

January 1, 1968

Members of the Occident Club met for regular meeting in the Club room January 1, 1968. Mrs. Susie Cairns, president called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. She introduced program chairman, Marguerite Patch who introduced the guest speaker, Reverend Fothergill, minister from the Methodist Church. He gave us a very worthwhile talk on, "After Christmas Thoughts". He mentioned there were three kinds of people in the way they look at things after Christmas. First, there are the Philosophics who take matters as they come, no matter; then the Cheerful Charms who enjoy the many winter attractions or other ways of entertainment and last the "Guam Grunts" who see nothing for which to be thankful. Rev. Fothergill told of some traditions of other countries and the difference from our observance of Christmas heritages. The main objective is to always keep the Christian faith in our observance.

The Collect was repeated and Pledge of Allegiance given by all.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

President Susie announced our District President, Mrs. Earl Harmon will be at our next meeting as she was unable to attend today. Susie said she would call an executive Board meeting soon to discuss matters to bring up before the club meeting. Library insurance will be due Feb. 7th. She announced the club had \$200 in the city's swimming pool fund which they matched so we would have credit for \$400.

Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary in that officer's absence.

Nov. Bal.	\$2,619.99	In special funds:	
Receipts.	171.99	Library	-----\$1,464.18
Disb.	194.57	Emergency loan	539.21
Total Bal.	<u>2,597.41</u>	General	----- 594.02

Marguerite Patch was asked to read part of the District Constitution and Bylaws.

Bertha Downer, inspiration chairman, gave a very timely verse for thought.

Correspondence: 'Thank you' notes were read from Mr. Lyckkama and Ethel Helkes. Also the Christian Children's Home of Boise for the Christmas donation of \$12.85. Christmas greetings from State and District Federated Club Presidents with an enclosure of Biblical quotations from the Religion Division, Mrs. G.M. Brown of Nampa.

The Janitor's bill presented was for cleaning of eleven rentals, \$12.25. Leota Gregory moved the bills be allowed. Motion was seconded and carried.

Committee Reports:

Program chairman, Marguerite Patch announced changes in the hostess lists, Edith Brace was helping today for her mother, Thursa McClure and Marguerite Patch traded months with Lena Bodine.

Ways and Means. Report was read stating \$35 had been taken in Dec. 29th from the Mitchel wedding reception.

Hospitality. Ethel Thorne reported 17 members and one guest had signed the books.

House and Grounds: Oral Coleman turned in \$32 from rentals and more was to come in.

Cards and flowers. Nina Rgbert, chairman reported sending cards to Nettie Hudson who lost her mother. A plant for Christmas to Ethel Soucie which she liked very much. She isn't good now. Mrs. Heikes reported getting along well.

Library; The report was read by Marguerite Patch.

Emergency Loan. Zelma Rose, chairman read her report and turned in \$45 in donations for December.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn. Was seconded and carried.

Marie Sandy
Secretary.

Meridian, Idaho.

Jan., 10, 1968.

at the home of Mildred Batkin
a 10 a.m. meeting was held.
Representing the executive
board, the library and its
board were: Lee, Moore,
Batkin, Sage, Sandy and
Powers. Business pertain-
ing to the library was
discussed.

Mildred Batkin
Secretary.

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Minutes of
Occident Club, Meridian

February 5, 1968

Members of the Occident Club met for their regular meeting in the Club Room, February 5, 1968. President Susie Cairns called the meeting to order at 2pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and Collect repeated. The group joined in singing a patriotic song with Emily Pratt at the piano. Mrs. Pratt introduced four girls from the High school who call themselves the "Four of Us". They are the Misses Connie Law, Pam Hill, Vicki Smith and Diane Rambo. They sang "My Cup Runneth Over With Love" and "Little Boxes".

In the absence of Marguerite Patch, program chairman, Mildred Botkin was asked to introduce our guest speaker, Mrs. Earl Harmon, second District president. Mrs. Harmon's topic was Patriotism, and she left us with many of her own thots as well as many worthwhile quotes from patriotic Americans. She said, "America will continue to progress in dignity and freedom as long as our people will cherish liberty, justice and truth, and honor God." Mrs. Harmon has traveled in most of the other countries and when she returns she always has a greater feeling for the United States.

Mrs. Downer read a worthwhile poem for the inspiration thot.

The President asked Blanche Wolff to read a part of the Second District Bylaws.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer, Viola Moore reported the

January Balance	\$2,480.97	In the Library Fund	--	\$1,339.59
Paid out	307.45	Emergency Loan	--	584.21
Receipts	191.01	General Fund	--	557.17

Correspondence read consisted of "thank you" notes from Wanieta Hadfield and the family of Margaret Gilbert. An invitation to attend Guest Day at the Century Club Nampa March 11, 1968 and one from the Caldwell Forward Club there March 12. The time is 2pm.; a bulletin pertaining to the Art poetry contest; a bulletin from Mrs. Rex Knapton of New Meadows for the club chairman of Public Affairs to be sure to get the report in on time. An invitation to attend a dessert-card party Feb. 10, Boise for benefit retarded chdn.

Mrs. Sally Lee, a member on the Art committee was asked to be the chairman and Zelma Rose and Ann Scrivner asked to be on the committee. The chairman had passed away.

A letter ^{was read} pertaining to the insurance due, ~~was read~~. Zelma Rose moved the Insurance be paid for the three year period. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary explained the art work on the Christmas card from State President Mrs. Dickerson. The design was drawn by Ann Adams, a polio patient who prior to her illness was an artist. She trained herself to draw by holding the pencil between her teeth. Each original drawing takes up to two months to complete.

