

HISTORY

OF THE

OCCIDENT

CLUB

At a luncheon on June 19, 1924, at the home of Mrs. Nina Egbert, plans were made for a Woman's Club of Meridian, and in July of the same year, at the second meeting, the club was formed, the name "OCCIDENT CLUB" selected, a Constitution and By-laws adopted--and so the Occident Club came into existence with a Charter Membership of 34 women of Meridian and vicinity.

A study program for the year was planned, and standing committees named. In the years that have passed the outlook of the club has broadened, bringing in other lines of work instructive to the members and helpful to the community. These have been handled by the appointing of other committees, till now we have a Press and Publicity, Building, Village Improvement, Child Welfare, Legislative, Entertainment and American Citizenship Committees.

This first year the Occident Club joined the District Federation of Women's Clubs, which has brought them in touch with many outside interests.

In celebration of the birth of the Club in 1924, there has been a birthday picnic each year in June at the home of Mrs. Egbert, and beginning with 1925, each winter there has been given a Husband's Party. These have been very happy events in the life of the Club.

The Committees have served faithfully. The Village Improvement Committee two years ago installed a drinking fountain in Meridian that has given much pleasure. They have taken active part in "clean-up week" and other interests of the town. They have had three fruit, vegetable and flower exhibits. Last Fall there were 78 vegetable, 33 fruit and 120 flower exhibits, and the children were keenly interested and took much pride in the show.

The Legislative Committee has reported on political platforms, explained proposed amendments, reported on proposed bills of especial interest to women, and also the failure of the Legislature to pass these same laws.

The Building Committee has accumulated a Building Fund and are investigating lots and buildings for sale that might make a Club Home.

The Child Welfare Committee has worked with the Girl Reserves, giving a Mother and Daughter Banquet, and helping them to raise their quota of \$100.00 each year.

The work of the Library Committee. The Library is the greatest pride of the Club Members. On July 17th, 1924; the first Library Committee was appointed. At the next meeting, September 6th of the same year. this committee reported that they expected to have cases of books from the Traveling Library in Meridian in a few days. These came and were eagerly read by the Meridian Children. Shortly after this the Members were asked to give a book to start a library, and from that small beginning the present library has grown, to between eleven and twelve hundred volumes. While there are ordinarily three cases of books from the Traveling Library and approximately 800 books are taken out each month.

The Librarians, Mrs. Dan Barker and Mrs. Alice Mateer, have been faithful and enthusiastic against all odds, while their helpers have repaired books and helped to raise money to buy new books.

The past year the Librarians requested that this library be placed on the list for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The request was granted and two months ago books were sent from the Division of International Course and Education for the beginning an International Mind Alcove when the Club has a building for the library.

*Lucy Roger
Historian*

1924-'25

Occident Club of Meridian
Charter Members.

- Mrs. Marion M. Clelen.
" Alice S. Mateer.
" J. C. Beam.
" L. A. Songer.
" Frances Mooney.
" ~~E. Pearl Baird.~~
" Gertrude Stanton.
" Fay S. Atwater.
" Nina Egbert.
" Susie Cairns.
" Edna McCoy.
" Myrtie Garrett.
" Georgia Garrett.
" C. H. Kylie.
" ~~Ethel Lockwood.~~
" Tessa Davidson.
" Beth Stalker.
" Anna Curtis.
" C. B. Wagner.
" Elta Davidson.
" Garrie Cato.

Charter Members (continued)

Mrs. Mary French

Mrs. J. A. Allen

Usher " Lucy M. Rogers

Krebs " Mary E. Burns

H. Jager "

Gruher " J. Milton Flack

" Dan Parker

" S. H. Grondahl

" Colwell Miller

" J. F. Baird

" ~~Anne C. Tolles~~

" ~~Zelma Mathews~~

" ~~Perry Lewis~~

" ~~C. E. Deal~~

" Dona M. Castile

Mrs Myrtle Bell

Mrs Orville Jackson +

Mrs Orfa Baldwin +

Mrs J. H. Noble +

Mrs Elmer Yates +

Mrs Joseph Price +

Mrs Erma E. Bell +

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| 9. | " Nina Egbert | ✓ | |
| 10. | " Susie Cairns | ✓ | |
| 11. | " Edna M ^c Coy | ✓ | |
| 12. | " Myrtle Garrett | | |
| 13. | " Georgia Garrett | | |
| 14. | " C. A. Wylie | | |
| 15. | " Ethel Lockwood | | |
| 16. | " Tessa Davidson | | |
| 17. | " Beth Stalker | | |
| 18. | " Anna Curtis | | |
| 19. | " C. B. Wagner | | |
| 20. | " Elta Davidson | | |
| 21. | " Cabrie Cato | ✓ | |
| 22. | " Mary French | | |
| 23. | " T. A. Allen | | |
| 24. | " Lucy M. Hoyer. | | |
| 25. | " Mary E. Burns | | |
| 26. | " J. Milton Flack | | |

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29	"	Colwell Miller		
30	"	J. F. Baird	✓	
31	"	Anne C. Tolles		
32	"	Gelma Mathews	✓	
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Occident-Club History

1924-1925

Our first year as a Club saw our first efforts as a Civic Organization. Our first President, Mrs. Marian Clellen was the one to put forth efforts towards a public library. We first received cases from the Traveling Library which were placed in Songer's Drug Store. Mrs. Mertie Garrett; (now of Bremerton, Washington) acted as librarian one afternoon a week. The library was moved to the City Hall in March 1925. A concerted effort was put forth to get books by donation and raising money in various ways to buy books--Mrs. Alice Mateer and Mrs. Addie Barker acting as librarians in 1925.

Money was raised to buy a drinking fountain. During the Club year three dances were given at which they cleared \$105.85. The fountain cost \$76.55. Of the money left, \$25.00 was placed in a fund towards a Club House. This was our first money for our permanent home.

1925-1926

Our officers for this year were

Pres., Marian Clellen
Vice Pres, Anna Curtis
Sec., Mrs. W. R. Baird
Ass't Sec., Nina Egbert
Treas., Mrs. W. J. Davidson
Director, Mrs. Magner
Historian, Mrs. Gertrude Stanton
Critic, Mrs. Vera Miller

Mrs. W. R. Baird resigned as Secretary, and Mrs. Dona Castile, served to the end of the year. This year a Flower Exchange was first started.

