

Officers for Occident Club years 1945 and 46. are

- Mrs Marie Sandy - President
- " Margarite Potts - Vice President
- " Jennie Dickman - Secretary
- " Leona Threeman - Corr. Secretary
- " Susie Cairns - Treasure
- " Nina Egbert - Historian.

a pot luck dinner was enjoyed at tables arranged out on the club house lawn.

The out going Pres. Mrs McCoy gave the gavel over to the new Pres. Mrs Sandy. who expressed her thanks for the honor bestowed upon her.

Finances were raised by continuation of the Lions Club dinners held twice a month, a card party, rummage sale and a hobby show.

The club voted to put new screen doors on club house also signs for club house and Library. and refinish floors.

Red cross work was carried on, members knit 25 pairs socks and 52 sweaters.

Club contributed to the Sister Kenny Foundation, clothing drives to foreign countries, cancer control, and gave \$2.50 per mo. to Red Cross canteen at Boise.

Recommendations were made and voted on and carried we change our By-Laws. Club voted to raise dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and to join State Federation.

The study group continued its study of several countries and islands in the Pacific.

Recreational Center was under way at this time.

We exchanged club ideas with a club in Aruba

of the West India's also sent them a Xmas card and our club year book.

Interesting talks about their experiences during the war by Mark Calnon who was prisoner of Germany and Mr Packard a Wake Island survivor was enjoyed by the club.

The Emergency chest has had more articles added and has been very helpful to several needy folks.

The poems written by our own member Ethel Heikes and read at several meetings have been very appropriate for all occasions.

The club is very proud of the library and its growth with 7686 books loaned this year.

Nina Egbert
Historian

OCCIDENT CLUB HISTORY
1946-1947

President-----Marguerite Potts
V. President-----Oral Coleman
Secretary -----Leona Thurman
Ass. Secretary -----Nellie Baird
Treasurer -----Susie Cairns
Historian -----Edna E. McCoy

This year started with 33 active members and 8 honorary members. At our first meeting Mrs. Veach told us how the Confederate Flag originated and when it was flown. Other interesting programs were given. Mrs. Della Cox made us proud of our state by telling womens part in it; she also displayed a picture of the Idaho State Seal. "How to obtain a Patent" by Mrs. Mary Alice White, was another very interesting program. Other meetings down the year were just as interesting.

We joined the State Federated Womans Clubs and helped Nampa intertain the State Convention in Sept.

The second Dist. meeting was held at Emmett in April 10th. and 11th. quiet a good many of our members attended.

We were hostesses to 32 members of the Nampa Century Club in Jan. We returned the visit in March.

An outstanding musical program was given in Jan. illustrating the different kinds of music that was popular in the different eras of the U.S. Mrs. Oral Coleman was chairman.

Mrs. Helen Beebout was chairman of our study group ; we met every 3rd. Monday. Some of the countries we studied were, Aruba, Cuba, Jamaca, East Indies, Central America, Mexico, and Alaska. We found these countries very interesting.

Another hospital bed with mattress and an oxigen was received for our Emmergency Closet .

We delivered magazines to the Nampa Institute and as usual donated to the Red Cross and Cancer Drive.

All in all it has been a very fine year.

One of our old members passed away Oct. 31, 1946, Mrs. Nora Palmer.

Respectfully

Edna E. McCoy

Historian

Sept. 1947 to June 1948

Another year has started with Mrs. Marguerite Patch President, Mrs. Aral Coleman V. Pres., Mrs. Mellie Baird Sec.; Susie Cairns Treas., Mrs. Edna E. McCoy Historian.

The first meeting being Labor Day only 7 were present. even so we had an interesting meeting. Lunch was served as school lunches in individual lunch boxes.

The Program Committee planned for each member to give a 3 minute talk on different subjects, some of which were: "Women of the Bible", "Poems", "Mag. Articles", "Etiquet", "Epitaphs", "Art.", "Senie Idoko", "Heroes", "Antiques", "Gardens", "Current Events" etc.

Mrs. Beebaut was chairman of the study group this year. She studied about many different countries which was very interesting.

April 22 + 23 the dist. meeting of the Federated Women's Clubs was at Caldwell.

The first day Mrs. Patch, Patts, Sandy, Beebaut Bennett + McCoy attended. the second day Mrs. Patch, Patts, Sandy, + McCoy attended.

The annual election of officers was the order of the May meeting. with the result that Mrs. Mathews was elected as Pres.

Mrs ^{Mellie} Baird V. Pres. Mrs Scrivner Sec. + Mrs ^S Gairnes
Treas. Mrs. Mc Coy Historian.

Mrs. Heiger, dist Pres. of Federated Womens Clubs of Emmett came to the June meeting, and installed these new officers.

One of our old members Mrs. Esther Hutcheson passed away.

Mrs. Edna E. McCoy
Historian

Another Club year is in the past, and we are about to enter a new one, with a new president --and we are all looking forward to another pleasant year together.

The year just closing for me, has been most enjoyable. I found splendid co-operation among all of you. You have responded willingly to any task I have asked of you, for which I thank you. It is a pleasure to work with a group of women who have the betterment of the community at heart, and you have shown that, through the various activities we have carried on in the club this year, and in previous years.

You have all responded so wonderfully well in taking part on the programs each month, reporting on your assigned topics. And I feel each one of us has benefited by this type of program, as well as making our meetings most interesting.

Our major interest and big project is our library. We are growing steadily, in fact we are becoming so crowded we need more room badly. Every available space is now being used. We would like very much to have room enough for a reading corner, as well as more shelves for books, so we are looking forward to the time when we can build on to our library. We have started a building fund and we hope it wont be too long wuntil our dream will be realized.

Our other project --our Emergency Chest, is a Community service we extend to the public free of charge and is at the disposal of any who desire to use it. Our hospital beds are always in demand, and the wheelchairs, oxygen tent, crutches and various sick room articles are taken out as the need arises. We are glad to help the people in our community by having these things available when they are most needed, and the demand is growing more and more, as people hear about it. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Coleman are in charge of loaning these articles. The new innerspring mattress presented to us by Mrs. Mathews is a very fine addition.

During the year we have had a number of entertainments and money raising enterprises. We had an Organ recital and tea given by Mrs. Zena Louderbaugh at her home for the benefit of the library.

We had a Christmas bazaar and two rummage sales, and sold cooked food on two occasions. We serve dinners to the Lions Club twice a month. We served two big dinners the past year. One to the Irrigation Association and the other to the Business and Professional women when they entertained the District meeting in Meridian.

Renting the building also brings in a few extra dollars.

We had our annual Christmas party, with a good attendance, and plenty of fun. It was a pot luck dinner with a gift exchange.

We sent a Christmas box through the Red Cross to the American sailors on the High seas, and helped solicit for the Red Cross during the recent drive. We made other contributions too. We helped with a donation to send two girls from our High School to the Girls State at Pocatello, contributed to the Cancer control, Red Cross, and will give our support to the American Overseas Aid for children.

We repaired the roof of the building at a cost of \$57.05, and increased the insurance on the building, library books and furnishings.

Looking
The census of the city for the purpose of determining its present population was undertaken by the club, in view of obtaining house to house mail delivery. Several members volunteered to help with this canvas.

We enjoyed many social functions during the year. We were invited to be guests at both Boise and Nampa Clubs. Those attending reported ~~a~~ most enjoyable afternoons. Several members attended the 2nd District Convention held in Caldwell, and Mrs. Bennett who was in Portland at the time of the General Federation Convention was able to attend part of the meetings there.

In May we gave a Farewell Breakfast party for our librarian Mrs. Marie Sandy who was moving to Payette to make her home. We were indeed sorry to have her leave us. She was a valuable addition and a helpful member to our club.

Our Study Group met once a month and studied the various countries of the world, also the Constitution of our own United States. We had some very instructive meetings together.

As I bring this report to a close I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all my officers and committees who assisted me in our Club work. You have all worked faithfully and I wish to thank each and every one of you, and our librarians too for your loyal support during my year as President, and I know our new President will find you just as willing and ready to assist her in carrying out her plans for the Club this coming year.

Again--my thanks to you all.

Respectfully submitted

Marquerte Patch

June 7, 1948

1948 to 1949.

We had voted to vacation in for the summer months July and Aug. but we started out in Sept. with a bang having a big dinner. and our meeting following.

Miss Edith J Miller Representative - Elect was our guest speaker at our Dec. meeting we all enjoyed hearing her talk on "Idaho Laws"

Our President was married in April 1949 which was the outstanding event of this year. She changed her name to Mrs. Bert Rose

May we were co-hostesses with the Century Club of Mammoth at the two-day convention of the Federated Womens Clubs of our 2nd. Dist. Fourteen of our members attended. Mrs. C.H. Higer of Emmett is Dist. Pres. and our own Mrs. V.A. Cox is V. Pres.

Our annual election of the officers for the following year was taken care of in May as usual with the following members elected. Mrs. Ann Coleman Pres. Mrs. Nita Sermoner V. Pres. Ethel Gray Sec. Susie Cairnes Treas. Edna McLaughlin Historian.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Mildred Bathins at the June meeting.

He then vacationed until Sept.

Mrs. Edna E. Mcbey
Historian

Edith Miller To Be Occident Club Speaker

Representative-Elect Edith I. Miller of Boise will be the guest speaker at next Monday's meeting of the Occident Club in Meridian, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Zelma Mathews, president. She will speak at 1 p. m. and all members are urged to attend. *see 1948*

Women's Clubs Hold Convention In Nampa

The Century Club of Nampa and the Occident Club of Meridian were joint hostesses at a two-day convention of the Federated Women's clubs of the second district held last Thursday and Friday in Nampa.

About 117 delegates were in attendance, representing 35 clubs in the district. Presiding at the sessions were Mrs. C. H. Higer of Emmett, president, and Mrs. V. A. Cox of Meridian, vice-president. Fourteen members of the Occident club attended.

The address of welcome to the delegates was given by the mayor of Nampa and the convention was also presented with flowers with the compliments of the Nampa Chamber of Commerce.

Among speakers at the sessions were Mrs. H. L. Hogsett, state president; Dr. Conan Mathews of Boise; Rev. W. C. Moore of Nampa. Speaker at the banquet Thursday evening was Rev. William F. Shane of the Nampa Presbyterian church. A talk on fine arts was given by Mrs. Gailly of Weiser and Bess Foster Smith, also of Weiser, spoke on poetry. Closing event of the convention was a tea at the Century club-rooms.

State Club Leader To Be Here Jan. 17

The state president of the Idaho Federated Women's Clubs, Mrs. H. L. Hoggset of Twin Falls, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Meridian Occident Club to be held Monday, January 17.

The meeting will be held at the Methodist church, starting at 2 p.m.

She will meet with officers of the club at a noon luncheon to be held at the home of Mrs. Archie Scrivner.

Jan 1949

1949 to 1950.

Our first meeting in Sept. was postponed as our beloved Mr. Jewell was buried on our regular day.

Sept 9. we met at the club room in the evening to discuss the proposition of cooperating with a company to put on a play using home folks in the play and receive half the proceeds, after a long discussion we finally voted to try it.

The play "Laugh It Off" was given at the W. S. Nov. 17. we cleared over \$600 but those helping put in many ^{hard} hours. This \$600 went into our building fund.

Nov. 19 we had a bazaar in Robinsons furniture store.

This year being our "Silver Anniversary" we had a "Silver Tea" in the club rooms Oct 17. About 50 attended quite a few old members were present. The Pres. of the city council was present and presented us a check for \$500 which was to go into our Library Building Fund.

At our regular Christmas covered dish dinner we brought school supplies to send to Korea.

At our Feb. meeting we had the pleasure of having Mr. Mainwaring of Manapa talk to us on the Legislature.

At the April meeting Mrs. Hager again visited us. and Mrs. Van Papegan told us about their trip to Belgium in June 1949.

At our annual election in May Mrs. Coleman was again elected Pres. for the following year. with Mrs. Bathins V. Pres. Mrs. Helen Marie Clark Sec. Mrs. Susie Cairnes Treas. and Mrs. Zelma Rose Historian

Mrs. Edna E. McCloy
Historian.

P.S. In Aug. our club rooms received a lot of attention, the walls were kalsomined, the floor was sanded and waxed, the cupboards and woodwork in the kitchen were painted. by a few of the club women.

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chairman then polled the members of the board as to their views.

Loyd McGrath said that if the other members of the board resigned, he would too, although several people in his district had requested him not to.

He pointed out, however, that Superintendent Thomas had a contract for the next year after the close of the present school term.

"But if all of us resigned for the best interests of the schools, wouldn't the superintendent do the same too?", Lenzi asked.

"I don't know—maybe he would," replied McGrath.

"Can't Satisfy Everybody"

Reno Leighton said he would be willing to resign if the others did, "although, like Loyd, I've often been asked by many people not to. We can't satisfy everybody 100 per cent but if the people of the district feel that they want a new deal" on school matters, then we ought to make a clean sweep of it."

Judd declared that while he opposed giving Mr. Thomas an appointment for a three-year term, there was a question of "professional ethics" concerning that under his contract as district superintendent still for a year and a half to serve.

Wants Harmony

He also said that his main purpose was to promote greater co-operation in the school system and that the present conditions were being reflected "not in the administration of the schools but in the patrons, the parents and even the students—good."

Superintendent Thomas had "served as administrator and superintendent in sound judgment and I would have operated in the same manner and im-

spite a lack of confidence in his ability on the part of Charles A. Shaul, Chairman, Reno Leighton, and W. D. Lenzi, members of the Board.

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Mrs. Oral Coleman, president of the club during the two years the building program was in progress, and Mrs. Susie Cairns, treasurer, and chairman of the building program committee, had the honor of burning the note.

Mrs. C. H. Higer, Emmett, state president of the Federation of Women's clubs, was guest speaker at the covered dish luncheon which preceded the business meeting. Professor A. J. Finkbeiner, head of the art department at N. N. C. presented the club with a picture he had drawn and gave a short talk. Bruce Koerner, Eugene Southwell and T. C. Likie, students at N. N. C., presented a musical program.