Motion was made by Mildred Botkin for the Treasurer to send notices to members whose dues are not paid by January First each year. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Harmon explained the Shell Company contest is the Educational programs or work of the club. Deane Ulmer, Bessie Matcham and Marie Sandy are to fill out this report for the club.

Mrs. Harmon announced the District meeting will be held in Nampa April 16th. She extended all members an invitation to attend a meeting about Drugs sponsored by the Boise Council of Clubs. The speaker will be Sheriff Bright. To be held in the Bishop Rhea Center, 120 No. Idaho St., February 26th. Take a sack lunch and eat at noon.

Bills presented were \$3 for a plant, \$5 water and \$1.11 for table cloth laundry. A motion for bills to be allowed was made by Zelma Rose. Seconded and carried.

REPORTS:

HOSPITALITY: Mabel Cairns reported 32 members and one guest signed the book.

LEGISLATIVE: Iva Bower, chairman gave some timely items. She asked members to read the article on Social Security by Sylvia Porter in today's issue of the Statesman, to see if they were getting all the benefits they were entitled to.

PUBLICITY: Deane Ulmer reported she has items put in the local paper before and after meetings.

CARD AND FLOWERS: Nina Egbert has sent cards to Waneta Hadfield Anna Blair, Ethel Heikes and plant to Hazel Goodwin.

LIBRARY: The Library report was read by the Secretary. It was from December 18, 1967 to January 18, 1968. It included circulation of 1407 books for ten library days; 17 cards issued; 25 books put on the shelves and 25 books mended. Thirteen books were used from the State Library. The state pays the postage over on these and the patron pays postage to return them. Lots of memorials were given to Ethel Soucie, John Pratt, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Mathews, Dan Barker and Margaret Gilbert. The Library Board meets the 3rd Tuesday at 2pm at the Club room.

EMERGENCY LOAN : Chairman Zelma Rose reported donations of \$26 for the use of loaned equipment. Anna Blair had given the club a nice commode.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Chairman Bessie Matcham reported she had sewing to return to the State School at Nampa; also there are several boxes of used Christmas cards. She will bring back more sewing.

The Secretary reported 99 boxes of the note paper had been sold, and there is still more on hand.

It was reported Hazel Goodwin had fractured her knee cap some time ago. Ethel Heikes was at the Elks Home for special treatment.

Volunteers were asked to work on the committee for the Sweetheart Party. Bessie Matcham, Emily Pratt, Ann Scrivner and Nita Scrivner offered. The date will be February 26th. It will be potluck at 7pm and each one to bring their own table service.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mildred Botkin.

Hostesses for the refreshment hour to follow are Mmes. Mollie Rains, Myrtle Songer, Amy Wheeler, Ella Pitkin and Ann Hoseley.

Marie Sandy
Secretary.

Four more boxes of note paper was sold after the meeting. (103)

Minutes of
The Occident Club Marche 4, 1968

The Merician Occident Club met at the Club House March 4, 1968 with 28 members and one guest present. President Susie Cairns called the meeting to order at 2pm. The Collect was repeated and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag given. Group singing was enjoyed with Emily Pratt at the piano.

Inspiration chairman, Bertha Downer read a poem, "Reflections". Minnie Anderson introduced her guest Mrs. Pauline Downs.

Mildred Botkin has lost the stem to her large perculator which was left in the kitchen after the Christmas dinner. If anyone finds this please let her know.

President Susie said the clock was repaired and hung back up.

The Housing committee has been checking on blinds for the room believing the drapes are good but needed cleaning.

Zelma Rose explained one plug-in in the kitchen (near the door) doesn't work if the kitchen light is turned off.

Leota Gregory was asked to announce the District meeting and Institute of the WCTU will be held at the Nazarene Church March 11th at 10:30 am. Bring your sack lunch and cup if attend.

The blood drawing will be at the Legion Hall, Thursday March 7th.

It was reported there was a good turn out for the Sweetheart Party of the Club February 26th. Group singing was enjoyed and cards were played afterwards.

Ann Scrivner announced the Art Poetry rules will be run off at the school Administration room. The Fourth of April is the deadline for entries to be turned in. Judging will be April 5th, judges to be chosen later. The showing will be in the club room 6th April.

The President announced our Club is invited to Nampa Century Club March 11th at 1:30pm. And to the Caldwell Forward Club March 12 at 2pm.

Minnie Anderson, chairman of the Library Board gave her report. There were fifteen library days with 2510 circulated books, 37 new cards issued, 61 new books and 15 donated ones shelved. Minnie stated \$100 had been allowed the Librarian to buy new books so to have them on display during the third week in April which is National Library Week. Also \$6 to buy the Background Note Series which is on every country in the world. The Library needs a new large dictionary with the new words from Random House, cost is \$25. The Board thought it could be paid for from the Emergency Fund. Zelma Rose moved we buy this dictionary from this fund. The motion was seconded and carried.

Zelma stated the Loan Closet had an old wheel chair badly in need of repair which the committee said they would send to the State School at Nampa where they had a shop to repair it and use it.

The meeting now recessed for the program. Viola Moore introduced Mr. Nye owner of Nye's Floral and Gifts on Ustick Road. He demonstrated how to make flowers from plastic, feathers and paper, also grapes from styrofoam balls. It was all very interesting.