1926-1927

Officers

Pres., Vera Miller
Vice Pres., Mary Beam
Sec. Nina Egbert
Ass't Sec., Mrs. Yaggy
Treas., Grace Neal
Director, Marian Clellen
Historian, Mary French
Critic, Alice Mateer

The Library Committee reported about 500 books at this time.

1927-1928

Officers

Pres., Grace Neal
Vice Pres., Mary French
Sec., Marguerette Patch
Ass't Sec., Maytie Flack
Treas., Mary Beam
Historian, Maud Youngquist
Critic, Vera Miller
Director, Anna Curtis
Director, Tessie Davidson

The first effort this year was to raise money for the Mississippi Flood sufferers. A call was made by the Red Cross, and \$127.00 was raised at a dance.

We sponsored a Bathing Beauty contest at the Fair, sending as our entry Miss Margaret Grondahl. She won the ^{2nd prize} ~~\$83.00~~ which was reported in library fund this year. During the previous years we sponsored a fruit and flower show by the grade school children. Also Girl Reserves and Boy Scouts.

We were notified by the City Council that we would have to find a place ~~xxxx~~ for our library as we were out-growing our room, and there wasn't room for the Council to hold their meetings so we must plan a home in the near future.

1928-1929

Officers

Pres., Mary French
Vice Pres., Beth Stalker
Rec. Sec., Tessie Davidson
Ass't Sec., Mrs. Irma Bell
Treas., Myrtle Songer
Corresponding Sec., Orpha Baldwin
Historian, Maud Youngquist
Director, Vera Miller

Our work this year started with a request from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that we take the painting of the band stand as our work, which we did at the cost of \$23.50.

In March, 1929, the Building Committee reported \$161.89 in the

Treasury, and at this meeting our first plans were made to definitely plan a Club House. Two places were considered--the Adams property and the old Interurban Depot were discussed. Nothing definite was done.

1929-1930

April being our City Election, the members voted to take an active part in this election, and nominated as their candidates Ralph Hosely and Charles Riddle. We won after a heated contest--this our first efforts in Civic work along that line.

This year being our banner year in real work and worry. Starting the year we voted to turn our attention and work to one thing, and that getting a Club House. The Building Committee were composed of

Grace Neal, Chairman
Anna Hunt
Grace Jackson
Zelma Mathews
Dora Leighton.

Too much praise cannot be given this Committee. Their accomplishment was far above anyone's expectations. They worked night and day to raise money. At our October meeting a vote was taken that we submit a bid for the Interurban Building, which we did and purchased it for \$1205.00. In order to hold property we had to incorporate, which we did in October 1929. Money was raised by donation, dances, putting on a Lyceum Course and an Idaho Home Products Banquet, which brought them \$109.42. Many donations were received. A play of local talent was one of the many entertainments. The Columbian Chorus gave us an evening of fine entertainment. A Style Show was given. The total amount of the building, finished, was \$1,955.65. This money was raised, excepting a small amount--that being borrowed for a term of five years.

Of all efforts, none exceed those of this Committee, to which

the Club owes a debt of gratitude. Officers for this year were

Pres., Mary French
Vice Pres., Beth Stalker
Secretary, Tessie Davidson
Ass't Sec., Maytie Flack
Treasurer, Myrtle Songer
Director, Grace Neal
Historian, Lucy Koger
Critic, Vera Miller

1930-1931

Officers for this year were

Pres., Tessie Davidson
Vice Pres., Mrs. O. M. Rains
Secretary, Orpha Baldwin
Treasurer, Jessie Bell
Ass't Sec., Florence Robinson
Historian, Maud Youngquist

The first effort of this year was the concession at the Fair, which brought us \$256.68. Work still continued toward paying off the Club house debt. One of the many things given was a Barn Dance, which netted \$50. \$60.00 was made serving lunch to Cremery Meeting. Mrs. Barker made and donated a quilt that brought \$25.00 for the Library Fund. A Minstrel Show brought \$51.40. A piano, which was badly needed, was purchased. The many other things sponsored by the Club was carried on as usual this year.

1931-1932

June 24th, 1931 commenced our Sixth year's activity, and the annual picnic was held on that date at the Egbert home on their spacious lawn. A chicken pie dinner was served, with Mrs. J. W. Rice chairman of the Picnic Committee. At this meeting, Mrs. Brink gave a report in regard to the Kindergarten School that had been investigated and found not to be advisable at this time. At this time Mrs. Mateer and Mrs. Barker notified the Club that they were no longer able to work in the library--a position they had filled for six years continuously. They were given a vote of Thanks for their

untiring efforts, a record not many could or would make at this time. We decided to charge a small amount (10¢ and 25¢) for Cards.

Officers were

Pres., Orpha Baldwin,
Vice Pres., Nina Egbert
Secretary, Nora Lawson
Ass't Sec., Florence Robinson
Treasurer, Alice Taylor

Directors, Orpha Baldwin
Nina Egbert
Nora Lawson
Alice Taylor
Tessie Davidson, P.P.

We again had a Concession at the Fair, from which we cleared \$118.36. Radio programs were sponsored over KFXD. This year the matter of a Cemetery District was discussed, and a committee of three appointed to see about getting it organized. W. B. Davidson drew up the petition which was circulated by Ruth Nelson and Mary French. Every one in the District signed the petition excepting two. They were L. W. Starkey and Mrs. Hawks. It was presented to the County Commissioners and according to Law, an election was held September 4th, that carried by a large majority. The extra money that comes in has helped to make one of the beauty spots and a Cemetery that we can be justly proud of. The first Cemetery board was composed of

W. S. Mateer, Mrs. Horton and Ira B. Lane.

They have done splendid work, and Mr. Mateer receives special mention for he has always done so much towards beautifying the grounds.

This year some extension work was taken up under Miss Vivian Minyard and Miss Eastman.

1932-1933

1932 and 1933 will go down in History as the "Depression Year", and on account of it we decided to not try to make a showing, but just

try to keep going and not work hardships on the members, so there was no effort put forth to earn money. The most outstanding work which took two years to accomplish was the building up of the park around the Clubhouse grounds. Mr. Petrie drew the landscape plans and the Committee, of which Mrs. Alice Taylor was chairman, and Mrs. Mabel Cairns, have been untiring in their efforts, spent much time and worked very hard, surely deserve special mention in this history. Many trees and shrubs were donated which are all growing and blooming making a place we can well be proud of.

