 12

Non-fiction -- This Vital Air: This Vital Water, G. Ayleswoth; Young People and Crime, Young People and Drugs, C. H. Cain; The Wind Is Round, Sarah Hannum; Listen to the Warn, Rod McKuen; Motorcycles: Whirling Wire Wheels, E. Radlauer; Frontiers in Archeology, R. Silverberg; Stories told by the Aztecs, C. Beals; How to make a telescope, J. Texereau; Witches, O. Hoyt.

Fiction -- Powerback, J. Archibald; Quarterback Gamble, W. Gault; The Good Deed, Pearl Buck; A Shield of Clover, P. S. Curry; Escape from Nowhere, J. Eyerly; Sing Down The Moon, Scott O'Dell.

Adult -- non-fiction -- The Two-Ton Albatross (travel), W. M. Anderson; A Curious Life for a Lady (biog.), Pat Barr; Bucher: My Story (biog.), Bucher & Rascovich; The Social Contract, R. Ardrey; The Psychic World of Peter Hurkes, L. Browning; Moon Rocks (space flight), Henry S. F. Cooper, Jr.; 101 Costumes for All Occasions, R. Cummings; Before Nature Dies (environment), J. Derst; The World You Inherit (pollution), J. G. Naravva; The Challenge of Climate (environment), R. S. Silverberg; Handbook of Denomination in U. S., F. S. Mead; Peterson's Field

Guide to Mammals, W. M. Burt; Complete Book of Winter Sports, A. Liebers; Todays Witches, Susy Smith; Future Shock (sociology), Alvin Toffler; Costumes to Make, P. Parrish.

Fiction Books

General -- Man On The Mountain, H. G. Carroll; When Love Returns, A. Hale; Web of Honey, C. Gilmore; Honeymoon in Honolulu, E. Hamil; Hijacked!, D. Harper; Husband for Helen, E. Lockwood; Sound of Summer Voices, H. Tucker.

Suspense -- The Embroidered Sunset, Jean Aiken; Greek Wedding, J. A. Hodge; Enquiry, Dick Francis; Lovers All Untrue, Nora Lofts.

Help is needed

Sorority hears report by Jaycees on Meridian library building funds

Members of Xi Alpha Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi last Thursday heard Charles Stevens and Larry Cantrell of the Meridian Jaycees speak on the need for funds for the Meridian library-building addition.

The addition to the building and remodeling is the project of the Jaycees.

The men reported that \$10,000 had been spent to date on the project, part of which was raised by the Jaycees, with matching funds from a government grant; plus a donation of \$1,000 from the Occident Club for the remodeling of the outside of their building to match the addition.

Roofing completed

Stevens reported this Tuesday that the roofing was completed over the weekend, and that the heating system and the wiring would now be put in. There is \$4,000 in the building fund account to pay these expenses, he said. It will then be up to the Jaycees, through fund raising and appeals, to raise \$5,000 before the government will give \$5,000 in matching funds. He said a total of \$7,000 more would come from the government.

Stevens and Cantrell were invited to speak by Mrs. Ross Hadfield and Mrs. Gordon Clever for the

sorority's program on civic responsibility.

Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Veryl Ewing, and Mrs. Edwin Lloyd were welcomed back into active membership in the chapter. Hostess for the Thursday meeting was Mrs. Ray Parks, assisted by Mrs. Herb Grant.

THE IDAHO STATESMAN, Boise, Sunday, December 6, 1970

Jaycees Plan Orange Sale In Meridian

MERIDIAN — Christmas time in Meridian finds the local Jay-C-Ettes immersed in fund-raising and charitable projects, according to Mrs. Chuck Shaul, president.

Some 85 cases of oranges are to be bagged today at the former Rice Pharmacy Building on Main Street.

The Jay-C-Ettes, along with Meridian Jaycees, plan to bag the oranges for their annual door-to-door sale Monday and Tuesday in Meridian, Mrs. Shaul said.

Proceeds will go to community development and food-basket funds for the needy, she added. Approximately \$300 was made in the 1969 sale.

In addition, Jay-C-Ettes currently are sponsoring a pre-Christmas project to aid the local library building fund. The project consists of several Christmas gifts that will be given away at 1 p.m. Dec. 19, Mrs. Shaul said.

"We need a real turnout for the affair," said Mrs. Shaul. "Some \$7,000 is needed to complete the Meridian Community Library."

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Community service Meridian Jaycees slate orange sale next week

Meridian Jaycees will hold their annual orange sale next Monday and Tuesday nights, December 7 and 8. Proceeds will be used for civic projects and for Christmas help for needy families of the area.

Persons who wish to purchase Jaycee oranges are asked to leave their porch-lights on next Monday or Tuesday night. Oranges may also be purchased Sunday afternoon at the former Rice Pharmacy building, next to Pat's Cafe.

Among other community-service projects, the Meridian Jaycees are sponsoring the enlargement and modernization of the Meridian public library building.

More than \$10,000 has been spent to date on the project; and the Jaycees must raise another \$5,000 to qualify for the remaining federal funds needed to complete the work. Donations are urgently needed, and may be sent to the Meridian Jaycees, c/o Postmaster, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

Jay-C-Ettes name winners December 19

There will be 12 happy people Saturday, December 19 -- when the Meridian Jay-C-Ettes announce the winners of the prizes in their pre-Christmas project to help the library-building fund.

An additional three record-albums, of the winners' choice, have been added to the nine gifts listed last week. Those gifts include a genuine mink hat, with retail value of more than \$75.00; a hand-made fan-design quilt, occasional chair, Corningware coffee pot, blanket, hand-crocheted throw rug, 50-foot lawn-and-garden hose, and a fibre glass double sink.

The gifts are now on display in the window of the building formerly occupied by Rice Pharmacy, next to Pat's Cafe in Meridian.

Tickets -- at 60c each or two for \$1 -- are now on sale by all Jay-C-Ettes, and may also be purchased at the Valley News-Times' office. At the December 19 drawing, 12 separate tickets will be drawn, one for each of the prizes.

Donors of the prizes include Western Auto, Paul's Clover Farm, The Bazaar, Idaho First National Bank, Zamzow's Seed and Feed, Meridian Plumbing. Mrs. Nancy Sage crocheted the throw rug, and Jay-C-Ettes made the fan-design quilt.

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**Winners will
receive prizes
December 19**

Only nine more days until the Meridian Jay-C-Ettes announce the winners of the prizes in their Christmas-season project to help the library building-fund.

The prizes are now on display in the window of the building formerly occupied by Rice Pharmacy -- next door to Pat's Cafe.

They include a new mink hat, valued at more than \$75 . . . a hand-made fan-design quilt . . . a new occasional chair . . . Corningware coffee pot . . . blanket . . . hand-crocheted throw rug . . . five record-albums of the winners' choice . . . 50-foot lawn-and-garden hose . . . a fibre glass double-sink.

Tickets -- at 60c each, or two for \$1 -- are now on sale by all Jay-C-Ettes; and also at the Valley News-Times' office and Paul's Clover Farm market.

In addition, Key Club members will sell the tickets at the high school; and a Jay-C-Ette will sell tickets each Tuesday at the Meridian Sale Yard.

"Many of the gifts would make ideal Christmas gifts," said Mrs. Chuck Shaul, Jay-C-Ette president. "The winners will be named Saturday of next week, December 19, with a separate ticket drawn for each of the gifts."

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Mrs. Nancy Sage wins high community honor

Mrs. Nancy Sage Meridian librarian wins "Woman of Year" honor

When Mrs. Nancy Sage, Meridian librarian, was invited to attend the Jaycee Jaycee-ette award banquet last week, she thought the clubs were going to present a gift to the library.

"I was never so surprised in my life," she laughs now, "as when they announced the 'Outstanding Woman of the Year' - and it was me!"

But to the 1,500 regular library patrons, Mrs. Sage's selection isn't surprising at all. Few women are as dedicated to their profession as is Mrs. Sage to the library she has loved and served so well for more than 15 years.

Try to talk to Mrs. Sage about herself, and the conversation comes full-circle to the library again, its needs, and its contribution to the community.

"We're to the point now where we have no more room to add books to shelves, or even to store books in boxes," she notes sadly. "We're just chock-a-block full."

Helps children

Her biggest joy is in helping the beginning readers choosing books for the first time, and the older students who need aid in reference work.

"Children have so much knowledge to acquire in such a short time," she explained, "that any help you can give them is a reward."

And children do make up a large percentage of library patrons. "I order horse books and mysteries out of all proportion to the rest of the collection," she said, noting that Wilson Rawls' book "Where the Red Fern Grows" is the most popular book on the shelves, and that even though the library has five copies, they're always out.

Many books are memorials

Many of the books have come from memorial donations to the library. Though what books the money purchases are seldom specified, Mrs. Sage tries to match the books she orders to the person whose memory they honor. "You have to know the people," she explained. "Their likes and dislikes and background . . . whether they were farming people or horse people or fancy-work people. Then you match the people and the money and the books, and that's how you decide what to order."

Mrs. Sage is almost - but not quite - a native Idahoan. She was born in California and, as an infant, survived the San Francisco earthquake, though with her family she camped out for 10 days in Golden Gate park after the quake had destroyed their home. Rather than start again in California, the family moved to Idaho, and she attended Boise schools. As a Boise high senior, she had her first taste of library work when she enrolled for an introductory library science class . . . and loved it.

In 1952 her husband, Howard C. Sage, a log-scaler and time-keeper,

was killed in an industrial accident shortly after the family had settled in Meridian. Mrs. Sage was left alone with her young son, Darrell, now a Boise College sophomore.

Starts at library in 1954

Two years later, Mrs. Sage walked into the Meridian library to get a library card, and the late Miss Ruth Kline asked her if she'd like to help out occasionally after school.

Mrs. Sage laughs now, recalling that she worked for two hours a week, earning 40c an hour, when she began. In 1956 she became librarian herself, and she has seen the book collection almost double in size since then.

One of her biggest thrills came last summer when she was among 30 Idaho librarians selected to attend a library institute at Boise college - her only truly formal training, she notes.

Mrs. Sage added that the library board has allowed her more time and money this year to attend workshops and conferences, and that she feels fortunate to live in a community where she feels so much a part of everything.

Jan 7 Library report 1971
 Mayor Don Storey read a report from the Occident club, which operates the Meridian city library. It showed total tax income of \$2,687.44, and expenditures of \$3,052.29 -- with the club paying the difference. Mayor Storey said, "These costs represent only a small part of the many services performed by the Occident club women for the library. Our community is indeed indebted to them for our fine library, which could not exist without their volunteer work."

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Officially, she's in the library three days a week. But, unofficially, she finds that most of her free time is spent there. She belongs to Eastern Star and the Methodist church, and summers, early in the morning and late in the evening, she devotes to her one hobby, gardening.

"I raise four or five kinds of vegetables," Mrs. Sage said, "and I fertilize them and crowd them till there's no place for them to grow but straight up."

Her two-weeks vacation last year she spent in bed with the flu. This year she hopes to drive to north Idaho to visit her father-in-law, C. D. Allen, who will be 91 in June. She is no newcomer to the north-south highway. "The first time I went over Whitebird Hill," she recalls, "was in the horse-and-buggy days, when we had to stop every few curves to rest the horses."

She hasn't made the trip north for several years and she's looking forward to seeing the improvements that have been made on the road.

"Actually," she said thoughtfully, "I suppose many people would think my life was restricted. I do almost nothing but library. But there is so much to do here. And the whole world is at my fingertips. I don't need to go anywhere to keep up, for I'm surrounded by the world."

-- by Marjorie Cochrane

FEBRUARY 18, 1971

Food sale here this Saturday

A food sale, with proceeds to benefit the Meridian library, will be held at the Occident clubroom this Saturday, Feb. 20. The sale will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Additional donations of food for the sale are invited. Donors may call the co-chairman -- Mrs. Herbert Papenfuss at 888-1301 ... or Mrs. Nancy Sage at 888-2333.

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho

March 18, 1971

Saturday sale benefits library

A "final fling" at raising funds to complete the new addition to Meridian's public library is planned for Saturday, when a cooked food sale will be held from 9 to 5 in the Occident club rooms.

A similar sale last month netted \$102. Librarian Mrs. Nancy Sage said it is hoped that Saturday's event will be even more successful.

"We need both food donations and patrons," Mrs. Sage said.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. Sage and Mrs. John C. Petersen.

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho

April 15, 1971

1970 duck stamps can help library

Do you have a 1970 duck stamp that you didn't use? If so, the donation of the stamp will help the building project of the Meridian public library.

The stamps may be given to any member of the Meridian Jaycees, or may be left at the library. "This could be an important gain for the library," said a Jaycee, "and at no cost to the donor. Please check for any un-used 1970 duck stamp -- and contribute it to this worthy cause."

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90 new books

February 11, 1971

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho Page 3

Memorial gifts augment Meridian library total

Meridian public library has added 90 new books to its shelves. The new editions include several given to the library as memorials.

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, listed the following books as memorials to the respective persons.

Memorial to Miss Ruth Cline, former librarian -- The Harvest Feast, W. Harper; The Loner, E. Wier; Orion John, J. Krungold; Where the Red Fern Grows, W. Rawls; Indian Captive, L. Lenski; Heigh-Ho for Halloween, E. Secrist; The 'Chrismat' tree, M. Laugensen; North to the Wilderness, R. Redding; Singing Windows, M. Young; Seventeen Book of Etiquette and Young Living, M. Young; Folk Songs of North America, A. Lemax; The First Thanksgiving (two copies), I Sarksdale;

More Cline Memorials

World of the Grizzlies, S. Day; My Name is Lion, M. Emrey; Easter, I. Fisher; Out of the Earth I Sing, R. Lewis; If You Sailed on the Mayflower, G. McGovern; Wilderness Kingdom; Indian Life in the Rocky Mountains, 1840-1847, Father N. Point; The Creation (Juv.), J. Spier; Mike Fink, E & C Carmer; Old Stormalong, A. DeLeeuw; Land and Wildlife of Australia, D. Bergamini; Shadow of a Bull (Newberry, 1965), M. Wozeichowska; Park Ranger, C. B. Colby; and Rifles for Watie, H. Keith.

Memorials for Mrs. Thursa McClure -- A Place in the Woods, H. Hoover; Land of the Yankee Fork (Idaho), E. Yarber; The Loner, E. Wier; Fields of Peace, a Pennsylvania Album, Millen Brand; Some of My Friends Have Tails, V. McKenna; Raven, Creator of the World, R. Melzack; Christopher Robin Book of Verse, A. A. Milne; A Treasury of Horses, Osborne & Johnson; Five Centuries of American Costume, T. Wilcox; Knitting Made Easy, B. Aytes; and Indians from the Northern Rockies (Indian), Ella A. Clark.

Other Memorials

Other memorials include for Forrest Underwood -- The New Illustrated Space Encyclopedia; for Dale Vorhees, Boise -- Games of Many Nations, E. O. Harbin; and Richard Nixon, junior biography, H. D. Olds; for Ambrose W. Johnson, Boise -- Ranches and Ranch Life in America, Cornelius Vanderbilt; for Mrs. Genevieve (Jean) Patten, Boise -- Two Legs Crossing, W. Edmunds; for Cecil Stone, Hi, to the Hunters, Jesse Stuart; and for G. W. Leininger, It's Like This, Cat (Newberry, 1964).

New Adult Selections

Other new books which will be on library shelves Saturday include the following: Adult Section I Robot, I. Asimev; Come With Me Home, G. H. Carroll; the following:

Adult Section -- I Robot, I. Asimev; Come with Me Home, G. H. Carroll; Spindle Or Mutilate, D. Disney; Jamaica Inn, D. DuMaurier; Flight of Hawks, M. Eden; Drums Along the Mohawk, W. Edmonds; The Wild Runners, M. Ellis; The Ordeal of Running Standing, T. Fall; Saxton's Ghost, S. Fisher;

Charity Girl, G. Heyer; Doctor's Kingdom, E. Seifert; Doctor's Two Lives, E. Seifert; House of the Deer, D. E. Stevenson; The Hobbit, J. Tolken; Mila 18, L. Uris; QB VII, L. Uris; The Luftwaffe War Diaries, C. Bekker; The Day Lincoln was Shot, J. Bishop; Paid Servant, E. R. Braithwaite; Folklore in America, T. Coffin; I Remember It Well, M. Chevelier; Great True Spy Stories, A. Dulles; ESP and You, E. Helzer; Astrology; The Space Age Science, J. Goodavage; Hauntings Tales of the Supernatural, H. Mazzeo; Indian of the Northwest Plains, W. K. Powers; Shrinklets, M. Sagoff; So You Want To Raise A Boy!, C. Skeusen; The Rising Sun, Rise and Fall of the Japanese Empire (2 vols.), John Treland.

Youth Selections -- First Love, True Love, A. Emery; That Archer

Food sale will benefit library

A cooked food sale, Saturday, Feb. 20, will benefit the Meridian library. Mrs. Herbert Papenfuss and Mrs. Nancy Sage are the co-chairmen.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. that Saturday, at the public library in Meridian. Both customers and donations of food are needed. Donors are invited to call Mrs. Papenfuss at 888-1301; or Mrs. Sage at her home, 888-2333.

Girl, A. Emery; Joe Dudley's Daughter, E. H. Friermeod; That Jones Girl, E. Friermeod; The Jade Eagle, W. B. Hazelton; Don't Cry Little Girl, J. Lambert; Girl in the Mask, H. Maxwell; A Car Called Camillia, P. O'Connor; The Bike Lesson, J. Berenstein; Stone Soup, M. Brown; Oh, How Silly, W. Cole; Motorcycling, C. Coombs; The Buffalo Trace, V. Eifert; If You Sailed On The Mayflower, A. McGovern; Finding A Poem, E. Merriam; Call It Courage (Newberry, 1940) A. Sperry; and Stuart Little, E. B. White.

Mrs. Sage said that more memorial books are on order and are expected to be ready for distribution soon.

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58 volumes

New books mark local observance of Nat'l Library Week, April 18-24

The Meridian public library is joining in the observance of National Library Week April 18-24, said Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian.

Mrs. Sage has released a list of the 58 new books which will be on the library shelves April 19. She also noted that she will attend the Idaho Library Association convention at the Rodeway Inn April 22-24.

New volumes include four which were given as memorials for former librarian, Mrs. Ruth Cline. They are Little House in the Big Woods, Farmer Boy, Little House on the Prairie and On the Banks of Plum Creek, all by Laura Ingles Wilder.

Other memorials include donations for Roy E. Gale -- Daniel Boone, James Daugherty; Hydrofoils and Overcraft, W. L. Gunsten; Car of the Year, 1895-1970, W. B. Lent; Angle of Repose, W. Stegner;

For Dr. Olive M. Stretch -- As the Earth Turns, G. H. Carroll; The Meaning and Magic of Music, P. Gammond; The Vogue Sewing Book, Vogue; Pocket Encyclopedia of Roses, H. Edland; Sunset Western Garden Book, Lane Publications; Alder Creek, E. Haycox; Life at Its Best, Ellen White; Crewell Embroider, E. Wilson;

Doris Hoyer Veach -- The Boy Homesteader, M. R. Brose; The Bok of the Basques, Rodney Gallop; Miss Willie, J. H. Giles; Ski the Mountain, H. M. Miller, Olympic Queen; Carol Heiss, R. Parker; A Book of Ghosts and Goblins, Sanders and Jacques; Deepdown River, N. C. Wilson;

Thursa McClure -- Stitches of Creative Embroidery, J. Entheve; James Vincent -- DeGaulle; King Without a Crown, J. Lester.

Other volumes listed

Other new volumes listed by Mrs. Sage included:

Adult -- Follow Your Heart, N. Shipman; The Dark on the Other Side, B. Michaels; Showdown at Sunrise, W. C. Lee; Stairs of Sand, Z. Grey; Running Blind, D. Bagley; the Big Lonesome, Will Bryant.