Meeting resumed at 3:30.

President Susie named Blanche Wolff on the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Ethel Soucie, deceased. Marguerite Patch was named on the Housing Committee and Blanche Wolff the Bylaws. Blanche read a portion of them.

Minutes of the February 5th meeting were read and approved as read.

Correspondence was read. A note of thanks from the family of Ethel Soucie. A thank you from the Nampa State School for used clothing and sewing done. A bulletin from Fine Arts chairman asking Pennies for Art be sent in immediately. A dish for this collection was passed around.

Treasurer Viola Moore reported:

January Balance	\$2,480.97	Library Fund	\$1,394.46
Received	230.42	Emerg. Loan	610.21
Paid out	270.13	General Fund	436.59
Bal.	<u>\$2,441.26</u>		

Bills were read and Minnie Anderson moved they be allowed. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bessie Matcham returned the sewing and didn't believe she would get any more this summer when folks are so busy unless the women want her to.

Legislative chairman Iva Bower read an article from the paper telling the appropriations made by the legislature for what and how much for each.

Marguerite Patch thanked the club for her card.

Zelma Rose reported she had \$15 from two donations for the use of two beds and two chairs.

Minnie Anderson moved \$10 be contributed to the American Legion Auxiliary towards sending a girl to Girls State to be in Nampa in June. The motion was seconded and carried.

Hostesses for today were Mes. Iva Bower, Edna McNeal, Florence Robison, Sally Lee and Blanche Wolff.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Sandy
Secretary.

*as approved
read April 1 - 1968*

April 1, 1968

The Meridian Occident Club met in the Club room April 1, 1968 for their regular meeting. Mrs. Susie Cairns called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were rendered. Bertha Downer read the Inspiration.

Emily Pratt, music chairman introduced a girls Octette from the Freshman Class of High School. Their beautiful rendition of the songs was outstanding.

Club guests introduced were Mmes. Joe Alcorn, Pance Hamming, Lillian Michaelson, Johnson and Stang.

In the absence of the April program chairman, Nettie Hudson, Mildred Botkin was asked to introduce the guest speaker Mr. Lester McCracklin of the Union Seed and Fuel of Boise. Pictures were shown of insect and bug pests and the damage they do to flowers, shrubs and trees. Along with the slides Mr. McCracklin told of the poisons to use in combating these insects. It was a very enlightening program.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer, Viola Moore read her report.

Feb. Bal.	\$2,441.26	Funds: Library	\$1,236.85
Receipts	84.74	Emg. Loan	625.21
	<u>2,526.00</u>	General	395.35
Pd Out	268.59		
Bal.	\$ <u>2,252.41</u>		

Reports:

Art : Because of the lateness of the meeting Mrs. Lee, had to leave to meet an appointment so Zelma Rose gathered the needed information. She asked for volunteers for different hours for the art exhibit Saturday. Judges selected are Mmes. Ethel Heikes and Emily Pratt.

Cards and flowers, Nina Egbert reported she had sent three get-well cards, one sympathy card and one gift during March. Discussion about something for Edith Marsters a past president of the club who recently lost a son. She had done so much in the Occident club. Iva Bower moved three dollars be given to the Library for a book. Motion was seconded and carried.

Emergency Loan : Eight dollars donated from use of equipment.

Library report handed in. Blanche Wolff has been appointed to the Board. Marguerite Patch was elected by the Board to be Secretary. Circulation of books, 2,115; there were 12 library days; three adult cards, 2 youths and 9 juveniles were issued; 27 new books and 8 donated ones were added to the shelves; \$5.30 in Memorial money was received. The Board wishes to thank the Emergency Loan for the order of the dictionary requested.

The Girl Scout Troop #10 are earning their library badges by assisting the Librarian in many phases of the work. Patty Buck is assisting towards her FHA degree in Community Service

Correspondence read included the District meeting in Nampa, April 16th, at the Century Club House. Luncheon and banquet will be at the Christian Church; the State Federatio will be in Rupert May 1-3 at the Ponderosa Inn; an invitatio from the Farmers and Merchants State Bank to handle the services for the club; a letter from Miss Gladys Bales, extending any invitation to any one who drives a car to participate in the Defensive Driving Course. The course will be given in Meridian if 20-25 persons sign up. It is class room instruction by a teacher and films. The cost is \$4 for eight lessons with two hours per evening. Contact Gladys Bales at 344-2511 or 888-2576.

Blanche Wolff was asked to read from the Bylaws pertaining to the nominating committee to be elected. Nominations were then in order. Gertrude Rosti, Bessie Matcham and Hazel Goodwin were named and elected by acclamation.

Members elected as delegates and alternates to the District meeting in Nampa were Blanche Wolff, Deane Ulmer and Ann Scrivner, Zelma Rose, Bessie Matcham and Hazel Goodwin.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Hostesses for the social hour were Mes. Viola Moore, Emily Pratt, Nita Scrivner, ~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~ L. Frazier. The room was very prettily decorated with Easter decor which the hostesses had made.

Marie Sandy
Secretary.

*Approved
as head
May 6, 1968*

MINUTES
OCCIDENT CLUB

May 6, 1968

Preceding the business meeting of the Occident Club the children, who were the winners in the Art and Poetry contests in the schools, with their parents were guests of the Club to receive their awards. Mrs. Sally Lee chairman of that committee presented the awards. She said the judges for the Art contest were Mmes. Easton Parrish, Wm. Breshears and George Miesen. Poetry judges were Mmes. Emily Pratt and Ethel Heikes. Mrs. Lee announced that Meridian had some prize winners at the District Federation exhibit at Nampa. Group pictures were taken of all the winners by Mr. Max Horton.