Another thing that has been taken up this year was the welfare work, as in the winter of 1931 and 1932 there was so much need for help. The Club named a committee to call the Church organizations of the town in conjunction with the Council. The chairman worked with the Welfare Board of Boise. In that way much help was given to the needy. The Red Cross allowed us to have a station and distribute flour and clothing, of which we received and distributed 350 sacks of flour, to 124 families, two bolts of outing, one of sheeting, 105 sweaters, stockings, socks, overalls, corduroys, diaper cloth, underwear for men, women and children, stockings, socks and bloomers to women and children and some bedding.

The officers for this year were

Pres., Nina Egbert
Vice Pres., Dora Leighton
Secretary, Maud Youngquist
Ass't Sec., Florence Robinson
Treas., Alice Taylor
Historian, Mary French

The flower and fruit exhibit was held at the school grounds as usual this year. On January 30, 1933 occurred the death of Dr. H. R. Neal, one of our ardent supporters. He was one of our advisors during the time of buying and building over the Club house. During all of that trying time he was always ready with his kindly council and advice and in ~~a~~ financial help, so feel the year's history would not be

complete without a record of his passing. That a life that was so full of interest for the welfare of the community had gone from our midst--"A life work finished".

This year we chose our Club flowers. The Iris to be our Perennial and the Zinnia our Annual flower.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary French
Historian

August 1926

I am old, so old, I can write my history. My infancy is done. Some play always, they know no better. My work has just begun.

I have made a normal growth in one year, being at this time 53 inches tall. I have increased in weight accordingly so that I am now a healthy vigorous child of two years.

I began my second year by causing to be erected on the highway through Meridian, an iced drinking fountain. This cost me a great deal of thought, no little labor, and perspiration and several fingers from my right hand. I have survived and trust that many a dusty traveler will feel refreshed after having a drink of good cool water.

It gives me pleasure to feel how delightfully I can entertain myself. My beautiful homes have been the scenes of pleasant and instructive meetings throughout the year. My many husbands were feted in the church parlors and many the compliment I have received upon my ability as a hostess.

Anna Curtis
Historian

HISTORY OF THE OCCIDENT CLUB OF MERIDIAN, IDAHO

1927 and 1928

In looking back over the year of 1927-28 the Occident Club feels it has had a most successful year.

To start the year off so that the success was inevitable, very efficient officers have been chosen to carry on the work. These officers and the chairman of the various committees were untiring in their efforts, and the success in a large measure is due to them.

The meetings were all held at the appointed time with the exception of the June meeting. This meeting is the birthday of the Occident Club and it is always held on the lawn of Mrs. Lee Egbert. The weather being very wet on the appointed day the meeting was postponed and held June 27.

The program committee appointed by the President, Mrs. Neal, arranged a very fine and varied programs for the year. The subjects were assigned to different members of the club, they acted or provided someone to speak for them. This was well carried out that everyone felt that they had gained much by listening to the talk, and also, were so well entertained by the good music provided at each meeting.

The Occident Club has one child they can well be proud of, that being the library. The great increase in the number of books used and called for during theyear is amazing when one stops to consider the short time the library has been in existance, and the small way in which it started; The library has a room allotted to them in the city hall and is opened every Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The library committee are in charge and act as librarians and prepare many books. The great demand for more books then are at command of the committee have made it seem ^{that} the only thing to do is to give the library to the City of Meridian so that the city can help finance it, by so doing the club does not lose its management.

And so has come the end of the fifth year of the life of the Club. Years full of tasks that have taken the members out of the hum-drum routine of every day life, associations that have brought real pleasures, new friends made that would not have been met but for the Club meetings--tasks allotted that were useful, instructive and pleasant, mostly, but sometimes hard and not always pleasant to perform. Even so the members have faithfully pushed ahead, with the knowledge that strength comes with endeavor; and with a pride in the Club and its successes that will surely mean closer, happier friendships, a broader, more intelligent club activity and greater civic usefulness.

Number of Books on Shelves, June 1932 ----- 2463

New Books purchased	13	
Carnegie Books from New York	12	
Books donated	49	
New Reference books purchased	11	
" " " donated	36	
	<u>121</u>	<u>121</u>
Total-----		2,584

Books lost	4
Given to High School	103
Old Books Destroyed	15
	<u>122</u>

Number on Shelves, approximately----- 122
2,462

Balance, June 1932 -----	\$9.20	
Receipts, cards, 52 adult, 63 children-----	19.30	
Collection from club -----	2.70	
Novelty Sale -----	2.25	
Fines -----	17.79	
Pay Shelf -----	11.60	
Renewals -----	5.21	
Total Receipts -----		<u>\$ 68.05</u>

Dist.		
New Books -----	\$15.20	
New Reference Books -----	30.00	
Express on books -----	5.77	
Coal -----	2.00	
Freight on Free Traveling -----	1.50	
Mending supplies -----	.80	
		<u>55.27</u>

Balance in Bank, June 6 ----- \$ 12.78

One visitor from Kansas.

Books Mended, 51.

B.P.W.Club	\$5.00
P.E.O.	5.00
Mother-Daughter Tea	16.90
	<u>\$26.90</u>

Promised

Occident Club \$5.00

Portfolio of club activities

in 1930 when the delegates returned from
Pasadena they requested the need of keeping
a portfolio when upon president Davidson
appointed Goldie C. Carter to keep same
in August 1930 Mrs Carter purchased a
Seaford Books to care for same clipping
which has the following items recorded
first the names of all the presidents of
the club given in all

- 1 Mrs John Eelen in 1924 - 1925
- 2 Mrs Vera C. Miller in 1926 - 1927
- 3 Mrs. Grace J. Neal .. 1927 - 1928
- 4 Mrs Mary French .. 1928 - 1929 - 1929 - 1930
- 5 Mrs Tessie Davidson 1930 .. 1931 to year
- 6 Mrs Alpha Baldwin 1931 .. 1932
- 7 Mrs Etina Egbert 1932 .. 1933

on the visitors page there 83 visitors
registered all of meridians except

Champa 5

in 5

Meriden 1

Los Angeles Calif 1

Nova 1

Boston Mass 1

page 2

The Book contains 65 clippings from
the local paper and some from the Statesman
a republican and
one Democratic platform of 1928
with the pictures of Governor Ross
and John McCreary
and the National Democratic platform of
1932 presented by the former