Youth -- Summer of the Swans, B. Byars; Nysteron on Safari, B. Cavanaugh; The Barbary Pirates, C. S. Forester; Stallion of the Sands, H. Griffiths; Seven Black American Scientists, R. C. Hayden; Friday's Child, J. Lambert.

Juvenile selections

Bill and the Fish and Crate Train, both by A. Seymour; New Bugle, A. DeCaprie; a House for Little Red, The Magic Beans, and Cinderella at the Ball, M. Hillert; Barney Beagle and the Neat and Barney Beagle Goes Camping, J. ...

Keep Your Eyes Open, J. Folsom; The Bear Scouts and The Big Honey Hunt, S. and J. Berenstein;

Arty the Smarty, F. McNulty; Lady Bug, C. Keek; A Day on the Big O, H. Cresswell; Under a Mushroom, A. Ford; Johnny Applesed, G. Norman; Harriet the Spy, L. Fitzhugh; and Calico Bush, R. Field.

Southside students report activities

Penny Gepford moved from Mrs. Ford's room.

Mrs. Tompkins is in the hospital recovering from a recent operation. Her substitute is Mrs. Seddens.

Tommy Wright of Mrs. Nielson's room moved to Las Vegas.

Toby Gepford moved from Mrs. Vargason's room.

Mrs. Clauson is home from her trip to the Holy Land.

Kimberly Freeman entered Mrs. Beeson's room from California.

Sixth grade news

Our own Tedi Hepper won second prize in the Occident Club poetry contest. What's more, Jay Spencer was third prize winner.

Southside sixth grade had its poetry contest, and the winners were -- first, Stephanie Larson; second, Bruce Bair; third, Randy Kirk; Honorable mention, Bill Cox.

Sign-up for a volley-ball tournament began April 5. All those interested are encouraged to sign-up so that the teams can be organized.

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho

April 22, 1971

Ready for reading

Meridian library adds 41 new books by donations and library-purchase

Mrs. Nancy Sage, Meridian librarian, has announced the addition of 15 books to the library shelves as a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Schoen of Meridian.

Also added have been 26 new books purchased by the library in various classifications, offering patrons a wider selection of material.

The books given by the Schoens are as follows. D-Day, Invasion of Europe; Texas and the War with Mexico; Pirates of the Spanish Main -- American Heritage Junior Library. American Heritage magazines for August 1964, October 1964, February 1965. Alexander the Great, Horizon Caravel. Ireland, Time-Life.

Also The Missing Link anthropology, E. Clymer; The 900 Days of Stalingrad, H. Salisbury; German Drawings by the Masters, C. Eisler; Renoir, His Works, N. Lambourne; Drawing the Human Head and Dynamic Anatomy, B. Hogarth.

Following are the new books purchased by the library.

Juvenile books

The Nest Book, Duck on the Truck, Fox Who Travelled, The Truffle Pig, The Cherokee, The Crow, The Sioux, Beasts and Nonsense, The Wishing Tree, Cowboy Small, The Gypsy Bears, Warm-Up for Little League Baseball, Thursday's Child.

Youth books

Never Jam Today, by C. Bolton; Stranger in the Pines, by M. McNeer; Goodbye, My Lady, by J. Street.

Adult books

The Alien, science fiction, by L. P. Davies; Shadow of the Lynx, mystery, by V. Holt; The Valley of Time, by G. Wilson.

General Non-fiction

How to Raise and Train Pigeons, by William H. Allen. Puppy-Owner's Handbook, J. Griffen. Humorous Monologues, V. Howard. Beads, plus Macrame, G.

LaCroix. Telescopes, T. Maloney. Karate, Basic Principles, S. Strose.

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho

August 19, 1971

From 7 to 11 a.m.

Occident club's pancake breakfast August 26 will benefit civic projects

The annual pancake breakfast sponsored by the Occident club will be held next Thursday, August 26, from 7 to 11 a.m. at the club house in Meridian. "All you can eat" will be served in exchange for voluntary contributions.

The breakfast is the civic group's only money-raising project of the year. Proceeds will benefit the library and the emergency loan closet, which the club maintains to aid ill persons in the community.

The breakfast menu will include pancakes, juice or fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, and coffee.

Emergency loans

The emergency loan closet provides a unique service, for it makes available all necessities for the sick room, from oxygen equipment to bed-pans. The "closet" is equipped to loan

everything that might be needed to care for the ill at home.

The club also gives strong support to the community library, and the remainder of the proceeds will go toward maintenance of the club house itself.

Directing plans for the breakfast is Occident club president, Mrs. C. L. Egbert.

THE IDAHO STATESMAN, Boise, Monday, August 23, 1971

Meridian Club Sets Fund Feed To Aid Library

MERIDIAN — The Occident Club will hold an "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast Thursday from 7 to 11 a.m.

Purpose of the breakfast, the club's only fund raising project, is to raise contributions for the Meridian library and to fill the club's emergency loan closet.

The annual breakfast will be held in the group's club house on Meridian Street.

For area readers

Meridian library announces list of new memorial book donations

A number of memorial books recently have been contributed to the Meridian Public Library, according to Nancy S. Sage, librarian.

The books are being catalogued and will be on the shelves, ready for circulation, by the end of next week.

Among the new books are:

For Mrs. Enid Baker: "The Whooping Crane" (juv.) by J. M. Roever; for Ollie M. Barrie: "Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe" (juv.) by D. McCormick; for Lawrence Cornell: "Flattops" (juv.) by E. L. Costillo; for Estelle Gifford: "Hitty: Her First Hundred Years" (juv.) by R. Field; "On to Oregon" (juv.) by H. Morrow; "Where the Red Fern Grows" (juv.) by L. Rawls.

For Mrs. Lottie Ellensohn: "Charles" (juv.) by S. Skorpen; for Steve Gilbert: "Toadstools and Such" (juv.) by S. J. Paulson; "Junior Science Projects"; for Mr. Frank Gray: "The Sioux Indians" (juv.) by S. Bleeker; for Mrs. Lillian Harper, Nampa: "The Tamarind Seed" (mystery) by E. Anthony; "Message from Malaga" (mystery) by H. McInnes; for Allen E. Hosack, Nampa: "Scuba, Spear and Snorkel" (juv.) by Berstein & Berkowitz.

For Mr. Ralph Hosley: "Theirs Was the Kingdom" by R. F. Delderfield; "The Big Lonesome" by W. Henry; "A Rose for Virtue" by N. Lofts; Encyclopedia of Wit

and Humor by L. B. Williams and "King of the Wind" by M. Henry; for Ralph Hudson: "Alaska: the Embattled Frontier" by G. Laycock; "The Badman of the West" by G. D. Hendricks; "Animal Traps and Trapping" by J. A. Bateman and "April's Witches" by B. Crook; for Mrs. Elizabeth Jerread: "The Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns" by B. G. Walker.

For Herman Sandy: "Encyclopedia of Landscape Gardening" Time/Life; for David Travis, Russell Nelson and Mrs. Anna Chipman: "The Stackpoole"; "New Dog Encyclopedia" (a reference book); for Mrs. Maude Sharratt: "Julie" (Idaho) by H. M. Miller; for Mrs. Marie Voegle: "How to Parent" by Dr. Fitzhugh Dodson.

Group 2 -- Donated books.

Among the recently donated books are the following:

From Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hagler: 24 vols. Encyclopedia Britannica, and 10 year books.

From Mr. and Mrs. George O. Christen: "Hunting North American Deer" by A. R. Carhart; "The Complete Book of Rifles and Shotguns" and "The Rifle Book"; "The Complete Book of Hunting" by Clyde Ormond and "The Book of Rifles" by Smith and Smith, (reference).

THE IDAHO STATESMAN, Boise, Friday, November 12, 1971

Library Workshop Set

Community surveys involved in library planning will be explained to librarians and trustees today at the Rodeway Inn.

The meeting is the final workshop in the 1971 series. Others have been held in Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston.

Ross E. Davis, associate director of governmental affairs for Boise Cascade Corp., will discuss the role of the community survey in the planning process.

Another speaker will be Robert Wise, an Idaho Planning and Community Affairs Agency planner.

In circulation

Meridian Public Library gives titles of 61 new books available to public

A large number of new books, including adult and juvenile in both the fiction and non-fiction fields, has been received at the Meridian Public Library.

Librarian Nancy Sage has catalogued the 61 books and they are now available for circulation.

Included in the list are:

Adult non-fiction: Poetry: Brief, by W. Cole; The Days of Martin Luther King Jr., by J. Bishop; History of the Donner Party, by C. F. McGlashan; Shakespeare, His Life, His Times, His Words, by C. J. Hill; New Math for Parents and Pupils by W. G. Quast; Staining and Finishing Wood, by G. Grost; A Caldron of Witches, by C. L. Alderman; Astrology, by L. MacNeice; The Book of the Hand, by F. Gettings and The Gift Horse, by H. Knof.

Adult fiction: Wind Over the Citadel, by L. Ames; Don't Look Now, by M. DuMauier; An Afternoon Walk, by D. Eden; The Late Bill Smith, by A. Garve; The Elusive Mrs. Pollifay, by D. Gilman; The Season of Love, by A. Hale; Wheels, by A. Hailey; Seven Steps to the Sun, by G. Hoyle; The Magic Mirror, by N. King, and Mirror Dance, by E. Kyle.

Also in adult fiction: Forsaking All Others, by E. Loring; Bear Island, by A. MacLean; Summer of the Red Wolf, by M. West; Gunsmoke Creek, by J. Bassett; Ambush at Torture Canyon, by M. Brand; Outlaw Moon, by B. M. Bower, and Owl Hoot Trail by C. Farrell.

Books for youth: The Green Flash, by J. Aiken; The Play Maker, by C. Bishop; Stop That Pass, by B. Carol; The Ghost of Ballyhooly, by B. Cavanna; Black Stallion and the Girl, by W. Farley; Pro Quarterback, by J. Unitas; The Whispering House, by J. Hager; Mystery of the Flaming Footprints, by A. Hitchcock; Mystery of the Nervous Lion, by A. Hitchcock; The Silent Message, by A. Huff; By the Hiway Home, by M. Stolz, and Masquerade at Sea House, by E. Ogilvie.

Juvenile non-fiction: Calendar Moon (poetry), by N. Beltin; New Fabrics, New Clothes, C. A. Butman; Clothes Tell a Story, by C. W. Lubell; John Fisher's Magic Book, by John Fisher; The Mustangs, Roever and Roever; Snakes of the World, by J. Stidworthy, and the Grey Mare's Colts, by J. VanDerVeer.

Juvenile fiction: Buster Bear, by T. W. Burgess; Adventures of Reddy Fox, by T. W. Burgess; Linebacker Blitz, by B. Carol;

Squeeze Play by B. Carol; O, Tony, by E. Daly; My Sister, the Horse, by B. Klimowicz; Once Upon a Garden Hose, by C. Land; Sam, Bangs and Moonshine, by E. Ness; The Christmas Carol Miracle, by L. Putcamp Jr.; The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss; 51 Sycamore Lane, by M. W. Sharmat; Happy Hollisters of Mexican Idol, by J. West; Happy Hollisters of Indian Treasure, by J. West; Asky Full of Dragons, by M. W. Wright, and Zorro, by J. Wernstein.

Jaycees launch scrap metal drive

A drive for scrap metal was launched this week by members of the Meridian Jaycees in a new effort to raise funds for the completion of the public library the Jaycees are building.

The scrap metal project was adopted primarily to give rural residents of the area an opportunity to contribute to the library project and leaders of the drive are appealing to farmers and urban residents alike to gather up old equipment and other scrap metal.

Arrangements have been made with owners of the Farmers' Bar, the old 229 club on Highway 30, to deposit the metal behind the building or prospective donors may contact any Jaycee member for pickups.

To arrange to have the metal picked up, residents may call Charles Stevens at 888-2043 or Jerry Gould at 375-1737.

BOOKS

Where the Answers Are

Libraries Aren't Stuffy, Anymore

By SYLVIA WOOD
Statesman Staff Writer

Whatever happened to the hushed and stuffy public library, walled with sets of books, staffed by sweet little old ladies with their hair in buns or tweeded-and-brogued dragons in pince-nez?

The library of "silence!" signs, creaking wooden chairs and loudly-echoing uncarpeted floors?

Just how long has it been since you went to the library, anyway?

True, it will be awhile before the Boise Public Library changes its physical image ... next year when it moves into new quarters on Capitol Boulevard ... but spiritually there's as little resemblance between the present library staff and objectives as there is between you and your grandparents ... a family likeness, but nothing more.

"Our biggest change is towards people-oriented services," says William F. Hayes, library director, who hopes some day to see the new library wear a sign saying "Boise Public Library and Information Center."

"Libraries and librarians have been changing for quite a while ... not that we don't still have some nice little lady librarians with buns," he says.

But today's librarian is almost as likely to be male as female, more likely to be young than old, and sometimes deals with visual, audio

A library should be regarded as a community living room, where people can enjoy reading, and as an information center where they can find answers to all sorts of questions. That's the opinion of W. H. Hayes, Boise Public Library director, who discusses changes.

programs a long way removed from yesteryear's shelved books.

Librarians themselves laugh over the portrayal of the librarian as a snarling curmudgeon defending his precious volumes from the assault of butterfly-fingered readers. Today's librarian (although not in favor of butter on pages) feels that library books are for reading ... by as many people as possible.

Libraries nowadays (as will the Boise Public Library to come) have wall to wall carpeting to deaden noise, as well as acoustical ceilings. One library even went so far as to hang a "No Silence!" sign in a deliberate attempt to popularize its reading room.

"I like to think of a public library as a community living room," Hayes says.

Most of all he likes to answer questions ... he worries because not enough people realize what a well of information a public library is. "The other day we had a man come in who said he'd been looking everywhere for information on how to file bankruptcy proceedings. We had the information. What worries me is that he didn't come to us first. The people we could help most we can't reach," Hays adds, a bit sadly.

Members of the American Library Association are much more concerned with social problems than ever before. Nowadays, people who go into library work have strong feelings for the culture which books provide ... and an almost missionary zeal for

sharing this with others.

Libraries now try to catch the reader young ... The Boise Public Library conducts programs and contests for youngsters of all ages, and makes it easy for the children to take home books after a program.

They also conduct orientation programs for school age youngsters.

With all this swing to younger, career librarians ... don't discount the volunteer and the small town library.

Marilyn McConaughy, regional assistant at the Boise

Public Library, acts as a visiting consultant for a 10-county area, working out of the Boise Public Library, and says that a good many of the libraries in this area are staffed, in part at least, by volunteers, old or young.

Some of them, like Nancy Sage of the Meridian Library, generate a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for reading in their communities ... so much, in Nancy's case, that the Jaycees named her their local Woman of the Year.

When television became accessible to the general public, pessimistic book lovers predicted that it would do away with the demand for libraries. This has proved to be far from true, Hayes says. Let an author appear on one of the "talk" tv shows and the library knows it at once ... through the increased demand for that writer's books.

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho May 31, 1973

Rebekah lodge plans Boise tour

Members of the Acme Rebekah Lodge and their friends are planning a tour to Hickory Farms in Hillcrest Plaza this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Each person attending the tour will be given a 25 cent fee which will be donated to the lodge's community service fund for the Meridian library.

Schoen gift

Meridian public library announces memorial donations, other new books

Memorial book donations to the Meridian public library and the donation of 37 books by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schoen, Meridian, were announced this week by Nancy Sage, librarian.

With the exception of seven novels, the Schoen books are all reference and literature groupings, including art and history.

The memorial donations are:

For Mrs. Alice Iverson -- Israel, Matter, Mexico, all by Time/Life; Ghost Towns of the West, Sunset pictorial; Carlson's Guide to Landscape Painting, by John F. Carlson, Starlight and Candleglow (poetry), by H. L. Marshall; Paintbrush and Peacpipe (biog; George Catlin) by Anne Rockwell; In Search of the Abominable Snowman (Juv) by Ralph Hermanns; Poorman's Guide to Bottle Collecting, by Marion Klamkin; How to Make Ceramics, by Gertrude Engel; Rug Hooking and Braiding by Dorothy Lawless; Needlepoint by Hope Hanley; The Californian by Tedhunter Ballard, and A Book of Americans by Rose and Stephen V. Benet (poetry).

For Mrs. Emma Walker, Clarkston, Wash. -- Make Your Own Mobiles by T. M. Shrigger.

For Miss Marilyn Raynor -- Big Book of Poetry (Juv) by J. Werner.

For Mrs. Ruby Candaux -- Daniel Boone: Opening of the Wilderness by J. B. Brown and Brazil, Time/Life World Library.

For Mr. and Mrs. William Janoushek, Nampa -- Across the Cimarron (auto-biog.) by J. D. Horan.

For Leonard Holaday, Boise -- The Farm Journal Almanac.

For Mrs. Alice Lant, Meridian -- Snake River Country (Reference) by Bill Gulick and Earl Roberge.

Books in the general section include:

Non-fiction

Short-cut to Math by G. W. Kelly and Space Rockets and Missiles by Yates and Russell.

Adult

Wrong End of Time (Sci/fict.) by J. Brunner; Give Me Back Myself by L. P. Davies; The Shrouded Walls by S. Howatch; Shroud for a Nightingale by P. D. James; Listen for the Whisperer by P. A. Whitney; The Fatal Friendship by S. Loomis and Tanizan by J. G. Rushing.

Books for youth

Red Sky at Morning by Richard Branford; The Rookie by T. Maule; Tituba of Salem Village by A. Petry and Mystery of the Wild Horse Trap by M. T. Place.

Juvenile books

Daffy, Secret Places and Where is Cubby Bear, all by A. M. Sharp; Boxes Are Wishes by D. W. Shepherd, Dilly Dally and Sleepy Squirrel by T. K. Smith; To the Circus by L. F. Walker; Secret of the Old Brownstone by Bill Knott and Secret at White Owl by A. M. Halladay.

April 13, 1972

Ready for use**Meridian library announces list
of new books available to patrons**

Eighty-eight new books have been received by the Meridian library recently and Nancy Sage, librarian, says they are now available to the public.

Included are a number of books donated as memorials. The memorial donations are:

From Horace E. Booth: "The Art of Angling" by Tiny Bennett; "Survival in the Wilds", by Schockley and Fox; from Mrs. Katherine Cross: "Sarah and Abe in Indiana", by Aldin Baber; from Eric Anderson, "Siegfried, Dog of the Alps", by Syd Hoff; "A Bottle of Pop" by J. Holding; "Famous Paintings", by E. Chase; "Yippy, the Prairie Dog" by E. Rice.

From Mrs. Helen C. Larson, "The Aztecs of Mexico", by B. Chambers; from Guy Caufield, "Raiders of Spanish Peaks" by Z. Grey; from Mrs. Peg Hankins, "Wunnerful, Wunnerful", L. Welk; from Harold Murray, "Bacon and Beans from a Gold Pan", J. and G. Hoepfer, and from George Sharratt, "The Adventure of Ol' Mr. Buzzard", by T. W. Burgess.

New adult books received are:

Non-fiction books received: "Intimate Behavior" by D. Morris; "Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" (2 vols.), by W. Shirer; "The poems of Dylan Thomas"; "Invitation to Geology" by W. H. Matthews III; "Chinese Political Thought in the 20th Century" by C. C. Tan; "Government and Politics of Communist China" by D. T. Waller; "Continental Drift" by D. and M. Tarling.