The guests were served refreshments by the hostess committee.

Because the program guest had a little difficulty in getting an extension cord for the machine to show pictures, it was decided to serve everyone refreshments at this time. When things were in readiness, Mrs. D.M. Spalding of Boise was introduced as the guest speaker. Her topic was "Cookies for Courage". She spoke on what to send the service men in Vietnam and also packages for the Vietnamese. Most of all the servicemen needs letters of courage and support to counteract the protest groups in this country. In the pamphlet passed to members it describes what and how to send the packages. Mrs. Spalding showed slides of the Marines in Vietnam taken by the U.S. Marine Pictorial Division of U.S.

The business meeting was opened by President Susie Cairns. The Collect and Pledge to the Flag were given earlier. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report showed:

March Balance, \$2,257.41	In Library Fund, \$2,354.74
Apr. Receipts, 1,291.06	Emergency Loan, 619.48
Paid out 284.82	General Fund, 289.63
April Bal. <u>\$ 3,263.85</u>	Balance <u>\$3,263.85</u>

Blanche Wolff was asked to read the part of the Bylaws pertaining to Library appointments. Pres. Susie Cairns reported Blanche Wolff had been appointed a member of the Board.

Correspondence: "Thank -you" notes were read from Mmes. Ella Pitkin and Ruth Armstrong; the American Legion Auxiliary for the donation to Girls State and from Mrs. Hungerford, Nampa, District President asking the clubs to report what type of programs they would like at the workshop to be held in Mountain Home September 25th; an announcement of the Call to the 77th annual meeting of the General Federation to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, June 9-14. The Secretary read a complete report of the Art Committee by Sally Lee which will be filed with the minutes.

Bills presented: for janitor work \$2.50. She is out of needed supplies for her work. Minnie Anderson moved \$5 be given her for these needs. Motion seconded and carried. Moved by Laura Wilson the bills be allowed. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Downard reported they have a boy to irrigate and mow the yard. She moved he be paid \$15 a month for the work. Motion was seconded and carried.

Eighteen members reported registered today.
Reports:

Nina Egbert reported she had sent sympathy cards to Ann Scrivner, Jack Bell and Mrs. Magnuson. A card and plant to Ruth Armstrong.

Library, Board chairman, Minnie Anderson gave her report. from ~~March~~ 18 to April 16th., 2,078 books let out and average of 174 per day; 24 new cards issued, 13 in the city and 11 out but within the ~~city~~ school district; 75 new books were put on the shelves, of the 75 seven were Memorials. The Dictionary arrived which was paid for from the Emergency Loan Fund. The Librarian sorted and boxed eight boxes of books for the Eagle Library which were duplicates in our Library. The Jay-C-Ettes gave \$15 to buy children's books.

Emergency Loan: Fifteen dollars was donated from the use of equipment.

Mrs. Downard reported on the District meeting in Nampa. She said Mt. Home's project was fixed a home for unwed mothers, they had also given gifts. The luncheon was at the Christian Church with attractive favors of tiny loaves of bread and small sacks of beans and a recipe kooklet with them. Officers were installed during ~~the~~ the afternoon. All had a very interesting day. Blanche Wolff reported on the banquet. Helen Wilson spoke on "Responsible Citizenship, the key to our Survival". She stressed we should be informed and involved.

Minnie Anderson announced an Art exhibit will be held in the Nampa Community Center at Nampa May 17-18 & 19th. She urged the members to attend to show appreciation for the Art Guild members judging our Art work each year.

Election of officers was next. The nominating committee presented the names of Sally Lee for President; Deand Ulmer for vice-president; Mildred Botkin for Secretary; Blanche Wolff for assistant secretary; Viola Moore for Treasurer and Clysta Gray for Historian. As there were no nominations from the floor, Minnie Anderson moved that the Club accept the officers named by the nominating committee. Motion was seconded and carried.

The next meeting will be installation of officers and a covered dish luncheon.

Hostesses for today were Mes. Laura Wilson, Lena Bodine, Jessie Bell, *Kathyrne Smith and Bessie Matcham.*
Motion to adjourn.

Marie Sandy
Secretary.

Note: Because I had to spend part time in the library working, Viola Moore took notes for me while I was absent.

*Approved
June 3,*

MERIDIAN OCCIDENT CLUB

June 3, 1968.

The annual June luncheon was served to 19 members and one guest, Mrs. E. Jenkins. Hostesses were: Mmes. Deane Ulmer, Zelma Rose, Ruth Armstrong, Vena Volle, Roderick Maw.

The business meeting conducted by president, Susie Cairns, opened with the Flag Salute and Collect.

With an addition to the MINUTES for May, they were approved.

Treasurer's Report:	
April balance: \$3,263.85	Library fund: \$2,172.72
receipts: 77.06	Emergency " 619.48
disbursements 282.34	General " 266.37
May balance: \$3,058.07	\$3,058.57

Correspondence: "Thank you" from Mmes. Leota Gregory, Mrs. Leo Heikes. A letter from the Meridian Insurance Agency stating a change of ownership and solicitation of business. A communication from Mrs. H.J. Schmah, recording secretary for the state Federation. This was a resume of the business meetings during the state convention.

