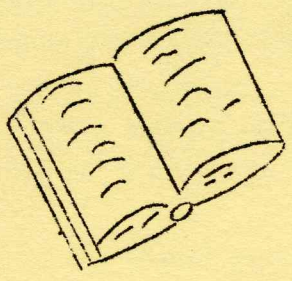
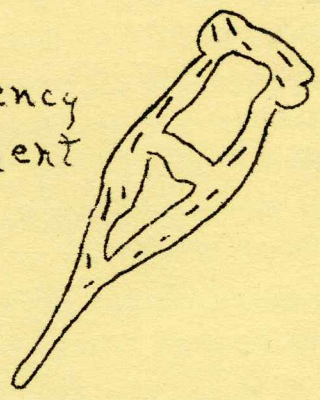


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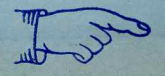
Meridian Occident Club

Emergency  
Equipment



Library

1962 - 1963



January, 1962

A regular meeting was held. 15 members present.

## Club project to improve city library

The community-improvement program committee of the Occident Club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Voris Botkin. Mrs. Ray Ulmer is the chairman.

The committee is in national competition, sponsored by the General Federation of Womens Clubs. Their special project is the improvement of Meridian's library.

Contest winners will receive an award from the Sears, Roebuck Foundation.

## Occident club invites public to hear speaker

Meridian Occident Club will have another of its programs of wide community interest when it meets Monday afternoon next week. Mrs. Fred Rosti, program chairman, has planned for a speaker from Boise to present material on communism.

She will begin speaking at 2 p.m. and anyone interested in the topic is invited and urged to attend.

The club will also explore the possibilities of having a group study in Meridian of communism and related information.

### Mrs. Mosman home

Mrs. Elsie Mosman returned home Sunday from a Boise hospital, where she has been confined with a broken hip and broken arm suffered in a fall on slick streets.

She expressed thanks to her friends and neighbors for the many cards and flowers sent to her in the hospital and at home. She is still confined, but happy to be home.

## Ulmer party fetes three anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer entertained with a dinner in their home Sunday, honoring three anniversaries.

Their daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith, and her son, Mark, were celebrating birthdays and Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Maw were noting their 46th wedding anniversary.

Other guests were Mr. Smith and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Carter.

Saturday the Ulmers and the Lon McFaddens and Bob McFaddens took their dinner to the Frank Smith home on the Eagle highway to surprise Mrs. Smith on her birthday.

Jan. 15-1962

MERIDIAN—Although exact ages may be obscured, the reason for the week's many parties is not . . . it's the birthday season.

Meridian matrons who call themselves the Birthday Group honored Mrs. Fred Sullivan with a luncheon Saturday. Mrs. Zelma Rose was hostess and the others present were from Boise, the Mmes. William Hendrix, Nat

Feb 1-1962.

### Card of thanks

We want to thank our friends, and our children and grandchildren, for the lovely cards and flowers, and for making our 63rd wedding anniversary such a memorable occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Chipman

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THE IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN

## Meridian Clubs Discuss Sponsoring Study Groups on Anti-Communism

By CATHERINE FRANKLIN

MERIDIAN — Several Meridian organizations are considering the sponsorship of a community study group on the issue of the encroachments of communism, and the possibilities of helping with the project will be explored at today's meeting of the Occident Club.

Members will meet at 1:30 p.m., and a guest speaker who will talk on communism will

appear at 2 p.m. Mrs. Ralph Soucie, president, has invited all interested persons to attend.

The Community Improvement Program committee of the Occident Club is completing its record of advancing the library facilities and promoting its greater use in the community, Mrs. Ray Ulmer, chairman, reported.

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## Occident club hears speaker on communism

Mrs. Clarence Hettinger of Boise, chairman of Ada County anti-Communist forum, was guest speaker for the Occident Club Monday afternoon. She spoke on the aims of communism and the methods used to attain them.