Christmas cards and scrap books, to be sent to the State Hospital at Nampa, were brought to the meeting by the members of the club.

Set Annual Meet OF Dairymen's Ass'n.

The Ada County Dairymen's association will hold its annual meeting in the Legion hall at Meridian Tuesday, Dec. 18, Robert Brown, board chairman announced this week.

Members will meet at 10 a.m. and the business meeting will be over by noon when a lunch will be served by the Grange ladies. A program is being arranged for the afternoon session.

The term of Director Archie Tomlin expires. He is expected to be a candidate for re-election.

Report of Club Year. 1950-51.

The Occident Club Year of 1950-51 has been not so much of one of new projects as one which saw the dreams of many years come to full fruition. Today, with Charter Members as our guests, seems a fitting time to pay tribute to those women who, many years ago, had a vision of service to our community. Today we are grateful for that vision and for the pioneer efforts of these women who organized our Club and chose as its project, the building of a town library. We are proud that we've had the privilege of building the addition to our Club House which now provides adequate space for our nearly 6000 volumes. We, too, have dreams. It is our hope that we may continue to improve our facilities to the point where we may rank with first class libraries in every detail. Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the hours and hours of time and labor given (and I use that word in its truest sense) by those Club women who have served as our librarians throughout the years. I wish each and everyone of them were present today to hear me say in behalf of the Club "Well done, good and faithful members. Our gratitude for the invaluable service you have rendered." As required by our new Constitution, we have now functioning a Library Board, and together with the financial help from our City Administration, we hope to lessen the demands made upon individuals.

To those who had another vision of service when our Emergency Loan Closet was established, I also pay tribute. If there is doubt in the minds of any of you of the need of the service thus rendered, I charge you "Ask any of the grateful borrowers". Their answers, will, I'm sure, attest to the value of the project. We are proud that we now have space in our building in which to house our emergency loan equipment -- when it is not in use. At the same time we should like

to express our gratitude to the City Officials and to the County Commissioners who, in the past, have been so generous in providing us space to store such articles until our new building was completed.

And now to review briefly the work of the past year: To name the best program would be impossible, for all have been most interesting. Thanks to a Program Committee who planned such diversity and instruction.

I think it excellent to have featured our local young people who reported on the National Boy Scout Jamboree of last year and on Girls' State. When our Hobbies and Antiques were displayed, we heard from each and everyone of our own members present. On another occasion, it was nice to welcome back a "home-town-boy" in the person of Rev. Hartzell Cobbs who approached the topic "Better Homes of America" from a bit different angle by stressing the need of love and Christianity in our American homes. Altho' I was disappointed that you were unable to hear Mrs. Frank Parcher's talk on "Indian Lore" (for I know that is very fine), yet surely a most delightful substitute was found in Mrs. Francis James, when she told us in such a happy "chatty" manner of her trip to Pakistan India and of her 18 months sojourn there.

At another time, Miss Vera Ostrogorsky, a Displaced Person from Austria gave a graphic account of life in foreign Labor Camps. Without putting the thought into words, she made us realize and better appreciate the blessings we enjoy in a free democracy.

I want to commend our Music Chairman, who at each meeting has provided a special musical treat for us. It has been a real privilege to hear such artists as Althea Everitt Cerveny, Margaret Adkins Warrick and Elman Anderson -- all pianists. As vocalists we have enjoyed

listening to John Riddlemoser, Mrs. Vernon Taylor, a Sextette of

of High School girls, Jess Hedges, Joy Flack and Mary Hill. We are indeed fortunate to have such talent in our midst.

Sharing Christmas with those less fortunate than we was a real joy when in December we all brought old Christmas cards and Scrap books for the inmates of the State School and Colony. And hearing "The Littlest Angel" read by Mrs. Mosman brought into clearer focus the real meaning of Christmas.

Our visits to the Nampa Century Club and to the Columbian Club of Boise were most pleasant. I believe much can be gained from such contacts.

We have made our customary contributions to all drives and assisted in the collection of Red Cross donations.

I want to commend the Committee who planned the Lions Club dinners this year, and to thank all the members who have willingly assumed their responsibility in making this truly a Club Project and one that has "paid off" in dividends.

The several big dinners served to organizations meant a lot of hard work and careful planning by our Finance Chairman and assistants. The response of each and every Club member to our calls for help -- both in work and food solicited -- was most generous, and went far toward making these events a success financially. Also, such co-operation is a definite step toward Club unity and accomplishment. By both working and playing together a Club cannot fail to progress. My thanks to each and everyone of you for your loyalty and support.

I'm sure the members all join me in extending appreciation to Mr. Ambrose for his invaluable service in helping us revise our Constitution to conform with requirements necessary in order that we may receive financial help from a city tax levy.

To all the Committees who have functioned faithfully and well I give my sincere thanks. My grateful appreciation, too, for an excellent staff of officers. Their loyal interest and co-operation in all problems coming before the Board of Directors has left nothing to be desired.

It is my hope that sometime during the summer we may hold Open House in our expanded building for all the towns-people and neighbors. When I shall feel our year's work complete.

I have greatly enjoyed my terms as your President. I am humbly grateful for the honor you gave me by allowing me to serve you for two years. I treasure the opportunity thus given me to come to know you well and to count you now as friends.

At the same time I am most happy to relinquish my office to my worthy successor. By giving her the same fine support you have given me, we will continue to grow and advance in Club work. I wish for Mrs. Burke, your new President, and for the Occident Club, every success in the world.

*Respectfully submitted,
Oral S. Coleman,
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History for 1950-1951

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**Occident Members
Put On Committees**

Committee assignments for the coming year were made last week at the annual dinner and installation of officers for the Occident Club. Appointments were as follows:

Financé: Vina Jarrett, Leona Neuman, Nita Scrivner.

Better Homes: Addie Leining-er, Marguerite Pots, Erma Post-letwaite, Mrs. Mosman, Mrs. Smith.

Library Board: Elma Veach, Ethel Grey, Nita Scrivner, Nellie Baird, Lorraine Clelen.

Dinner Committee: Deane Ul-mer, Clara Anderson, Nettie Hud-son.

Constitution: Orpha Baldwin, Tessie Davidson, Nina Egbert.

Legislative: Bertha Downer, Nina Egbert, Alice Landx.

Americanism: Elma Veach; Cards and Flowers, Zelma Rose; Emergency Chest; Della Cox and Oral Coleman. *Elma Rose*

House and Grounds: Susie Cairns; Reporter, Millie Harri-son; Music, Alma Burke; Lib-rary, Edna McCoy; Portfolio, Tessie Davidson; Membership, Bertha Baird and Hazel Goodwin.

**Occident Club Holds
First Fall Meeting**

Members of the Occident club held their first meeting of the fall season at the Occident club rooms Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Earl Coleman, president, in charge. Hostesses were Mrs. A. K. Smith and Mrs. Earl Burke.

Special guests at the meeting were Boy Scouts who attended the recent Boy Scout jamboree at Valley Forge, Don Ruber, Le-roy Meyer and Allen Reeb. The boys gave talks and showed pic-tures taken during their trip.

Also on the program was Jack Riddlemoser who sang "Macush-la" and "Because", accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. C. Riddle-moser, at the piano.

Work was started last week on a new addition to the club building and is expected to pro-gress rapidly. The additional room will be used as a library as well as to house the emergency loan closet articles.

^{June 1950}
**Gives Annual Report
On Meridian Library**

A total of 6,616 books were checked out of the Meridian pub-lic library during the year 1950, it was reported Monday by Mrs. Edna McCoy, librarian, at a meeting of the Occident Club, the organization which main-tains the library.

There are now approximately 5,000 volumes in the library and the total number holding mem-bership cards is 515, with adults holding 128, high school students 66, and juveniles 321.

The total amounts received from adult cards was \$31.50, high school \$4.00, juvenile cards \$13, fines for books kept overtime, \$74.00, from pay books, \$36.24, and old books sold, \$12.52.

Mrs. McCoy reported that \$101.31 was paid out for new books, \$3.58 for postage, \$5.26 for supplies, \$10.25 for fuel, \$15.00 for janitor service, and \$2.60 for cleaning, making total disbursements of \$138.00.

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**WORK IS STARTED ON NEW
LIBRARY, PHONE BUILDING**

Library Building Is Project Of Occident Club;
Other Structure To House Dial Equipment

Another major construction job got underway in Meridian this week with work starting on two new buildings—one a new library building the other a new building for the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company. Both buildings are on the lot occupied by the Occident club building at the corner of Meridian

street and Idaho avenue.

Construction of the library is a project of the Meridian Occi-dent Club which has been ac-cumulating a building fund for the purpose over a number of years.

Mrs. Earl Coleman, president of the club, said that the new addition will be built on the east side of the present structure. It will be 50 feet long by 20 feet wide, fronting on Idaho avenue. It will be built of cinder-block and if sufficient funds are avail-able, it is planned to stucco both the new building and the present library.

Excavation for the basement of the new telephone company building was started Tuesday. Details of building plans for this structure were not available at press time, but the company has purchased a 30-foot lot fronting on Meridian street just north of the Occident club.

It is understood that the build-ing will house new dial equip-ment needed to take care of the rapidly expanding demand for phone service in the Meridian area.

June 2nd 1951

Another club year has rolled around, and we are ending a very active year under the leadership of Oral Coleman.

We started our club year - 1950 - 1951 with 39 members. On July 1st 1950 the members of the club met to formulate and adopt a new constitution and a new code of by laws for the formation of a corporation and also to elect a board of Directors for the purpose of selling a lot 30 ft by 90 ft for \$2,000.00 to The Mountain State Telephone Co.

We built a new addition of 50 ft by 20 ft on east side of our building for to keep our library and emergency chest in. Also lowered the ceiling in club room and installed an oil furnace.

The City Council levy a tax for the library, and they gave the Library Board \$611.

In April entertained our State President Mrs C. H. Higer and President of Seconded District Mrs V. A. Cox, who is our own member.

Continued to ~~serve~~ Lion Dinners and several other dinners to help our general funds.

Made a float for Fourth Annual Dairy Parade.

Our membership visit Nampa and Boise Clubs.

Invited the Minchian Garden Club as their guest in Feb.

Make a scrap book on "America Home Life" and was sent to the national contest.

Election in May, closing a very active year of club work.

Elma L. Rose Historian.

OCCIDENT CLUB COMPLETES BOOK

of America." Hostesses were Mrs. V. R. Botkin, Mrs. George Judd and Mrs. Fred Pearl.

The Occident club met Monday afternoon in their club room with the members of the Garden club as guests. The scrap book on "American Home Life" was completed and will now be sent to the national contest. New drapes were put up in the club room and it was decided to raise the rent of the club room to \$6 with the privilege of making coffee, and to \$7.50 if a meal is prepared. It was also voted to rent the club rooms on a daily basis.

The club accepted the invitation of the Century Club at Nampa to visit them on Feb. 26. It was announced that Mrs. W. E. Jarrett has been appointed District Secretary of the Security and Economic Dept. of the Women's Federation of clubs.

The program included a solo by Jess Hedges, a reading by Delores Neilsen and the Rev. Hartzell Cobbs spoke on "Homes

Mrs. Alma Burke was elected president of the Occident Club of Meridian at its regular meeting Monday afternoon this week. Mrs. Nadine Miller was elected vice-president; Mrs. Leonard Clark, re-elected secretary; and Mrs. J. R. Harrison, re-elected assistant secretary; Mrs. Susie Cairns, re-elected treasurer; and Mrs. Claude Robbins, historian. Retiring officers of the club were Mrs. Oral Coleman, president; Mrs. V. R. Botkin, vice-president; and Mrs. Bert Ross, historian.

A plant exchange was held. There were 23 members present. Mrs. John Baird, Mrs. Susie Cairns, Mrs. Will Jarrett and Mrs. Bertha Downer were co-hostesses.

The next meeting will be the annual picnic in June to be held at the clubhouse when the new officers will be installed.

OPEN HOUSE HELD AT CITY LIBRARY

New Addition Formally Opened;
Books Re-Cataloged; Pro-
gram Is Presented

Open house was held Monday evening at the Occident club for residents of the Meridian area to view the new library facilities that were recently completed, according to Mrs. Claude Robbins, library board chairman.

An interesting and entertaining program was presented by members of the club with Mrs. Oral Coleman presiding. Mrs. Coleman introduced the library board members, the new librarian and Mrs. Alma Burke, the new Occident club president, and gave a brief history of the Meridian library.

Peggy Ross entertained with two piano solos and Mrs. Joe Wright gave a dramatic reading.

Mrs. Frank Anderson, accompanied by her daughter, Lurline, sang two numbers and Mrs. George Ambrose gave an informative talk on the work that has been done to bring the library up to its present standard and explained rules for library use.

Mrs. V. A. Cox, second district president, and Mrs. Coleman poured and Mrs. Burke cut the beautifully decorated cake.

Mrs. Lee Egbert, Mrs. Leonard Clark, Mrs. O. J. Buttedahl and Mrs. A. K. Smith served on the refreshment committee.

The new pumice block addition to the club rooms houses both the Meridian library and the emergency loan closet, both of which are projects of the Occident Club.

The loan closet, which was inaugurated several years ago, now includes oxygen tanks, hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches and first aid equipment, which are loaned in emergency cases, Mrs. Robbins said.

There is no charge for use of the loan closet equipment, but funds donated to the organization are used to purchase additional articles, she said.

Miss Ruth Cline is librarian. Library board members are Mrs. Lois Botkin and Mrs. Archie Scrivner. Mrs. Bert Rose is chairman of the emergency loan closet, assisted by Mrs. Fred Pearl.

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Monday's meeting was the annual Christmas meeting of the club.

Mrs. Oral Coleman, president of the club during the two years the building program was in progress, and Mrs. Susie Cairns, treasurer, and chairman of the building program committee, had the honor of burning the note.