Bills:

Storeys, material for revitalizing the lawn, \$14.32; Calnons Floral, flowers, \$1.44; City of Meridian, \$6.90; Janitor, \$4.50; for convention delegates, Blanche Wolff and Oral Coleman each \$4.66; Bertha Downer, \$2.50 and Susie Cairns, \$1.50. Motion by Bessie Matcham these bills be paid; carried

Committee reports: Emergency loan given by Zelma Rose showed that articles had been loaned to eight persons, \$34.10 in donations received.

Library: Minnie Anderson reported that from the April to May month, the library was in operation 15 days, new cards sold 10, new books purchased 15, books donated 6. 2,715 books loaned averaging 174 per day; no memorials. Cash received, JCEttes, \$15.00, Brownie Troop \$85, \$5.00, petty cash \$54.00. Total paid to treasurer, \$74.00. Monies spent, wages, Phyllis Stanger, \$3.00 refund for return of lost book, \$2.00. To May Howell for memorial (Luerock) \$1.00, small supplies, \$1.22; total \$7.22.

Cards and Flowers; Nina Egbert reporting flowers and card to Laura Wilson,

June continued

and cards to: the family of Amy Ambrose, to Ethel Weikes, Iena Bodine, Leota Gregory, Ethel Thorne and to Warren Moore. For the year, 4 plants, 1 bouquet, one cosmetic and 17 cards.

Installation: Marie Sandy was asked to take charge of the installation. New officers: Sally Lee, president, Leane Ulmer, vice president, Mildred Botkin, secretary, Viola Moore, treasurer, Blanche Wolff, assisting secretary, Clyste Gray, Historian. The president read her report for the year. Copies of this had been sent to the presidents of the district and state.

Mrs. Jessie Bell thanked the club for the card sent to her.

Blanche Wolff suggested that something should be done about the electric wiring before another pancake breakfast is held. Discussion was held. The Executive board will look into this matter.

Marie Sandy made a suggestion regarding a need for revision of By-Laws.

Laura Wilson was reported as not so well that day.

A round of applause was given for Susie Cairns and to Marie Sandy and the absent officers for work done in the last year. It is the club's loss and the library's gain that Marie resigned to work in the library each day it is open.

Mrs. Downer read a soliloquy on the "Golden Years."

The meeting was adjourned.

Marie Sandy and
Mildred Botkin secretaries.

*approved
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MERIDIAN OCCIDENT CLUB

August 8, 1968.

The annual pancake Breakfast was held on the club lawn, Amy Wheeler was general chairman. Amount netted, \$104.35; donations of \$5.00 turned in later.

August, 20, 1968.

Four members of the Occident Club board, Sally Lee, Deane Umer, Mildred Botkin and Viola Moore met in the latter's home. Mr. Jackson, realator, having made contact with our president, informed us of the desire of the Mountain States Telephone Co. to purchase a portion of club land which adjoins that sold to the company several years ago. The afore mentioned members divided the membership list and are to contact, if possible, each member, to give to them what information is on hand at this time.

August, 27, 1968.

ms Susie Cairns and
Thensame four members of the board met in the Botkin home for further study of a possible sale of property to the 'phone company.

Mildred Botkin
Secretary.

Meridian Occident Club.

September, 2, 1968.

President Sally Lee called the club to order at 2 p.m. and called for the club Collect.

Tribute was accorded our flag.

President Sally welcomed the 25 members and ~~to~~ four guests, Mrs. Anna Blair and the three girls present to provide the program. Marie Sandy in charge, introduced Teresa Tebbs, Star; Nancy Ostroot, Eagle; and Jackie Faustaan, Meridian. The three girls who are entered in high school as seniors gave a resume of their week at Girls' State, held the past summer in Nampa.

Teresa read her week's diary as recorded there each *day*

September, 2, 1968. continued.

It was refreshing to hear the personal record of a girl's humor, pathos and depth of perception.

Nancy and Jackie had coinciding ideas. Each girl expressed that having lost in individual attempts to attain offices, several things had been learned; most important, accepting defeat, but to keep trying. Each gave the slogan of their respective city; each showing serious, mature thought. Following the rendition of America, sung in round, the girls ended their program by singing the Girls' State song.

Minutes of the last stated meeting and activities of the summer, which pertained to the ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ club were read and approved.

The report of the treasurer was given, approved and filed for audit.

July balance: \$2,949.21	Library August bal: \$1830.25
receipts 193.35	Emergency loan 649.97
disbursements 184.13	General fund 508.21
Aug. balance; \$2,958.43	balance \$2958.43

COMMUNICATIONS:

Second District president, Mrs. Cecil Hungerford wrote regarding a work shop to be held at New Meadows October, 15. A statement from Oral Coleman that the treasurer's books had been audited through 1967-'68 and found in order. To Mrs. R.H. Bell a note of thanks from Mrs. Ann Patterson, director of volunteers at the Nampa State School. Another thank you from Mrs. Herley Wilson. A communication with a check for \$25 from Mrs. Esther Waller, Boise. She, with her sisters, Evva Melvin, Carlie Baldwin and Verna Griffiths were grateful for the loan of a wheel chair for their mother, Mrs. Mabel Brashears of Eagle.

BILLS:

Nancy Sage, janitorial service, \$2; Nita Scrivner, year books, \$28.03
Susie Cairns moved the bills be allowed; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nita Scrivner reported that the Program committee had met in August to prepare for printing of the year books.