Fiction: "A Cluster of Separate Sparks" by J. Aiken; "The Freedom Trap" by D. Bagley; "The Walking Trip" by H. Buckmaster; "This Deadly Grief" by P. Power; "Any Village" by F. Baldwin; "Stormy Slopes" by A. Boyle; "The Friendly Air" and "Home for the Wedding" by E. Cadell; "The Tumult and the Joy" by the Gordons; "Two Little Rich Girls" by M. Eberhart; "Change Song" by L. Hoffman; "Eagle Trail" by D. Bardwell; "Showdown at Mesilla" by L. B. Patten, and "Scalp the Wild Horses" by J. Shane.

Youth books, non-fiction: "How to Make and Use a Telescope" by Wilkins and Moore; "A Lion called Christian" by Bourke and Rendell; "Modern Russia" by J. Robottom; "Stars and the Universe" by D. Dietz; "Chains of Fire: Volcanoes" by K. H. Wilcoxon; "Alaska: Pioneer State" by N. Spring, and "Astronomy: A Grosset Color-Guide" by I. N. Carlson.

Fiction: "Thin Ice" by R. Maddox; "Just Dial a Number" by E. Maxwell; "Jefferson McGraw" by W. H. Holl; "Planet of Peril" by K. Otis; "Buckboard Stranger" by S. Meader; "Sister to the Bride" by A. Michaels, and "Buckskin and Smoke" by Anna H. Hayes.

Juvenile - first to sixth grade, non-fiction: "Your Science Fair Project" by W. Snow; "Recreational Sports" by Brownell & Moore; "Wrestling" by R. Macais; "Seeing Stars" by P. Moore; "Rockets and Missiles" by C. Knight; "Robert E. Lee" by H. Carter; "Midway: Battle for the Pacific" by E. L. Castillo; "Roger's Rangers" by B. Smith; "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too" by S. Young; "Superstition" by D. Cohen; "Sequoah: Young Cherokee Guide" by J. Snow, and "Martin Luther King, Jr." by D. Millender.

A varied collection of story books and readers in the beginners' class also was received.

**Library offers
summer readers
many new books**

Meridian librarian Nancy S. Sage has announced that the library has received many new books for summer reading and they are out on the shelves now.

New books received as memorials are This Fabulous Century--Vols. 1, 2, and 3, by Time-Life Books; The Making of a State--Idaho, by Louis J. Clements; The Foxfire Book, by Eliot Wigginton; The Incredible Journey, by Sheila Burnford; Creative Canvas Work, by Elsa Williams; The First Book of Drawing, by L. Slobodokin; Book of the Basques, by Rodney Gallop; The New Pagans, by Hans Holzer; Pioneer Breed, by G. R. Vernam; Touch of Light: Louis Braille, by Anne Niemark.

For adult reading

In the adult non-fiction category new selections include The Headstrong Houseboat, W. C. Anderson; O Jerusalem!, by Collins and Lapierre; Footrills in America, by R. Colwell; Violence as Protest, R. M. Folelson; The Prophet, K. Gilbran; Occult America, J. Godwin; Fractured Emerald: Ireland, Emily Hahn; and Poe, Poe, Poe by D. Hoffman.

New adult fiction books are The Shape of Illusion, by W. E. Barrett; Earth!, by M. C. Farca; Tarzan Alive, by P. J. Farmer; Falcon for a Queen, by C. Gaskin; Cliff's Head, by D. Kamm; Dark Horse, by F. Nene.

New books for youth include Milestones, in Modern Chemistry, E. Farber; The Tennis Machine, by H. H. Jacobs; The Year When Stardust Fell, by R. Jones; Gate of the Worlds, by R. Silverberg; Boy's Book of Engines, Motors, & Turbines, by A. Morgan; Buffalo Horse, by W. E. Sanderson.

Children's books noted

For juveniles, selections include six new copies of several old favorites and The Valentine Cat, by Clyde Bulla; The Baby Animal Book, by Davis; How Big Am I?, by Heide & Van Cleff; and Schoolroom in the Parlor, by R. Caudill.

Library lists new selections for all ages

Meridian Public Library has a large selection of new books for all ages and interests, librarian Nancy S. Sage has announced.

New memorials include: to John F. Wilson, Boise, "This Fabulous Century", vol. 4-1930-1940, by Time-Life; to Mrs. Cora Carter, Meridian, "A treasury of Christmas stories by Anne McGovern and "Composing your paintings" by Bernard Duns-tun; to Mr. Earl Hoalst, "Grub, the Bush-baby" by Jan and Hugo Van Lawick; to Harry Radloff, "This Fabulous Century", vol. 5-1940-1950, by Time-Life; to Joe Alcorn, Meridian, "This Fabulous Century", vol. 6-1950-1960, by Time-Life and "Columbia, Venezuela and the Guianas", by Time-Life.

Other selections

Adult non-fiction and fiction: The Doctor's case against the Pill, Barbara Seaman; Geronimo, B. Alexander; Spies behind the pillars, bandits at the Pass, Kathleen Trautman; The Peter Prescription, Dr. L. J. Peter; The Godfather, Mario Puzo; Gilgamesh, Herbert Mason; Memo from David O. Seznick, Rudy Behlmer; One more time, Faith Baldwin; Bonecrack, Dick Francis; A time for us, Arlene Hale; Binary (science-fiction), J. Lange; Walk in the paradise garden, A. Maybury; Convention M.D., F. Slaughter; Murder in the stars, Creasey.

For youngsters

Youth books: New book of motorcycles, Eric Arctander; Basketball girl of the year, E. Walden; Hockey wingman, Andy O'Brien; Moon of three rings, Uncharted stars, Zero stone, Andre Norton.

Juvenile books: Karlesson-on-the-roof, Astrid Lindgren; Ice ghost mystery, J. L. Curry; The haunted cove, E. Hazelton; Hey, bug, and other poems, E. Itse; The weeny witch, I'DeLage; Clifford's Halloween, and assorted other 'gift' books.

Library bake sale seeks food items

Donations of baked food are needed for a sale planned for Tuesday, Oct. 24, to aid the Meridian library fund, Nancy Sage, librarian, has announced. Mrs. John C. Sauer and Mrs. William Spear are co-chairmen of the sale which will be held at the Meridian postoffice.

Those wishing to contribute may contact any of these women.

Mrs. Sage said the sale will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Anything not sold on the day of the sale will be available the next day at the library.

The proceeds will go toward furnishing material for the sheet-rock ceiling in the library room.

Library closes for Labor Day

Meridian Public Library will be closed Labor Day, September 4, librarian Nancy S. Sage has announced.

Some books were inadvertently stamped with a September 4 due date.

No fines will be assessed if those books are returned Wednesday, September 6.

Now available

New Meridian library books include varied reading for adults, juveniles

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian at the Meridian Public Library, has completed work on another collection of new books and announces they are available to library patrons.

The new books include fiction and non-fiction for both adults and juveniles.

The latest books are:

Adult — Non-fiction

"Oregon Trail Revisited", by G. M. Franzwa; "The Godfather Papers", by M. Puze; "Biog. of Chief Crazy Horse", by M. Sandez; "Wild Rivers & Mountain Trails", by D. I. Smith; "Earthquake Country", by Sunset Magazine.

Adult fiction

"Outlaw Moon", by B. M. Sower; "Drifter's Vengeance", by M. Brand; "Sodbuster Law", by F. Bowne;

"Mary Jane tonight at Angels twelve", by M. Caiden; "To serve them all my days", by R. F. Delderfield; "Speak to me of love", by D. Eden; "On the night of the seventh moon", by V. Holt; "The waiting sands", by S. Howatch; "The Harvester", by L. Kettlewell; "Sands of Destiny", by E. Lockwood; "Greygallows", by B. Michaels; "Michael's Wife", by M. Millhiser; "The Doctor's Reputation", by E. Seifert; "Smouldering

Fire", by D. E. Stevenson; "The Flowering", by A. S. Turnbull.

Youth — non-fiction

"The New Astronomies", by B. Bova; "All the Home Run Kings", by A. Daley; "Thomas Jefferson", by M. Kemroff; "Poems selected for Young People", by E. St. Millay; "Oceanography", by J. Williams.

Fiction

"The terrible temptation", by H. Arundel; "A Darkness of Giants", by A. J. Bosworth; "Mystery in the museum", by B. Cavanna; "Only Jane", by M. Cone; "Don't slam the door when you go", by B. Corcoran; "The lifestyle of Robbie Tuckerman", by B. Corcoran; "Soccer

Goalie", by L. Etter; "Goalkeepers are different", by B. Granville; "The Trouble Maker", by R. McKay; "September Song", by V. Martin; "Mystery in Hawaii", by M. Nelson; "The crystal Gryphon", by A. Norton; "The happiest Summer", by U. Scovel; "Satan of the Wild Herd", by E. W. Shultz.

Juvenile

"Laughable Limericks", by S. & J. Brewton; "Search for Delicious", by N. Babbitt; "The Cable Car and the Dragon", by H. Caen; "Go Find Hanka", by A. L. Crosby; "Steady, Freddie!", by S. Corbett; "Charlie and the great glass elevator", by R. Dahl; "Bowser, the Hound", by T.

W. Burgess; "Alfred Snoop", by J. Janson; "Terraniums", by J. Hoke; "When shoes eat socks", by B. Klimowcz; "Seahorse", by R. Morris; "The Old Powder Line", by R. Parker; "Buford, the Bighorn", by B. Peet; "Eagle Boy", by Van Ness; "Sir Patches and the Dragon", by T. Tichener; "Tenase Brave", by M. H. Dean; "Maudie's mushpots", by J. Woods; "No roses for Harry", by G. Zion.

National Book Week

Meridian library receives new books donated in memory of Dr. John Brunn

Donations to the Meridian Library amounting to \$200 in memory of the late Dr. John T. Brunn have been announced by Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, in connection with Meridian's observance of National Book Week.

Books from private donors already have been purchased and are available at the library.

The books bought from a \$100 donation by the Meridian Athletic association are on order and will be available shortly, Mrs. Sage said.

Among the titles now available are:

"This Fabulous Century" (1960-1970), Time-Life, donated by Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Lesser, Boise; "This Fabulous Century" (1870-1900), Time-Life, donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Eggers; "Karen", by Marie Killiles, donated by Mrs. Mae Jerges and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Paepheghe; "Brazil", Time-Life, donated by Exemplar chapter, Beta Sigma Phi and Mrs. Nina Egbert.

"Travels of Lewis and Clark", "The Appalachian Trail", "Alaska", "Those Inventive Americans" and "Man's Conquest of Space", all from National Geographic society, donated by Dr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Anderson, Meridian, and Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Jolley, Portland; "The Big Broadcast", F. Bunton and F. Owen, donated by Betty and Jim Hoffman and Francis Veach.

"The Lion's Paw", Robb White, donated by Dr. and Mrs. L. F.

Lesser, Boise and Carl and Lee Egbert, Meridian; "Old Jules", Mari Sandoz, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Skiver.

The following books have been ordered from the MAA donation:

"How to Play Better Baseball" by R. Harrelson; "Semi-Tough Half-Back" by D. Jenkins; "How to Play Better Football" by J. C. Jackson; "Better Football for Boys" by D. C. Cooke; "Pro-Football's Passing Game" by G. Sullivan; "Team" by R. Woodley; "Basketball" by J. Archibald.

"Super Joe" by L. Bernstein; "The Front Four" by H. Liss; "The Vince Lombardi Story" by D. Klein; "Football" by C. Anderson; "Mr. Clutch" (basketball) by J. West; "Great Defensive Players of the NFL" by D. Anderson; "How to Play Infield" by J. Zanger.

Fishing books were ordered from the Earl Everest donation. They are "Casting and Fishing the Artificial Fly" by J. C. Ball; "Fresh Water

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Members of the Occident club discussed "service to the children of the community" at their regular monthly meeting Monday, with Mrs. Bernice Jones in charge of the program.

Larry Riser, of the Meridian Athletic association, spoke on what his organization is doing in youth sports movement in the Meridian area. His daughter, Debbie, was one of two high school girls who spoke on the work of the junior achievement movement in the area. Jerri Jordan was the other student speaker.

Meridian librarian Nancy Sage told of the service the Meridian public library provides for children of the area.

It was announced at the meeting that \$15 has been donated to the expenses of Girls' State and that \$37 has been received by the club for use of emergency room equipment.

Members were asked to relate their "good Samaritan" deeds for the month — a regular feature at club meetings.

At the next meeting, starting at 2 p.m. April 2, arts and crafts will be discussed and members are asked to bring examples of their work along these lines. It was emphasized that the meeting is open to all women of the area — and especially those who might be considering joining the organization.

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Letter to editor . . .

Open Letter to the People in the Meridian School District:

Hello. My name is Mike Fease, and I am a member of a group of enterprising young men of action, the Meridian Jaycees.

As you know, we are involved in various activities to help improve and help the community in which we live. We want to make a better environment for our young people and to make a happier place for our elderly citizens. We are trying to work hard in both areas, but we need your help and support to accomplish this.

You may very well be aware of the fact that three years ago we took on a project to build an addition to our library.

We took this on because we knew that the existing library would eventually be too small to house all the books that will be in demand by our young people. It is now in that position and we need your help to complete it. Our young people need the library to help in their learning process.

The Meridian School District is one of the largest, if not the largest school districts in the state and all the help we can get from you is desperately needed.

We got a swimming pool because we were the only community of our size not to have one. Why not a library for our future leaders of the community.

Mail check or money order to --
Meridian Jaycee Library Project.

P. O. Box 595,
Meridian, Idaho, 83642

Your help is needed. Dig deep and send \$10 or more for our young people.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Mike Fease at 888-6647, or stop by my place at 650 W. Broadway in Meridian.

Sincerely
Michael Fease

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Merry Christmas. Greetings to All



"Man of Year" and "Woman of Year" win top Meridian honors for 1972

WILLIAM T. VAUGHN was named "Man of the Year" by Meridian Chamber of Commerce at annual banquet last Thursday, and Mrs. Nancy Sage was presented

"Woman of the Year" award by Alpha Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. In picture at left, Mr. Vaughn is shown at left, receiving plaque from Mayor Don Storey. Mrs.

Vaughn displays No. 2 license plate, which is traditionally awarded "Man of the Year"; and his son, Charles (Chuck) Vaughn, was present to see his dad receive the top community honor. In picture at right,

Mrs. Sage holds bouquet of roses presented by Sandy Nichols, representative of the sorority, who displays trophy awarded the "Woman of the Year".
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Annual editorial reprint**The best part of Christmas**

Ask the average small youngster, "What does Christmas mean to you?"

Probably, the answer will be, "It's the time Santa Claus brings us presents ... and the time when we have a Christmas tree."

They're right, those are important parts of Christmas. Watch a small child's eyes as he or she talks with Santa Claus, or looks at a lighted Christmas tree. To the youngsters those are things of real magic — a time of sheer bliss that should be the rightful heritage of every child and every home.

But there's another part of Christmas, bringing an immeasurably greater gift, that should also be every child's heritage.

That part, of course, is the real meaning of Christmas — as the birthday of our Lord Christ.

Let no one mistake that part as being any less joyous, any less a thing of happiness, than the jovial Santa Claus, the lighted Christmas tree, or the gaily-wrapped gifts.

Surely, no happier thing was ever given to any of us than the birth of the Baby Jesus on that long-ago Christmas Eve. Surely no Yuletide pageant ever carried more real and lasting joy to the world.

Make sure that your child talks with Santa ... and has a Christmas tree ... and gifts in gay wrappings. Make sure your child knows, for at least that brief while, the joy and magic that are so rare in this troubled world.

But make sure too, that your child learns of the real job we celebrate at Christmas. Make sure your child knows the greatest of all Christmas Stories — the true story of that first Christmas Eve.

Give that story, not as a sobering halt in the holiday happiness, but as what it really is — the most joyous part of all Christmas joy.

This year, give your child the best part of Christmas.

— Ralph W. Hunter

C of C awards . . .

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... sorority outlined Mrs. Sage's outstanding record of community service.

High on the list was her excellent work as librarian at the Meridian public library. Mrs. Sage was cited for her help to youth at the library, her high interest in assisting all library patrons, and her devoted support to the library-building fund, including her many activities in fund-raising events.

Mrs. Sage was also commended for her active service in the Order of Eastern Star, and at the Meridian United Methodist church, including her volunteer service as baby-sitter for church patrons.

Masons to install

Meridian Lodge No. 47, A.F. & A.M. will hold a public installation of officers Saturday, December 23 at 8 p.m. at the Meridian Temple. The public is invited.

Meridian P.T.A. sets yule meet

The Meridian P.T.A. will have its Christmas program when members meet December 21 in the all-purpose room of the Meridian grade school.

The program will be given by pupils in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. A mini-choir, composed of fourth and fifth grade pupils, will sing Christmas selections under the direction of Mrs. Marcia Sandlin.

Mrs. Cooper hurt in fall on walk

Mrs. Otis (Pat) Cooper underwent surgery in St. Alphonsus hospital Tuesday for a hip injury she received in a fall at her home early Sunday afternoon. She was on her way to the garage when she slipped on the icy sidewalk and fell.

Ski bus will run daily next week

Meridian area ski enthusiasts are insured transportation to and from Bogus Basin during Christmas week with the announcement that the ski bus, operated by the Brown Bus Co. of Nampa, will make trips every day from December 26 through December 30.

The bus will leave the parking lot at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank at 8 a.m. and will return at the end of the day's activities.

A heavy snow fell almost all day Tuesday and all lifts were reported in operation.



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Meridian C of C banquet

Community gives high honor to two outstanding citizens

The highest annual community awards — "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year" — were presented to William T. Vaughn and Mrs. Nancy Sage, at the annual Meridian Chamber of Commerce banquet last Thursday.

Greg Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Peterson of Meridian, was honored as "Explorer Scout of the Year" of Post 101, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. (See picture at bottom left of page).

The C of C banquet, was attended by about 120 Chamber of Commerce members and guests. A highlight of the evening was the installation of new officers for the 1973 term. (See picture on Page 3).

Installed as president was Don Palmer; with Loyd Wood as first vice president, William Walker as second vice president, the Rev. Charles Easley, Jr. as secretary, and Leonard Evans as treasurer.

Installed as members of the board

of directors were Marvin Bodine, Pat Fowler, Al Schoop, Wayne Skiver, and the outgoing president Ralph Hunter.

John Fitzgerald was master of ceremonies for the evening, which included songs by the Swing Choir of Meridian high school, directed by Gerry Van Order.

Owen Frost and Bud Jerread were chairmen of the banquet committee; and the dinner was served by C of C member, Lyle Hetterly, of the Black Hills Catering Service.

"Man of the Year" award

In presenting the "Man of the Year" award to William T. Vaughn, Mayor Don Storey told of Mr. Vaughn's long record of service to community youth — including years of 4-H work, six years as a coach for Little League Football teams — and especially his 12 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 1 at Meridian.

Among many other community honors, Mr. Vaughn has received the Silver Beaver award, one of the

highest honors paid, an adult Scouter, and has served as president of the Meridian Shrine Club.

Citing his distinguished background, Mayor Storey said Mr. Vaughn had graduated with high honors from Colorado State, had been an outstanding rodeo performer, and had served with distinction as a Seabee during World War II.

In government conservation work for many years, Mr. Vaughn is now an official at the Bureau of Land Management at Boise. In addition, he has successfully operated farms in the area, including the home farm north of Meridian.

"Woman of the Year" award

Honored as Meridian's "Woman of the Year" at the banquet was Mrs. Nancy Sage — who was awarded a trophy, bouquet, and corsage by the Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

In presenting her the high civic award, Mrs. Sandy Nichols of the

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Library receives gifts for building

Gifts for the building-fund of the Meridian library have been announced by librarian Nancy Sage.

Included were the gifts of \$50 from the Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, for lights and fixtures; and \$20 from the Meridian Jay-C-Ettes.

Additional new individual donations totalled \$82, for a total increase of \$166.49 to the fund.