The last clipping in the Book is dated June 2-33
which gives account of the picnic held to do
President Davidson appointed me in 1930-31
President Baldwin appointed me in 1931-2
President Robert. reappointed me in 1932-3

Then a lapse of 5 years after that no clipping
reached before this committee was added to the
club I started with a few clippings that
some of the members had saved and was
kind enough to hand to me namely the
Baldwin the Davidson and the Youngquist
and there may be some other members
that give me some clippings all so if such
is the case had forgotten these names

faithfull Submitted
Goldie L. Carter
June 8. 1933

Should be kept on file

MERIDIAN OCCIDENT CLUB REPORT 1933-4

The Meridian Occident Club was organized in 1924. The Club owns its own club house and a plot of ground which was landscaped and planted to shrubery and trees last year. This year the American Legion Auxillary planted a large poppy bed. There have been other improvements made toward beautifying the grounds.

We have a Library consisting of 2400 volumes in our club house. The number is increased each year by purchasing several new books. This spring the Club hired a CWA worker to mend the damaged books.

Our greatest aim this year was to raise money to pay off the mortgage on our club house. We succeeded in paying all but one hundred and fifty dollars. A great deal of the money was raised through the untiring efforts of the members in planning social activities.

On July first Meridian had a play day at which the Club sponsored a beautiful flower show and sold ice cream and cake. In O

In October we held a carnival which included a fruit, flower, and vegetable exhibit. It attracted much attention and was free to the public.

Last fall we entertained the Girl Reserve Convergence and housed and fed one hundred and seventy girls. We held a banquet for them and gave the girls half of the proceeds.

In November we held our annual rummage sale.

In December the Club sponsored a Home Products Dinner at which there was a good attendance.

In February the Club gave a dinner for the Idaho Power Company which proved to be quite profitable.

In April we had our annual plant and shrubery exchange which the community at large enjoyed.

This spring the Kurr Glass Company put on a meat canning demonstration which was well attended.

Miss Minyard from the Extension Department gave a series of talks on dress making at the Club House last fall.

We furnished our club house to a group of CWA workers composed of sixteen women. They made over 729 garments and made 216 new garments and five quilts.

The Club sent fruit to the Children's Home, got ten applications for membership in the Red Cross, and assisted the schools in selling Christmas seals.

The Club members visited the Nampa Century Club and furnished a program.

This spring the Club refinished the walls and floors of the club house which proved to be a great improvement.

We have thirty-five paid-up members and are all working together for mutual helpfulness and a broader understanding of the common good.

Dora Leighton

President

Report on Portfolio,

1933-35 35

Madam President of the Occident Club.
This scrapbook was started Aug-30-1930
Prior to that time there had been four
Presidents, since that time there has been
five presidents installed total nine.
Total number of visitors in during
that time 120 including five from
California and Mrs. C. L. Hoon of Wis.,
balance from our own State of Idaho
Number of Clippings of Newspapers, 80.
Including one program of the annual
meeting of the district federation of Clubs
held at Weiser Submitted by Mrs. M. Flacker
We have taught our hearts to love our
Clubs, and guard them with a jealous
care, We have taught our hearts to
look with a lovers eye on our fair
State of Idaho, 'Tis the spot on earth
to us. The fairy land we have
longed to see. 'Tis Idaho dear Idaho
We've taught our hearts the way to
prize our State, Idaho dear Idaho.

Respectfully Submitted
by Goldie E. Carter,

Port Folio
Report

33-34

Year 1935 & 1936.

On June 28, 1935 at our annual picnic meeting, Mrs Zelma Mathews assumed her responsibilities as President of the club for the ensuing year at which time she gave us her greatest desire that the club double its membership.

A float for the parade at the 4th of July was planned.

Fruit was canned by the members and sent to the Childrens' Home. 40 Qts in all.

We sold the new set of reference books from the library to the grade school for \$50.00. This amount was applied on the club house indebtedness which finished and paid our last note. We are most grateful and happy to be out of debt.

Our club donated \$3.00 to Boise Junior College fund.

Club members visited Kuna Improvement Club and Columbian Club in Boise.

The teachers of the grade and high schools were our guests on the evening of Oct. 7th to get acquainted.

\$32.19 was realized from the Idaho Power Co. Banquet.

At the request of the Girls Reserves the club supplied a Xmas basket to a needy family.

The club agreed to use N.Y.A. help giving them 44 hr work at book mending to be paid by N.Y.A. at \$15.00 per month.

The High school manual training class made a new set of book shelves at a cost of \$9.95 for our new books.

We bought 2 doz. chairs for the club house.

From a cooked food sale \$10.42 was made for the Library Fund.

At the annual book shower 22 books were given to the library.

From the Idaho Power girls banquet we made \$19.50.

Mrs Lawson represented our club at a Drs convention for women only held in Boise.

Building committee made \$5.78 from a pie sale.

The club paid the annual dues of the President as a member of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce.

The club feels the loss of our member Mrs. Mary French who gave her untiring efforts toward the making of our club.

Mrs Davidson chairman of Better Homes of America reported Mr. Bennet and Mrs Horton as speakers at our annual plant and seed exchange held in April.

Mrs. Masterson gave a report on the safety Campaign Council held in Boise and the club agreed it to be a very worth while movement and to go on record as being 100% behind it.

A gift of linen was given to Mrs Leighton who lost nearly all of her bedding when their house burned.

The officers for this year are;

Mrs Zelma Mathews-----President
Mrs Alice Taylor-----Vice Pres.
Mrs Mayte **Flack**-----Secretary.
Mrs Alice Berry-----Treasurer.
Mrs Addie Hutchison-----Corres. Sec.