Mrs. C. H. Higer, Emmett, state president of the Federation of Women's clubs, was guest speaker at the covered dish luncheon which preceded the business meeting. Professor A. J. Finkbeiner, head of the art department at N. N. C. presented the club with a picture he had drawn and gave a short talk. Bruce Koerner, Eugene Southwell and T. C. Likie, students at N. N. C., presented a musical program.

Christmas cards and scrap books, to be sent to the State Hospital at Nampa, were brought to the meeting by the members of the club.

Occident Club Book Wins Third Place

The Occident club of Meridian was awarded third prize when final judgment on scrapbooks, prepared by chapters of local clubs to be distributed to other countries to demonstrate the "American Way of Life," was made by the College of Idaho for the Federated Women's clubs of America, District No. 2. Mrs. V. A. Cox of Meridian is president of District two.

The committee of judges were, Loren E. Anderson, superintendent of buildings and grounds; Robert E. Farley, professor of psychology and Emma Jane McCall, professor of art.

Prizes which were awarded the clubs were furnished by the nation club. First prize went to Portia club of Payette and second prize was awarded the Southside Improvement club of Boise.

OCCIDENT CLUB

W. G. McCurry of the Meridian branch of the Idaho First National Bank showed an interesting film on Idaho to members of the Occident club in their first meeting of the new year Monday afternoon this week. Mrs. Harry Radloff presented two piano numbers.

Plans for house-to-house solicitation and contacting other organizations for the polio drive were discussed.

Mrs. Len Jordan Is Speaker Here

Mrs. Len Jordan, wife of Idaho's chief executive, was guest speaker Monday afternoon this week when the Occident club entertained the Century club from Nampa. The topic of her speech was "Lost Communications."

Mrs. Claude Robbins gave a report on the art display held recently in the high school auditorium under the sponsorship of the Occident club. Mrs. Oral Coleman gave the Americanization report in the absence of Mrs. Voris Botkin.

A humorous reading was presented by Mrs. Joe Wright and Dolores Louderbaugh, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Sherman Louderbaugh, sang a solo.

Mrs. Alma Burke, club president, appointed a committee to work with the General Federation of Women's clubs on the "CARE Kit for Korea" campaign. Committee members are Mrs. Leo Marsters, Sr., Mrs. J. Buttedahl and Mrs. Ed Balk.

Following the business meeting a luncheon was served with Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. V. A. Cox presiding at the tea table.

Meridian Club Holds Election For Six Posts

MERIDIAN—When the Occident club held regular meeting Monday afternoon in the club rooms, Mrs. Henry Brusse was honored as the oldest mother present.

Election of officers was held and the following are the six new officers for the coming year: Mrs. Merle Miller, president; Mrs. Claude Robbins, vice president; Mrs. Chet Potts, secretary; Mrs. Frank Matcham, assistant secretary; Mrs. Susie Cairns, treasurer and Mrs. Oral Coleman, historian.

Doddridge Speaks At Occident Club

Col. Phillip Doddridge of Boise, director of Civil Defense for the state of Idaho, spoke to the members of the Occident club at their February meeting Monday this week. Included on the program was a piano solo by Marlene Wolff and a reading by Joan Brown.

Tomer Champlin reported on the polio fund drive and Lois Botkins gave the Americanization report. It was decided to donate a sum of money for a piano in one of the wards at the state hospital. Plans were made to make a scrap book entitled "The American Way of Life" to be sent to France or Germany. The Boise Columbian club will be guests of the Occident club at their March meeting.

Alma Burke, Pres.

TO OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS OF SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION:

GREETINGS:

This is the report of a year of accomplishment for the Occident Club of Meridian. It has a membership of about 40 women and carries on two projects of which it is justly proud. Namely - a public library and an emergency loan closet.

This year has seen the completion of a building program which almost doubles our floor space. In the new annex is housed our library of nearly 6000 volumes. During the summer months, our entire collection of books was renovated, placed in its new home and classified according to the Dewey-decimal system, and is now being catalogued, and filed. Thus our Library will be standardized in compliance with State Library Association requirements. A paid librarian opens the doors of the library and a reading room to the public for two afternoons and one evening each week.

The Emergency Loan Closet is comprised of articles for use in the care of the sick in homes. Hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches, 2 oxygen units, and many, many smaller articles are in almost constant demand on a purely loan basis. The project has been maintained almost entirely by voluntary contributions of grateful borrowers. The Emergency Loan Closet is housed in a separate room of our new addition, and is under the control of an appointed committee of club members.

Members served 20 dinners to Lion's Club at its regular bi-monthly meetings. In addition 6 special dinners were served to various organizations, netting over \$400.00 for the year.

Our programs for the past year were most interesting and instructive. Four boys from our town attended the National scout Jamboree at Valley Forge and at our first meeting last Fall gave a graphic account of their trip and encampment and showed moving pictures taken by one of the boys.

A delegate to Girls' State reported on the activities and accomplishments of that body, making us realize its value in the development of to-morrow's citizens.

Illness of our speaker on Indian Lore necessitated a change in that program and we were fortunate in obtaining as substitute a woman who, with her daughter and husband, had spent 18 months in Pakistan, India at the time when the changeover of Govt from British control to home rule was taking place. Her account of their experiences was enlightening and fascinating.

At another meeting we learned much in appreciation of our own free country as we listened to a young woman who was a Displaced Person from Austria relate her tragic experiences during the War Years.

At our December meeting, instead of a customary gift exchange, our members brought old Christmas cards and scrap books in which they could be mounted and these were presented to the inmates of the state school and colony at Nampa.

An exhibition of hobbies and Antiques by all club members provided enjoyable entertainment for one afternoon.

The Better Homes of America Committee presented Rev. Hart^zell Cobbs of Boise who gave an inspirational talk on Love and Christianity on American Homes.

The committee on Legislation arranged for a State representative to appear and explain legislative procedure and report on the progress and accomplishments of the current Legislature.

Our music chairman arranged for special music at each meeting. Thus we enjoyed numbers by some outstanding artists.

We made the usual contributions to children's Home, Cancer Control, Red Cross and helped with some of the Drives in our town. We gave the use of our Club Rooms to a Girl Scout Troop, and entered a float

In the Annual Dairy Show Parade, sponsored by the 4-H Clubs.

We take great pride in claiming your 2nd District President as a member and Past President of our Club, and we hope that this, her Convention, may be most successful and a profitable one to all who attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Earl Coleman
Past President of Occident Club.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Earl Coleman
Past President of Goodwill Club.

Occident Club Host To Boise Visitors

The Columbia club of Boise was entertained Monday afternoon at the Occident club rooms by the Occident Club and the Ustick Apple Blossom Club.

Vocal selections were presented by Mrs. Earl Hill and a reading was given by Mrs. Joe Wright. A group from the Boise Little Theatre presented a two act play.

Refreshments were served with Mrs. C. W. Hettinger and Mrs. A. G. Freidline, both of Boise, presiding at the tea table.

June, 2, 1952.

The year of 1951-52 has passed very quickly and happily for the Accident Club under the leadership of President Alma Burke.

On Nov. 5 we entertained the members of the Century Club of Nampa and several of our own town's people were also introduced and welcomed.

In March our club, assisted by the Apple Blossom Club of Ustick entertained the Columbian Club in our club rooms.

Our most satisfactory achievement was the burning of the \$500 note, by Mesdames Cairns and Coleman, as they had borrowed and signed this a year ago to finish the Club House, which is now free from all indebtedness. In April these same ladies purchased and had installed a hot water heater. Many thanks are due to this energetic and efficient couple.

The Emergency Loan Closet, started in 1943-44 has grown by leaps and bounds and is filling a much needed want. It now has a room of its own in the Club House, which would be filled if it

were not for a constant call for the various articles. Two beds have been donated the past year - one brand new from the

It was voted to continue the bi-monthly Lion's Club dinner and the banquets which have made this club well-to-do and famous.

During the early spring and summer the Library was moved into the new large Library room; and under the leadership of Mrs Amy Ambrose, High School Librarian, has been re-arranged according to the Dewey system and is being filed and catalogued as rapidly as possible. In February the shelves were standardized and varnished and in April the floors were painted a soft green. Under the efficient guidance of Librarian, Miss Ruth Chie, aided by the Library Board, many new books have been placed on the shelves. and the Library is now ~~is~~ completely self supporting.

The Accident Club may be fully justified in feeling great pride in the achievement of this project on which they have labored so faithfully and long.

The Club rooms have been made more attractive by receiving several gifts. A beautiful vase was presented by Mrs Margaret Adkins Starrick in appreciation for the use of the Club House for her music recital.

A lovely picture was presented by Mrs Clara Anderson, and a beautiful panel of our American Flag was framed and presented by Marguerite Patch.

In Dec. the club enjoyed a musical art program by the Northwest Nazarene College. The Rev. and Prof. G. J. Finkbeiner gave a wonderful talk on "Height, Dignity + Perspective", which he illustrated by drawing a lovely landscape as he talked. He then presented this to the club. It is now framed and hangs where we may enjoy it every meeting. A Scrap Book was again made on

the different activities of American
Life. and Mrs Cox ^{tells us} that it had taken
Third place in the District contest.

An amusing float is being pre-
pared for the Dairy Show Parade.

Our programs have been varied
and interesting and we feel
that a very active and interesting
year is drawing to a close.

Edyth Robbuis

Historian

1951-52.

Our new members are

Carol Benjamin

Bessie Matcham

Rebecca Stright

Hazel Hedges

Mary Smith

Dorelda Chapman.

June 15th 1953.

The Occident Club Year of 1952-'53, under the leadership of Mrs. Mabel Miller, is now History. Our meetings have featured some excellent programs, but the average attendance has been very small. This may have been due, in part, to the change of our date of meeting.

We have been privileged ^{on} many occasions to hear musical numbers by Band Students of our public schools. For these pleasures, we are indebted to Mrs. Kenneth Crossman, musical director, and we do appreciate his co-operation between our schools and our Club.

Our sponsorship of the Y. Teen Girls has been most gratifying, and our contact with them an inspiration to promote further co-operation with our young people.

The particular achievement of the year was the completion of our kitchen improvements, the building of three new tables and the purchase of twenty-five new chairs — all of which were greatly needed.

In conjunction with Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, we presented a Style Show and Silver Tea. Our 125 guests bespeak the interest with which women view Fashions — both old and new. We especially appreciate the gracious generosity of the several townspeople who loaned beautiful and cherished gowns to be displayed. We are also grateful to our local Everybody's Store for its co-operation. We are happy to welcome as new members Mrs. Warren Moore, Mrs. Fred Rosti and Mrs. Kenneth

Crossman. The last named was elected to complete the unexpired term of our Secretary, Marguerite Patti, who moved to a new home in California. We are very sorry to lose Marguerite for she was a most loyal and competent Club Worker.

Committees for Lion's Club Dinners have continued to work faithfully, and their efforts go far toward keeping our Treasury reimbursed.

We served the Annual Dinner for the Volunteer Firemen and also for the Eastern Star. Now we are preparing a Float to be entered in the Dairy Show Parade.

With a new staff of officers we will be ready in the Fall to embark upon a new Club Year which we hope will be most happy, interesting and profitable to all our members.

Oral S. Coleman,
Historian.

Our two main projects - Library & Emergency Loan Closet continue to operate successfully. Under the competent supervision of our Library Board & the untiring service of our Librarian, Miss Ruth Cline, our Library is supplying a need & giving great service to a wide area.

Articles from our Loan Closet are in constant demand which is mute testimony of the excellent service it renders.

Year 1953-54

The Occident Club recently honored all those who had contributed time, materials and efforts toward the renovation of the club house and grounds at a "sour-dough" hot cake breakfast prepared on the new fireplace. Nineteen guests were served, and it was regretted that some invited were unable to attend. Mrs. Leo Marsters, Mrs. A. D. Scrivner, Mrs. Oral Coleman and Mrs. Susie Cairns acted as hostesses.

OCCEIDENT CLUB HAS XMAS PARTY

Members of the Occident club enjoyed a covered dish luncheon and Christmas program at its December meeting Monday afternoon this week. Hostesses for the day were Mmes. Warren Moore, Bert Rose and Oral Coleman.

Mrs. Leo Marsters presided at the business meeting and introduced Mrs. S. M. Brown of Nampa, second district president of ISFWC.

The club Collect was led by Mrs. Bert Rose, assisted by several other members. The program, directed by Mrs. Claude Robbins, included tableaux depicting Christmas traditions and customs in foreign lands.

Members were notified by the president, Mrs. Marsters, that the advertising card tables had been shipped and would soon be available for use in the club rooms. She also expressed thanks from the club to the Explorer Scouts for the excellent clean-up job they did on the club house lawn.

Occident Club Observes 30th Birthday; Five Charter Members Are Honored

Meridian's Occident Club celebrated its 30th anniversary of community service with a potluck luncheon last Monday, June 7th, at the club house and at the same time had its newly elected officers installed by Past President Mrs. Merle Miller.

Twenty-nine members and eleven guests attended the celebration which featured the greatest massive flower decorations ever seen in this area. The center piece was a gala birthday cake with roses on the side.

Charter members honored by corsages included Mrs. Susie Cairns, Mrs. Lee Egbert, Mrs. Bert Rose, Mrs. Tessie Davidson and Mrs. Ed Baldwin. Sterling silver spoons in recognition for their outstanding service to the organization were given to Mrs. Oral Coleman, Mrs. Leo Marsters, Sr., and Mrs. Susie Cairns.

The new officers, at whose installation Mrs. Warren Moore assisted, were Mrs. Archie Scrivner, president, Mrs. Kenneth Crossman, vice-president, Mrs. L. W. Lounsbury, recording secretary, Mrs. Francis Veach assistant secretary, and Mrs. Fay White, treasurer.

After the meeting tea was served by the hostesses, Mmes. Frank Hudson, Richard Anderson, Fred Rosti, Jess Hedges and Ray Ulmer.