Amy Wheeler reporting on the pancake breakfast gave the figures \$109.35

as the amount netted. \$5 has since come in through donations. She praised all members who so willingly cooperated. She gave special thanks for Mr. Lee who had helped in the early morning, getting tables out for use.

HOSPITALITY:

Mrs. Thorne reported 25 members and 4 visitors present.

LEGISLATIVE:

Susie Cairns gave the information that young people of the nation who comprise the wrong element, according to our standards, are greatly outnumbered by the better class young people we hear all too little about. She also read that married women working outside the home, for the first time in history, outnumber the single women.

HOUSE AND GROUNDS:

At this time Mrs. Cairns expressed the opinion that the added work and expense on the lawn, as shown in June, had really paid off. She stated that while considerable wiring had been done and that a job overlooked will be attended to.

CARDS AND FLOWERS:

Nina Egbert reported cards to the William Lycklamas', the Fred Rostis and the Ralph Haworths. Zelma Rose Haworth, a summer's bride, thanked the club for well wishes sent them.

LIBRARY:

Marie Sandy reported for Nancy Sage, librarian: For June, July and August, circulation, 6,419; cards issued, 89; books added, 175; books necessarily disposed of, 45; memorial funds received, \$45.75; memorial books purchased, 18.

EMERGENCY LOAN:

Hazel Goodwin reported these amounts had been given the committee: Gladys Pales, \$25, I Lee Hedrick, \$25 from the daughters of Mrs. Brashers, \$2 from the Prusses and \$5 from Kathryn Ogilvie. A ~~wheel~~ chair which had belonged to Ethel Soucie had been given the club.

September, 2, continued

Our president requested each member to assist Deane Uler, chairman of the Membership committee, in attempting to attain new members. She also stated that Clysta Gray, Historian, desired members keeping and dating with pencil, all material found which may be suitable for the club scrapbooks. Each year monetary gifts are made for the best book at convention.

Under NEW BUSINESS president Sally presented a comprehensive report on facts concerning possible sale of club property. The realtor, Mr. Jackson, had suggested and emphasized that the club ask \$5,000 for the property and that doubtless it could be received. The desired land lies between our north building wall and the property of the Mountain States Telephone property (purchased some years ago from the club). A bonded appraiser from Boise, sent by the phone company had appraised the property for \$1,700 for the forty feet; the company being willing to give \$2,500. The club board members, desiring their own appraisal a local realtor, had received these figures: \$3,000 per 30 feet and the company (phone) to pay all expenses relating to the transfer; this last because they had approached our club representative and because we had given no listing to them or their representative and no agreement, verbally or otherwise had been made. Details relating to the above appraisal are: corner property on ~~corner of~~ highway through town had several years ago sold to nationwide company for \$3,000 per 30 feet. Property has since risen considerably gone down some in value; the bare strip of land belonging to the club is between two buildings, is not corner property nor is it on a main street. Thusly the \$3,000 seems a comparable price, and excluding expenses. expenses as explained. Discussion followed, several good suggestions being offered. Zelma Haworth made this motion: "that the club executive board plus the House and Grounds committee have charge of further negotiations and if satisfied with the offer made, to sell." A show of hands determined that the motion carried with a near unanimous vote.

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also stated that Clyde Gray, Winton, desired members' keys and
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Meridian, Idaho.

Sept., 18, '68.

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Secretary.

Mildred Botkin

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Sept Bal \$2958.43
Receipts - 103.50
Disb - 352.84

\$ 2709.09

Library \$1662.43
Emergency 627.97
General 418.69

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Treasurer's report attached here

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The minutes of the September meeting were read and with the addition of an additional statement, approved.

Communications:

A note of thanks from Mrs. Harry Young expressing gratitude from the Dairy Wives for use of the club rooms. A note from Marie Sandy, telling of a workshop to be held the following Thursday, asking for volunteers. Details

were included.

Treas report

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Treasurer's report attached here

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bill was reported by the treasurer to have been paid. This was: \$48.00 to Alfs and \$5.53 to Mangums.

Hospitality:

Mrs. Thorne reported 25 members including the three who joined, present.

Ways and Means:

Amy Wheeler announced a coming luncheon to be served the P.E.O.s.

Emergency Loan:

Hazel Goodwin reported loans of two beds, 2 chairs, mattress and commode.

Donations: Howell Demarry \$2.00; Katherine Ogilvie \$5.00; Mrs. R.H. Bell \$5.00.

Librarian's Report:

For September, 2,072 books loaned, cards issued 20 from city, 16 from district.

Books added, 38. Mrs. Sage requested a note of thanks be sent Mrs. Lois Davis

for two cartons of books to be processed and used. Money in from memorials

\$6.00; fines and fees \$62.49; paid out to club treasurer \$51.⁰⁰, the \$6.00

check for memorials, \$4.99 supplies and stamps, totaling \$62.49.

House and Grounds:

Susie Cairns gave estimates on drapes and redecorating. Viola Moore removed:

"the H and G committee proceed as they think advisable." Motion second and

carried. President Sally requested Myrtle Songer work with the committee.

Cards and Flowers:

Nina Egbert said that a plant had been sent to Nettie Hudson, a hospital patient.

Bessie Matcham will procure sewing from the Nampa State School.

Gertrude Rosti thanked the group for the sympathy card sent her family.

Deane Ulmer requested each member endeavor interesting others in the club

and attaining new members.