Respectfully Submitted
Nina Egbert
Historian

Library Report June 1395 to 36

By Mary Matcham

Balance June 1 - 1935-	\$ 15.77	<u>1636</u>
Rec. from Fines	16.36	
children and adult Pay shelf cards	10.09	
Library Fund Committee	23.60	
Mrs. Oakes, Lawson, Leighton Coos gave a cooked food Sale and Banquet.	9.10	
	19.28	
Sale of Standard Reference Books	50	<u>00</u>
Total Receipts for yr.	\$ 129.23	
Exp. for new Books.	36.75	
Book shelves	9.75	
Drayage	1.63	
Coal	4.50	
	<u>\$ 52.63</u>	

loaned to Club

78.38

Balance June 1 - 1936

13.99

Books mended 93

Book donations 127

New Books 34

Received from

Carnegie of N. York 12.

Volumes on shelves. 3200.

Club report
 Sect - 1935-36

Recd. Pd out

June 28-35	On hand	46.17	
" "	Recd	44.07	
	Pd out		87.20
July 13-35	Recd	53.00	
	Pd out		45.49
Aug 3-35	Recd	4.20	
	Pd out		.30
Sept 7-35	Recd	7.50	
	Pd out		3.62
Oct 5-35	Recd	49.69	
	Pd out		35.36
Nov 2-35	Recd	3.00	
	Pd out		4.20
Dec 7-35	Recd	24.78	
	Pd out		9.97

232.41 186.14

Brot Ford.

2 32.41

188.14

Jan 4 - 36 Recd

17.00

Pd out

17.17

Feb 1 - 36 Recd

7.50

Pd out

3.42

Mar - 7 - 36 Recd.

2.00

Pd out

41.13

Apr 4 36 Recd

16.92

Pd out

14.93

May 2 - 36 Recd

21.50

Pd out.

26.50

297.33

289.29

Bal on hand or \$ 8.04

Annual Report Dec 1936-37

	Bal on hand June	8.04	
June 15	Rent 2 ⁰⁰ Cairns Bld Com, "	2.11	
(L)	Pd Out	10.15	
	lights ^{1.02} cream ^{.45} janitor ^{2.00}		3.47
	Bal on hand	6.68	
July 13	Recd dues 1 ⁰⁰	1.00	
(R)	Pd Out	7.68	
	lights ^{1.02} vase ^{.76} float ^{2.83} postage ^{.25}		4.86
	Balance on hand	2.82	
Aug 3	Rent 6 ⁰⁰ refund on napkins ^{.40}	6.40	
(S)	Pd Out	9.22	
	Janitor ^{2.00} lights ^{1.02} cream cl ^{5.80}		8.82
	Balance on hand	.40	
Sept 5	dues 5 ⁰⁰ rent 4 ⁰⁰ rent 3 ⁰⁰	12.00	
(T)	Pd Out	12.40	
	receipt book ^{.10} Janitor ^{.50} lights ^{1.02}		1.62
	Balance on hand	10.78	
Oct 3	dues 8 ⁰⁰	8.00	
(U)	borrowed from library	12.36	
	Pd Out	31.14	
	lights ^{1.02} Janitor ^{1.00} lateral seven ^{29.12}		31.14
	Balance on hand none	0.00	
	blebor to library 12 ³⁶		
Nov 7	dues 5 ⁰⁰ Lenniger Univ ^{2.00} pie sale ^{9.18}	16.18	
(V)	Pd Out		
	lights ^{1.02} Red Cross ^{.50}		1.52
	Balance on hand	14.66	
Dec 5	dues 4 ⁰⁰ rents 13 ⁵⁰	17.50	
(W)(X)	Pd Out	32.16	
	coal ^{3.86} lights ^{1.07} Janitor ^{3.00}		7.93
	Curtis for play ^{3.30} water tax ^{1.20}		4.50
	flowers ^{.50} on library loan ^{7.36} Falkner ^{7.00}		14.86
	Balance on hand	4.87	

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Jan 2 (y) Balance on hand 4.87
 rent 1.00 c of Com 6.00 am legion yoder 5.00 5.95 17.95
 Pd Out 22.82
 Xmas basket .65 Janitor 2.50 Coal 1.95 5.10
 stamps .09 lights 1.00 library in full 5.00 6.09
 Falkner board in full 8.00 8.00
 19.19

Feb 13 (B) Balance on hand 3.63
 dues 3.00 banquet 52.21 rent 2.00 57.21
 rent 4.00 rent 1.75 rent 2.00 7.75
 Pd Out 68.59
 coal 2.75 Janitor 5.00 flowers 1.00 8.75
 Printing bill 1.50 lights 1.00 2.50
 11.25

Mch 6 (aa) Balance on hand 57.34
 rent 7.00 dues 1.00 8.00
 Pd Out 65.34
 lights 1.05 Janitor 3.50 luncheon 2.13 6.68

Apr 3 (BB) Balance on hand 58.66
 Rent 4.00 4.00
 Pd Out 62.66
 Janitor 3.00 lights 1.00 Ded dues 3.10 7.10

May 1 (CC) Balance on hand 55.56
 rent 11.00 dues 1.00 12.00
 Pd Out 67.56
 Janitor 1.00 lights 1.00 2.00
 Balance on hand \$65.56

Submitted by Mayte Black
 Sec. May 11, 1937 to the
 Auditors
 Mrs Patch
 " Marion
 " Rains
 Audited June 7, 1937
 Marguerite Patch
 Eva M. Marion
 Mollie Rains

June 1936 & 1937.

The new President appointed her many committees for the ensuing year.

A float was planned for the 4th of July parade held in Meridian, an imitation of the Club House and grounds.

In August the club entertained the Columbian Club of Boise, Century Club of Nampa and Improvement Club of Kuna at the home of Mrs Egbert. There were 83 present.

We were responsible for a Xmas basket to a nearby family.

A collection was taken at the Dec. meeting for a Xmas gift to the Childrens' Home amount to the sum of \$1.45.

Six beanie caps were knitted by members of the club for the Red Cross.

The annual flower exchange was held in March at which Mr. Bennet of the University Extension Division gave an interesting talk on best shrubs and trees to plant.

Flowers were given to the honorary members present at our May meeting. There were 61 visitors during the year.

We lost by death a club member, Mrs, Caldwell.

The officers for this year are

Mrs Elsie Curtis	--President
Mrs Carrie Gato	---Vice Pres.
Mrs Mayte Flack	---Secretary.
Mrs Dean Ulmer	---Treasurer.
Mrs Esther Hutchison	--Corres. Sec.