Mrs. Sage expressed the appreciation of the library board and Occident club, and urged "everyone to continue to add to the fund, so that we can move into the new section — which is so greatly needed."

Baked goods sale will aid library

A baked goods sale will be held Friday, February 9 at the Meridian post office in an effort to raise enough money to complete the cost of lighting fixtures and a new ceiling in the work being done on the Meridian public library.

The sale was originally set for the Christmas season but was postponed because of the cold weather. Mr. Robert Tetik and Mrs. Russell Bay are co-chairmen of the affair, ask those who volunteered to help in the original sale, participate in this one.

Those with donations may contact the library or either of the co-chairmen.

The sale will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

Jay-C-Ettes plan for rummage sale

Meridian Jay-C-Ettes will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday, August 11 at the Meridian Plumbing, 319 East 1st—across from Hungry Onion. Hours will be from 9:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.

The girls are in need of any saleable items—household goods, kitchenware, dishes, linens, furniture, televisions, radios, etc.

Anyone with an item they are willing to contribute is asked to telephone Marlyn Ruschman before 6 p.m. at 888-1666; or Joyce Voss, 888-3830, after 6 p.m.

"Please clean out your basement or garage, and give us a call," urged Jay-C-Ette members.

Occident club reports use of library

With president Mrs. Ethel Pilkington presiding, the Occident club met Monday afternoon, with 25 members and two guests present.

A report was given on the public library. Library memberships now include more out-of-towners than Meridian residents, 740 to 720.

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho July 12, 1973

Jay-C-Ettes net \$189.95 at sale

Meridian Jaycettes reported a net profit of \$189.95 from their recent rummage sale.

Alice Van Dorn, Jay-C-Ette president, said that one half of the profits would be donated to the library-building fund.

Feb. 15, 1973

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho

News-Times editorial**Our community library needs help**

A project that is important to all families of the community—with particular importance to every student—is in serious trouble.

It is the project for the enlargement of the public library at Meridian. Responsibility for the work was undertaken several years ago by the Meridian Jaycees, but the small membership of that group has been an insurmountable handicap.

About 60 per cent of the costs of the project are payable by federal funding, but federal funds cannot be paid until the local share has been raised.

The Occident Club, sponsors of the library, has just undertaken emergency aid to the building-fund. That generous contribution will keep the work going, but the club simply does not have enough money to complete the project.

It is hoped that the partially-built addition to the library can be completed enough to permit use by September 1. That will be on a make-shift basis, since much work is still to be done.

The city of Meridian cannot increase its

current help above the two-mill levy which was included in the 1973 budget. So it is up to the organizations and individuals of the entire community.

The library now serves families throughout the Meridian school district, with only a small fee charged for those living outside the city limits.

The library is one of the most-used facilities in any community of comparable size in the entire state. It is of inestimable importance to every boy and girl, from pre-schoolers to high school seniors, and to all the adult readers of the community—but it is almost inoperable in its present crowded quarters.

Every community organization is urged to help this library-enlargement project, and every family is urged to give what it can. All contributions should be addressed to: Library Building Fund, Meridian Public Library, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

Next to our schools, the library is one of the most important and most rewarding efforts of our entire community.

Meridian, Idaho, Thursday, August 2, 1973

Occident offers public breakfast next Thursday

The annual Occident Club pancake breakfast will be next Thursday, August 9 from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. It will be served at the Occident clubhouse, West Idaho and Meridian Sts. Serving hours will accommodate early risers and working people as well as those who like a late breakfast.

The breakfast bill is, as in the past, a voluntary offering. All proceeds will go into the library addition, with carpeting, lights, and doors to be purchased by the Occident Club as the immediate priority. It is hoped the building addition will be ready by the opening of school or shortly thereafter.

Occident club terms breakfast "huge success"

Members of Meridian Occident club served a special pancake breakfast last Thursday from 6:30 until 11 a.m. and reported a steady stream of "hungry and generous" guests whose donations nearly doubled the total of last year's receipts.

The club wishes to thank the members who helped with all of the details of the breakfast, both in planning and serving, and to thank the Valley News-Times and radio and TV stations who aided in publicizing the event.

The club also reported that, through the aid of volunteer labor by the Meridian Jaycees, more than half of the sheet rock has been installed in the new library addition.

Aug. 1973
New purchases

Librarian lists cash, book memorials received for months of July, August

Nancy S. Sage, librarian at the Meridian public library, has reported that cash memorials amounting to \$400 have been deposited to the library building fund during July and August.

The donations include 35 separate memorials to Merl Meyer totalling more than \$100, and a \$100 anonymous gift in memory of Mrs. Helen F. Farley.

Individual memorials were made to: the Adams family, Banks, Mrs. Naomi F. Johnson, Mrs. Fay Wells, Nampa, Mrs. Esther Homan, Margaret Ann Jensen, Robert Cato, Merl Meyer, Mrs. Helen Farley, Mrs. Marion Clelen, Adolph Janaushick, Samuel Wingate, Mrs. Leona Scrivner, Ralph Diamond, Boise, and Ray White.

Included in the book memorials were volumes donated by Ron Lynskey. They include:

"Captain and Kings," Taylor Caldwell; "To Serve Them All My Days", R. E. Delderfield; "As I Lay Dying", "Light in August" and "Sanctuary", William Faulkner; "The Lunatic Express", Charles Miller; "Report to the Commissioner", J. Mills, and "Super Money", Adam Smith.

Forty other books, donated by Mrs. Mary Ball of Troy, were given as memorials to Clyde and Bonnie Ball, Dr. J. T. Brunn, Earl Everist, Merl Meyer, Miss Marilyn Raynor and Mrs. Marion Clelen.

Miss Sage also announced the purchase of a number of new books. They include

Adult books

"No Bed of Roses", F. Baldwin; "Rangeland Marshall", F. Bowne; "Seven Years in Hanoi", Capt. Larry Chesley; "The Clearwater of Idaho", C. Dryden; "Curse of the Kings", V. Holt; "A Walk Through Britain", John Hillaby; "Miss Seton Sings", H. Jarvic.

"Softball: with Official Rules" A. T. Noren; "Hadley, the first Mrs. Hemingway", A. H. Sokoloff; "The Hollow Hills", Mary Stewart; "Fox-fire No. 2", E. Wiggington; "Fascinating Womanhood", H. Andelin.

Books for youth

"The Cuban Missile Crisis", F. J. Cooke; "Jet Rockets and Engines", I. J. Edmunds; "Julie of the Wolves", J. George; "Dangerous Summer", C. Hart; "Flight to the Lonesome Place", Alexander Key; "Rockne of Notre Dame", D. W. Loveless; "The Moccasin Trail", E. McGraw; "Saddle Patrol", Carl Rathjen; "Team: A High School Odyssey", R. Woodley.

Juvenile books

"Krish's Colt", N. Agle; "Let's Ride in the Caboose", P. Erickson; "Horse in Harry's Room", S. Hoff; "One Fine Day", N. Hogrogian;

"The Tooth Fairy", A. Feagle; "Ventriloquism", D. Holden; "Come and Have Fun", E. Hurd; "My Own Little House", M. B. Kaune; "Indian Summer", F. N. Marjo; "Ride, Willie, Ride!", C. Memling; "The Real Mother Goose" compiled; "An Animal for Alan", E. R. Riccuit; "Blueberry Pie Elf", J. Thayer; "Danny Dunn, "Time-traveller", Williams & Abraskin; "Professor Egghead's Best Riddles", R. Wyler.

Dec. 1973
Library reports
year's finances

Mrs. Marie Sandy, Meridian library treasurer, has issued a financial report for the 12 months from December 1 of 1972 to December 1 of this year.

Receipts were \$2,750 from city taxes, \$233.75 from memorial gifts, and \$1,096 from fees and fines—totalling \$4,080.60.

Expenses included \$1,509.54 for books, \$12.59 for magazines, \$439.24 for incidentals, and only \$1,145 for the full year's salaries for librarians—totalling \$3,106.37.

excluding Librarians' salary

Occident club helps on fund for library

At a special meeting Monday morning, members of the Occident Club voted to help with the library building fund.

Money was allocated for purchase of specific items, including doors, lighting fixtures, and carpeting. Additional items will be added as funds become available.

Club officials said they were hopeful that the library addition would be completed enough to permit its use as of September 1.

The club members also voted to donate to the library fund all proceeds from the annual Occident Club pancake breakfast. The breakfast will be held from 6:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, August 9, 1973

Donations by all area groups and interested individuals are invited. Such donations should be sent to the Library Fund, Occident Club, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

The Meridian Jaycees had originally undertaken the library building, but it proved to be too large a project for the Jaycees' small membership.

"Certainly there is no community project more important to our families and children than the public library," said Mrs. Pilkington, Occident Club president. "We earnestly urge the help of all area residents."

Who needs money?

Balance of \$16 in defunct social club poses problem for former treasurer

Meridian attorney Iver J. Longeteig has \$16 that isn't exactly burning a hole in his pocket—he just doesn't know what to do with it. It's the balance left over in the bank account of the now defunct Meridian Social club that, until several years ago, was the life of the party in area night-time activities.

At the time of the club's demise, Longeteig, who had held a number of offices in the group, was treasurer. Also at the time, there was this balance of \$16 in the club's bank account.

The club's demise was just one of those things. It held its annual meeting, elected a new board of directors and then just faded away.

But although the club's spirit passed on, the club's \$16 remained and now its proving to be a thorn—in the former treasurer's side.

"It's not exactly keeping me awake nights," he admitted, "but every once in a while, that \$16 bobs up for some reason or another. I keep on getting statements from the bank and every now and then I get other reminders about it."

So, at long last, Longeteig has planned a course of action.

"I'm going to pass the word around to former members that unless somebody wants to revive the old club or unless somebody has

some claims on that \$16, I'm going to give it away," Longeteig said.

Who's he going to give it to?

"The Meridian public library," Longeteig said. "Certainly, that \$16 will do more good there than it's doing now, lying in the bank."

Appreciation expressed

Members of the Meridian library board and Occident Club expressed enthused appreciation of the major contribution to be made by the MAA and auto racing groups. "It is a fine community service, and adds to the splendid record the groups have made throughout the years. We truly thank them."

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Meridian Valley-Jim

Completion studied of stucco Occident Club gives \$4,000 to Meridian library fund

Occident Club officers and members, Jaycee representatives, and interested city officials and residents met last Wednesday night to discuss the Meridian library building project.

Mrs. Pilkington reported that the Occident Club members had voted to donate up to \$4,000 for the project—the largest of all donations received since the building was started 4½ years ago.

Presiding at the session was the Occident Club president, Mrs. E. M. Pilkington. Present were Mayor Don Storey, Mrs. Oral Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Egbert, Mary Alice White, K. D. Hartwell, Jerry Gould, Skip Voss, and architect Jerry Sprute.

Contractor lists work

Gould, Jaycee member and contractor for the project, said that all of the work was completed except the outside stucco, plumbing, painting, tiling and rest-rooms.

It was reported that a total of \$7,800 is still due from the federal grant for the project; which would

require matching local funds of \$5,200—for a total of \$13,000.

September 18 meeting set

Gould stated that it was doubtful that all the remaining work could be completed for \$13,000. He was asked to obtain a definite estimate of the remaining cost, with the group to meet again next Tuesday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Pilkington appointed George Judd, Carl Egbert, and K. D. Hartwell as a committee to represent the Occident Club in the completion planning.

MERIDIAN, IDAHO, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1974

Meridian library closes for month

Meridian public library will be closed until May 1, because of the remodeling work being done.

Upon completion of the new addition, the library will move into the new quarters.

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, said that library books may be returned to her at the Meridian city building next Monday, April 8, from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Work now underway

Occident Club accepts bid on library building work

Occident Club members have voted to award a contract for completion of the new library and remodeling of the club building to G. J. Sprute Associates.

The firm, which will act as construction coordinator, submitted a bid of \$15,581.50 for the work. The construction is now underway, and will be completed within 90 days.

Cost of the project will be covered by club funds on hand, money to be received from a federal grant, and from proceeds from the first Meridian Speedway race of the season.

M. A. A. thanked

Club and library officials expressed appreciation to the Meridian Athletic Association for the generous donation of the race proceeds. The benefit race will be held Sunday, April 28.

Club officials said it was hoped that the property could be further improved by removal of trees and

replacement of the broken sidewalk on Idaho Street.

Additional funds will be needed for that work, and for equipment and furniture for the new library addition. "Continued support by the community will assure a completed project and a library that is attractive in appearance and expanded in service," said club officials.

Donations or memorial-contributions may be sent to Mary Alice White, secretary, Occident Club; or to librarian Nancy Sage.

Libraries enter state contest

Public libraries, including the Meridian library, are entered in a "Public Eye" contest for National Library Week, April 1-through-27.

The winners will be selected on the basis of news stories published of the library events, programs and other help given the public by the library, special book review, and other stories.

The contest is divided into various categories, based on size, and includes school and other special libraries.

Winners will be announced at the convention of the Idaho Library Association May 3 at Boise.



See the 1974 racers this Sunday at Speedway

CAMERA AND RACE-FAN DAY will feature 1974 cars that will race at Meridian Speedway this season. Included will be Kenny Bowers of Meridian and his racer, shown above. There will be no admission charge, and everyone is invited. Opening races will be run April 28, with all net proceeds to be donated to the Meridian community library. The generous contribution by the Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association

made it possible for actual moving of the library to its new location, which is now underway. Bill Crow, Speedway manager, invited all community residents to visit the Speedway this Sunday, from 1:30 p.m. on, to view the 1974 line-up of race cars. The cars will also be on display this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at Karcher Mall at Nampa.

(Valley News-Times photo)

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This Sunday

Meridian Speedway opens race season

With top drivers and top racing cars, Meridian Speedway opens its 1974 racing season this Sunday afternoon. Time trials begin at 2 p.m., with races immediately following.

All proceeds of Sunday's opener will be donated to the building fund of the Meridian Community Library.

Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association have donated more than \$75,000 to worthy projects, and M. A. A. has donated an additional \$100,000 for youth activities in the Meridian community.

The M. A. A. Auxiliary also donates all proceeds from programs and program-advertising to community projects. Last year they donated \$20,000 to the community swimming pool.

Top card promised

Bill Crow, Speedway coordinator, said that race fans will see speed and thrills in the opening races. Leading drivers are entered in all five divisions—Super Stock, Foreign Stock, Junior Stock, Hobby Stock, and street-class or jalopies.

Rated a top contender in Super Stock races is Dennis Scott, who will drive his '68 Camaro "pony car". Equally challenging will be Ken Bowers, who won third place for Super Stocks in the 1973 season. Ken will drive car No. 55, the '67 Chevelle racer owned by his father, Don Bowers of Meridian.

Another top driver is Jerry Bowers, brother of Ken, who will drive car No. 26, the '69 Chevrolet with which Jim Dillon won the Super Stock championship for 1973.

Also rated right at the top among Super Stock racers is Gary Collins, driving car No. 28, who placed second for his division last year.

Guests of honor

Honored guests at Sunday's races will be Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa and Meridian Mayor Don Storey.

Occident Club officers and civic spokesmen expressed appreciation for the generous contribution the library building-fund will receive from the opening races. "The promise of this large donation made it possible for us to start the actual moving of the library into its new quarters," said Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, Occident Club president.

The library has been closed during April, and is scheduled to open in its new quarters early in May. In addition to the expanded library facilities, the community group has

expanded its other facilities, for use by all area groups.

M. A. A. community service

A full public-service organization, the Meridian Athletic Association and its Auxiliary donate all net proceeds for community projects and youth activities. Past beneficiaries have included the Easter Seal Fund, Idaho Heart Association, Lions Sight Foundation, and others.

Speedway is one of the best

Meridian Speedway's quarter-mile paved track is rated as one of the best, and the trickiest, in the northwest.

The modern stadium, that includes concession stands and restrooms, provides excellent-view seats for 6,000.

"Our opening races are going to be the start of an outstanding season," said Speedway coordinator Bill Crow. "Join your fellow racing fans, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon of thrills and spills, crashes and smashes, at the Meridian Speedway this Sunday."

Statesman

Meridian Speedway Sets Benefit Race

MERIDIAN — The engines will roar for the first time this season at the Meridian Speedway Sunday and all opening day proceeds will go to the building fund for the Meridian community library.

Time trials will start at 1:30 p.m. and racing at 2 as the Speedway opens a full summer of racing action.

Sunday's opening is some two weeks later than usual for the Speedway and Meridian Athletic Association officials said the delay is in response to the energy crisis.

Other efforts to conserve fuel include the end to Thursday evening practice sessions and the shortening of some events.

All racers this year will be required to install mufflers in a move to cut down noise pollution.

With the addition of a new

class — jalopy stock — five classes of cars will race at Meridian this season. The new class is designed for those who don't want to spend much money on a car.

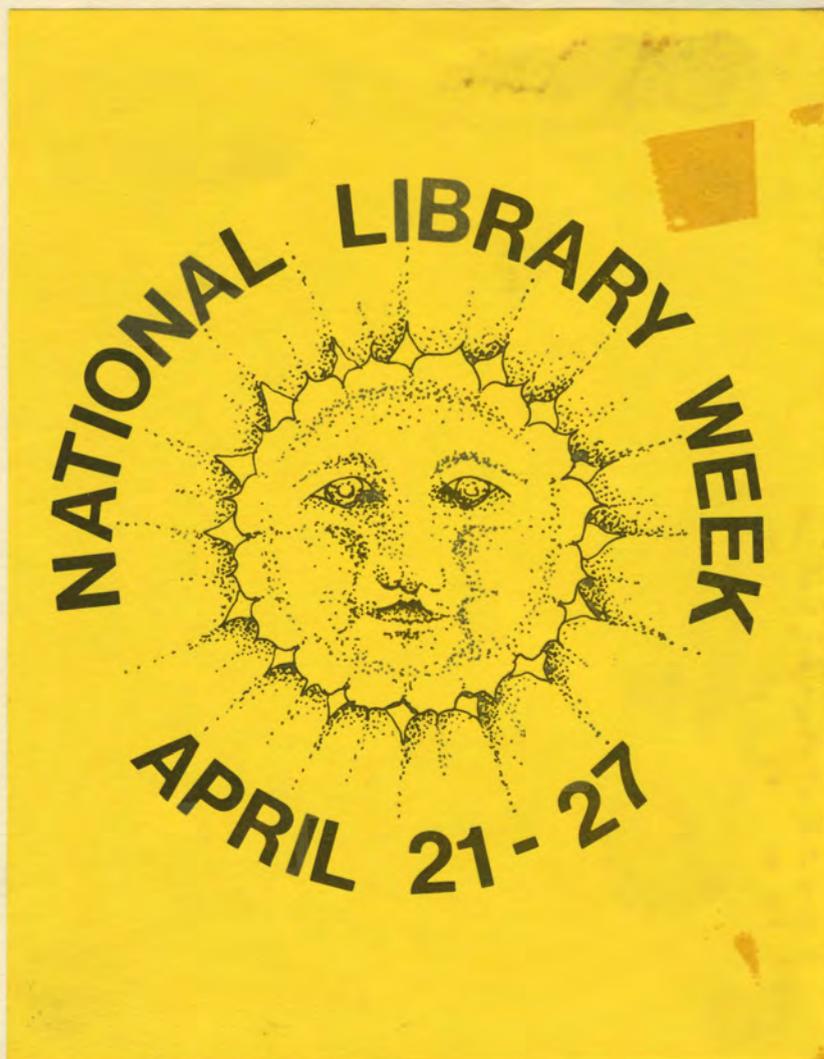
Several cars have already been signed up for the J-stock races.

An extensive ticket selling campaign has been underway for the past several weeks to insure a large crowd for the library benefit races.