Guests at the luncheon included Mrs. C. A. Huntley of Boise, Mrs. Clyde Marsters and Mrs. Gladys Shultz of Ola, Miss Grace Linn of Bend, Ore., Mrs. B. N. Wykert of Ault, Colo., and Mmes. C. R. Maw, John Pratt, Carl Trautman, Gerald Bryan, Julia Pearl, and Bill Chipman, Jr., all of Meridian.

Mmes. Archie Scrivner, Kenneth Crossman, L. W. Lounsbury, Fay White and Leo Marsters, Sr. were named to the club's board of directors. Committees were organized as follows:

Ways and Means: Mrs. Frank Hudson, chairman, Mrs. Ray Ulmer and Mrs. Warren Moore.

Membership: Mrs. Leo Marsters, Sr., chairman, Mrs. Jess Hedges, and Mrs. Ralph Soucie.

Legislative: Mrs. Claude Robbins, chairman

Emergency Chest: Mrs. Bert Rose, chairman, Mrs. Roy Goodwin and Mrs. Susie Cairns.

Americanism: Mrs. W. E. Lant chairman, Mrs. B. L. McNeff.

Program: Mrs. Jess Hedges, chairman, Mrs. Lee Egbert and Mrs. Kenneth Crossman.

Music: Mrs. Kenneth Crossman, chairman.

Cards and Flowers: Mrs. Marguerite Patch, chairman.

Reporter: Mrs. Fred Rosti.

House and Grounds: Mrs. Oral Coleman, chairman, Mrs. Leo Marsters, Sr.

Lions Club Dinners: Mrs. Frank Jolley, chairman, Mrs. Frank Matcham.

Reception: Mrs. V. R. Botkin, chairman, Mrs. Fay White and Mrs. Frank Matcham

Note of Thanks

The Occident Club takes this means of expressing deep appreciation of the support lent by many local concerns in the advertising campaign successfully concluded last fall. Shipment of the card tables on which the advertisements appear was delayed and only recently were the tables received. They are on display at the Occident Club room and will be given publicity on all occasions when the Club Room is used. The business firms contributing and the general public are invited and urged to inspect and note the advertisements at every available opportunity. (46c)

Report of Occident Club. 1953-54.

Mrs. Leo Masters, Pres.

To Officers, Delegates and Visitors of Second District
Convention.

Greetings:

The current year has been one of vast accomplishment for Occident Club of Meridian. Our work began at the close of our last Club year when the yard underwent a complete face-lifting. Shrubbery which had been sadly neglected over a period of years was drastically trimmed, and later the lawn was relevelled and some new grass seed added which we hope will result in a lovely green sward this summer. That will add to our expected enjoyment of a new outdoor fireplace which we erected in one corner of our lot. A newly installed flood light will make evening hamburger fries and outdoor suppers possible. In the Fall we undertook and with the determined and untiring efforts of our President, carried out the Mather's Table Top Advertising Campaign. This netted us \$500.00 in cash, 48 decks of cards and 24 card tables, on the tops of which local businesses were advertised in an attractive design.

During this time we were hard at work remodeling and renovating the interior of our Club rooms. we removed large folding doors which had divided our Hall into two rooms; had our hardwood floors refinished.

At the windows, new drapes with scenic design add a cheerful aspect to our room and when drawn, shut out the light, so that pictures may be shown in the daytime if desired. New linoleum tile covers our kitchen floor and that of our rest room. Also in the rest room was installed a new toilet stool and our kitchen boasts a new electric stove with a 30 inch oven.

The outside of our entire building, which houses our up-to-date Library and Emergency Loan Closet, as well as our Club Rooms, received a beautifully tinted coat of stucco which makes our corner lot one of which we are justly proud.

Serving noon luncheons to the Lions Club twice a month has been our practice for many years and an occasional special dinner is served to other organizations.

We rent our Club Rooms for regular meetings to a few organizations and have many calls for its use each month. By maintaining a nominal rental fee, we feel we are performing a real service by making available a meeting place for many groups and individuals at a price that is not prohibitive.

During the year we have increased our membership by some 15 new members.

Our programs have been varied and interesting. We opened our year by seeing pictures of a bus trip to Alaska in which two of our members participated. In

November we displayed and discussed ideas, patterns and decorations for Christmas. In December, an excellent program on Christmas Customs and the meaning of Christmas symbols was given. In January, we learned much of "Teaching the deaf mute" through a talk by Mrs. Clarence Jones. At our last meeting we were treated to an excellent review of Mrs. Len Jordan's new book, "Home in Hell's Canyon".

We continue our two pet projects - our library of over 6000 volumes, all catalogued and filed ~~and~~ supervised by a paid librarian. We are assisted in this by a small tax levy from the city. Our Emergency Loan Closet contains two complete oxygen units with an auxiliary tank, six hospital beds, eight wheel chairs, crutches etcetera. This service is maintained on a strictly loan basis and its value and the appreciation of it is attested to by the fact that more than \$100.00 has been voluntarily contributed by grateful borrowers this year.

We will, I'm sure, be grateful for our summer recess following our June meeting at which time our new officers will be installed, but I'm also sure, we will welcome the start of a new club year in the Fall and will enter it with the energy and interest which is a vital part of our Occident Club.

Oral S. Coleman
Historian.

REPORT OF OCCIDENT CLUB

1954-1955

Mrs. A. D. Scrivner, President

In submitting my report, I do so with thanks to the President and the members of the Meridian Occident Club for the honor of serving as your Historian.

The history of a club is that part of the life of the organization, which has passed, but is preserved in the minds and hearts of it's members. It is always pleasant to recall the past, but especially pleasant to tell of the accomplishments of this past club year. I feel much has been gained.

The theme of our President's first meeting was "Americanism". In keeping with this idea Mrs. Veach gave a report entitled "Keeping Idaho Green and Clean". A collection was taken for this project.

At one meeting the program consisted of a report given by Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Rosti on their trip to Chicago, Washington, D.C., New York and Boston.

At another meeting we had as our guest Mrs. Roy Lovell of Boise, President of the Second District. At that time plans were made for our club to act as co-hostess with the Nampa Century Club during the 55th Annual Convention. Mrs. Hudson was chosen as chairman for this event and all members pledged their cooperation.

Our participation in the 55th Annual Convention was a success. Prizes donated by our businessmen and decorations made by our club members as well as club reports, all helped to make this day one to be remembered.

This year much has been done on our emergency chest room - floors painted, new cupboards purchased, mattress rack made and walls cleaned. Thanks to the members who did their bit. It was indeed a wonderful improvement.

In our loan closet we now have three complete oxygen units. A gift of a hospital bed from Mr. Don Roberts makes ^{Eight} beds. To add to our closet, which has wheel chairs and other sickroom supplies, Mrs. Crossman gave us four gowns, a pair of crutches and a bed pan. Grateful people throughout the area who have used our facilities expressed their appreciation with cash gifts totalling more than one hundred dollars. A benefit breakfast given during the year netted \$64.00 for the project

Our library now contains over 6,000 volumes. On Tuesdays and Fridays of each week our librarian, Miss Ruth Cline opens our library doors to the public for the use of these books.

CLUBS -:- SOCIAL Jan 55

Occident Club

The Occident club meeting was held in the club rooms Monday, January 3. Twenty-one members were present. Guests at the meeting were Second District President, Mrs. Ray Lovell and Mrs. Clarence Hallech, both of Boise and Mrs. Alvarez and Mrs. Wells of Meridian.

A floral arrangement was presented Mrs. Lee Egbert and her husband commemorating their fiftieth wedding anniversary, December 15th.

Mrs. Oral Coleman was in charge of the program. Taking part were Mrs. Francis Veach, who read humorous news items concerning various club members; and a reading, "Too Busy to Live" given by Mrs. Ray Ulmer. Mrs. Coleman announced a BPW meeting to be held in the Occident club rooms the evening of January 11. The public is invited. There will be movie films of Holland and surrounding countries, shown by Mrs. Ruth Records Brodd and her husband who recently spent several months there. A silver offering will be taken to aid in a scholarship for a Meridian high school student.

The final part of the program

was called "Hot Wires" and dealt with safety first. Roll call was also answered by safety first, both at home and abroad.

A gift of \$50 was presented the club by the eBta Sigma Phi sorority to be used towards the purchase of an electric refrigerator for the club.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mmes. F. A. Benjamin, Susie Cairns, Roy Goodwin, W. E. Lant and B. L. McNeff.

Jan 55

Occident Club Celebrates 31 Years of Good Works

Meridian's only women's civic organization, The Occident Club, will celebrate its 31st anniversary as an organization in June. The outstanding accomplishments of this organization during its history have been many and the women who belong have worked hard to make these contributions to the town's welfare possible.

The first meeting of the organization was held June 19, 1924, at the home of Mrs. Lee Egbert. A study program was planned and standing committees were named. Later on, such committees as press and publicity, building, village improvement, child welfare, legislative, entertainment, and American citizenship, were named.

Charter members who attended this first meeting were Mmes. Marion Clelen, Alice Mateer, J. C. Beam, L. A. Songer, Frances Moon-ey, E. Pearl Baird, Gertrude Stanton, Fay G. Atwater, Nina Egbert, Susie Cairns, Edna McCoy, Myrtle Garrett, C. K. Wylie, Tessa Davidson, Carrie Cato, Mary French, T. A. Allen, Lucy M. Koger, Mary Burns, J. Milton Flack, Dan Barkers, S. H. Grondahl, Colwell Miller, J. F. Baird, Anne C. Tolles, Zelma Mathews, Perry Lewis, C. E. Deal and Dona Castile.

Also there were Mmes. Myrtle Bell, Orville Jackson, Orpha Baldwin, J. H. Goble, Elmer Yates, Joseph Grice, Erma Bell, Andrew Youngquest, Dr. Neal, S. E. Yaggy.

Officers for the first year were Mrs. Marian Clelen, president; Mrs. Anna Curtis, vice president; Mrs. W. R. Baird, secretary; Mrs. Lee Egbert, assistant secretary; Mrs. W. J. Davidson, treasurer; Mrs. Magner, director; Mrs. Gertrude Stanton, historian; Mrs. Vera Miller, critic.

Some of the things done that first year were: the installation of a water fountain in the main section of Meridian, and a vegetable and flower exhibit. The club began saving funds and looking around for lots and buildings that might make a good club house.

At the second meeting of the organization the following month, the first library committee was appointed. Librarians were Mrs. Dan Barker and Mrs. Alice Mateer. The library was placed in Songers Drug Store and approximately 800 books were put in circulation. That year the library was placed on the list for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The main project of the Occident club during the year of 1927-28 was to raise money for the Mississippi flood sufferers. It also sponsored a Bathing Beauty contest at the Fair and sent as its entry, Miss Margaret Gron-

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OCCIDENT CLUB

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dahl, who took second place.

During the year 1928-29 the organization painted the bandstand, and 1929-30 found the club purchasing the Interurban building for \$1205.00. The next year besides raising money to help pay for the club house, the members also bought a piano.

In 1931 Alice Mateer and Mrs. Dan Barker notified the club that they could no longer work in the library. They had been librarians for six years. The first cemetery was started that year. On the board were W. S. Mateer, Mrs. R. H. Horton and Ira B. Lane.

In 1932 and 1933 the club members landscaped the Occident club grounds, started their welfare work and chose their club flowers, Iris, Perennial and Zinnia Annual.

In the next two years the organization paid off all but \$150 of the debt on the club house and twenty-two books were given to the library. 1938 found fifty shrubs and twenty seven trees planted in the Meridian park by the club and in 1940 a box of shrubs was donated to the Boise Junior College grounds.

During the next few years Red Cross work was a big part of the organization's activities. They also sponsored a Home Nursing course and in 1943-44 they started their Emergency chest. The first chest contained a wheel chair, hospital bed, crutches and other small articles.

In 1944 the club started a recreation center for young people. The following year the club joined the State Federated Womens Clubs, added more to the Emergency chest and attended the 34th Annual Convention of Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Occident Club held its Silver Tea in June of 1949 honoring the 25th Anniversary of the organizing of the club. That year the play "Laugh It Off" was sponsored by the club. 1950-51 found the construction of the library the project of the organization. An addition was put onto the Occident club to house the library. In 1952 the library became self-supporting and the debt on the addition was paid off.

In 1953-54 the organization gave the yard around the club house a complete face-lifting and erected an outdoor fireplace. The Mothers Table Top Advertising Campaign netted \$500. plus 48 decks of cards

and 24 tables for the club. The club rooms were redecorated. Five charter members were honored guests at the 30th birthday anniversary.

The presidents who led the organization through the years in the order they come were Mmes. Marion Clelen, Colwell Miller, H. F. Neal, Mary French, Grace Neal, W. J. Davidson, Orpha Baldwin, Nina Egbert, Dora Leighton, Zelma Matthews, Elsie Curtis, Carrie Cato, Mayte Flack, Deane Ulmer, Alice Lant, Ellen Gottsehalk, Nettie Hudson, Dell Cox, Edna McCoy, Marie Sandy, Marguerite Potts, Marguerite Patch, Zelma Matthews Rose, Oral Coleman, Alma Burke, Nadine Miller, Edith Marsters and this year's president Mrs. Archie Scrivner.

The library now contains over 6000 books. A small tax levy from the city is the library's only help. The emergency closet, the Occident club's biggest project has grown until it now contains two complete oxygen units with an auxiliary tank, six hospital beds, eight wheel chairs, crutches, besides many other items. More than \$100 was voluntarily contributed to the club by grateful borrowers in the past year.

This only begins to tell the many things the Occident club has done for the community. Many years they had to go slowly because of lack of funds but in the past 30 years of being an organization they have truly lived up to their aim.



Royal Crystal Salt



All Grades -- White As Snow

Occident Club Song

We are the Meridian Occident Club
 From the town of Meridian.
 We are the liveliest bunch of girls
 The very best in the land.
 We feed the hungry,
 Care for the sick with our Emer-
 gency Chest.
 We have a splendid library
 With books of the very best.
 Oh, Meridian Occident Club
 We work with all our might
 Oh, Meridian Occident Club
 We do a ^{good} job, and we do it just right
 We work, we play, we sing, we dance,
 Our aims we do attain.
 We try to build a better town
 We do not strive in vain.