Respectfully submitted

Neria Egbert

Historian

The Officers for 1937 & 1938

were: Mrs Carrie Gato-----President.
Mrs Mayte Flack-----Vice President.
Mrs Dean Ulmer-----Secretary.
Mrs Bernice Booth-----Treasurer.

It was decided to change the Building Committee to be called Finance Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to change our meetings to the 1st Monday of each month.

Mrs Gato gave a very thorough report of the 2nd District Federation of Womens Clubs.

Mrs Carter gave a very interesting report on her Portfolio reporting that in the seven years she had this work there have been 341 visitors. A rising vote of thanks was given her for her good work.

On discussion of how we care for our treasury money, we found we could deposit it in the bank as savings without a charge but we cannot write checks. The treasurer to draw out money personally to pay bills.

A suggestion we get kitchen minded which resulted in donations of dishes and cooking utensils. Miss White of the University Extension Division gave a lecture on the modern conveniences of the country kitchen. She also reported that the achievement day program was to be held at M. E. church in Meridian, October 13 1937 at 10 o'clock with pot luck dinner.

From our cooked food sale we received \$4.33 to be used for the care of the club grounds.

Mrs Cairns suggested we have a rummage sale to raise money toward building a kitchen on the club house and if we have something to work for we would take more interest to keep going.

Club furnished a gift bag at Xmas time to be sent to the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps who are ill in hospitals abroad.

The club gave \$3.00 to the fund for a memorial to Mrs Dockery of Boise who was a very prominent club woman.

\$58.87 was received from the Creamery Banquet.

Mr. Bennet of the University Extension talked on pruning of shrubs and trees on our grounds.

In May an all day meeting with pot luck dinner was held with Miss White helping members make flower baskets. Miss White gave helpful lessons at each months program which all members enjoyed so much.

Respectfully submitted
Nina Egbert *Historian*

Anna Curtis had talked¹ with a few ladies of
Meridian and Community about organizing a civic
Club in Meridian.

Anna and I planned to give a luncheon
on June 19. - 1924. on the lawn at my
home.

Mrs Mateer acted as temporary chairman.

Mrs Marian Clew was elected Pres.

Anna Curtis Vice Pres.

" Gertrude Stanton Secy

" Mertie Garrett Historian

Mary Pearra Treasurer

" Esther Hardin critic.

Meeting turned over to new Pres. who made a
few pleasing remarks and ask members to suggest
a name for club. - By Laws Com.

Mrs Margaret Ogbert and Mrs. Duffes both of Nampa
charter members of Nampa Century Club were invited
to the luncheon and they help us to get started right.

Mrs Mateer entertained the next July meeting.

The By Laws Com. reported and club adopted
the by laws as com had drawn up. also we adopted
the Roberts Revised Rules of Order.

Three names suggested. Excelsior Club Meridian, Woman's
Club and Occident Club.

Standing Com. appointed.

interesting travelogue was planned for the year
with each member taking part. The winter meeting

held at M. S. Church parlors. 2

The Club joined 2nd Dist Federation and was represented at Emmett. convention

We entertained Mrs T. B. Brush Pres of Federation at a called meeting at which she gave us helpful ideas.

On our 1st birthday anniversary the club boasts of a library small tho' it is which was held in City Hall.

Mrs Barker Mrs Mater acting librarians gave two afternoons a week. They had made bookcases for books by the manual training classes of M. H. S.

These com. gave silver tea and asked each member to bring 1 book or send one. many other people gave books too. ^{Case of}

They cared for books State Free Traveling Library until they had enough of their own.

We celebrated our 1st anniversary with a picnic on same lawn. There were 34 charter members.

2nd yr. gained members to 53.

Installed public drinking fountain on Highway 30 thru Mauchan. (Daisy periwinkle flower. Gemma Annual flower. Yellow white our colors)

A Dance was given to raise the money to do this and 76.55 was pd for fountain, 25 was placed in a fund towards a building fund

1927- Library reported 500 books on shelves.

We received call from Redcross for help for Mississippi flood sufferers. So gave a dance and made \$127 which was turned over to Redcross.

Club sponsored flower and vegetable shows each fall for grade school children.

City Council notified the club they would have to find a
new home for the library -

Mar 1929 - B^{uilding} Com - reported 161.89 in Bank. Club was
working hard for one thing getting a club house
after much hard work one way or another, words etc
we purchased this building - 1200. 1935.45 finished

~~Answers to you~~ Mrs Barker and Mrs Mateer resigned from
the Library after 6 years continuous services
& after noons each week.

Club helped to get the cemetery Dist. organized of
which Meridian is so proud of. as it is of the beauty
spots about here. Mrs Mateer Mrs Horton and Ira
Lane were the 1st Dist board. Mrs Mateer was so
proud of the cemetery.

During 1932. 33
was known as Depression year - we did
not accomplish much. However we kept the club
going and got the Club House grounds landscaped
with flowers and trees shrubs. Most of trees were
given by other organizations.

Welfare work was done thru Red Cross who allowed
us a station from which we could distribute
flour, clothing both old made overs and new material
to 124 needy families

We let the C.W.A. workers use the club house
& day a week, to sew at making over old clothes and quilts

Club had a float in 4 of July parade.
But debt on the club house was finally pd off in 33-36
and were we glad. This was accomplished by giving parties
dances, dinners, shows, etc any way we could think of to raise
money.

37-38 Club decided to change our club meeting day to 1st Monday of each Mo.

A kitchen shower was suggested and resulted in nice collection of dishes and cooking utensils - we became kitchen-minded and worked toward adding kitchen on club house which was pd for in 1940-41. Some donated - but!

Sponsored achievement day for all clubs in Ada Co.

Our P. Pres Della Cox had as her ambition to hold a hobby show by which to raise enough money to set up an emergency chest. 110.51 was taken in. In the chest are hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches, oxygen tank and numerous articles used by the sick. all free to the public.

Club landscaped and planted 50 shrubs & 7 trees in the Meridian Park.

Recreational Center for young people was Mrs McCoy's ambition which got going good the year after she was Pres.

Club joined the State Federated Womens Clubs and assisted Nampa century club entertain the Federation.