Library officials said the success of the races will enable the facility to reopen in May after finishing major remodeling work.

Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa will be a special guest Sunday. Following Sunday's races, regular racing will be held each Saturday with time trials at 7 p.m.

Meridian Public Library



First
Category

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Meridian Public Library



Library award

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Book
Catalog

'74 season opens

Mason wins major event in library-benefit races

Meridian Athletic Association, Western Idaho Racing Association, and the M. A. A. Auxiliary donated \$2,280 to the Meridian library, as proceeds of the opening races at Meridian Speedway last Sunday.

Although threatening clouds lessened the attendance, about 3,000 racing fans saw Steve Mason win the Super Stock main event. Other winners were Terry Turner, Junior Stock; Bill Cooper, Foreign Stock.

In the Hobby Class, Ken Taylor raced to victory; and Pat McFadden won the new jalopy class.

Regular racing begins this Saturday night, with time trials starting at 7 p.m.; with a race program each following Saturday for the rest of the season.

Tough luck put Roy Doan into the pits, Sunday, when his axle broke on a curve, tying up the Super Stock field.

Cooper's win in Foreign Stock came after he and Butch Freeman had raced even-Steven for four laps.

Competing with 4 street-class or jalopies, in the track's newest division, Pat McFadden took top honors—setting a fast time of 20.13, then winning the single heat race and the main event.

Other fast times were Steve Mason's 15.66 for Super Stock . . . Butch Freeman's 16.8 for Foreign . . . Stock . . . Al Wilson at 16.48 for Junior Stock . . . and Gene Thompson with 17.63 for Hobby Class.

Other results of the opening races were as follows.

Super Stock main event—Steve Mason, Bob Scharf, Ken Bowers. Junior Stock main—Terry Turner, Al Wilson, Marvin Weaver. Foreign Stock main—Bill Cooper, Butch Freeman, Doug Young. Hobby Class main—Ken Taylor, Galen Dudley, Dale Bell. Jalopy main—Pat McFadden, Morrie Plake, Danny Nix.

Trophy Dashes

Foreign: Freeman, Arnie Strawn, Bill Cooper; Junior: Marvin Weaver, Jack Smoot, Wilson. Hobby:

Gary Smith, Galen Dudley, Don Tolsma. Jalopy: Pat McFadden, Danny Nix, Chuck Knapp.

Heat Races

First Hobby: Ron Doan, Matt Klaas, Dale Bell. Second Hobby: Larry Smith, Don Tolsma, Gene Thompson. first Junior: Jim Schimmels, Tony Tolsma, Willie Ransom. Second Junior: Al Wilson, "Digger" Dietz, Jack Smoot. Foreign: Cooper, Doug Young, Freeman. First Super: Bob Scharf, Ted Garrabrandt, Jerry Bowers. Second Super: Collins, Ken Bowers, Dennis White. Jalopy: McFadden, Nix, Knapp.



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New slate for 1974-75

Occident Club chooses new officers, reports on library-building progress

Mrs. Mildred Langley was elected president of the Occident Club at the meeting held Monday at the Methodist Church. The new officers will be installed June 3.

Chosen with Mrs. Langley were Mrs. June Thomas, vice president; Mrs. Mary Alice White, secretary; Mrs. Berneice Jones, treasurer. Outgoing president is Mrs. Ethel Pilkington.

The June 3 meeting will be held at the club house, since the library will then be moved into its new quarters.

Special honor will be paid at the June meeting to the four charter members of the club, which was organized almost 50 years ago—Mrs. Nina Egbert, Mrs. Susie Cairns, Mrs. Mertie Garrett, Mrs. Zelma Haworth.

Library district planned

By unanimous vote at Monday's meeting, Occident Club members approved a project to form a library district for the community. A petition will be presented to the Ada County commissioners for their approval.

Club officials pointed out that there are now more than 1,600 patrons using the library, more than half of whom reside outside the

Meridian city limits.

They said the number of hours that the library is open should be greatly increased, but that expanded operation would be too heavy a burden for the club members.

The petition will ask the formation of a library district with the same boundaries as the Meridian fire district and the swimming pool district.

The club has agreed to lease the library facilities to the proposed district for 20 years at the nominal fee of only \$1 per year.

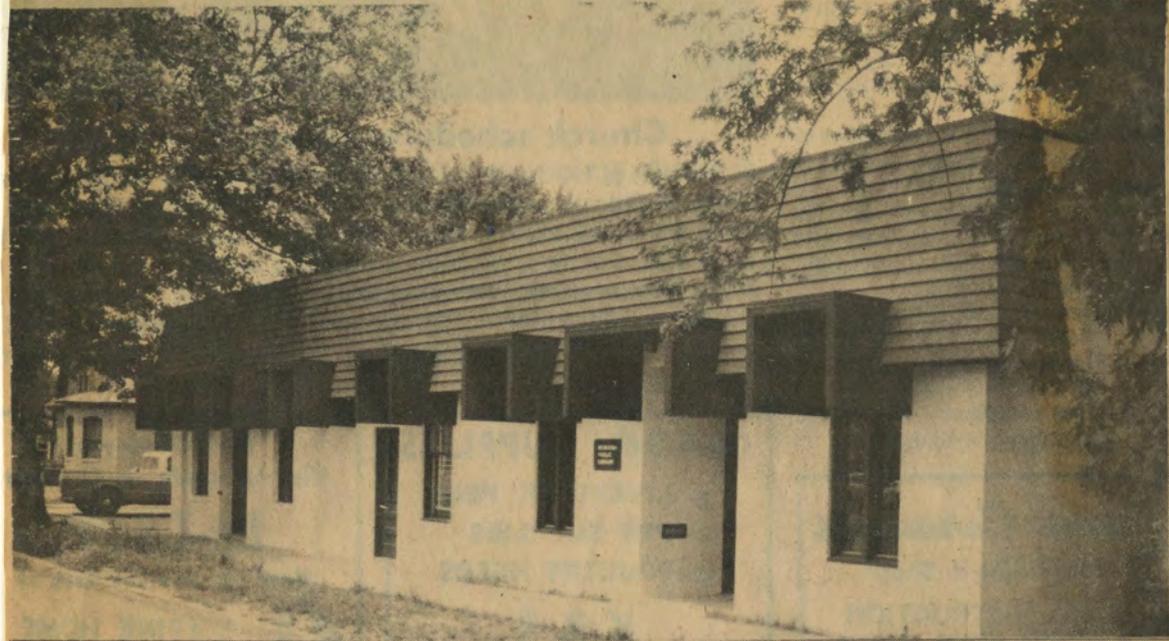
Work on the new library quarters is progressing well, club spokesman said, and it is hoped that the move into the new location can be made by May 15.

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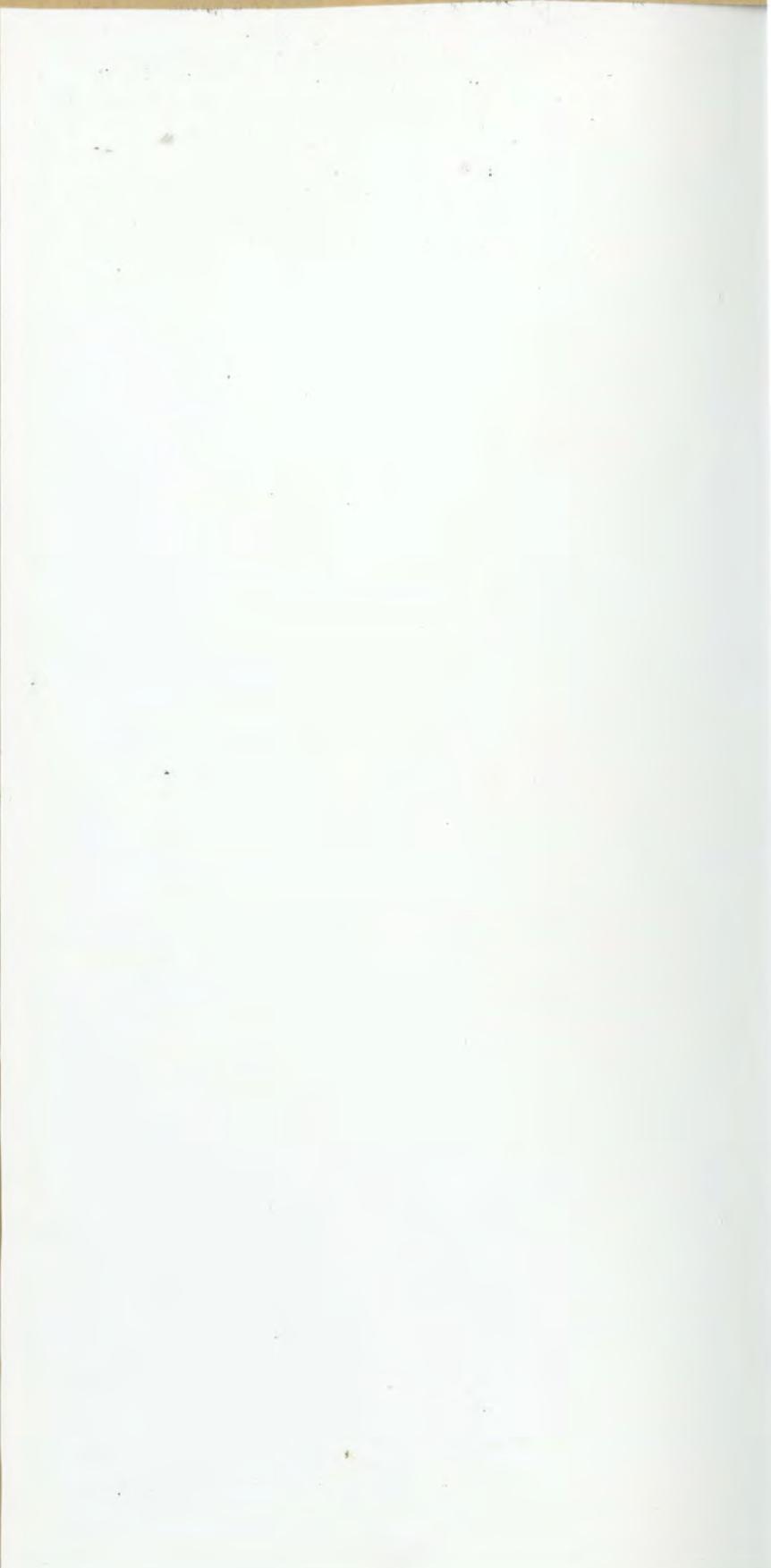
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Library slates open house this Saturday

OPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY, June 1, will observe the re-opening of the Meridian public libraries in its new enlarged quarters. All area families are invited from 2 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The new quarters, upper picture, represent a vast change from the original old interurban depot, shown in lower photo, which was bought by Occident Club in 1926. The new enlargement

and addition were constructed at a cost of many thousands of dollars, contributed by community groups and individuals, plus a federal grant. Major contributors to the library-building project were the Occident Club, the Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association, and others. Campaign is now underway to establish a library district to serve Meridian and the surrounding areas.





Meridian library reports hours

Two notices of Meridian library hours appeared in last week's issue, one of them incorrect.

The correct hours are as follows. The library is open from 2 until 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

Monday and Friday the library is also open from 7 till 9 p.m.

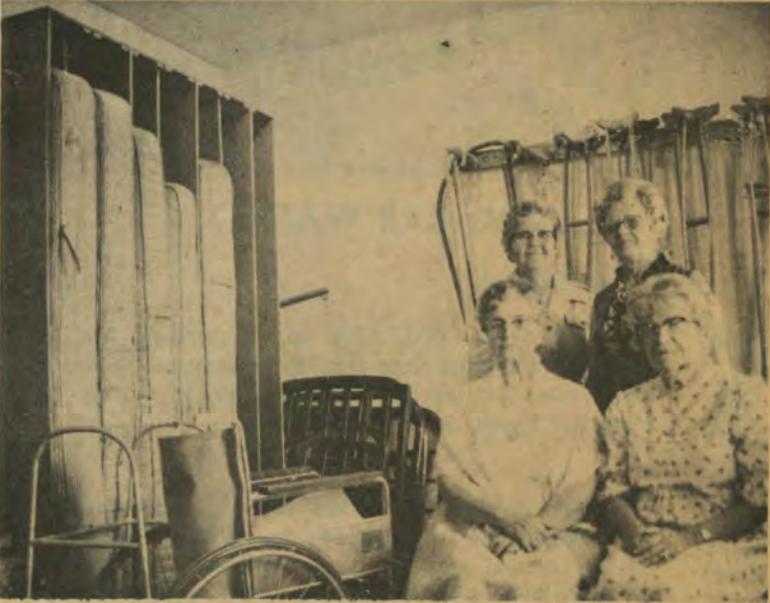
M.A.A. and racers give \$2,280 for library

MERIDIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, M. A. A. Auxiliary, and Western Idaho Racing Association donated all net proceeds from Sunday's opening races at Meridian Speedway to the building-fund of the Meridian library. Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, president of the Occident Club, receives the checks for \$2,280 from Bill Crow, Speedway coordinator. Additional money will be given library fund by Explorer Scouts of Post 101, who operated popcorn concession at Sunday's races. Civic officials, library directors, and others expressed appreciation for generous gift—which made possible the final step of moving the library into its new quarters. (Valley News-Times photo)



Occident Club installs new officers

MRS. MILDRED LANGLEY, left, was installed as the new president of Occident Club at Monday's meeting. Installed with her were, Mrs. June Thomas, vice president; Mrs. Mary Alice White, secretary; Mrs. Bernice Jones, treasurer. Outgoing president was Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, who will soon move to Phoenix, Arizona. (Valley News-Times photo)



Charter members of Occident Club

ATTENDING GRAND OPENING of new Meridian public library, top picture, were three charter members of the Occident Club. From left, Nina Egbert, Zelma Mathews Haworth, Susie Cairns, who helped organize the club 50 years ago the 19th of this month. Lower picture shows Emergency Closet operated by club for benefit of sick or disabled residents of community. Volunteer workers included, from left, seated—Zelma Haworth and Hazel Goodwin; standing—Lois Frazier and Leona Egbert.

(Valley News-Times photos)

Occident Club completes all library payments

The Meridian Occident Club was the scene of a happy occasion when members met Monday for their regular meeting. Making it a happy event were the celebrating of the club's golden anniversary, the announcement that all contracts for the library had been paid, and the presence of three charter members—Zelma Haworth, Nina Egbert, and Susie Cairns.

During the business meeting it was announced that all contracts

New library hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons from 2 till 5, and Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 till 9.

had been paid for library construction and an audit of the financial books would soon be ready.

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In other business, members discussed a possible individual library fee of \$5, and a family fee of \$10. The new rate would not go into effect until the new library district had been established, and would affect only patrons living outside the city limits.

Guests honored

Corsages were presented to the honored guests, the three charter members, and Zelma Haworth installed the new officers for the 1974-75 term, with Deane Ulmer pinning corsages on each new officer as she received her obligation. The corsages were a gift from out-going

president Ethel Pilkington.

Installed were Mildred Langley, president; June Thomas, vice-president; Mary Alice White, secretary; Bernice Jones, treasurer; Marguerite Patch, historian.

Nearly \$55 was presented to the treasurer from donations received by the library last Saturday.

The Occident Club, a member of Idaho State Federated Clubs, concluded its last meeting of the season until September with an original poem, read by Mildred de Reus, honoring Mrs. Pilkington, who will soon be leaving for Phoenix, Arizona, to make her home.

The anniversary decorated birthday cake was presented at the covered dish luncheon by Mildred Langley and Mildred de Reus, and was served by president Ethel Pilkington.

Saturday ceremony marks opening of



GRAND OPENING of new Meridian public library culminated years of effort by Occident Club, with major help from Meridian Jaycees, Meridian Athletic

Association, and other community organizations and individuals. Pictures from left—part of opening-day crowd in front of new addition; Mayor Don Storey cuts

Meridian community library in new and enlarged quarters

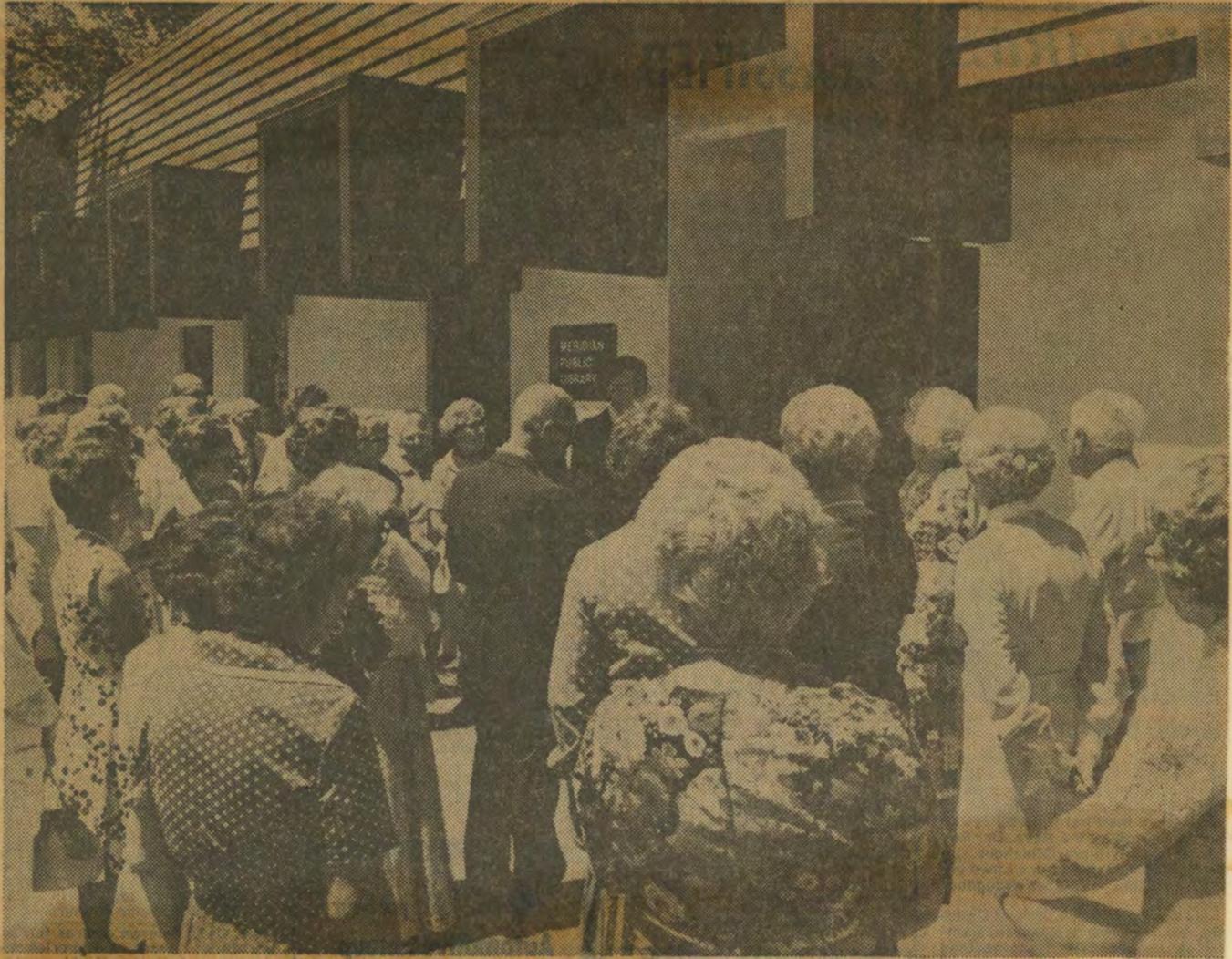


the ribbon; interior shot showing some opening-day guests; Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, outgoing Occident Club president with Mayor Don Storey and librarian Nancy

Sage. Picture at right—too busy for all the grand-opening events, Linda and Lois Griffitts get down to the actual business of a library—reading. (Photos by Valley New-Times)



THE IDAHO STATESMAN, Boise, Monday, June 3, 1974



LIBRARY OPENING — Jaycees and the Meridian Occident Womens Club members gather for the opening of Meridian's library. Many donations helped remodel and enlarge the old library, Nancy S. Sage, librarian, said.