June Salomon Levi

Beta Sigma Phi

The Beta Sigma Phi met last Thursday evening at the Occident club rooms for an open meeting. In charge of the cultural program were Mrs. Remie Van Paeppegem, Mrs. Mel Allen, Mrs. Kermit Scarborough and Mrs. Sav Uberuaga. Three new rushees attended the meeting were Mrs. Carol McFarland, Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. Chuck Storer. Mrs. Terry McGoldrick, Mrs. Don Storey, Mrs. Sav Uberuaga and Mrs. Chester Eggers were hostesses.

Wednesday (last night) members of the sorority went to Emmett where Mrs. Russell Brooks, extension director of the Meridian sorority and her committee were in charge of an open meeting for starting a new chapter in Emmett.

Occident Club

The regular meeting of the Occident club was held Monday with twenty-seven members present.

The club was opened with a new club song, written by Mrs. Francis Veach, especially for the coming convention to be held in Nampa in April. The Lord's Prayer was given in unison in memory of the late Alma Burke.

Roll call was answered by giving a Boise Valley product or industry.

Mrs. Frank Hudson named Mmes. Frank Matcham, Oral Coleman, Warren Moore, Kenneth Crossman, V. R. Botkin and R. H. Bell to assist her in the preparation for the convention in April. Mrs. Hudson is chairman of the committee.

A program completed the meeting. Mrs. Frances Veach, Mrs. V. R. Botkin and Mrs. Marguerite Patch sang "Good Old Summer Time." A pantomime was given by Mrs. Robert Harrah, entitled "Rosie the Riveter." Mrs. Veach presented a display of old and new articles, representing changes from 1905 to 1955. There was also a short dialogue on changes in clothing.

Refreshments were served by the Mmes. Tessie Davidson, R. H. Bell, Claude Robbins, Lee Harrell and V. A. Cox.

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Occident Club

The regular meeting of the Meridian Occident club will be held in the club rooms Monday, April 4. Mrs. Everitt Eager will have charge of the topic, "Progress in Homemaking." Roll call will be answered with recipes or household hints. All ladies are asked to wear house dresses.

Hostesses for the afternoon meeting will be Mmes. Archie Scrivner, Francis Veach, G. W. Hiatt, Chester Chapman and T. J. Peterson.

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Meridian Occident Club Hears About Homemaking Progress

MERIDIAN — "Progress in Homemaking" was the theme of the program when Meridian Occident club met recently. Mrs. Everett Eager was in charge and as a special number on her program, introduced Mrs. John E. Riley, religious consultant of the Federated Women's clubs of this district, who gave an Easter message. Mrs. Riley also told about her recent visit to the White House and a talk that she had with Mrs. Eisenhower.

Guests welcomed by the club president, Mrs. Archie Scrivner, were the Mmes. Nellie Knowlton, Margie Marlen, Arnold Ure, and Merle Shelton.

Mrs. Oral Coleman and Mrs. Ray Ulmer were named delegates to the district convention of federated clubs in Nampa. Mrs. Claude Robbins and Mrs. Susie Cairns will be alternates.

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An Easter program was featured when Meridian Jay-C-Ettes met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Wally Lovan. Members modeled bonnets of their own making with a prize for the "craziest" going to Mrs. Johnnie Barker.

Business conducted at the meeting included the election of Mrs. Bill Luke to serve as secretary in place of Mrs. Cecil Worthington who has moved to Mountain Home.

A report on the sale of Easter egg centerpieces at the Y-Teen style show showed that the Jay-

C-Ettes had netted enough money to pay for a visual aid kit for the Easter Seal center in Boise.

The next meeting of the group will be a potluck dinner in the home of Mrs. Richard Davis, April 18. Members of last year's Boise Jay-C-Ette council will be guests.

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The Pleasant Hour club will meet April 14 in the home of Mrs. Fred Morford. A plant exchange will be held.

During the social hour club members will hold a cradle shower for Mrs. Charles Sedlacek.

1955 Occident Club Members Set for Nampa Convention

Members of the Occident Club are anticipating April 14 and 15 when they will be co-hostesses with the Woman's Century Club of Nampa for the annual convention of the Second District of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs.

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Musical Script Is Highlighted By Occident Club

MERIDIAN — A musical script "My Country," written by Mrs. Roy Lovell of Boise, was presented as part of the program at the meeting of the Occident club in Meridian Monday afternoon. Mrs. Claude Robbins was director.

Participating were the Mmes Carol Benjamin, Francis Veach, Jess Hedges, Kenneth Crossman, Oral Coleman, Frank Matcham, Glen Doan, Ray Ulmer, and the following Meridian high students: Hazel Nortman, Nedra Larsen, Marilyn Juedes, Sharan Notebloom and Larry Sparks.

Mrs. Bert Rose, chairman of the club's emergency loan equipment, announced the gift of a hospital bed donated by Don Roberts, and hospital gowns and crutches contributed by Mrs. George Crossman.

The library committee reported the loan of 500 books last month.

Federation Schedules Convention in Nampa

NAMPA — The 55th annual convention of the second district of the Idaho Federation of Women's clubs will be held in Nampa Thursday and Friday.

The convention, which will be held at the Christian church will begin at 8:45 a.m. with registration.

The business session will get underway at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Roy Lovell of Boise, president of the Second district will be in charge of the convention, which will open with a flag ceremony featuring the flags of the United States, the United Nations and the Idaho state flag.

Officers Assisting

Officers assisting will be Mrs. Charles Winkler of Council, first vice-president, Mrs. N. C. Hall of Fruitland, second vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Dickinson of Shoshone, treasurer, Mrs. Luther R. Bice of Nampa, auditor, and Mrs. B. E. Badgerow, of Boise, corresponding secretary.

Official hostesses will be Mrs. Charles L. Wilson, president of the Woman's Century club in Nampa and Mrs. A. D. Scrivner, president of the Occident club in Meridian. General chairman for the convention is Mrs. J. A. Brown of Nampa with Mrs. Frank Hudson, of Meridian as co-chairman. Captains of the pages are Mrs. Leonard Davenport of Nampa and Mrs. Frank Matcham of Meridian. Mrs. William Shumate of Nampa is publicity chairman.

The American Home department of the Century club is in charge of banquet arrangements with Mrs. Henry De Vorss as chairman.

Music this year will be furnished by club sextets and club songs will be sung. Music will be in charge of Mrs. Kenneth Crossman of Meridian and Mrs. H. A. Pitman of Nampa.

Miss Eleanor Pierce of Nampa will be guest soloist. Skits and a book review will complete the evening's entertainment.

The Meridian club will be the hostess club at the luncheon the first day of the convention. Mrs. Hudson, assisted by Mmes. V. R. Botkin, Oral Coleman, Frank Matcham, Kenneth Crossman, Warren Moore and R. H. Bell, are busy making luncheon favors.

Banquet Hosts

The Nampa club will be host at the banquet Thursday evening and the luncheon on Friday. Meridian women who are helping the committee make favors for the banquet are the Mmes. Leo Marsters, Faye White, Susie Cairns, Francis Veach, Lester Lounsbury, Lee Egbert and R. L. Anderson. Mrs. R. Botkin and Mrs. Everett Eager are in charge.

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Nampa club women have chosen the Easter season in which to join in national fund

drive to erect the world's largest cross, to be placed on top of Bald Knob mountain in Southern Illinois.

The support of 15,000 women's clubs in the movement was pledged by Mrs. Theodore S. Chapman, president of the General Federation of Women's clubs.

Backing the Idaho movement for funds for the cross is Mrs. P. B. Wilson of Twin Falls, president of the Idaho Federation of Women's clubs, assisted by Mrs. G. M. Brown of Nampa, first vice-president of the Idaho Federation.

The cross, to be 500 feet high and cost an estimated \$3,000,000, will be visible over an area of 7500 square miles.

It is located in the Shawnee National forest only 70 miles from the heavy population center of the nation.

"The cross will be illuminated at night and will provide a place of worship for people of all religious denominations with the purpose of "achieving greater unity of religious thinking and effort." Mrs. Brown said.

The cross is a longtime project of the Bald Knob Christian Foundation, Incorporated, a non-denominational, non-profit, state-chartered group, which has held Easter sunrise services on the mountain each spring for the past 20 years.

The cross, when completed, will contain a central chapel and meditation room, available for all religious faiths.

Separate shrines will be in the rooms between the base and top of the cross. At the top will be a forestry service lookout station and an observation tower for visitors.

Mrs. Charles Wilson, president of the Nampa Woman's Century club will head the Nampa area fund drive and anyone interested in participating in the project or wishing to contribute may contact her or any officers of local women's clubs for the Idaho State Federation of Women's clubs throughout the state.

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Convention Leaders



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Weather Report

Today: April showers in the distance

Calm, warm atmosphere

Perfumed air

Excellent parsol and Jonquill weather

Tomorrow:

Possible sudden changes

Refreshing breaks

Azure skies

Men of the noblest dispositions think themselves happiest when others share their happiness with them.

—William Duncan

President



Mrs. A. D. Scrivner

Club Work Song

We are the Meridian Occident Club
from the town of Meridian,

We are the liveliest bunch of girls,
the very best in the land;

We feed the hungry,

Care for the sick
with our emergency chest;

We have a splended library
with the books of the very best.

O, Meridian Occident Club!

We work with all our might;

O, Meridian Occident Club!

We do a good job and we do it just
right;

We work, We play, We sing We
dance,

Our aims we do attain;

We try to build a better town,

We do not strive in vain.

Elma Veach

Tune: "Solomon Levi"

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Mrs. Fay White Treas.

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"Be just, be merciful, be fair
To every woman everywhere."

Collors—Yellow and white
Flowers—Purple Iris and Zinnias
Theme Song—"Idaho"

The Goal of a Woman's Life

To ever strive to seek Life's higher sphere,

Above all pettiness, all jealousy and greed;

To pierce the clouds of hate and fear which grip the world; and plant the tender seed

Of kindness and love, that hearts again may sing

Their pulsing song of Freedom, and beauty once again to be free

To feed the hungry souls of men, and bring

A richer, happier age in which to be.

CLUB COMMANDMENT

1. Thou shalt not be late.
2. Thou shall come prepared to give thine opinion.
3. Thou shall not take offense at thy fellow members.
4. Thou shall pay thy dues promptly.
5. Thou shalt bear this statement in mind: "A substitute thou must find if thou cannot do the work assigned."

Honorary Members

- Mrs. Margaret Bennett
Mrs. Helena Brussee
Mrs. Tessie Davidson
Mrs. Mattie Shook
Mrs. Henry Taylor
Mrs. Emma Waggoner
Mrs. Alma Burke
Mrs. Stanley Andrews

STANDING PROJECTS

- Library
Emergency Loan Closet

POSTPONEMENT

"Ah, well," thought Mom, "I can't go on forever in a tizzy. Someday with children grown and gone I needn't be so busy." But, oh, her scheme's still on the shelf; although the plan was--she now, as Grandma, finds herself much busier than ever.

—Anita Raskin

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Meridian Occident Club Looks Back On Proud History of Civic Achievements

Meridian's only women's civic organization, The Occident Club, will celebrate its 31st anniversary as an organization in June. The outstanding accomplishments of this organization during its history have been many and the women who belong have worked hard to make these contributions to the town's welfare possible.

The first meeting of the organization was held June 19, 1924, at the home of Mrs. Lee Egbert. A study program was planned and standing committees were named. Later on, such committees as press and publicity, building, village improvement, child welfare, legislative, entertainment, and American citizenship were named.

Charter members who attended this first meeting were Mes. Marion Clelen, Alice Mateer, J. C. Beam, L. A. Songer, Frances Moon-ey, E. Pearl Baird, Gertrude Stanton, Fay G. Atwater, Nina Egbert, Susie Cains, Edna McCoy, Myrtle Garrett, C. K. Wylie, Tessa Davidson, Carrie Cato, Mary French, T. A. Allen, Lucy M. Koger, Mary Burns, J. Milton Flack, Dan Barkers, S. H. Grondahl, Colwell Miller, J. F. Baird, Anne C. Tolles, Zelma Mathews, Perry Lewis, C. C. E. Deal and Dona Castile.

Also there were Mes. Myrtle Bell, Orville Jackson, Orpha Baldwin, J. H. Goble, Elmer Yates, Joseph Grice, Erma Bell, Andrew Youngquest, Dr. Neal, S. E. Yaggy.

Officers for the first year were Mrs. Marion Clelen, president; Mrs. Anna Curtis, vice president; Mrs. W. R. Baird, secretary; Mrs. Lee Egbert, assistant secretary; Mrs. W. J. Davidson, treasurer; Mrs. Magner, director; Mrs. Gertrude Stanton, historian; Mrs. Vera Miller, critic.

Some of the things done that first year were: the installation of a water fountain in the main section of Meridian, and a vegetable and flower exhibit. The club began saving funds and looking around for lots and buildings that might make a good club house.

At the second meeting of the organization the following month, the first library committee was ap-

pointed. Librarians were Mrs. Dan Barker and Mrs. Alice Mateer. The library was placed in Songers Drug Store and approximately 800 books were put in circulation. That year the library was placed on the list for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The main project of the Occident club during the year of 1927-28 was to raise money for the Mississippi flood sufferers. It also sponsored a Bathing Beauty contest at the and sent as its entry, Miss Margaret Grondahl, who took second place.

During the year 1928-29 the organization painted the bandstand, and 1929-30 found the club purchasing the Interurban building for \$1205.00. The next year besides raising money to help pay for the club house, the members also bought a piano.

In 1931 Alice Mateer and Mrs. Dan Barker notified the club that they could no longer work in the library. They had been librarians for six years. The first cemetery was started that year. On the board were W. S. Mateer, Mrs. R. H. Horton and Ira B. Lane.

In 1932 and 1933 the club members landscaped the Occident club grounds, started their welfare work and chose their club flowers, Iris, Perennial and Zinnia Annual.