Mrs. Frank Jolley reported on the candy sale for the blind. She explained the ways the money is used for their help and rehabilitation. She related the histories of several Boise Valley cases.

Visitors included Mrs. Ralph Hawkins, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ewell Hawkins, American Legion Commander, Mrs. Jolley, Mrs. R. H. Richman, who became a new member, and Mrs. Grace B. Elliot.

Hostesses for the day were the Mmes. Frank Matcham, Roderick Maw, Nina Egbert and Mrs. Clara Maw and Mrs. John Pratt, who could not attend.

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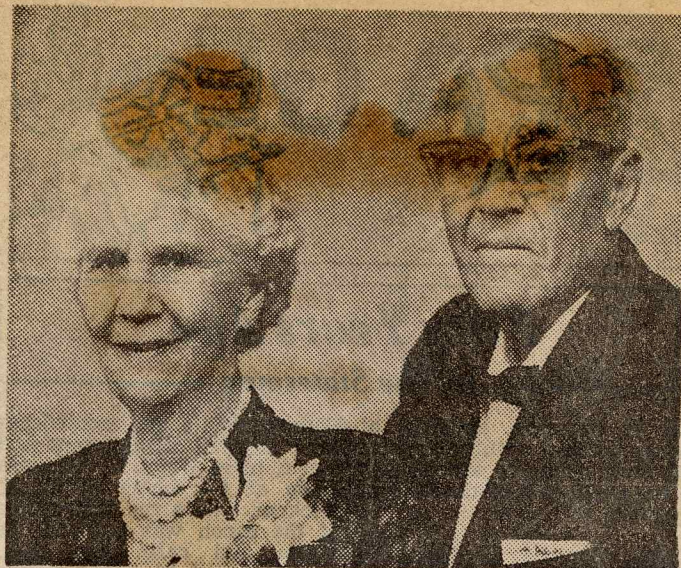
Open House  
honoring Mr. & Mrs. Monlux  
on their

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, June 24, 1962

2:00 — 5:00 P.M.

Occident Club  
Meridian, Idaho



MR. AND MRS. V. A. COX of Meridian will be honor guests at a golden wedding reception June 10 in the Meridian Occident Clubhouse from 2 to 5 p. m. Mrs. Cox has been prominent in women's federation club work and has been district president. Her husband was former superintendent of the Ada County weed control program and served as president of the Idaho state noxious weed control commission. Friends are invited to the reception. (Horton Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Cox

## Open house honors Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Verling Anson Cox were honored with an open house Sunday afternoon, June 10, at the Occident Clubroom on their Golden Wedding Day.

Their twin sons, Herald J. Cox of Meridian, and Gerald J. Cox of Turlock, California, greeted the more than 200 guests as they arrived. Their daughters-in-law, Helen and Margaret Cox, arranged the refreshments.

A sister of Mr. Cox made the flower arrangements. She is Miss Velma Cox, of Berkley, who is a retired staff member of International House on the University of California campus.

Grandchildren or the honored guests assisted with the serving. They were Gerry and Patricia, children of the Gerald Coxes and Barbara, Bill, and Kathy, children of the Herald Coxes. Other assistants were Roger, Kathleen, and Amy Ray of Pullman, Washington. They are the children of B. Roger Ray, Dean of Science of Washington State College, who was present.

Presiding at the refreshment table were the Mmes. Clair Martin of Caldwell, J. M. Dodds of Boise, C. O. Davis of Boise, G. J. Cox of Turlock, John Davis of Boise, and Phyllis Gibson of Portland.

Mrs. Lulu Eaker, a cousin of Mrs. Cox, arrived Saturday by plane from Hoquiam, Washington, for the occasion and remained as a houseguest this week. Additional good wishes were extended Mr. and Mrs. Cox by phone and personal calls at their residence before and following the reception.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Monlux

(Creason photo)

C. W. Monluxes

## Open house marks Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Monlux were honored on their Golden Wedding anniversary with an open house for friends and relatives last Sunday, June 24, at the Occident Club. About 140 signed the guest book, which was attended by Susan Cairns and Carol Bryce.