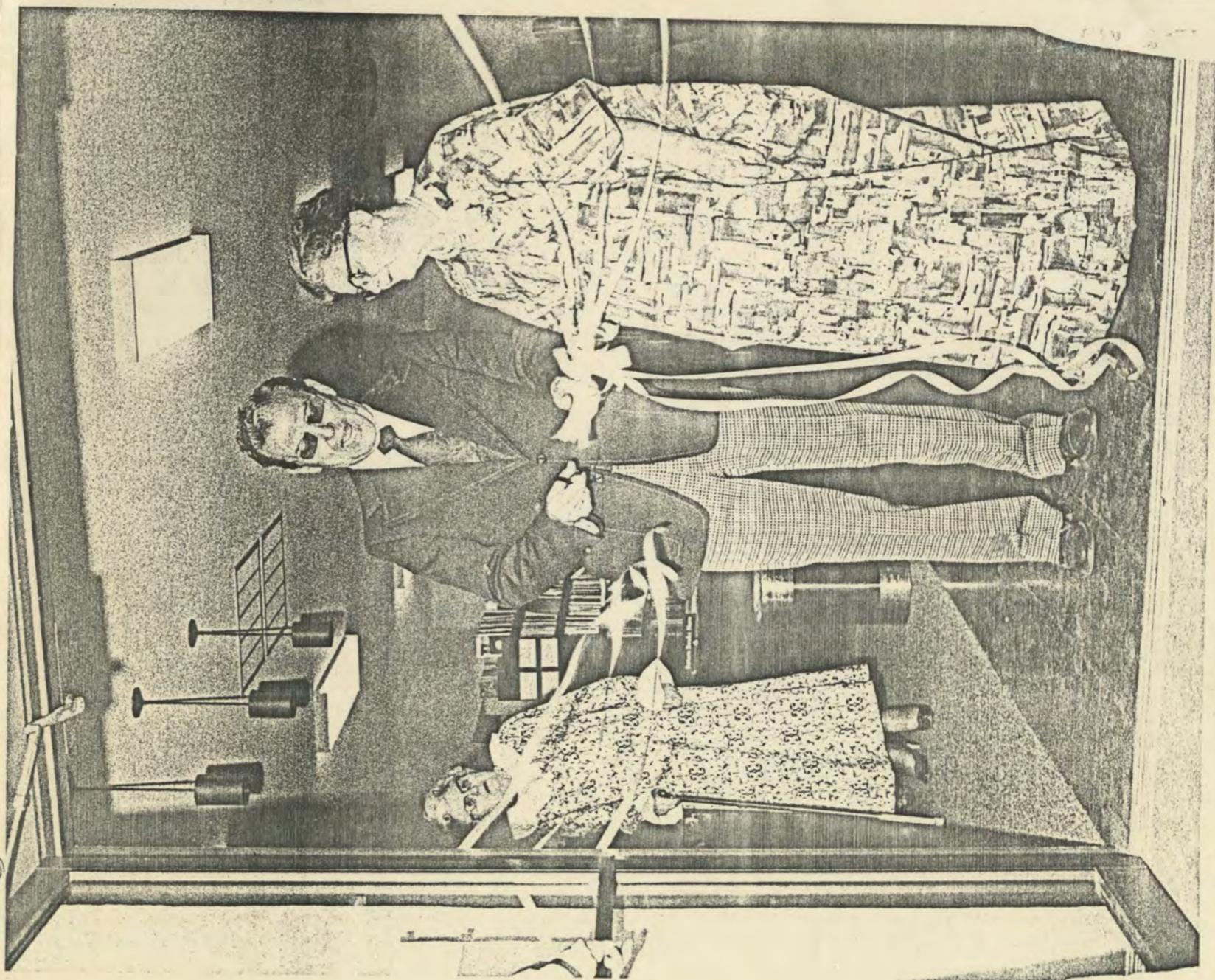
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Meridian, Idaho
Libraries

Mayor Don Storey
cuts ribbon at
opening of new
building. Librarian
Nancy Sage.

June 2, 1974





CAME A LONG WAY — Starting as six books in the corner of a drug store, Meridian's newly remodeled 13,000 volume library was officially opened this weekend. Mayor Don Storey snips the ribbon as Nancy Sage, who started 20 years ago as an assistant librarian, looks on. The library is located at 18 East Idaho, across the street from the police station.



The New Phone



The New Phone

Meridian Library marks 50th anniversary Saturday

By Jackie Hansel

MERIDIAN — The year 1974 marks the 50th anniversary of the Meridian Library. The past weeks have been busy, tiresome and rewarding for Occident Club members, librarian Nancy Sage and volunteers who have been working to make the realization of the remodeling and moving into the new library headquarters possible on June 1.

Through a federal grant, aid from the Meridian Jaycees and donations the long project has been completed.

The library had its humble origin in Songer's Drugstore with just six books on a small shelf. Between customers Mrs. Songer checked out books from a small traveling library stock. To raise money for books she donated a Kodak camera as a prize in an Occident Club-sponsored drawing.

The next home of the library was the city hall. Mrs. Dan Barker Sr., and Mrs. W.S. Mateer were volunteer librarians with Mrs. Carl Patch acting as a substitute.

To keep up with the growing circulation, the club had book showers and various other projects. Then they began listing the books.

Due to space needed at the city hall the Occident Club was notified the library books would have to be moved.

It was decided to submit a bid for the old Interurban Depot at the corner of Idaho and Meridian Streets. The depot was purchased for \$1,205 and the mortgage was paid off by donations and proceeds from an Idaho Home Products banquet, a style show and a home talent play.

It wasn't long before the library had outgrown the club rooms. The members then remodeled the building to accommodate the 8,000 books. The new debt was paid off in 1935 and a new set of shelves was added for books.

In 1950 the city appropriated a

mill levy which was a boost in meeting the operational expenses of the library.

Mrs. Mary Matcham and Mrs. Edna McCoy were other volunteer librarians with Miss Ruth Cline the first paid worker. Books were mended by Occident Club members and they helped with other chores that later were done by Girl Scouts working toward a library badge.

Mrs. Amy Ambrose, who had library training, taught the fundamentals of library work to Mrs. Nancy Sage who then took over as librarian.

The 1968 report from the Idaho State Library Bulletin showed the Meridian Library to have one of the highest checkouts per capita in the state. During that year records showed 25,636 books checked out. According to Mrs. Sage, who has been at the helm checking out books for the past 20 years, there are now nearly 12,000 books available for patrons and an average of 240 books are checked out each month.

One feature of the library is the Idaho Book Collection. There is considerable community history behind the generous gift from a group which prompted the beginning of this popular

shelf of books.

So we might say from "it's humble beginning, a well-rounded library grew." After overcoming many problems, it renders an invaluable service to the community.

At the last meeting of the Occident Club, members voted unanimously to approve a project to form a library district for the community. A petition will be presented to the Ada County commissioners for their approval.

According to club officials there are more than 1,600 patrons using the library, more than half of whom reside outside the Meridian city limits. The number of hours that the library is open should be increased but the expanded operation would be too much for club members to carry.

The petition will ask the formation of the boundaries of the library district to be the same as the Meridian fire district and the swimming pool district.

Occident Club has agreed to lease the library facilities to the proposed district for 20 years at the nominal fee of only \$1 per year.



Meridian Nancy Sage, left, Wilkinson, president of the club, look over one of the newly acquired books as

they prepare for the remodeled facility's opening house Saturday. The Occident Club has been a major sponsor of the library for 50 years. (Staff Photo)

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(Staff Photo)

MERIDIAN LIBRARIAN Nancy Sage, left, and Mrs. Ethel M. Pilkington, president of the Meridian Occident Club, look over one of the library's most recently acquired books as they prepare for the remodeled facility's opening Saturday. The Occident Club has been a major sponsor of the library for 50 years. (Staff Photo) - 5-31-1974



Settlement required for F14

In a letter to Pickle, who made it public, Jaworski said: "That part of the investigation relating to allegations of federal criminal offenses by ITT executives in connection with the settlement of the anti-trust cases announced on July 30, 1971, has failed to disclose the

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Grumman Aerospace Corp. has told the Navy it can't continue building the controversial F14 "tomcat" fighter unless the Pentagon comes up with \$125 million in advance cash payments, Senate sources say. Grumman's demand for the unusual cash-in-advance procedure

The Navy's inability to pay Grumman in advance without congressional approval stems from a compromise worked out last year with Congress after the company refused to build more of the planes. PHONE 466-7891 or 459-4664 to place your classified ad.

PETITION FOR THE CREATION OF A LIBRARY DISTRICT

to be known as the
MERIDIAN LIBRARY DISTRICT

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADA COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO,
and to The Honorable Clarence Planting, Clerk of said Board:

THE UNDERSIGNED, each of us being a resident and qualified elector of the
area to be included within it, respectfully present this petition to you and certify:

1. It is in the public interest that a library district be created under the
provisions of Chapter 27, Title 33, Idaho Code as amended, to serve that area of Ada
County included within the Western Ada Recreation District, with the exclusion of the
city of Meridian which provides tax-support for the Meridian Public Library, in ac-
cordance with the provisions of Chapter 26, Title 33, Idaho Code.

2. A map outlining the area, and a description of the specific boundaries are
presented herewith and made part of this petition.

THE UNDERSIGNED request that you as the Board of Commissioners of Ada County do
call a hearing regarding the establishment of the Meridian Library District in the
territory as above described; and that following the hearing and the canvass of the
petitions submitted herewith you do make the order establishing the district, in ac-
cordance with the powers granted you under Sections 33-2704A and 33-2722 of the Idaho
Code, as amended.

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STATE OF IDAHO)
County of Ada)

ss. _____ being first duly
sworn, deposes and upon _____ oath says: That _____ is an elector in
the proposed district, that _____ knows that all of the parties whose
names are signed above are electors of the proposed district and that
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(Affiant) _____

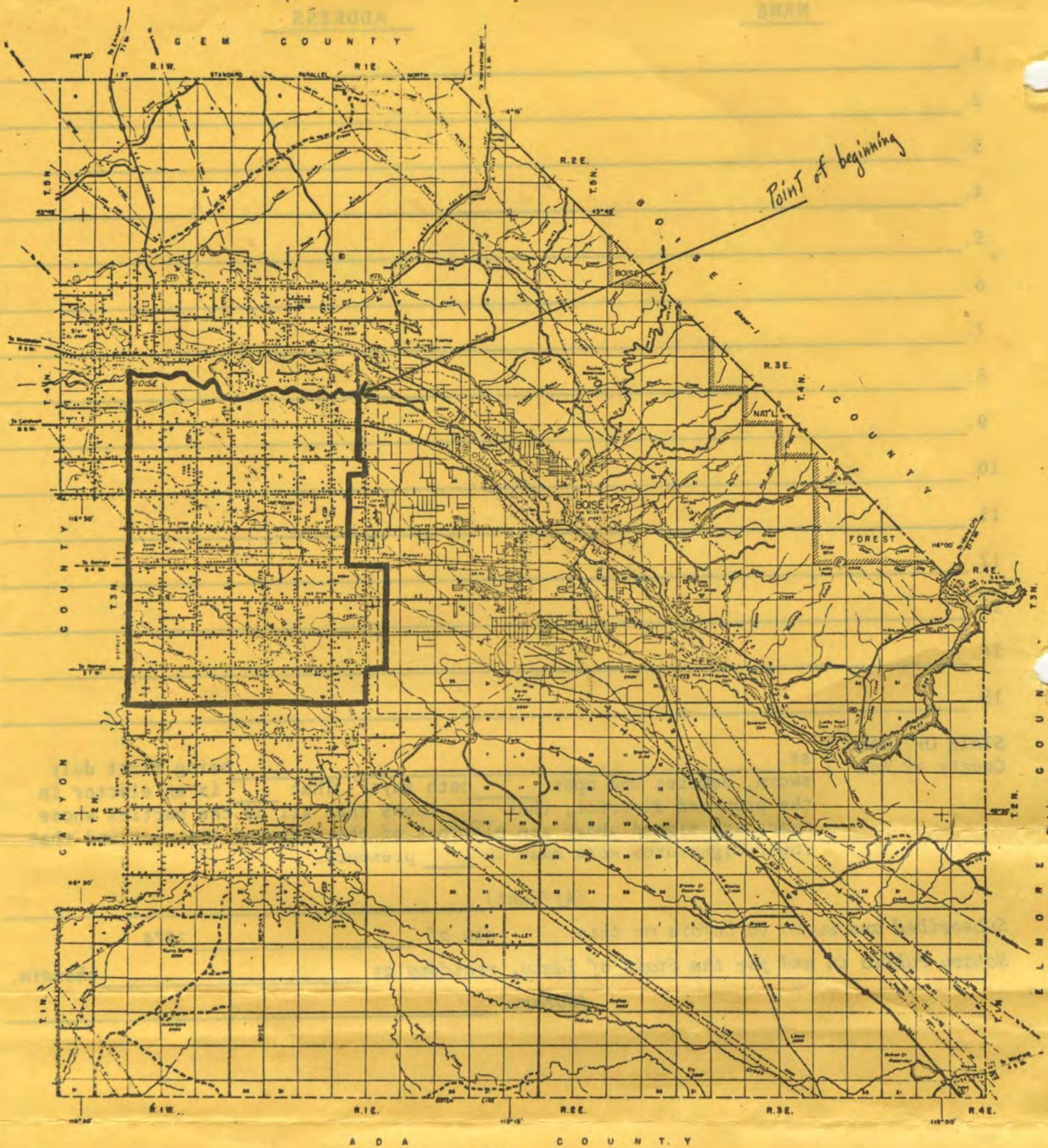
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 1974.

Notary Public in and for the State of Idaho, residing at _____ therein.

(Notary) _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARY OF Western Ada Recreation District,
 proposed as the Meridian Library District of Ada County, Idaho

Beginning at the point where the North-south section line common to Sections 21 and 22, T4N, R1E, B.M. intersects the South bank of the South channel of the Boise River; thence westward 1/4 mile along the said South Channel to the real point of beginning; thence Westward following the meanderings of the above South channel of the Boise River to its intersection with the North-South section line common to Sections 16 and 17 T4N, R1W; thence South on said section line approximately 9.5 miles more or less to the SW corner of Section 33, T3N, R1W; thence East 7 miles to the SE corner of Section 33, T3N, R1E; thence North 1 mile to the NE corner of Section 33, T3N, R1E, thence East 1/2 mile to the 1/4 corner common to Sections 27 and 34, T3N, R1E; thence North 3 miles to the 1/4 corner common to Sections 10 and 15, T3N, R1E, thence West 1 mile to the 1/4 corner common to Sections 9 and 16, T3N, R1E; thence North 2-1/2 miles to the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 33, T4N, R1E; thence East 1/2 mile to the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 33, T4N, R1E; thence North to the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of said Section 33; thence West to the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 33; thence North on a line 1/4 mile West and parallel to the Section line common to Sections 27 and 28, 21 and 22 to the point of beginning; with the exclusion from the proposed district of the city of Meridian, which maintains a tax-supported public library.



Next Tuesday, July 16 - 1974

Commissioners set hearing on area library district

Ada County commissioners will hold a hearing on the formation of a Meridian-area library district at 2 p.m. next Tuesday, July 16, at the court house.

The district boundaries would be the same as the Western Ada Recreation District—including the city of Meridian and all the area within the Meridian rural fire district.

If the previously-submitted petition meets all requirements, the commissioners will issue an order within five days, setting an election date within the following 60 days.

Large library use

Mrs. Nancy Sage, Meridian librarian, has completed the annual library report for the past year. The figures show that the library is maintaining its record as one of the most-used libraries per capita in the state.

With the library having been closed two months of the past year, the records show that 26,156 books were checked out during the 10-months period.

During the 10 months, a total of 356 new library cards were issued, and 742 new books were added to the shelves.

Last week's story on the library used an incorrect figure for the monthly check out. Latest figures show that 3,200 books were checked out in one month.

Meridian Free Library District

The Library reopened on June 3, 1974, in new, expanded quarters attached to the Occident Club. Approximately 1800 square feet are available for library services. It should be stressed that the Occident Club has been responsible for the Library's existence ever since its inception in 1924 in a corner of Songers' Drug Store. In fact, the Occident Club donated several thousand of its own dollars toward matching of federal funds for the completion of the project. If it had not been for the Club's interest and support, the building might not be finished yet. Other contributions came from individuals and local organizations, including the Meridian Athletic Association.

The Meridian Free Library District came into existence August 27, 1974. The Occident Club worked to get out the vote, thus securing passage of the issue by a very narrow margin, and has offered the District



MERIDIAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho August 8, 1974

Tuesday, August 27

Commissioners set date for library district vote

Ada County commissioners have set Tuesday, August 27, as the election date on the question of forming a Meridian-area library district.

Included in the proposed district are Meridian and all the area within the Meridian fire district, except for a portion in the southwest corner that is a part of the Kuna library district.

No registration is required, but voters will sign an oath of election at the time of casting their ballots. Polls will be open from 12 noon until 8 p.m.

Voters will have their choice of three polling places in Meridian -- the Occident clubroom at Idaho and Meridian Street, across from the Meridian city building ... the American Legion hall at Broadway and Meridian Street, Meridian ... and the Meridian grade school at 48

W. State Street.

Eligible to vote will be any qualified resident of the proposed district.

The ballot will carry the words: "Meridian Free Library District - Yes "; and "Meridian Free Library District, No .

If the library district is approved, the Occident Club will lease the present library building to the district at a fee of only \$1 per year.

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Voters ballot next Tuesday on library plan

Residents of the proposed Meridian Library District will vote next Tuesday, August 27, on the proposal.

Eligible to vote will be residents of the Western Ada Recreation District, with the exception of those who live within the city limits of Meridian, and those who live in a small area that is now in the Kuna library district.

Officials said Meridian city residents could not vote because the city now levies taxes for the Meridian library.

Polls will be open in Meridian from 1 till 8 p.m. at the Occident Club, the American Legion hall, and the Meridian grade school. Voters need not be pre-registered.

Occident Club officers said that the club will donate use of the library building to the proposed new district for a token fee of only \$1 per year.

Library Vote Bars Meridian

Next Tuesday's Meridian Free Library District election does not include residents of the city itself, just the surrounding area, according to the Ada County Clerk's Office.

Meridian residents are excluded from the election because they already support a library. The new library district, if approved by voters, eventually will merge with the city library.

The boundaries of the voting area are the same as the Western Ada Recreation District and the Meridian Fire Protection District with the exception of a mile-and-a-half square area at Lake Hazel Road and the Canyon County line. Residents in that area already belong to the Kuna Library District.

Polling places for the election will be at the American Legion Hall, Occident Club Building and Meridian Grade School. Polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

Voters need not be registered to vote; they simply sign an elector's oath when they go to vote.

Sales

HELP WANTED

CLERK-TYPIST wanted for new library district. \$400 per month, plus fringe benefits. For information, telephone Ralph Hunter at 888-4423 or 888-3302.

Bastida Swears In Rural Library Board

Board members of the newly formed Meridian Free Library District were sworn in by Ada County Commission Chairman John Bastida.

Mrs. Martin H. Fabricius, Mrs. William H. Spear, David McFadden, Carl Rathjen and Ralph Hunter will serve on the board until the district holds a formal election.