A motion by Mildred Botkin that the club reimburse our president for her

own luncheon fee and gas if she finds it possible to attend the distt

workshop to be held in New Meadows later in the month. Motion 2nd and carried.

Marie Sandy had attended a days workshop in Boise. This was an informative

meeting on Veteran affairs and requesting our club furnish a committee to work in conjunction with the work.

Our president appointed Marie to this committee with Mildred Botkin assisting. Meeting was adjourned.

Mildred Botkin

Recording secretary.

Hostesses for the day:

Bessie Matcham, Marie Sandy, Leota Gregory, Nina Egbert.

*Approved
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*As requested by
the librarian &
president a note
has been written
Mrs. Lois Davis, thank-
ing her for several
cartons of donated
books.*

THE
MERIDIAN OCCIDENT CLUB

met for its regular 2pm monthly meeting in the club rooms, November, 4, '68. President Sally Lee led the collect given in unison. The pledge of allegiance was given, followed by singing a new song, Peace.

Program chairman for the day, Susie Cairns, introduced Mrs. G.M. Brown of Nampa. Mrs. Brown is past state president. It is for her that the library at the Idaho Youth Ranch is named. The topic upon which she spoke was Thanks for Freedom. Some profound food for thought was given. She named ways for which we have much for which to be thankful; even though on the ragged edge of freedom.

Following her talk it was appropriate that music chairman, Emily Pratt, chose America for us to sing.

Our president welcomed back long time members, Alice Lant and Thursa McClure. Also welcomed Mmes. Ross Boyack, Will Burns and Anna Blair; the two latter became members.

Marie Sandy is state chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary in their program for Veterans. Marie recently was appointed by president Sally to represent our club in the work. Her report showed that two club members had given 20 hours to sewing at the Veterans Home in Boise. That two boxes of books and magazines had been delivered there.

MINUTES of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:	September balance, \$2,709.09	Library, Oct., \$1,582.20
	receipts, 136.61	Emergency loan, 69.97
	disburs., 345.82	General, 277.11
	October balance, \$2,499.88	Balance, \$2,499.88

Report filed for audit.

COMMUNICATIONS: An announcement of the American Legion Auxiliary food sale; a thank you from Nettie Hudson, one also from the P.E.O. sisterhood for the lovely luncheon served them.

BILLS: Sally Lee \$4.75; Myrtle Songer for W dept & Dry C \$16.68; Cal on \$2.58; City Meridian \$5; Chester Paul \$29; Fred Bower \$8.85; Cottrell \$30; Oral Coleman \$54.25; Meridian Lumber \$81.71.

Moved by Gertrude ^{RB} the bills be allowed; seconded, carried.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: Lois Frazier asked for ten volunteers to each take a bundle of sewing for the Nampa State School. Mrs. Frazier had made a quota and a sample for each bag. Volunteers, Scriwmer, Rosti, Volle. Thomas, Pitkin, Goodwin, Gregory, Armstrong and Blair.

Deane Ulmer expressed pleasure because of new memberships.

EMERGENCY LOAN: Hazel Goodwin reported contributions of \$28.00; from Pool, five; Buck, two; Demaray, ten; Overton, three; Dunlap, three; Ogilvie, five.

PROGRAM: Nita Scrivner announced a 12:30 covered dish luncheon to be held preceding our next meeting, Monday, December, 2nd. Members to bring their own service. Ethel Heikes program chairman.

CARDS and FLOWERS with Nina Egbert reporting flowers get well wishes to Herman Sandy; a card of sympathy to Lena Bodine for which she thanked the club.

HOUSE and GROUNDS: Susie Cairns gave a full report on the decorating and draping of the rooms and kitchen. Mrs. Cairns as chairman had put in many hours. Others contributing much time and work were; Songer, Egbert, Coleman, Patch, Pitkin, Volle, Lee, McFarlane; non members were Nancy Sage, Fred Bower, Ray Ulmer, Jonas Lee, Bert Sorenson; and Mrs. Doris Barker who gave for a new lamp shade and to the Elite cleaners for cleaning our flag with no charge.

The results of the time and work were most pleasing to all; the cost of the club does not begrudge; Sally thanked them for a big job well done. Susie explained that town rentals having raised, moved that; beginning January, 1st., our club rent be raised to \$10; seconded, carried.

HOSPITALITY: Ethel Thorne reported 37 members and 3 guests present.

WAYS and MEANS: Amy Wheeler expressed thanks for the fine help given in preparing and serving the P.E.O. luncheon.

Myrtle Songer suggested that the secretary write a note of thanks to each of the non members who helped with the recent renovation of the rooms.

To this list was added the name of Katherine Ogilvie who has sent several checks to the E.L. The president requested these notes be written.

Susie called attention to the new curtains in the storage cabinet. These had been ^{purchased,} made and ~~placed~~ by Myrtle Songer and Nina Egbert.

NEW BUSINESS: President Sally and Mildred Botkin gave reports on their day at the New Meadows District workshop. Both felt each part quite worth while and Sally thanked the club for accepting her expenses.

The wishes of the club were requested regarding exchange of gifts at our next meeting. Zelma Haworth moved: we take contributions to be sent to the Christian Childrens Home in Boise; seconded and carried.

President Sally called attention to the note paper on hand, and ^{kept in} the library for sale; also the place mats sent to advertise ^{Idaho Scenery;} both are sold by the IFWC. Jane Thomas moved we order 25 boxes; seconded and carried.