We assisted Nampa century, and Boise Columbian club entertain the 2nd Dist Federation.

The Club has donated to G. R. Boy. S., - Cancer control, Red Cross, U. S. O each Mo, National War Fund and childrens home.

Many members did sewing, knitting, helped fill Xmas baskets to a needy family, filled kits for overseas.

Several members spent many hrs making surgical dressings, pads etc.

Letting pride & joy. Emergency chest is wonderful. Enlarge club house to accommodate our crowded library. In just plain words we are over crowded and do need more rooms.

History for 1938 - 39.

Officers

- Mrs Mayte Flack - President
" Alma Barber - Vice Pres.
" Dean Ulmer - Secretary
" Susie Cairns - Treasure
" Thelma Arderton - Corr. Secretary
" Nina Egbert - Historian

The annual club day - birthday meeting was held on June 6 - 1938 with a pot luck dinner

The new president Mrs Mayte Flack in the chair appointed her committees

The town board asked the club ladies to landscape the city park, which we did and also gave a tree to the park.

We entertained the Columbian Club of Boise, Kuna Improvement Club and Century Club of Yampa and we visited each of these clubs.

Achievement Day was planned for Oct 14th. The theme to be "Our greatest community achievements with a style show and canning exhibits.

The club gave thirteen galloping parties, rummage sales and a chinese checker party to raise funds

A large donation of books to the library by Mrs J. H. Gakey.

A memorial service was held in honor of
Mrs Goldie Carter.

We were notified by the Treasury department that
our club would be exempt from income tax.

The club members filled a Xmas basket for a
needy family.

The club members enjoyed a Xmas gift exchange
at the Dec. meeting with all ^{Xmas} singing & carols.

Ninia Ogbert
Historian

1939 - 1940

Officers:

Mrs. Dean Ulmer, President.
Mrs. Alice Lant, Vice-President.
Mrs. Nettie Hudson, Secretary.
Mrs. Earl Wolfe, Treasurer.

Fifty shrubs and twenty-seven trees planted in Meridian Park by Occident Club.

Banquet for Post-Masters, June 16th and 17th, cleared \$21.68.

Sponcers for the Achievement Day for all clubs of Ada County on October 6th.

Mrs. Tessie Davidson and Mrs. Susie Cairns were Delegates to Women's Vacation Camp at Mc.Call, Idaho.

Mrs. Hedges was Chairman of Programs for the year. She made posters for the wall that gave the clubs programs for every meeting.

Reception for the teachers at the Meridian High School.

Gave a party for members husbands.

Gave donations to cancer control, Red Cross, Children's Home, Girl Reserves and Basket at Christmas time to needy family.

Bought Serving trays for club.

Bought two different stoves to replace the old ones.

Built on a kitchen on north side of club house.

Kalsomined Library room and club room.

Had Dorothy Stevens, District Home Demonstration Agent, with us several times on programs during the year.

Christmas exchange of gifts in charge of Miss Demond.

Mrs. Ulmer, Lant and Leinineger attended the Second District Convention at Emmett, as our delegates April 24, and 25th, 1939.

Nampa Century Club, Kuna Improvement Club and Columbian Club were our guests during our club year.

Helma Mathews

ANNUAL REPORT

by N. Hudson, Sec.

The Meridian Occident Club held twelve regular meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 32 members. Each meeting was opened promptly at 2:00 o'clock by our Pres. Mrs. Deane Ulmer. We had an opening song and the Collect read at each meeting.

We entertained The Nampa Century Club and Kuna Improvement Club in Mar. We sent three delegates to the 2nd Dist. Conv. in Emmett, Idaho Apr. 24 and 25th. We had 9 Galloping Parties, a net of \$11.95; two gifts \$1.50; One card party for Library Fund \$5.05; a total of \$17.38.

With thirty-three paid members and fifteen honorary members, we had a most successful year.

We had money on hand at beginning of year, June 5, 1939;

	\$178.16
Taken In	<u>196.43</u>
	374.69
Paid	<u>94.23</u>
Bal. on Hand June 6, 1940	280.46
double entry	<u>4.50</u>
Sept. '39	275.96
Cash on Hand	1.08
Interest Sept. 2, 1939	1.89
Interest Mar. 1, 1940	<u>2.34</u>
	281.27
	- <u>1.08</u>
Bal to be Carried Forward	\$280.19

Mrs. Frank Hudson, Sec.

Auditing Committee - Mrs. Alice Lant, Mrs. Alice Taylor and Mrs. Addie Leininger.

June 3, 1940

1940 - 1941

Presi. Alice Lunt

V. P. Mrs Mollie Rains

Sec. Nettie Hudson

Tre. Mrs Earl Wolf.

46 regular - 14 Honorary members.

Contributions were made to Children Home, Red Cross, Cancer Control and English Pressure cooker.

During the year Kalsomined club rooms, bought kitchen equipment, paid out for building the kitchen, installed electric range sink light fixtures and have had donations toward silverware, glass plates dish towels,

Sponsored Teacher party, and Achievement Day.

We entertained Kama Improvement Club. Nampa Century Club, Boise Columbia Club. we were also guest of these clubs also Whitney Progress Club.

Library Committee sponsored Chinese checker Tournament, bought linoleum for Library floor.

Donated box of Shrubs to Junior College grounds Boise.

Second District of Federated Clubs meet Nampa April Apr. 23-24th our club co-hostness, we sent

Pres. Alice Lunt, Mrs Hudson Mrs Rains delegates.

Germa Mathews

OCCIDENT CLUB HISTORY
1941-1942

OFFICERS

President - - - - - Ellen Gottschalk
V. President - - - - - Addie Leininger
Secretary - - - - - Nettie Hudson
Treasurer - - - - - Hilda Kline
- Corr. Secretary -- - Alice Lant

This year saw the beginning of a new and interesting feature of club work. A Home Group and a Study Group were formed. The members voted by ballot their preference as to the division they would like to work under. The groups met in the homes of members, and later gave a report on the work they were doing, and also alternated in taking part in the programs on regular club days.

The Study Group took as their subject, South America, for this years work. They introduced several very worth while speakers to the club thru out the year, and also gave a number of very interesting book reviews.