The district takes in rural Meridian areas outside the boundaries of the existing Meridian Library. Voters approved creation of the district Aug. 27.

Rural Meridian Votes Approval For Library

Voters in the area surrounding Meridian Tuesday approved the Meridian Free Library District.

Of 108 persons voting, 61 voted "yes" and 47 voted "no." A simple majority was required for approval of the district.

Residents of the city of Meridian itself were not allowed to vote, since they already support a library. The new library district is expected to eventually merge with the city library.

A breakdown showed 23 yes and 14 no in Precinct One; 19 yes and 17 no in Precinct Two; and 19 yes and 16 no in Precinct Three.

Meridian area

Aug. 27-1974

Voters approve formation of valley library district

With an extremely light vote, residents of the rural areas surrounding Meridian approved formation of a new library district in Tuesday's election.

Only 108 ballots were cast in the election, with 61 voting "yes", and 47 "no". Only a simple majority was required for passage of the measure.

The area includes all of Meridian fire district, except for the city of Meridian and a small area that is already in the Kuna library district.

Residents of the city of Meridian were not eligible to vote, because the city library is supported by tax funds. It is expected that the new district and the Meridian library will eventually merge.

Building-use donated

Members of the Occident Club, which owns the Meridian library building, have voted unanimously to provide use of the building to the new district at a nominal cost of only \$1 per year.

Last-minute opposition by a very small group of area residents failed to defeat the library-district proposal. The small group erroneously claimed that the area was already served by a county library. There is no Ada County library.

November 7, 1974 - Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho

✓ The resignation of Nancy Spear from the library board was announced. She has accepted a paid position with the new library district. Edith Crockett will fill the vacancy on the board.

✓ A total of 2,160 books were checked out of the Meridian public library averaging 135 books for the 16 library days of last month.

THE IDAHO LIBRARIAN

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The new Meridian Public Library opened its doors in June. The Occident Club, which was the main sponsor was assisted by the Meridian Jaycees, the Meridian Athletic Club, and other local organizations. Residents of the area outside of Meridian plan to vote on the formation of a new library district which would contract with Meridian for service if formed.

REGIONAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF IDAHO PUBLIC LIBRARIES 1973/74

COUNTY & VALUATION	FINANCIAL REPORT LIBRARY	RECEIPTS					EXPENDITURES			Total Expended	Assessed Valuation	Mill Levy	
		Revenue Sharing	Local Taxes	Contract Income	Federal & State	Fines, Gifts	Total Income	Salaries	Books & Materials				Other
REGION III - SOUTHWESTERN REGION													
ADA	\$179,652,899												
	Boise Public	318,187	399,619		25,795	23,661	767,262	307,912	75,565	394,733	778,210	114,221,206	3.622
	Eagle Lib. Dist.	0	0	(No report received)									
	Garden City Comm. Lib.	0	0	(No report received)									
	Kuna Sch. Comm. Lib. Dist.	0	13,733		300	0	14,033	9,063	4,300	0	13,363	6,448,989	2
	Meridian Public	0	6,400		0	3,014	9,414	3,393	1,048	1,538	5,979	3,827,579	2

REGIONAL STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF IDAHO PUBLIC LIBRARIES 1973/74

COUNTY & POPULATION	POPULATION LIBRARY	Population Served	Borrowers Added	Total Borrowers	Books Added	Total Bookstock	Circulation Books etc.	Per Capita Circulation	Per Capita Tax Income	Hours Open
REGION III - SOUTHWESTERN REGION										
ADA-112,230	Boise Public	79,818	NR	NR	13,113	158,128	480,811	6.0	5.0	70W,66S
	Eagle Public (1974 change Dist. to Public)	1,000E	(No report received)							
	Garden City Comm. Lib.	2,368	(No report received)							
	Kuna School-Comm. Lib. Dist.	2,100E	159	NR	432	17,190E	6,206	8.2	6.53	37.5W,5S
	Meridian Public	2,616	356E	1,500E	742	12,500E	26,156	9.9	2.44	20

Additional services Meridian librarians list new changes and additions

Meridian Public Library is making several new services available to its patrons. Librarians Nancy Sage and Grove Koger said that a number of large-print books have been borrowed from the Idaho State Library and will circulate on the same basis as the regular collection.

The library also has application forms for the Talking-Book Program, which is available free of charge to those who are legally blind or who have visual or other handicaps making it difficult for them to read ordinary printed material.

In addition the library has recently borrowed several small pieces of sculpture from Boise Public Library which may be checked out for two weeks. Should they prove popular, framed reproductions of paintings and more sculptural pieces will be offered.

New books added

The library has added a large number of books to its collection over the past several weeks. They include, in adult fiction—The Light of Day, Eric Ambler; A Personal Anthology, Jorge Luis Borges; Tremor of Intent, Anthony Burgess; The Go-Between, L.P. Hartley; Something Happened, Joseph Heller; The Spy Who Came in from the Cold, John LeCarre; The Lathe of Heaven, Ursula K. LeGuin; A Canticle for Leibowitz, Walter M.

Miller, Jr.

Adult non-fiction includes—The Freighter Travel Manual, Bradford Angier; The Age of Aquarius, William Braden; Europe Under 25, Eugene Fodor; The Crown of Mexico, Maximilian and His Empress Carlota, Joan Haslip; What Every Woman Should Know . . . About Her Car, Dorothy Jackson; Seekers of Tomorrow, Sam Moskowitz; Color Treasury of Mushrooms & Toadstools, Uberto Tosco; The Pill on Trial, Paul Vaughan; West from Home, Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder, Roger Lea MacBride.

Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons 2 to 6 P.M. and Monday and Friday evenings 7 to 9 P.M. Services are available on an equal basis to residents of Meridian and of the Meridian Free Library District.

IDAHO STATE LIBRARY

HELEN M. MILLER, State Librarian

IDAHO STATE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER -

A new MERIDIAN Library District has been approved by voters outside Meridian City. The Occident Club which operates the city library has agreed to lease space for the operation of the new district in the same quarters as the city library for a fee of \$1.00 per year. With the aid of a federal grant, a new librarian has been hired; Mr. Grove Koger. Nancy Sage will continue as the city librarian. The Board for the library district has been appointed by the Ada County Commissioners. The members are Carl Rathgen, Ralph Hunter, Mrs. Pat Fabricius, David McFadden, and Mrs. Evelyn Olsen. Mrs. Nancy Spears has been named Assistant Librarian.

Library adds new books for Book Week

The Meridian library will join the observance of Children's Book Week, November 11-17, with the addition of several new books, including juvenile titles, youth books, and an adult list.

New children's books are The House of Thirty Cats, Mary Calhoun; Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls; The Borrowers, Afield, Mary Norton; Mtt, Bianca Bradbury; My Slippers Are Red, Charlotte Steiner; Especially Humphrey, Mina Lewiton; and many more.

Youth books

Added to the youth section of the library are Brian's Song, William Blim; The Space Gypsies, A.M. Lightner; The Hill of the Red Fox, Allan McLean; Child of Fire, Scott O'Dell; I am Third, Gale Sayers; and assorted paperbacks.

Adult section

New adult books include—I want it Now, Kingsley Amis; Nebula Award Stories Eight, Isaac Asimov; The Inside Story of Patricia Hearst and the SLA, Marilyn Baker; Impeachment, Charles L. Black, Jr.; The House in Paris, Elizabeth Bowen; The Wind From the Sun, Arthur C. Clarke; A Bevy of Beasts, Gerald Durrell; Fillets of Plaiice, Gerald Durrell; The Mothers, Vardis Fisher.

The Property of a Gentleman, Catherine Gaskin; A Perry Mason Omnibus, Erle Stanley Gardner; The Honorary Consul, Graham Green; Cover-Up, Seymour M. Hersh; My Favorite in Suspense, Alfred Hitchcock; Tom Brown's Schooldays, Thomas Hughes; Idaho, Robert O. Beatty; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, John LeCarre; The Left Hand of Darkness, Ursula K. LeGuin;

The Russian Revolution, Alan Moorehead; Ship of Fools, Katherine Anne Porter; The Image Men, J. B. Priestly; The Godforgotten, Gladys Schmitt; The Arnheiter Affair, Neil Sheehan; Maigret and the Informer, Georges Simenon; The Mammals, Time-Life, Meet Me in the Green Glen, Robert Penn Warren; The Optimist's Daughter, Eudora Welty; Maigret Sets A Trap, Georges Simenon.



Library district seats new director

MRS. EVELYN OLSEN, left, was installed Tuesday night as a new director for the Meridian Free Library District. She replaces Mrs. Nancy Spears, right, who has resigned from the board after accepting the position of assistant librarian for the district. Mrs. Olsen has been an active library worker, including work at the Southside school library last year, and as head of documents at the Utah State University, where she received her B.A. degree. (Valley News-Times photo)

Library group adopts by-laws

Directors of the Meridian Free Library District met Tuesday night and adopted by-laws for the district. Under the by-laws, the board will meet at 8 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Meridian library.

Installed as a new director was Mrs. Evelyn (Glen C.) Olsen of 4160 View Circle. She will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of board-member Nancy Spears, who has accepted the position of assistant librarian for the district.

Board member Carl Rathjen of Meridian has been named treasurer of the district, with head librarian Grove Koger as secretary.

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho December 5, 1974

Library gift appreciated
Nancy Sage, Meridian city librarian, expressed appreciation to the Exemplar Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, for the donation of \$100 for the purchase of books about Idaho.

Library report
It was reported that 74 new library cards had been issued, and 2,574 pieces of reading material had been checked out of the library.
The next meeting of the club will be Monday, January 6.

the Idaho Librarian

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**LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION,
1974**

use of Public Library facilities. We all hope that a merger can take place in the near future.

I am an employee of the District, but expect to be appointed acting librarian for the Public Library upon the retirement of Mrs. Nancy Sage at the end of this month. (Mrs. Sage herself has played an important role in the Library's history. She became librarian in 1961 and has put in long, hard hours toward making the Library the successful enterprise it is today. Her presence is going to be missed by staff and community alike.) — Grove Koger.

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IDAHO STATE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER - - - - - JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH 1975

MERIDIAN -- Nancy Sage retired March 1, having worked at the Meridian Public Library since 1954. Grove Koger is the new librarian of the combined Public and District Library, with Nancy Spear his assistant.

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Librarian Nancy Sage retires after 21 years

NANCY SAGE, left, retired February 28 as Meridian city librarian, after 21 years' service. She first joined the library staff in 1954, when Ruth Cline was librarian, then she became librarian in May of 1961 when Amy Ambrose retired. Occident Club members and city spokesmen expressed appreciation for Mrs. Sage's long service to the community. Shown with her are Grove Koger, librarian for the Meridian Library District, and Mrs. Nancy Spear, assistant librarian. They will

now handle the library duties, with the assistance of a part-time employee to be named by the Occident Club. Mrs. Sage said that she planned to spend time visiting relatives, including her son Darrell at Rockport, Texas, her late husband's father at Coeur d'Alene, and other relatives at Elk River. She said her "retirement" plans also included planting a large home garden.

(Valley News-Times photo)

At Meridian

Library lists "spring fever" books, reviews new books added to shelves

For the next few months, the Meridian public library will make available to its patrons special collections of books on travel in the United States, and on farming and gardening.

Librarian Grove Koger said that everyone afflicted with "Spring Fever" is invited to stop by. Still on hand are a number of large-print books for those who have difficulty reading ordinary type.

Books recently added to the adult fiction collection include: *Monsieur*, by Lawrence Durrell, an exotic, scintillating novel by the author of the *Alexandria Quartet*, set in Avignon, Alexandria, and Venice.

The Child from the Sea, by Elizabeth Goudge, a romantic novel based on the life of Lucy Walter, secret wife of Charles II.

The Fortree by Catherine Gavin, a fictional recreation of the Baltic theater of the Crimean War.

The Three Sentinels by Geoffrey Household, the story of a struggle for three oil wells, the Three Sentinels, perched high in the Andes.

Dragonflight by Anne McCaffrey, an enchanting science-fiction adventure that will appeal to boys and girls as well as adults.

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Peck, the story of a Shaker Boy's growing to manhood in rural Vermont.

Maigret Hesitates by Simenon, a mystery centered around the latest exploits of Maigret, the famous Parisian inspector.

Breakfast of Champions, by Kurt Vonnegut, a farewell by the author to all his fictional creations.

Non-fiction highlights are: *Man Kind?* by Cleveland Amory, subtitled "Our Incredible War on Wildlife."

The Bermuda Triangle by Charles Berlitz, an investigation of a section of the Atlantic Ocean where planes and ships seem to disappear with startling frequency.

Pregnancy, Birth, the Newborn Baby, from the Boston Children's Medical Center, a complete guide for parents and those who soon will be.

The Crime of Galileo by Giorgio de Santillana, recognized as one of the best studies of the revolutionary scientist.

The Whispering Land by Gerald Durrell, the chronicle of an animal-collecting expedition to Patagonia by novelist Lawrence Durrell's younger brother.

A Parent's Guide to the Preven-

tion and control of Drug Abuse by Paul M. Goldhill, a psychiatrist specializing in the emotional problems of the young.

The Organic Way to Mulching by the editors of *Organic Gardening and Farming*, a detailed explanation of everything one needs to know about using natural ground coverings for soil improvement.

The Joys of Beekeeping by Richard Taylor, a series of essays on the pleasures that beekeeping brings.

Monday meeting - April 18 - 1975

Occident Club hosts state president, presents flag-presentation ceremony

Mrs. Erma Abbott of Swan Lake, president of the Idaho Federated Women's Clubs, was a guest at Monday's meeting of the Occident Club.

She stressed that every individual group should participate in celebrating the bicentennial year. Mrs. Abbott came as a guest of Emily Pratt, a long-time friend.

Vice president June Thomas presided in the absence of president Mildred Langley.

Flags presented

Two American flags were presented during the meeting, one from the American Legion Auxiliary as a gift for the library, and one purchased by the Occident Club. Receiving the flags were Mrs. Thomas and librarian Grove Koger.

Participating in the flag activities were Legion Auxiliary members Hannah Gage, Americanism chairman and dedication officer; Iris Kirkpatrick, chaplain; Cecile Luke, musician, Bobbie Lattimer, sergeant at arms; Alma Barber, assistant; Cora Stewart and Ethel Hawkins, flag bearers.

Mrs. Hawroth honored

Deane Ulmer, Occident Club member, expressed gratitude for the service of Zelmas Hawroth, who has been chairman of the Emergency Loan Closet for many years. Mrs. Hawroth, was given a standing ovation by club members.

Information concerning the Emergency Loan Closet may be obtained from chairman Hazel Goodwin or

Leona Egbert, telephone 888-2188.

Florance Hall was appointed treasurer of the club, replacing Berniece Jones, who has resigned.

Guests at Hudson home

House guests this past week at the home of Mrs. Nettie Hudson were Mrs. Jan Matthews of Petersburg, Alaska, and her mother, Mrs. Martha Knight of Seattle.

Meridian library lists new books

Meridian public library now has the following new books ready for circulation.

Bumblebees, by John Free and Colin Butler, a volume of interest to area residents because of the important role bumblebees play in the pollination of red clover.

The Supermarket Handbook, by Nikki and David Goldbeck, a guide to selecting, preparing and evaluating the wares in your supermarket for the greatest nutritional and economic benefit.

The Benchwarmers, Joseph Goulden's investigation of the private world of powerful Federal judges.

Marihuana Reconsidered, by Lester Grinspoon, a psychiatrist's analysis of marihuana in America and the implications of its continuing presence.

Angry Island, by Margaret Mackay, the history of the most isolated inhabited island in the world: Tristan da Cunha.

Rules of the Game, an illustrated encyclopedia of all the sports of the world, from darts to helicopter flying.

Information, a selection of articles on computers and information science drawn from Scientific American.

Children's books

Also available will be a selection of new children's books, on subjects ranging from the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Russian forces in 1968 to the world of rock music. The books represent the first of several purchases of children's books made possible by a large anonymous donation to the library.



Meridian and MHS libraries receive gifts of "Idaho"

BEAUTIFUL VOLUMES with pictorial coverage of the scenic highlights of Idaho were presented Wednesday to the Meridian public library and the Meridian high school library by the Idaho First National Bank at Meridian. Making the presentations was, center, bank

manager W. G. McCurry; and receiving them were, at left, Irene Fleenor, high school librarian; and, at right, Grove Koger, Meridian public librarian. The 207-page volume, "Idaho", has won plaudits for its high artistic quality and its presentation of Idaho's beauty. (Valley News-Times photo)

"Shadow on the Ice"

Meridian library features new novel by local author Carl Henry Rathjen

"Shadow on the Ice", by Meridian author Carl Rathjen, is featured among the new books for children and young adults at the Meridian library.

Rathjen's novel follows a member of an ice-hockey team, the "Boise Battlers", as he attempts to clear his father's and his own name of charges of fixing games.

Librarian Grove Koger said that area children are invited to stop by and see the gerbils at the library.

New books listed

New books available for circulation this Friday include the following.

Lifeboat Number Two, Margaret Culkin Banning's story of a luxurious around-the-world cruise.

The Dispossessed, by Ursula LeGuin, a science fiction novel of the reconciliation of two politically and philosophically dissimilar planets.

The Black Sheep, a collection of brief, ironic fables by the popular Latin American writer Augusto Monterroso.

Rosalind Passes, by Frank Swinerton, a picture of the comfortable, fashionable world of Georgian England.

Silk Screen Techniques, by J. I. Biegelesisen and Max Cohn, a step-by-step guide to one of the most versatile methods of making art prints.

The City of the Saints, explorer Richard F. Burton's account of his visit to Salt Lake City in 1860.

Birds, Beasts, and Relatives, by Gerald Durrell, the record of a marvelous childhood spent on the Greek island of Corfu.

The Good Housekeeping Complete Book of Cake Decorating, containing instructions for designing and decorating cakes for all occasions.

The Battle for Morningside Heights, Roger Kahn's description of the 1968 uprising at Columbia University and his explanation of why students rebel.

The ABC and XYZ of Bee Culture, by A.I. Root, a thorough reference work for the beekeeper covering

everything from afterswarming to zinc in honey.

Playing Cards, by Roger Tilley, a colorful history of the cards themselves and of the intricate designs they have taken.

Starting Right with Milk Goats, Helen Walsh's guide to raising, caring for and profiting from your own goats.

Church slates film

The public is invited to view an occult film at the Ten Mile Community Church at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 11.

New at the library

Best sellers, magazines, classics await readers

Sports Illustrated, Newsweek, National Review, Rolling Stone and Consumer Reports are just some of the magazines now available at Meridian Public Library. Librarian Grove Koger is urging patrons to spend an afternoon browsing through the latest issues and examining the following new books, which will begin circulating Friday, May 23:

Shardik, by Richard Adams (author of *Watership Down*), the saga of the gigantic bear's reincarnation and appearance among a half-barbaric people.

The Iliad, a lively new translation in verse by Robert Fitzgerald of Homer's Trojan War epic.

The Castle, a classic of modern literature of Franz Kafka.

Don't Tell Alfred, by Nancy Mitford, a comedy of diplomatic life

Graham Greene's account of his youth and apprenticeship.

Irrigation Principles and Practices, by Orson Israelsen and Vaughn Hansen, a thorough, detailed manual for both students and experienced farmers.

Well known authors

The Naked Ape, Desmond Morris's examination of that strangest of animals, homo sapiens.

Write Better, Speak Better, a guide to clear and correct expression compiled by Reader's Digest.

Nineteenth Century Modern, by Herwin Schaefer, a richly illustrated study of the follies and triumphs of Victorian design.

Forestry and Its Career Opportunities, by Hardy Shirley, a look at a group of careers of great interest importance to Idahoans.