No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mildred Botkin

Secretary.

HOSTESSES: Laura Wilson. Amy Wheeler, Ella Pitkin.

The secretary and assistant secretary have written the requested thank you notes to eight persons not members of the club.

November, 18, 1968.

The executive and house and grounds committees met in the club rooms to discuss impending possible sale of property. An agreement on plans was made to be presented to the phone company representative.

November, 20, 1968.

The two club committees again met at the club house to discuss business. Mr. ~~Kelly~~ ^{Kelly} from the Mountain States Telephone company was there to discuss the situation. He heard the decision of the two committees, agreed upon before his arrival. By ^{a majority} unanimous decision (vote) we agreed to ask: \$3,500 for the tract of land between their building and our own; plus \$1,000 for closing and all subsequent costs; the total amount, \$4,500. Mr. Kelly is to meet with his own people and make future contact with us.

*approved
(after change
in name)
Dec. 2, '68.*

*Mildred
Botkin
sec.*

THE
MERIDIAN OCCIDENT CLUB

met for its regular meeting and annual Christmas ^{C.R.} luncheon in the club rooms, December, 2nd, 1968.

Zelma Haworth with her committee, Vena Volle, Mollie Rains and Clara Maw were hostesses for the delightful repast.

All being ready for the meeting Emily Pratt presided at the piano and led the group in singing Christmas carols.

At 2pm our president Sally Lee asked for our club collect. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Ethel Heikes in charge of the program told of Christmas legends and called upon several of the members for memories of their first or early Christmases. This is ever a favorite to hear. Other members volunteered interesting memories.

With Mrs. Pratt again at the piano her sister, Mrs. Lillian Peters sang The Birthday of a King and There was no Candle.

Guests welcomed were Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Ross Boyack, Elsie Riddlemeyer and Mrs. Chester Chapman, a former member. Mrs. Dick Howell

MINUTES of the last regular and two special meetings of the executive and house and grounds committees were read. Following a change of name the minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT:

October balance	\$2,499.88	Library Nov balance	\$1,460.94
Receipts	162.34	Emergency Loan	542.87
Disbursements	609.11	General fund	49.30
November balance	\$2,053.11	Balance	\$2,053.11

Report filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: A note from Herman Sandy expressing thanks for a card.

BILLS: Clyde Waitley work on grounds \$26; Mildred Botkin note paper and postage \$2.04; Elite Cleaners \$1.85; Nancy Sage janitorial \$3.25.

Veteran Affairs : Marie Sandy reported 3 club members sewed 9½ hours each at the home. Delivered one large carton clean used clothing, 10 cartons of magazines and paper backs; three good suits for men.

Deane Ulmer expressed hopes for having two new members at the next meeting.

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EMERGENCY LOAN: Hazel Goodwin reporting. Seven requests for equipment; Gratuities, Mrs. Roy Carpenters ^{5.00} \$~~50~~ for bed and mattress; Mildred Doser \$15 for a lift; (total \$20.) A fine new chair was on display.

Community Service: Bessie Matcham thanked the volunteers who had ~~be~~ taken sewing, and stated that in January the project would be resumed.

LIBRARY :Circulation for one month 1,485; new cards issued 25; new books 87; donated 19 by Zella Mooney. Receipts from fines and fees \$44.98, cash donation \$7; donated material and labor on new shelf John Johns on and Drew Eggers working for their Eagle Scout Eagle award.

Disbursements: library expense .70; trip to bookshop .70; to treasurer \$40; balance \$4.28. Gift of ~~used~~ books (eleven) from Lois Frazier.

CARDS and FLOWERS: Nina Egbert had sent a cheer card to Mrs. Minnie Gray, one of sympathy to the Fred Rostis. HOUSE and GROUNDS: It was reported that the boy scouts had dug the flower bulbs from the club property and that ^{the bulbs} they could be had for the asking.

LEGISLATIVE: Susie Cairns read an interesting article entitled. "No Politicians."

Hospitality: Thirty four members and ~~four~~ guests were present, reported Ethel Thorne.

Program: Nita Scrivner thanked Ethel for her program and announced Nettie Hudson in charge for January.

It was brought to the attention of the club that during the next several weeks the E.L. will be in need of proxies. Our president appointed Susie Cairns and Mildred Langley to fill in for the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Sally explained the meeting held with Mr . Kennedy, representative from the MST company. That the company may request a 120 day option. If we do deal, our committees agreed to make a direct deal with the company.

Also explained was the Federal grant that the library may get. The State library is interested in this project for us. Sally with ~~Nancy~~

~~Sage~~ Iva Bower and Marguerite Patch attended a session with the state Librarian, Helen Miller, to attain first hand information. To receive the grant the Jaycees will be working in conjunction with the city and with our club. A blue print will be a necessary obligation. The city council has advised us to request the grant. It was moved by Zelma Haworth that the club accept; seconded by Susie Cairns, carried. Sally thanked Lois for the donated books.

NEW BUSINESS: Margaret Boyack announced a blood drawing for December, 26; two volunteers are needed; Blanche Wolff and Hazel Goodwin accepted. It was announced that Mr. R.H. Bell is very low and that their daughter has come to assist in caring for him.

The president asked that thank you notes be sent to donors to the library, then adjourned the meeting.

Mildred Parkin

Recording Secretary.

Notes of thanks have been written Mrs. Zella Mooney, to John Johnson and to Drew Eggers.

*approved S. L.
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6, 1969*