The Home Group had hooked and woven rugs on display at one of the meetings, and also demonstrated the weaving of rugs. At another meeting a talk was given on hand printing China, and a beautiful collection of hand painted dishes. Vases were also on display. The Home Group also had charge of the April meeting and the subject was "Over the Garden Wall". Two of the members of the club gave interesting talks on flower culture.

The work of both groups has been greatly instructive and has added greatly to the interest of the club.

The February meeting was "Past President's Day". Seven of our past presidents were with us: Orpha Baldwin, Tessie Davidson, Nina Egbert, Carrie Cato, Susie Cairns, Deane Ulmer, and Mrs. Lant. These ladies were conducted to seats of honor and each was presented with a lovely corsage of sweet peas. Each gave a short outline of club accomplishments during her term as president. Communications from absent past presidents were later read by the Secretary. This program was carried out nicely and was enjoyed by all present.

We visited the Columbian Club of Boise and the Nampa Century Club. We entertained the Nampa Club and the Kuna Improvement Club. We also helped entertain the teachers of the grade and high school.

The most important work at the club this year was the sponsoring of the Red Cross work. We opened our club rooms to the public one day a week for Red Cross sewing, and women from the whole community sewed.

We made contributions to the English Pressure Cooker, Cancer control, Children's Home, and a substancial donation to the Red Cross.

The Library continued to be a very great source of pride to us and a big help to the town. Over four thousand books were loaned out, to both adults and children.

This was a very successful year for the club. Much was planned, and a great deal was accomplished. One plan that had to be tabled because of the more pressing needs of war work was a plan for a children's play ground and swimming pool. It is hoped that this plan can be carried out some year in the future.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Kelma Davidson

OCCIDENT CLUB HISTORY
1942-1943

OFFICERS

President - - - - - Mrs. Frank Hudson
V. President - - - - - Mrs. Arthur Frazier
Secretary - - - - - Mrs. Verland Cox
Treasurer - - - - - Mrs. Hilda Kline
Corr. Secretary - - Mrs. Alfred Matcham

Our slogan for this year was "We Will Defend America", and we have helped in every way possible toward that effort.

We continued to sponsor the work of the Red Cross. Keeping the club rooms open to the public for sewing two afternoons a week. Yarn was given out for knitting garments, and in January we started to make surgical supplies, and also filled army kits. We bought a war bond and contributed to the Red Cross, Cancer Control, U. S. O., and the Girl Reserves. We also sponsored a course in Home Nursing, and many of the club women were able to take this course.

Our Patriotic Chairman opened the meetings with the flag salute, a patriotic talk and song, and displayed posters of much interest.

The Librarian's report was excellent. With the new books that are added frequently to the pay shelves the Library has become almost self supporting and is a real benefit to the community.

Each Monday during November, December, and January we served dinners to the public and earned \$80.55 in that way. A part of this money was spent in cleaning and renovating the club house. The floor was varnished and new linoleum was laid in the kitchen. Needed dishes were replaced and the chair seats were removed. *removed*

The Study Group studied Japan and a part of Africa this year and gave reports of their activities at each meeting.

We had several outstanding speakers on our programs. Songs and music were given by home talent. Our annual picnic was held in June on the club grounds, and our program for the April meeting was devoted to instructive talks on flowers and shrubs, by two of our members. A round table discussion of gardening followed and we had our usual plant exchange.

We were guests of the Nampa Century Club and also visited the State Legislature in a group.

The club has grown in membership and interest, and in usefulness to the community.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Mary Helma H. Davidson

OCCIDENT CLUB HISTORY
1943--1944

OFFICERS

President - - - - - Della M. Cox
V. President - - - - - Edna McCoy
Secretary - - - - - Marguerite Potts
Corr. Secretary - - - - - Jessie Matcham
Treasurer - - - - - Grace Neal

This was a good year of club work with meetings held regularly in club room with good attendance. Fifty-seven members average attendance of twenty-six. Our club rooms were opened two days a week for Red Cross work, Surgical dressings and sewing. We sponsored Red Cross knitting, sewing and filling kit bags. Up to August 1945 we had 1983 hours of Red Cross work finishing 50,000 bandages and a total garments finished 478 and 30 fracture pillows were made and sent to the Red Cross.

In September our President started an emergency chest as our program for this year. Which contains many useful articles such as wheel chair, hospital bed, crutches and numerous other articles for public use.

We had a study group conducted by Mrs. McCoy which met on the third Monday of each month.

Our 20th anniversary of the club was celebrated at our May meeting with large attendance. Nina Egbert gave a report of the organizing of the club and presented corsages to the eight charter members who were present at the anniversary. Thelma Mathews read a history of the twenty years of club work. And in memory of our departed members our President Mrs. Cox placed a wreath on a cross. Marion Clellen our first president gave a talk on our organizing of the club and Mary Matcham was presented a plant in appreciation of fourteen years of faithful work as Librarian.

Donations were made to National War Fund, Red Cross, Cancer Control, and Girl Reserves. Bought three bonds during the year.

Our annual picnic was held in June and so ended this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessie Davidson

OCCIDENT CLUB HISTORY
1944--1945

OFFICERS

President - - - - - Edna McCoy
V. President - - - - - Marie Sandy
Secretary - - - - - Marguerite Potts
Corr. Secretary - - - - - Rosalie Nourse
Treasurer - - - - - Grace Neal

The Past President Mrs. Cox presented each of the new officers with a corsage and gave the gavel to Edna McCoy and we started on a new year of club work. Our new president had as her goal a Recreational Center for the young people of Meridian. She worked faithfully on this project for she felt it was what our boys and girls needed, but was not able to finish it during her term of office but she kept on and in the next years history she will have gained what she set out to do.

Our Pioneer program held that told of early days and its hardships.

A Hobby Day was held with Mrs. D. Cox chairman. Quite a success and money turned to the Emergency Chest, \$110.51 taken in. In October we lost our faithful librarian, Mary Matcham, who had worked at the library for more than fourteen years.

Donated to the U. S. O. each month, gave donations to the Red Cross, National War Fund, Cancer Control and Girl Reserves.

The Idaho Vol. Reserve donated \$76.73 for Emergency Chest fund.

A committee with Zelma Mathews as chairman and helped by members of the club served dinners to the Lions Club making a nice sum for the use of the Club.

And again another year of successful work done by our club comes to an end.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tessie Davidson