In the next two years the organization paid off all but \$150 of the debt on the club house and twenty-two books were given to the library. In 1938 found fifty shrubs and twenty-seven trees planted in the Meridian park by the club and in 1940 a box of shrubs was donated to the Boise Junior College grounds.

During the next few years Red Cross work was a big part of the organization's activities. They also sponsored a home nursing course and in 1943-44 they started their Emergency chest. The first chest contained a wheel chair, hospital bed, crutches and other small articles.

In 1944 the club started a recreation center for young people. The following year the club joined the State Federated Women's Clubs,

added more to the Emergency chest and attended the 34th Annual Convention of Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Occident Club held its Silver Tea in June of 1949 honoring the 25th anniversary of the organizing of the club. That year the play "Laugh It Off" was sponsored by the club. 1950-51 found the construction of the library the project of the organization. An addition was put into the Occident club to house the library. In 1952 the library became self-supporting and the debt on the addition was paid off.

In 1953-54 the organization gave the yard around the club house a complete face lifting and erected an outdoor fire place. The Mothers Table Top Advertising Campaign netted \$500 plus 48 decks of cards and 24 tables for the club. The club rooms were redecorated. Five charter members were honored guests at the 30th birthday anniversary.

The presidents who led the organization through the years in the order they came were Mes. Marion Clelen, Colwell Miller, H. F. Neal, Mary French, Grace Neal, W. J. Davidson, Orpha Baldwin, Nina Egbert, Dora Leighton, Zelma Matthews, Elsie Curtis, Carrie Cato, Mayte Flack, Deane Ulmer, Alice Lant, Ellen Gottsehalck, Nettie Hudson, Dell Cox, Edna McCoy, Marie Sandy, Marquerite Potts, Marquerite Patch, Zelma Matthews Rose, Oral Coleman, Alma Burke, Nadine Miller, Edith Marsters and this year's president Mrs. Archie Scribner.

The library now contains over 6000 books. A small levy from the city is the library's only help. The emergency closet, the Occident club's biggest project has grown until it now contains two complete oxygen units with an auxiliary tank six hospital beds, eight nywheel chairs, crutches, besides many other items. More than \$100 was voluntarily contributed to the club by grateful borrowers in the past year.

Fashion Trends

"One of these days we should go shopping. We may be completely out of self-respect. We may wish to exchange some self-righteousness pick up somewhere for some humility which is less expensive and wears better.

We may want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this season. Some one is showing pretty samples of peace. We are a little low on that and can never have too much of it.

By the way we must try to match some patience our neighbor wears. It is very becoming to her and may look well on us. We might even try on that little garment of long-suffering being displayed. We never thought we would want it, but feel ourselves coming to it.

We must not forget our sense of humor mended, and to look around for some inexpensive everyday goodness. Isn't it surprising how quickly ones stock of goodness is depleted. Yes, we we must go shopping soon!"

Sad But True

at meetings people give greetings and make reports of various sorts; and motions and suggestions and call for questions, and name countless committees; and read letters from other members in distant cities who couldn't attend, but are perfectly willing to lend some documents to take up several hours; offering acknowledgement to those who furnish flowers, and music, and tapers, and read numerous papers; and various dull matters are duly mentioned and discussed at length by the well intentioned; and before adjournment, plans are made for the next meeting at which people will give greetings and make reports of various sorts and motions and suggestions. . . . and call for questions. . . . and name countless committees . . . and read letters from friends in distant cities. . . .

Peddler's Story

My grandmother told me there was a peddler who came in the spring with his load of wares; shawls and beads from faraway places, earrings fashioned like tiny pearls.

Among his treasures a tiny key was lying; a silver key all glittering love or money. I'll keep it, he said, "for who knows, I might find the

door that it,s meant to open." So he would leave. And then one spring April came, and April departed, leaving her beautiful birds to sing; but no little cart came up the valley, no little grey donkey stood under the tree. I hope he found a deer that would open friendly, and wide, bright, but he would not sell it for to that silver key.

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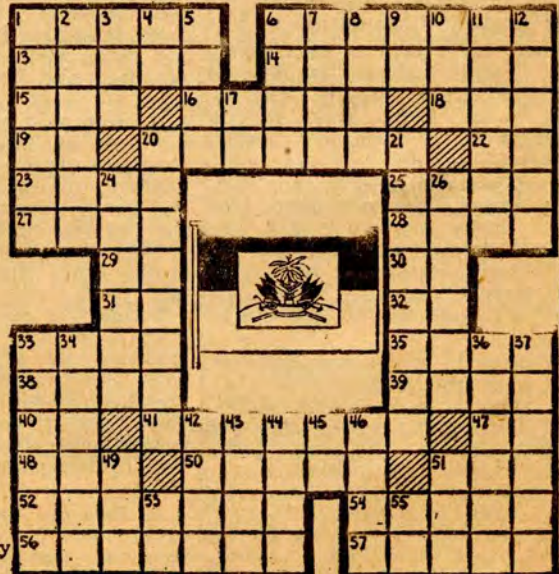
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Occident Club

The 55th Annual Meeting of the Second District of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs drew to a close Friday afternoon with 91 delegates from 14 districts attending. The group passed resolutions against crime comic magazines and to take a strong stand against communism.

Mrs. Roy Lovell, district president, related that in the 120 years since the first woman's club was formed, membership had grown to eleven million women throughout the world.

Guest speakers were, Mr. W. H. Robison, State Commissioner of Labor. He talked on "Status of Women in Idaho," and Mr. Harland Hill, Federal Probation officer, of Boise. His talk was on "Mental Health in Its Relation to Delinquency". Mrs. J. G. Shettle, Boise, formerly of Germany, "Being A Club President in Germany."

The Meridian Occident Club members were hostesses at the luncheon served at the Methodist Church in Nampa Thursday. About 37 members of the Club were pres-

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ent. The Occident club wishes to thank the following merchants for their contributions for the favors placed at the tables. Ada County Dairymen's Association, Meridian Times, Horton's Studio, Meridian Hardware, Idaho Barber and Beauty Supply, Meridian Drug Center, Valley Agency, and Chriswisher's Inc. Also Calnon's Floral. And the committee that made the decorations for the tables. It was all very much appreciated.

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Beta Sigs Hold Mothers Day Tea

The annual Mother's Day tea given by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority members for their mothers will be held Saturday, April 30, at the Occident club rooms. This year a style show will also be held with styles being furnished by the Golden Rule store of Nampa.

Models will include Mmes. Ralph Van Paepeghem, Don Chriswisher, Dave Hill, Harry Lenton, Marvin Bodine, Owen Sproat, Russell Smith, Claude Robbins and Misses Jan McCurry and Diane Storey. Mrs. John Goodrich will announce the styles.

Music will be furnished by the Boise Music, Inc. with a spinet organ. "Little Mother of Mine" will be sung by Mrs. R. C. Derrer and Mrs. W. G. McCurry accompanied by Mrs. Carol Coleman. Mrs. Alvin Deines and Mrs. Terry McGoldrick will pour.

The committee in charge of the arrangements are Mmes. Jim Byers, Kenneth Records, Mel Allen and Wylie Leighton.

Special guests will include members of the Occident club and sorority sisters and their mothers from the Emmett chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

— May 1945 —

Occident Club

Elects Mrs. Veach

Mrs. Francis Veach was elected President of the Occident Club for the coming year at the organization's May meeting last Monday, May 2d. Joining Mrs. Veach in directing the affairs of the civic club will be Mrs. Jess Hedges, who was elected vice-president, Mrs. Lester Lounsbury, secretary, Mrs. Frank Matcham, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Warren Moore, treasurer.



(Picture-a-minute by Polaroid)

Mrs. Francis Veach

Mrs. Archie Scrivner, the outgoing President, chaired the meeting which heard committee reports and reports of the recent District meeting at Nampa.

The annual memorial service for deceased members was conducted by Mrs. Oral Coleman. Mrs. Veach sang "Nearer to The Heart of God."

Delegates to this week's Idaho State convention at Boise were selected. Those chosen delegates included Mrs. Archie Scrivner, Mrs. Francis Veach, and Mrs. Jess Hedges. Mrs. R. H. Bell was elected alternate delegate.

The installation of the newly elected Occident Club officers will be held at the club rooms on Monday, June 6th.

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Occident Club to Start New Season With Open House Meeting Monday

Meridian's Occident Club will open its new full term of meetings Monday, September 6th at two o'clock in the afternoon at the club's headquarters in the Occident club building, Mrs. Archie Scrivner, president of the organization, announced this week.

Traditionally the first meeting of the new club season will be an open house meeting with new residents of Meridian and vicinity especially invited to attend the meeting and learn something of the civic club's functions and programs.

Mrs. Fred Rosti, publicity chairman of the Occident Club, stressed that club officials had lined up an interesting program of educational and entertaining functions. The first meeting will be highlighted by a report on a trip East by Mrs. Frank Hudson and Mrs. Fred Rosti. Included in the talk will be impressions of Washington, D. C. and Chicago.

Over the summer, the Occident Club has been working on improvements in the club room. Cupboards have been installed in the emergency loan room. This room houses emergency hospital equipment which the club loans out as required. Included in the available items are oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, crutches and similar medical supplies. In addition, the club house will be more accessible as a new driveway has been added.

Hostesses for the first meeting will be Mrs. Kenneth Crossman, Mrs. Lee Egbert, and Mrs. Jesse Hedges. Officers in addition to the President, Mrs. Archie Scrivner, are Mrs. Kenneth Crossman, vice-president, Mrs. Wanda Lounsbury, recording secretary, Mrs. Elmer Veach, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Fay White, treasurer.

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Occident Breakfast Nets \$56.00 in Gifts

The Occident Club's annual sour-dough hotcake breakfast was held last Friday, August 24, with the Emergency Loan Committee in charge. A free-will offering netted the club \$56.00. This sum will be used to purchase a new oxygen regulator for the loan closet. This will make the fifth one the club has purchased.

The Emergency Loan was started in 1944 when Mrs. V. A. Cox was president of the Occident club. The object of the project was to gather together equipment for care of the sick in the home and operate it wholly on a loan basis. Over the years much equipment has been acquired by contributions and proceeds from the annual breakfast. The equipment is in constant use in the Meridian community. No charge is made for the use of the equipment.

Occident Club 1955

The Occident club would like to thank all those who came to their pancake breakfast Tuesday morning. Mrs. Bert Rose, chairman of the emergency loan closet, reported that there were lots of people there and \$51.20 was donated. This enabled the club to get another oxygen regulator. The club now has three of these for use by the public at any time.

Occident Club ⁵⁵

Plans Breakfast

A fund raising breakfast will be sponsored by the Occident Club, next Tuesday, September 14th from 9 a.m. till 12 noon, Mrs. Fred Rosti, publicity chairman, announced this week. Members are urged to bring guests.

While no actual solicitation will be made, donations will be accepted. The funds raised will be used to get further equipment for the club's emergency equipment room. The medical apparatus that is housed there is made available by the club to all community residents in need of special medical supplies.

At its first meeting on Labor Day, 20 members and two guests attended the opening meeting of the club's new season. The guests Mrs. Millie Harrison.

The club members heard reports on a trip to New York, Chicago, Boston, and Washington, D. C., by Mrs. Fred Rosti and Mrs. Frank Hudson. Mrs. Archie Scrivner, club president, served tea, coffee, and cookies at a table arranged and decorated by Mrs. Lee Egbert, Mrs. Jesse Hedges, and Mrs. Kenneth Crossman.

Center of attraction was a decorated table. A centerpiece bouquet of red and white flowers represented the club's flowers. Two white candles symbolized the opening of meetings, two colored candles represented the ceremony which last year installed the new officers, and two gold candles stood for the new club season.

The next regular meeting of the club, aside from the breakfast, will be held Monday, October 4th.

Blue Valley Club ^{Nov 55} Holds Turkey Dinner

The Blue Valley Club held its turkey dinner at the Occident club Nov. 21st with 57 attending.

The tables were decorated with small turkey shaped candles and chrysanthemums making up the center piece.

Mrs. Elmo Powell was mistress of ceremonies for the program which included the welcoming of members and their guests. Special music was presented by Mrs. Dean Thompson, who sang "I Heard the Forest Praying" and "Through the Years." She was accompanied by Mrs. Jack Pratt.

Prayer was given by Mr. Clifford Ripley. Birthday song and wishes were extended to Mrs. James Rosti and Mrs. Bob Anderson.

Helping with the serving of the dinner were Misses Bonnie Baker, Patricia Nelson, Kay and Coleen Powell. Assisting them were Mrs. Frank Hudson and Mrs. Charles Baker.

Preparation of the turkeys was made by Mrs. Frank Lutz, Sr., and Mrs. Harry Albright. The birds were carved by Mrs. Margaret Gilbert of Boise.

Group singing was lead by Mrs. Dean Thompson, with Mrs. Jack Pratt at the piano.

Plans were made for the Christmas party which is to be held December 9th at the home of Mrs. Fred Rosti.

•Occident Club *Dec 1955*

The annual Christmas party for members of the Occident club and their guests was held Monday afternoon in the club rooms. Thirty two members and ten guests were present. Christmas decorations were used with one of the two Christmas trees being furnished by Virgil Smith from his own yard. The decorations were arranged by the hostesses, Mmes. Frank Hudson, Dick Anderson, Fred Rosti, Ray Ulmer and Ralph Soucie.

Mrs. Kenneth Crossman and Mrs. Jess Hedges were in charge of the program "Candles of Christmas" which portrayed the traditions and customs of other countries, of early America and of today. After the program everyone joined together in singing carols.

Instead of a gift exchange each woman brought miscellaneous articles or money to be donated to the club for use in the kitchen and for kitchen equipment.

A picture of all the past presidents of the past 30 years was presented at the meeting. In charge of getting the picture ready were Mrs. Frank Hudson and Mrs. Warren Moore.