The Mediterranean Cookbook, Betty Wason's practical introduction to the world's most popular cuisine.

A Sort of Life, British novelist in Paris.
A Sort of Life, the rise and fall of Richard Nixon as seen by Making of the President author Theodore White

First election Library district votes Monday for five trustees

Residents of the Meridian Free Library District will choose five trustees for the district in an election to be held next Monday, June 9.

The district includes rural areas outside the city of Meridian, covering approximately the same areas as the Meridian rural fire district.

Polls will be open from 3 until 8 p.m. next Monday at the Occident clubroom at Idaho and Meridian Streets in Meridian, and at the Southside grade school on Amity Road east of the Kuna highway.

Candidates named

Candidates will include Dave McFaddan for a one-year term, June Black for a two-year term, Marilyn Plant for a three-year term, Jack Riddlemoser for a four-year-term, and Evelyn Olsen for a five-year term.

Eligible to vote will be any qualified resident of the district, 18 years old or older. Advance registration is not required. Voters will sign an elector's oath at the time of voting. Write-in votes for any qualified resident of the district will be accepted.

Backgrounds listed

Dave McFaddan, principal of the Lake Hazel school, was one of the original trustees appointed for the district. Evelyn Olsen was also appointed to the district, and has been active in library work.

June Black is a new candidate for the board. A mother of three children in the Meridian district, she is married to Reed Black and lives at 4910 View Drive, Rt. 3, Meridian.

Marilyn Plant is head of the business-education department at Meridian high school. She and her husband, Morgan Plant, live at 1150 W. Overland.

Another new candidate is Meridian attorney Jack Riddlemoser. He and his family live on Locust Grove Road near Meridian.

District formed in 1974

The library district was formed by an election held last August 27.

Appointed as original members of the board by the Ada County commissioners were chairman Ralph Hunter, Carl Rathgen, Pat Fabricius, Nancy Spear, and Dave McFaddan.

Nancy Spear subsequently resigned from the board to accept the position of assistant librarian, and was replaced by Evelyn Olsen. Hunter, Rathgen, and Fabricius have announced that they will not be candidates in Monday's election.

Trained Librarian

Grove Koger is the librarian for the district. A 1965 graduate of Meridian high school, he attended Boise State University, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Idaho, and his Master's Degree in librarianship from the University of Washington.

The new library district is tax-supported, and has received federal funding during its first year of operation.

June 9 through 14

Library observes "fine-free" week, invites youth to join summer program

Meridian public library has announced that the week of June 9 through 14 will be "Fine-Free Week." Patrons who have overdue books and return them during the week will not have to pay any fines.

Librarian Grove Koger emphasized that the usual fine policy will be suspended for just that one week.

Grade school students, including those who have just completed the sixth grade, are invited to join the "Idaho Rodeo" summer reading program at the library. Participants are eligible to win rodeo stickers and certificates. The program closes August 16.

New books available

The following new books will be ready for circulation by Friday, June 6.

The Boat, the harrowing story of service aboard a German submarine during World War II by Lothar-Gunther Buchheim.

The Journey to the East, a short, mystical novel by the author of Steppenwolf, Hermann Hesse.

The Ashes of Smyrna, a sweeping novel by Richard Reinhardt of the Greco-Turkish War of 1919-22.

Silverspurs, an exciting western about the days when the only law was a man's conscience, by Charles Alden Seltzer.

Licit and Illicit Drugs, an exhaustive report by the Consumers Union

on the use and abuse of drugs, including caffeine, nicotine and alcohol.

Masonry Simplified, by J. Ralph Dalzell and Gilbert Townsend, a detailed guide to bricklaying and block and cement masonry.

Leathercraft, by Chris Groneman, a manual for the beginner in a fascinating hobby.

Approved Practices in Beef Cattle Production, by Elwood Juergenson, an outline of tried and true practices from breeding to butchering.

Journey, by Robert and Suzanne Massie, the saga of the Massie's long struggle against their son's hemophilia.

The Literary Life, by Robert Phelps and Peter Deane, a scrapbook almanac of the anglo-American literary scene from 1900 to 1950.

Some Ancient Gentlemen, by Tyler Whittle, a picture of the venerable art of gardening as practiced in England.

Beginning June 27

Meridian library circulates new books on American life

The Meridian public library is making available books on American life, culture and history beginning this Friday, June 27, said librarian Grove Koger.

Regular hours of operation at the library are from 2 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays; and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

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Regular hours of operation at the library are from 2 to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

New books going into circulation include:

U.S.A., by John Dos Passos, a trilogy of novels following the lives of a number of Americans in the earlier part of this century.

American Painting 1900-1970, a richly illustrated history of the most fertile period of American painting.

Great Westerner, by Bernice Blackwelder, a biography of Kit Carson.

Canal Days in America, by Harry Drago, the picture of a simpler and slower way of life.

Idaho featured

The Idaho Heritage, edited by Richard Etulain and Bert Marley, a collection of essays on the history of Idaho.

Armies of the American Revolution, by Ian Hogg and John Batchelor, a portrait in word and picture of the men involved and the

weapons they fought with.

The Boys of Summer, by Roger Kahn, a chronicle of the glorious days of Brooklyn Dodgers.

Trouping, by Philip Lewis, a re-creation of how the American roadshow came to town.

Death Valley studied

The Shadow of the Arrow, by Dr. Margaret Long, a study of Death Valley.

Popular Prints of the Americas, by A. Hyatt Mayor, a colorful collection of advertisements, posters, cartoons, dime novel covers and similar examples of Americana.

Flowers at the White House, by Ruth Montgomery, a tour of the White House based on the flower arrangements that have graced its various rooms.

The Traveling Man, by Truman Moore, the story of the American traveling salesman.

Navies of the American Revolution, by Antony Preston, David Lyon and John Batchelor, a study of the ships that fought and the men who sailed them.

They're Playing Our Song, by Max Wilk, the history of American popular music from Jerome Kern to Stephen Sondheim.



Library district installs new board of trustees

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES for the Meridian Free Library District was installed last Thursday, and the trustees elected three officers. From left, president Dave McFadden, vice president June Black, trustee Jack Riddlemoser, treasurer Evelyn Olsen, head

librarian and secretary Grove Koger. Installing officer was outgoing president Ralph Hunter. The new trustees were elected June 9, with the original board having been appointed by Ada County commissioners. (Valley News-Times photo)

Council sets election

Meridian residents ballot

Aug. 26 on library merger

Meeting Monday night, the Meridian city council set Tuesday, August 26, as the date for a special election to decide whether the city shall merge with the Meridian Free Library District.

The district was formed by an election held last August. The city was not eligible to be a part of the charter group because the Meridian library was tax-supported.

State law, however, permits the merger following formation of the district.

No further city tax

If voters approve the merger, no further city taxes will be imposed for library operation. Instead, city residents will pay the same district tax as other residents of the library district—which includes all the adjoining rural areas.

Formation of the library district last fall was spear-headed by the Occident Club of Meridian, which offered use of the library building in Meridian at a fee of only \$1 per year.

Since the election, there have been two libraries in operation in the same building—the Meridian city library and the district library.

Without the merger, the city would have to continue to levy taxes for library operation, or city residents would have to pay designated fees for use of the district library.

Professional library staff

Following the retirement of Mrs. Nancy Sage as city librarian this spring, both libraries have been operated by personnel of the library district. Their salaries, and various other library expenses, have been paid with federal funds.

Head librarian is Grove Koger, who holds a master's degree in librarianship, and who is assisted by Nancy Spear.

Members of the library district's board of trustees, elected June 9, are Dave McFaddan, president; June Black, vice president; Evelyn Olsen, treasurer; Jack Riddlemoser, trustee; and Grove Koger, secretary and head librarian. They are the first elected trustees of the district, the original board having been appointed by the Ada County commissioners.

High circulation rate

The library has one of the highest

rates of circulation per capita of any comparable library in the state. One of its important functions is providing research material for students of the Meridian school district.

Said a spokesman, "The library district was formed through the efforts of the Occident Club of Meridian, and approval of the merger by the citizens of Meridian seems assured. That will mean a low-cost, professionally-operated library service for all members of our community."

**New at the library
Suspense, intrigue, adventure
await Meridian book patrons**

Meridian public library patrons will have available to them 13 new books beginning Friday. Librarian Grove Koger said the books cover suspense, intrigue, adventure, and more.

New books in circulation include the following.

Devil to Pay, a sea adventure set in the last years of the 18th century, by noted naval historian C. Northcote Parkinson.

Stories to Stay Awake By, a collection of stories of murder and suspense, edited by Alfred Hitchcock.

Starship Troopers, Robert Heinlien's award-winning novel of professional soldiers of the future.

The Alexandria Quartet, Lawrence Durrell's famous series of novels about love and political intrigue in Egypt.

The Complete Home Owner's Guide, by John Doyle, instructions on making and then taking care of what will probably be the major investment of your life.

The Good Life . . . Or What's Left of It, by Phyllis and Fred Feldkamp, a survey of the pleasures of the senses that contribute to the enjoyment of life in France.

Perfume Through the Ages, Roy Genders' history of the use of scents and fragrances.

America's political prisoners

Political Prisoners in America, former Senator Charles Goodell's examination of the paradox of political suppression in a free society.

Man and His Symbols, a study of the rich field of dreams and symbolism, by one of the major figures of modern psychology.

Into the Lost World, by David Nott, the true story of an ascent into a primeval world at the bottom of a huge pit in Venezuela.

Fishing With McClane, a collection of the best writings of A.J. McClane, the world's foremost fisherman.

Casablanca, the script of the famous motion picture and the story surrounding its making, by screenwriter Howard Koch.

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**Library board
sets August 26
for election**

Meridian librarian Grove Koger said the district library board has set Tuesday, August 26, as the date for a district library election. It will be held in conjunction with the city library election to decide whether the city shall merge with the library district.

The decision was made at the board meeting last Thursday, said Koger.

The election will be held from noon to 8 p.m. at two locations, Southside grade school and Seven-Mile Ballroom, corner of Highway 20 and Eagle Road.

Meridian Slates Vote on Merger Of 2 Libraries

MERIDIAN - Residents of the Meridian area will vote Aug. 26 on merging the Meridian Public Library into the Meridian Free Library District, which serves the city's suburbs.

The district was formed a year ago. Its boundaries are those of the Meridian Fire District, with the exception of a small area served by the Kuna library system.

Library district residents now use the facilities of the city library, though they do not pay a 2-mill library tax assessed on city properties.

Grover Koger, librarian for both entities, said a majority vote in both the city and the district will be needed to merge them.

Should an enlarged district be formed, trustees will have until the second Monday in September to set a levy of up to 3 mills for both city and suburban properties, Koger said. However, if voters turn down the merger, district trustees may still levy up to 3 mills on district property, he said.

Interest apparently has not been high in the library district. It was formed in August, 1974, by a 61 to 47 vote after some 80 residents signed petitions calling for the election. In June, only 12 voters cast ballots to elect directors of the new district.

One district resident, who asked not to be identified,

charged the city advertised the Aug. 26 election a month before the merger petition was signed by the district library board.

But Clarence Planting, county clerk and auditor, said Meridian codes required publication of the election announcement 45 days in advance. And in an opinion for the city of Meridian, Prosecutor David LeRoy indicated the two elections could be combined for convenience.

The resident also objected to being asked to pay more taxes, when homeowners are already supporting through taxes various public libraries they have access to.

Koger said consolidation of the two systems would make things simpler. "Now we really have two separate entities, even though we use the same building."

The city library tax produces about \$7,000 annually, Koger said. His salary and that of a clerk are subsidized by \$1,400 a month in federal funds which run out Dec. 31.

Citizens over 18 who live in the present district may vote from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Aug. 26, at Seven Mile Ballroom and South Side Grade School, Koger said.

City residents may cast ballots during the same hours at the Meridian Fire Station, but they must be registered voters, LeRoy said in his written opinion.

Boundaries Corrected In Meridian Library Plan

MERIDIAN - Boundaries for the proposal to enlarge the Meridian Free Library District are the same as the Western Ada County Recreation District, not the Meridian Fire District as reported in the Friday edition of The Idaho Statesman.

The proposed district, which would involve merging of the present Meridian Public Library into the Meridian Free Library District, will be up for a vote by residents Aug. 26.

Grover Koger, librarian for both entities, also questioned a statement by a resident that homeowners already are supporting through taxes various public libraries they have access to.

"There are no other public libraries supported by taxes in this area," he said.

The resident, who asked not to be identified, said she was referring to public school libraries.

Reading program rewards youth for books read

Nearly 90 youngsters participated in the Idaho Rodeo summer reading program at the Meridian public library. It began in June and ended Saturday, August 16.

Top readers, reading more than 50 books, included Karin Nelson, Robyn Fowler, Kelly Crofts, JoNell Strough, Patti Hughes, Kim Stevens, Linda Spear, Michael Loree, Kiley, Kendra and Donelle Ruwe, Tamara Jaeger, and Jan Mitchell.

The district library board decided that all participants reading at least six books will receive a special prize, an ice cream cone available at three Meridian outlets with verification slip from the library. The offer is good until September 18.

Award winner

Also eligible for the ice cream cone awards in addition to the top book readers are Kristine Roberts, Leslie and Laura Brice, Cindy and Brenda Eoff, Jodi and Sam Fisher, Shawna and Richard Garrett, Laura Hewett, Sam Papenfuss, Frances Huston, Janet Strough, Terry Groom, Dena Anderson, Mike Hoffman, Jalene Todd.

Other eligible readers include Robert Strikwerda, Velvet Burkovsky, Stacey McClure, Thomas Boatright, Mike Nelson, Lena Bush, Trenton Ruwe, Rick Leininger, Marcine Hull, Kati and Karen Balderston, Holly and Maureen Hill, Kim Mitchell, Mary Dent, Christine Mundt, Michelle Larson.

Grade schoolers participate Library finds kids enthusiastic about summer reading program

Maybe television has made some inroads into children's cultural habits, but that wouldn't be readily apparent at Meridian, thanks to a summer reading program at the district library.

Assistant librarian Nancy Spear, who is in charge of the program, said district library patrons have been encouraged to enroll their children, and they have responded admirably.

The first-year program has had 86 first through sixth graders sign-up, since the first week in June. The program concludes August 16.

50-book readers

Three library district grade schoolers read more than 50 books each, through last week. They are Keely Crofts, Robyn Fowler and Karin Nelson. Each earned a silver saddle sticker for her efforts, said Mrs. Spear.

Grade schoolers Patti Hughes and Jan Mitchell have earned silver buckle stickers for having read more than 40 books apiece, so far.

And Holly Hill, Kim Stevens, Velvet Burkovsky, and Jo Nell Strough have each read more than 30 books apiece.

Program beginning

The Idaho State library at Boise started the program, leaving reading rules and number-of-books-read awards up to individual libraries.

The Meridian library will recognize the accomplishments of every youngster reading at least six books in the program, following conclusion of the program.



Book reading becomes summer pastime of Meridian youngsters

BOOK READERS EXTRAORDINAIRE, that would be Keely Croft, 8, left, and Robyn Fowler, 9. Both have already read more than 50 books apiece this summer, as part of the Meridian district library's summer reading program headed by assistant librarian Nancy Spear. The program began in June and will

end August 16, at which time individuals in the program will be rewarded for their efforts. Keely is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Croft, 526 West Pine Street, and Robyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fowler, 406 East Broadway Avenue, all of Meridian. (Valley News-Times photo)

Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho August 28, 1975

Library lists new book titles

Librarian Grove Koger has announced the following titles of new books that will be available at the Meridian library beginning this Friday, August 29.

Dandelion Wine, a classic evocation of boyhood in the Middle West, by Ray Bradbury.

Shogun, by James Clavell, a panoramic novel of Japan in the 17th century by the author of *Tai-Pan*.

Vinegar Puss, S. J. Perelman's latest collection of humorous sketches.

The Locked Room, by Maj. Sjowall and Per Wahloo, a mystery featuring detective Martin Beck and the Stockholm police.

A Journey to the Center of the Earth, one of Jules Verne's best science fiction adventures.

Kites, a survey of their first 2500 years, by Clive Hart.

Prime Time, a guide to the pleasures and opportunities of the new middle age, by Bernice Hunt and Morton Hunt.

The Great Columbia Plain, by D. W. Meinig, an historical geography of one of the nation's richest farmlands from 1805 to 1910.

Woman's Work, a look at woman's life at home and the work she does there, by Ann Oakley.

Freud and his Followers, a study by Paul Roazen of the founder of psychoanalysis and the men and women who made up his entourage.

Modern Landscape Painting, a richly illustrated survey by Pier Carlo Santini.

Word People, by Nancy Sorel, an inquiry into the lives of those who have lent their names to the English language.

Trying Out the Dream, the record of a year in the life of an American family, by Paul Wilkes.

Separate elections

Polls open noon Tuesday, August 26; voters to decide on library merger

Polls will be open from noon till 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 26, to allow residents of Meridian and the Meridian Free Library District to vote on the question of the city merging with the library district.

If the merger is approved, Meridian residents will no longer pay a city-tax for library. Costs will be shared equally by all residents of the district.

Meridian residents will vote at the City fire station, while library district residents will vote at Southside grade school and Seven Mile ballroom at Eagle Road and Highway 20.

Voter requirements

No pre-registration is required for library district residents. All that is required of them is to sign an oath that they are qualified electors at the time they cast their votes.

City residents who didn't vote in the 1973 city election (for mayor and city council members) must register before voting in the August 26 election. Meridian residents must also re-register if they have moved to a different precinct since voting in 1973.

Where to register

Meridian residents may register

at city hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



VOTE ON
THE
LIBRARY MERGER

AUG. 26 12-8 PM

CITY FIRE STATION
DIST. 7 MILE BALLROOM
SOUTHSIDE

Library merger election lies just ahead Tuesday, August 26

JUST A REMINDER is what Meridian librarian Grove Koger is posting outside the Meridian public library, reminding all city and library district residents that the library merger election will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 26. Meridian residents

will vote at the city fire station, while district residents will vote at Southside grade school and Seven Mile ballroom at Eagle Road and Highway 20. The election is being held to resolve the question of the city merging with the library district.

Meridian Gives OK To Library Merger

MERIDIAN - The merger of the Meridian Public Library into the Meridian Free Library District was over-

whelmingly approved by voters in a special election Tuesday.

Librarian Grove Koger reported city voters approved the merger by a vote of 90 to 10, while the vote in the district which surrounds the city was 29 to 3.

Koger said the district board will meet tonight to set up a budget to determine a mill levy for property owners in the enlarged district.

Residents of the district, which was formed a year ago, have paid no taxes for the library. City residents have been paying two mills.

The district may levy up to three mills to support the library, which is in Meridian.

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Meridian library offers new books

A list of new books that will be available for checking out at the Meridian library this Friday has been announced by librarian Grove Koger.

Humboldt's Gift, the highly acclaimed new novel by one of America's most eminent writers, Saul Bellow.

The Great Train Robbery, by Michael Crichton, a chronicle of crime and punishment in Victorian England.

Malevil, a science fiction novel by Robert Merle that begins on Easter 1977 with the end of the world.

Chaos and Night, by Henry de Montherlant, a psychological study of a Spanish exile and his return to his homeland.

Local Lives, a collection of poems about the Pennsylvania Dutch by Millen Brand.

I Never Danced at the White House, Art Buchwald's latest series of jabs at the Establishment and its representatives.

A Choice of Sundials, a leisurely look at time-honored timepieces, by Winthrop Dolan.

Understanding the Mentally Retarded Child, by Richard Koch, a survey of the latest theories and treatments.

Questions and Answers on Real Estate, the eighth edition of a classic and valuable work by Robert Semenow.

The Art of Being Beautiful at Any Age, Bedford Shelmire's medically-sound guide to skin care for all ages.