In place of a personal gift exchange at Christmas time we had a kitchen shower for our club kitchen. We received enough money to purchase new kettles, fry pans, dishpans, a cannister set and a grinder. In addition we received numerous kitchen necessities from other members. The house and grounds committee appreciated the opportunity to have this much needed shower.

A wonderful gift of \$50.00 from our girls of the Beta Sigma Phi, made the down payment on our new refrigerator. This was an item we truly needed.

Our club house has been redecorated from the kitchen to the front door. It is really beautiful. Thanks to all who did more than their bit on this. An added thanks goes to the good husband of one member who worked so faithfully to have it finished for our meeting before the 55th Annual Convention at Nampa.

The chairman of our house and grounds committee never stops. She works the year around to make our club house & grounds more beautiful. Thanks to you Oral, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The pictures of the past club presidents have been collected, framed and hung in our club rooms by Nettie Hudson and Viola Moore. Much effort was expended to collect these pictures dating back to our first president 31 years ago. This year we add one more.

We have contributed to the Penny Art Fund, to Pines, March of Dimes, Cancer and Polio. We also contribute \$25.00 to the State History Publishing Fund. We have assisted in time of bereavement of our two Past Presidents, Mrs. Carrie Cato Williams and Mrs. Alma Burke. Cards & flowers have been sent to sick members. Mrs. Soucie and Mrs. Matcham have worked diligently to carry out their duties as co-chairman of the ways and means committee. The record of Mrs. Cairns as chairman of ways and means has proved a real challenge. *Last year*

Our club house affords a meeting place for the Y-Teens, and our club members occassionally assist.

Our rentals, Lions Club dinners and other party activities have resulted in financial gain as well as provided a means of keeping our club a center of attention in the eyes of our fellow citizens.

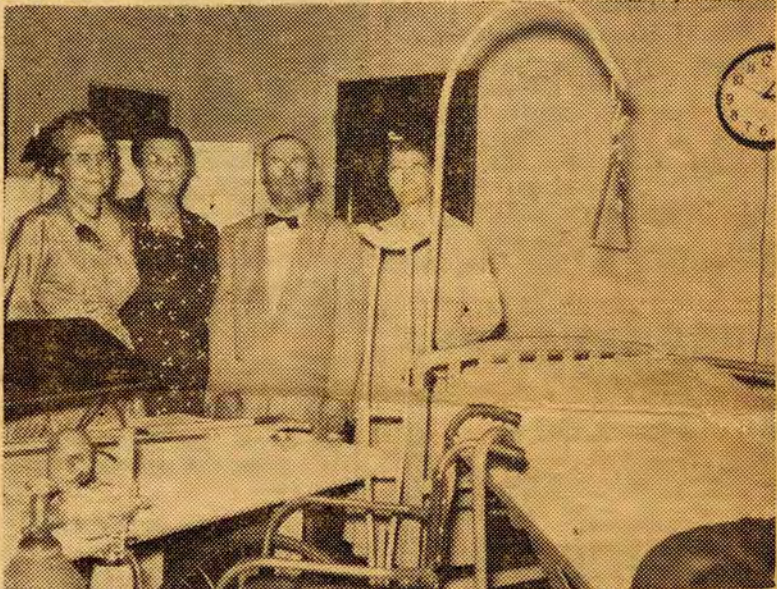
We have the needed cooperation of our businessmen, high school faculty, student body, Y-Teens, Boy Scouts, Sorority girls, Lions Club, J.C.'s., Churches, O.E.S., B.P.W. and P.T.A. members. We are honored to be members of a civic organization which has a place in the heart of the community.

*Edith Maisters
Historian*

Library Open House



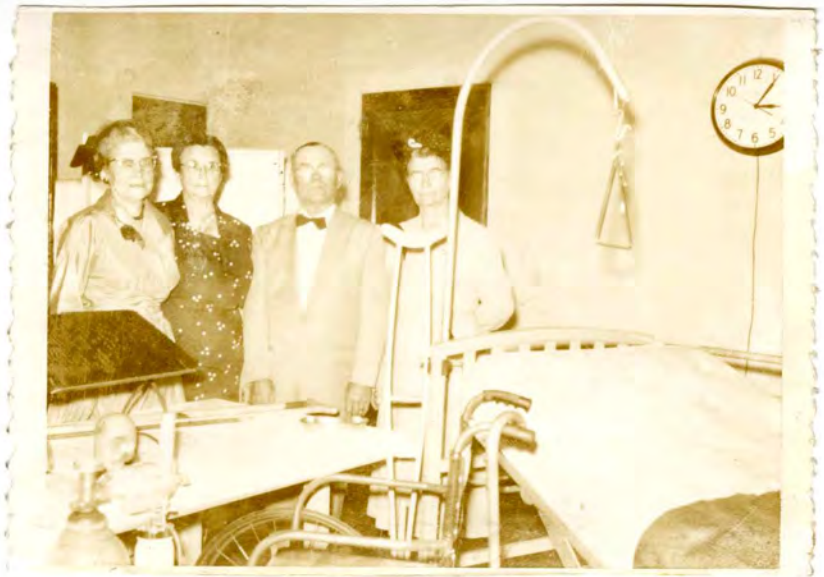
OPEN HOUSE was held Sunday at Occident Club to acquaint public with public library and emergency loan services, the club's two major projects. Above, Mrs. V. A. Cox serves Meridian's public librarian, Miss Ruth Cline. (Times Photo)



EMERGENCY LOAN CLOSET of Occident Club provides free use of sick-room equipment for community residents. Members of Loan Closet committee, shown with Mr. Bert Rose, are, left to right, Mrs. Roy Goodwin, Mrs. Susie Cairns, and Mrs. Bert Rose. (Times Photo)



MRS. V. R. BOTKIN, Occident Club president, is served by Mrs. Claude Robbins, honored guest at open house at club house Sunday. Mrs. Robbins was retiring after many years' service on club's library board. Other members of the board shown above are Mrs. Everett Eager and Mrs. Archie Scrivner. (Times Photo)



Meridian Pancake Feed Nets \$175 for Emergency 'Closet'

MERIDIAN — Charity-minded residents of Meridian and surrounding communities gathered Friday to consume more than a thousand sourdough pancakes for the benefit of the Emergency Loan Closet.

Total contributions following the annual breakfast held on the shaded lawns of the Occident club amounted to \$175.

The Emergency Loan Closet, a major activity of the 75-member Occident club, was founded during World War II to provide medical equipment to any one in the area. Wheel chairs and hospital beds are among the many supplies which may be procured on a loan basis from the organization.

The fund raising project, attended by more than 200 people, was under the supervision of Mrs. Bert Rose, Mrs. Susie Cairns and Mrs. Lois Frazier.

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The 10 gallons of pancake mix were prepared under the direction of Mrs. Edith Marsters who also did much of the cooking. Servers and other cooks included Mrs. Nina Egbert, Mrs. Frank Matcham, Mrs. Carol K. Benjamin, Mrs. Francis Veach and Mrs. Jess Hedges.

Among the many guests who attended were Meridian Mayor and Mrs. Don Storey, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gilbert of Boise, who were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff, the Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell, all of Meridian; and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Marler, all of Boise.

Other out of town guests included residents from Caldwell, Nampa, Middleton, Parma and Eagle.

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June again

1959

Occident Club entertains at luncheon

The annual June covered dish luncheon of the Occident Club was held Monday in the club house.

It was the final meeting before the summer recess. Hostesses for the luncheon were the Mmes. Roy Denton, Robert Thorne, V. A. Cox and Carol Benjamin.

The program was titled "Keepsakes." Teri Smith sang a song and danced two tap numbers. Mrs. Homer Smith and Mrs. Earl Marks sang "Among My Souvenirs" and several members displayed treasured keepsakes and told their stories.

Keepsakes included a small hand-crafted jug which had been carried in 1831 by Mrs. Carol Benjamin's grandfather. He tied it to his saddle and it held his milk for school lunch.

Mrs. Elma Veach had a Bible which had been handed down to the daughters in her family for several generations.

Spinning Wheel

Mrs. Elmer Ross had a spinning wheel which came from Holland and has been in the family since 1792. It is made of oak, walnut and maple and the parts are fitted together by screwing into each other. They can be easily dismantled for storage.

Mrs. Nina Egbert and Mrs. Warren Moore had linen doilies made from very old material. Their great grandmother grew the flax, spun the thread and

wove the cloth.

Mrs. Susie Cairns showed a family album which came from the East coast and has pictures dating back to 1832.

Edith Robbins' treasure was a piece of silver in a bar five inches long. It was from a mine at Delamar in Owyhee County and has the name of her mother engraved in it.

Several women showed dolls in their original dresses. One of these was given to Mrs. Veach 50 years ago.

New slate

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Veach. They were Mrs. Roy Stuart, president; Mrs. Carol Benjamin, vice president; Mrs. A. D. Scrivner, recording secretary; Mrs. Marguerite Patch, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Warren Moore, treasurer; and Mrs. Ray S. Anderson, historian.

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Final rites for Mrs. Della Cox

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Caldwell for Mrs. Della Myers Cox, 78, of Meridian, who died last Thursday, October 11, at a Boise hospital after a month's illness.

Officiating were the Rev. A. M. Thomas of the Meridian Methodist church and the Rev. N. H. Lines, retired pastor of the Middleton Methodist church. Pall



Mrs. Della Cox

bearers were Dean Jerome, Irving Cornell, Wayne Gass, Dewey Sherbert, Fred Steigelmier, Arthur Johnson. Music was by the male quartet of the Caldwell Friends church. Interment was at Canyon Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Cox was born June 12, 1884, at Red Oak, Missouri, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Myers. When she was two, the family moved to Norton, Kansas. The next year, 1887, the family came to Idaho, traveling by wagon-train to Caldwell; then to Smith's Ferry, where Mr. Myers began operation of the first ferry across the Payette River at that point.

In 1892, the family moved to Star, where they engaged in farming; then moved the next year to Middleton. At Middleton, Mrs. Cox was one of the early members of the Methodist church there. She attended school at Middleton, then graduated from the College of Idaho in 1904. After graduation, she took nurse's training at Portland.

June 11, 1912, at Portland she became the bride of Verling Anson Cox. During the next 28 years they farmed at Hammet and Greenleaf, and for eight years of that period they operated the Dairymaid Lunch at Boise.

Here in 1940

In 1940, they moved to Meridian where Mr. Cox served as county weed supervisor until his retirement in 1955. They have resided at Meridian since.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the Meridian Methodist church, the Occident Club, and Women's Society of Christian Service. She was a past district president of the Federated Women's Club, and directed the establishment of the Emergency Loan Closet of the Occident Club. She was also a member of the Flower Club, and the W.C.T.U.

Active in Grange affairs, she had belonged to the Middleton Grange, Locust Grove, and Meridian Granges. At Meridian, she received the jewel award as a 25-year member; and she was also a member of the Pomona, State, and National Granges.

Survivors include her husband, living at the family home at Meridian; a sister, Mrs. Nellie McFarland of Meridian; and two sons, Herald J. Cox, who is city clerk and police judge of Meridian, and Gerald J. Cox of Turlock, California. She is also survived by five grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces, including Dr. B. Roger Ray of Pullman, Washington.

Meridian library joins observance of National Children's Book Week

Meridian public library will participate next week in observance of Children's National Book Week, October 29 through November 4.

Theme of the national event will be "Take off with books." All community residents, children and grownups, are invited to visit the library.

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, has announced the titles of 64 books newly added to the shelves.

The list includes 18 books presented to the library as memorials, with the following titles.

Books for grades 1 through 6—*Tammy Chipmunk and his Friends* by G. E. Allen. *Emerald City of Oz*, F. Baum. *Clean Clarence*, P. & O. Frienrich. *Janey and Friends* (an Idaho book), H. M. Niller. *Aregon at Last* (the Sager children), Van Der Loeff. *Dougal and the Wee Folk*, M. Mac Alpine. *Magnets*, Victor.

Youth books—*The Flaxy Mare* (an Idaho book), Glenn Balch. *Born to Teach*, O. Burt. *Lost Cities and Vanished Civilizations*, Silverberg. *Michelangelo*, a biography, E. Ripley. *Science Year*, World Book yearbook (on order).

Adult books—*Too Strong for Fantasy*, an autobiography, Marcia Davenport. *Incredible Victory*, *Midway Battle in World War II*, W. Lord. *Christy*, Catherine Marshall. *Rickenbacker*, a biography, Edward F. Rickenbacker. *Gabriel Hounds*, Mary Stewart. *Topaz*, Leon Uris.

Other books

Juvenile, 1st through 6th grades

—*Little Runner of the Longhouse*, B. Baker. *May I Bring a Friend?*, De Regniers. *Flicka, Ricka, Dicka*, and *New Dotted Dresses*, M. Lindman. *Flicka, Ricka, Dicka*, and *New Skates*, M. Lindman. *Little Anna and the Magic Hat*, Sandbreg. *Tell Me a Joke*, B. Sokol. *More Jokes for Children*, Kohl & Young. *Pippi Longstocking*, and *Pippi Longstocking Goes on Board*, Lindgren. *Trixie Beldon and the Mysterious Code*, and *Trixie Beldon and the Blinking Eye Mystery*, K. Kenny. *Joseph, Chief of the Nez Perce*, D. Pollock.

Youth non-fiction. — *The Universe of Galileo and Newton* (Horizon Caravel), Wm. Bixby. *The Vikings* (Horizon Caravel), F. R. Donovan. *Party Plans for Teens*, K. Harris. *Digs and Diggers*, L. Cotterell.

Youth Fiction—*The Long Pass*, and *Old Iron Glove*, J. Archibald. *The Infinite Worlds of Maybe*, L.

Del Rey. *Mark on the Door* (Hardy Boys), F. W. Dixon. *A Dream to Touch*, A. Emery. *Vagabond Summer*, A. Emery. *Backfield Challenge*, Wm. Gault. *The Door into Summer*, R. Heinlein. *Hostess in the Sky*, M. Hill. *Emergency Run*, E. B. Hungerford. *Clue in the Crossword Cipher*, C. Keene. *Barbie's Summer in New York*, C. Lawrence. *Appollo at Go*, J. Sutton. *Mystery of the Water Witch* (horse story), A. Turngren.

Adult Non-fiction—*How to Avoid Probate*, Norman F. Dacey; *Dealing with Horses*, J. F. Kelly. *A Time to Stand* (The Alamo), Walter Lord. *The Saga of Chief Joseph* (Idaho, gift), Helen Addison Howard.

Adult Fiction—*I Met Murder on the Way*, M. Echard. *Mutiny on the Bounty*, Nordoff & Hall. *The Looming Shadow* (African), L. Kayira. *Wait for the Wagon*, M. Lasswell. *Michel, Michel*, Robert Lewis. *Oops! or Life's Awful Moments*, Art Linkletter. *Black Is the Color of My True Love's Heart*, Peters. *Pioneer, Go Home!*, R. Powell. *Doctor with a Mission*, E. Seifert. *Stroke of Seven*, Robert Wade. *The Tenth Point*, T. Walsh. *The Edge of Glass*, C. Gaskin.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 11, 1969

To whom it may concern:

The Occident Club and Library are organizations in good standing in the Meridian community.

Their help and service are very effective, needed and appreciated. The Occident Club and Library are truly assets to the Community of Meridian.

Yours very truly,

MERIDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE


JOHN O. FITZGERALD
President

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C of C sponsors city clean-up this Saturday

Meridian Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a city-wide clean-up this Saturday, May 11. Burnable trash will be picked up free of charge if left at the curb by 10 a.m. Saturday.

Willard Rowley, C of C chairman for the annual spring clean-up, urged all C of C members to meet at the parking lot by the Masonic building—across from the post office—by 9:30 a.m.

Rowley said the Chamber of Commerce volunteers would be aided by Scouts from Troop 1 and Troop 17, by Key Club members at the high school, and others.

Workers invited

The chairman invited all individuals and groups to take part in the clean-up. He said that the donated use of pickups and trucks would be especially appreciated.

Anyone willing to work is invited to telephone Mr. Rowley at 888-2390 in the evenings.

The burnable trash should be in cans, boxes, or neatly piled at the curb, with all tree-trimmings and shrubbery tied into bundles of a size that can be easily handled.

State contest next

Ada County Grange names winners in sewing event

Ada County Pomona Grange has announced the names of 11 winners in the county sewing contest. Judging and a style show were held Monday at the Ten Mile Grange hall.

Birdie Dalrymple, chairman in charge of the event, said first-place winners in the Class A contest were Celia Surber, sponsored by Liberty Grange, and Joyce Garrett of Valley View.

Second place in Class A was won by Francis Omberg of Pierce Park, with Eloise King of Valley View winning third.

Class B winners

Winning first in Class B was Ann Aschenbrenner, sponsored by Upper Fairview. Second place was won by Mary Ann Dalrymple, sponsored by Valley View, and Diane Fairchild, sponsored by Upper Fairview, won.

Class C winners

First places in Class C went to Esther Eichelberger and Elsie Stills, both of Mora Grange.

Second place was won by Pearl Sullivan of Pierce Park, and third place by Joan Manwill of Ten Mile.

The style show included a display of old-fashioned dresses dating back to 1860. Refreshments were served to the large group that attended.

All the first-place winners will be in the Idaho State Grange competition May 17 at Gooding.



Library award

NANCY SAGE, Meridian librarian, displays check and award-notice received as first prize for libraries of its size in the "Public Eye" contest held during National Library Week. The award was based upon news stories published about the Meridian library, most of them in the Valley News-Times.

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Swim pool group names officials

Commissioners of the Western Ada Recreation District have appointed two new commissioners and a secretary.

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Meridian Occident Club's History Profiled

By Steve Manker

(Editor's note: the following article first appeared in the "Valley News" on October 7, 1987.)

A group of ladies meeting in the home of Mrs. Nina Egbert in June 1926, decided that what Meridian needed was an organized women's club. There were 25 charter members, and since they were ladies of the west, they named their newly-formed club "The Occident Club." Thus began 57 years of commendable community service.

There was no place to meet, so meetings were held in two members' homes on a rotating basis. The abandoned interurban depot, on the northeast corner of Idaho and Meridian Streets, was put up for sale in 1926. When their bid of \$1205 was accepted the Occident Club had a new home.

The Club's first and longest continuous project was the library. Immediately after organizing, the library pro-

gram began.

One shelf in the corner of Songer's Drug Store, located on the southeast corner of Idaho and East First Streets, held the six books of the Meridian Public Library. Mrs. Songer doubled as the librarian.

When the library had to move, it relocated into a building on the site of the present City Hall. Mrs. Dan Barker Sr. and Mrs. W.S. Mateer became volunteer librarians assisted by Mrs. (Carl) Marguerite Patch as substitute.

Volunteers from the Occident Club continued to operate the library until they hired the first paid worker, Miss Ruth Cline. Club members also had the tasks of mending books and other library chores which were eventually taken over by Meridian Girl Scouts



"...I spend my days surrounded by wise books, bright windows in this life of ours lit by the shining souls of men." -- H. G. Wells

working for a library merit badge.

The first trained librarian was Mrs. Amy Ambrose, who was responsible for arranging and listing the books and making out the card file. She trained Mrs. Nancy Sage, who was to take over the library as librarian in 1954. Mrs. Sage was to guide the library through its expansion phase and supervised the move into the new building in 1974.

The Occident Club, through breakfasts, banquets, suppers and other fund-raising efforts, had expanded the original club building to include more room for the club and also room for the library.

When Mayor Don Storey helped the Occident Club and Library Nancy Sage open the new Meridian Free Library on

June 1, 1974, the library contained 13,000 volumes. Due to space limitations this inventory will remain pretty constant.

The Occident Club's second major continuing project started in 1944 from an idea of Mrs. V.A. Cox. This is the "Emergency Loan Closet." This was established to furnish needed articles and equipment to help care for the area's sick. (By 1981) the loan closet inventory has grown and now includes eight hospital beds, three commodes, nine walkers, two bedside tables, 12 pair of crutches, one arm crutch, eight wheelchairs, one fracture chair and "too many bedpans and urinals to count."

November 5, 1990

HISTORY OF OCCIDENT CLUB

On June 19, 1924, a group of ladies of Meridian and vicinity were invited to the home of Mrs. Nina Egbert to discuss the feasibility of organizing a Woman's Club. Mrs. Mateer acted as temporary Chairman. After all those present expressed their opinions, a motion was made to organize a club and the election of officers followed. Mrs. Marion Clelen as President, suggested they all be thinking of a name for the Club at the next meeting. She also appointed a committee for the Constitution and By Laws. The committee members were Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Songer and Mrs. Stanton.

The next meeting was held on July 17th at the home of Mrs. Mateer. The name for the Club was voted on at this meeting. The three names suggested were Meridian Women's Club, Excelsior, and Occident Club. Ballots were prepared and given and it resulted that Occident Club received the most votes. The name was very appropriate as we do live in the West. So that is how we got our name. A study program for the year was planned and since our desire was to start a Library for Meridian, we were successful in obtaining books from the Traveling Library. It was September 6, 1924, when we received three cases of their books; and to have a place to put them, the Songer Drug Store gave us a space to start our Library. Mrs. Jack Garrett offered to take charge of it. When the word got around that we needed books, many were donated by our members and citizens of Meridian, and it wasn't long until we needed more space than the drug store had for us so the Library Committee found a place for us at the City Hall in March 1925. Mrs. Mateer and Barker were the first Librarians and I joined them in 1926 when I moved to Meridian. I lived next door to the Mateers and she had me join the Club. We got the Manuel Training boys of the High School to make some book shelves for us which cost us \$7.00 for the material.

By now we had to think of ways to make some money for new books and other expenses, so we rented Woodman's Hall for a dance and card party which brought us a nice sum to start with. That got us on our way.

Then we had to decide on where to have our Club meetings. After looking here and there, we decided on the Methodist Church. Their offer was to use the parlor for just the expense of the lights and fuel used while there. We got it for parties and other things too, and met there many times during the year. Besides our meetings, we always had a program and lots of music. Many of our members were musicians, both soloists and pianists, also on the violin, and we had the piano available there too. By the end of the first year our membership had grown to 48.

It was decided since we now have that many members we have our monthly meetings in our homes, so we all took our turn at that.

In the Fall of 1928 we were notified by the City Council that we would have to find a place for our Library, as we were outgrowing the room they had for us. So that meant we would have to look for another place. Our book collection had reached 500 besides the ones from the Traveling Library. In the Spring of 1929, we started looking for a Club House. We had \$161.89 in our Building Fund. The Interurban Depot was for sale for \$1,205.00. In order to hold this property, we had to incorporate. Money was raised by donations, dances, dinners, pie sales, and we put on a local talent show at the High School -- a musical comedy "Laff it Off" with a cast of over 100 people, all ages -- people of Meridian wanting to help us "The Occident Club" for the benefit of the Library we started in 1924 with donations from citizens and books from the Traveling Library. The opening scene of the play was the Newsboys Parade featuring six high school girls. This was followed by the Childrens "Tiny Tot" popularity Contest and the Children's Page, with Mary Hill in the singing role. Next was the Frontier Days Celebration with Harry Frost acting the part of Gene Autry as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. John Towne lead a special square dance number followed by several speciality acts including "The Calico Gals and their Guys." Another scene was a Mock Wedding with Rosalee Hartwell as the bride and Ian Haddock as the groom. Zelma Rose took the spotlight as the movie columnist Hedda Hopper. And from the Comic Scene, George Judd as "Popeye" introduced other famous characters from the funny paper.

The show ended in a Patriotic Finale by the entire cast singing; and we, the Occident Club, were happy to receive \$600.00 to add to our building fund.

We did many other things to raise money. We served the Lions Club dinners twice a month for several years. Susie Cairns headed that committee and we all took our turn in preparing and serving the meal; with Susie always there to see if it was done properly.

We had rented our club room to organizations and individuals for meetings of groups too large for homes -- some families made it an annual custom for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We had a stand at the Idaho State Fair in Boise in August and served sandwiches, pies, coffee, and ice cream. We did well on it so continued it for several years.

We joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1925 and worked with them for several years. We also attended the Conventions and took our turn entertaining. I remember going to the Boise and Nampa Civic Clubs and enjoying that.

We moved into our Club House on August 29, 1931 and were happy to know we now had a building for our Library and our Club meetings. Mrs. Baldwin was our President and Mary Matcham our new Librarian. Mary served in this position for 14 years. We needed money to pay for the repair work we had done on our building so Edith Marsters came up with the idea we make pancakes to serve to the public. We had built an open fireplace on our lot back of the Club House, and she started making her sour dough pancakes at 6:30 in the morning and served them at tables on the lawn. Many townspeople came early before going to work, and we served until noon. We drew big crowds. It proved to be successful so we continued it annually for many years. The money we received was used to buy things for our Emergency Loan Closet that was started during World War II to provide medical equipment to anyone in our district needing a hospital bed, wheelchair, or any of the other equipment we had. It was Mrs. Della Cox (Harold Cox's Mother) who had the idea when she was president. It has been appreciated by many people in our vicinity these many years in loaning them the equipment they need. I have a picture of women serving the pancake breakfast.

Later, we sold the lots north of the Club House to the Mt. States Telephone Company for \$2,000.00. With this money and what we had in the Building Fund we built an addition of 50 ft. by 20 ft. on the East side of our building, as we needed more room for the Library, and the many books we had. Eventually some of the books needed mending so several of us met at the Library and worked on that. That was a new experience for me, as I had never done that before.

Since we were civic minded, we were also interested in helping do things for the town. When they took the census of Meridian for the purpose of determining the population, it was undertaken by the Club in view of obtaining house to house mail delivery. It was done successfully and we got our mail brought to our homes.

During WW II we opened our Club rooms to the public for Red Cross sewing, and women from the community came to sew. Yarn was also given to members for knitting garments. We filled Army kits with surgical supplies, and we also bought War Bonds.

It was this year 43-44 that we celebrated our 20th anniversary. We had built a kitchen, bought an electric stove, a sink, silverware and dishes, and it was this year our Club was co-hostess with Nampa to the Second District of Federated Clubs. I was on the committee to help with that. I also went to Twin Falls, a time after that as a delegate with our President, Iva Bowers. We learned a lot about club work at these meetings. I remember we stayed all night in a motel and next morning

had breakfast with a group of women who were there also for the Convention. Mrs. Bower resigned before her year as president was up, having moved to Boise, so I, Marguerite Patch was appointed to complete her term which I did as Vice President.

Our Club helps sponsor Girls State with a donation each year and they come and give us reports of what they have learned. We have done sewing for the Nampa State School and Hospital and given them quilts and other things they need. We paid for having a public drinking fountain installed in downtown Meridian near the City Hall with the help of Mr. Gano, a plumber, who did the work without pay.

We had two rummage sales a year at the Harry Bryce Sale Yard which added to our treasury. We helped pay for painting the Band Stand at the City Park -- it was where the Masonic Lodge now stands. The Meridian band played there every Saturday night during the summer months and drew big crowds to enjoy their music. We rented the Parkins Hall frequently for dances and card parties. We also rented this Hall for a recreation center for the young people to go to play -- with an adult present for supervision. That proved to be very successful during the winter months. We also gave contributions to the Children's Home in Boise periodically, and during the summer gave fresh vegetables and fruit from the gardens of our members.

We had a Halloween Party one night at the Hartzell Cobbs home in 1928. I remember well, and the fun we had with our husbands there.

In referring to the minutes when I was Recording Secretary in 1927 and '28, it brought back memories of so many things we as a group did, in accomplishing them, as we had hoped to do.

So, I'll close in saying -- we the Occident Club can be proud of what we have done for our town and community, and hope we can continue being helpful to those in need, with our Emergency Loan Closet, and the friendship we have meeting together, remembering the purpose for which our Occident Club was formed, and it's now up to us to carry on.

Amen

Marguerite Patch