Mr. and Mrs. Monlux were married June 26, 1912, in Salt Lake City. They began married life on their farm in the Maple Grove community and lived there until January, 1961, when they retired and moved to their present home in Meridian.

They were both active in Grange work and other neighborhood events. Mr. Monlux served three terms in the Idaho Legislature and Mrs. Monlux was treasurer and bookkeeper for the Grange Credit Union for 30 years.

Hostesses for the anniversary party were Mrs. Susie Cairns, a sister of Mr. Monlux, Mrs. Frank Bryce of Meridian, the Arnold Cairns family of Mountain Home, Miss Florence Williams and Mrs. Jennie Drown, sisters of Mrs. Monlux, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Drown and Colleen, all from Elko, Nevada.

They were assisted by the Mmes. Dave Frost, Paul Bollinger and John Dudgeon in the kitchen. Mrs. Chester Drown and Mrs. Orville Yerrington served the cake and Miss Williams, Mrs. Jennie Drown, Mrs. Susie Cairns and Mrs. Ethel Mersdorf poured. Mrs. Arnold Cairns and daughter cared for the gift table. Miss Doris Oliason greeted the guests at the door and sang two numbers for the honored couple. She sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold" and "When Your Golden Hair has Turned to Silver Gray." Mrs. Bryce accompanied her.

The three-tiered golden wedding cake was flanked by golden candles and a centerpiece of yellow roses, stephanotis and gold letters.

Other out-of-town guests included Mrs. Ray McKaig of Boise and San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bentley of Napa, California.

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### Surprise party honors Ulmers

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer surprised them with a party last Thursday evening, honoring their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Three couples planned the surprise—Mr. and Mrs. John Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. Lon McFadden of Meridian, and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Baker of Middleton.

Refreshments were enjoyed, and the group spent the evening playing pinochle.

### Dentons enjoy family visits

While Roy Denton was attending a conference of school superintendents at Moscow last week, Mrs. Denton visited their son, Bill Denton, and his family at Spangle, Washington.

The Bill Dentons returned to Meridian with her, and are visiting other friends and relatives, including Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lembke, parents of Mrs. Denton.

July 5-

### Moore's visit

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore is their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Moore, from Willits, California.

### Reception fetes Ray Andersons on anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson were honored Sunday, July 1, with a garden reception on their 35th wedding anniversary.

The event was held at the home of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pack. Co-hosts were their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson.

There were 33 guests, and the honored couple were presented a money-tree as an anniversary gift. Adding to the occasion, the Andersons received a long-distance phone call from old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warren of Whittier, California.

July 5-

### Mrs. Egbert home

Mrs. Nina Egbert has returned to her home in Meridian after having submitted to surgery in May and having a long convalescence in the home of a son.

### Mrs. Cairns convalesces

Mrs. Susie Cairns is convalescing from major surgery as she visits in the home of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Bryce and Carol.

July 12-

### Miss Patch leaves for Oregon camp

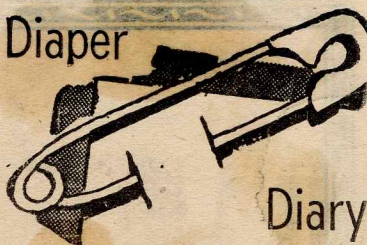
Miss Ida Gay Patch is going to Wallowa Lake, Oregon, this weekend. She will be a counsellor and teacher in the Methodist youth camp for two weeks. She taught at the camp last year.

Mrs. Marguerite Patch and Ida Gay had as their houseguests last week, Mrs. Glen Jenkins, Mrs. Al Meistad and daughter, Marcia, of Wendell. They ate in a Boise park one evening and drove to Lucky Peak another day.

The evening of July 5, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reagan of Boise entertained with a birthday party for Ida Gay Patch.

July 12-

### Diaper



### Diary

#### Varlin Law

Son—Born Wednesday, July 4, 1962. Weight, seven pounds, four ounces.

Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Brothers—Veldon 9; Verl 7; Vance 6; Vaughn 3.

Grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McGuire, Twin Falls; Mrs. Leo Kelley, Meridian.

Great grandparents—Mr. August Sanders, Logan, Utah; Mrs. Kate Diercksen, Meridian.

### Twin Falls visit

Mrs. Roy Fisher and Mrs. Rillius Yates accompanied their niece, Mrs. Fern Kreuger of Boise for a week-end visit at Twin Falls. They visited another niece and nephew, the Clarence McGuires and the Floyd Whites.

July 12-

### Kuchenbecker home is sold

Mrs. Kuchenbecker has sold her house to Mrs. Rosa L. Book, who has recently been living at Boise.

Mrs. Betty Kilner of Peshastan, Washington, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Frances Kuchenbecker, and helping her close out her home in Meridian.

Mrs. Kuchenbecker and her daughter left Tuesday morning for Payette Lakes. After a short stay there they will go to Wenatchee where Mrs. Kuchenbecker expects to establish her home.

July 13-

July 19, 1962

### Mrs. Edna McCoy visiting here

Former Meridian resident, Mrs. Edna McCoy of Mill Valley, California, is a guest at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Hollingshead at 105 East Third.

She is enjoying visiting old friends in the area, and has invited all her former neighbors and friends to call at the Hollingshead home.

July 19 -

### Westbrooks visit Meridian families

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Westbrook of Denver visited several days with Mr. Westbrook's mother, Mrs. Kathryn Westbrook, and with two sisters and their families, the Earl Hills and the Murray Badgleys of Boise.

The Westbrooks are in the process of moving from Denver to Helena, Montana, where Mr. Westbrook is state manager of the telephone company.

July 19 -

### Moore families enjoy outing

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moore and their son and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Moore and family from Willits, California, spent last week at their cabin at Silver Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and Terri joined them Wednesday evening.

July 19 -

### Cairns to California

Mrs. Mabel Cairns accompanied her son, Vernon, to San Francisco recently, where Mr. Cairns attended a highway planning conference of the 11 western states. They were gone a week, and drove through Oregon enroute home.

July 19 -

### Garden party at Frazier's

Mrs. Lois Frazier was hostess for a garden party Thursday evening last week to introduce her son and his family to about 40 friends.

The visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frazier and four sons, Robert, 16, and triplets, Gary, Gene and Gregory, who are 9. Their home is in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Frazier is with the FBI.

The Fraziers are touring the west and expect to be back in Meridian this week after going to the coast and the Seattle Fair.

### Thank-you note

Mrs. Susie Cairns wishes to thank her many friends for their cards, visits, and floral gifts during her recent illness and hospitalization.

### Card of thanks

I wish to thank my many friends for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts I received during my stay in the hospital.

Nina Egbert

### Surgery for Law baby

Varlin Law, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Law had an abdominal operation Tuesday. The baby was reported to be doing fine.

August 23 -

### Mrs. Gregory home

Mrs. Leota Gregory has returned to her home after a seven week visit with relatives and friends in Iowa. She visited in Des Moines, Centerville, and also attended a family reunion while there.

### R. H. Bells return from trip to Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bell arrived home Tuesday from a trip to the middle west. They went to the Mayo clinic in Rochester, and visited at Belmond, Iowa, with Mrs. Bell's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Elder.

The Bells said the temperatures were very hot and they encountered quite a lot of rain.

### Resident's brother drowns in Utah

Mrs. Roy Denton was called to Green River, Utah, for funeral services last Sunday for her brother, Lisle Dunham, 60. Mr. Dunham drowned Wednesday while swimming in the Green River.

Another brother, Col. Fred Dunham, flew from Seattle and Mrs. Denton joined him in Boise to fly to Utah for the services.

August 23 -

## Occident names new committee for loan closet

New members were named this week for the emergency loan committee of the Occident club at Meridian.

The new appointees and their telephone numbers are Mrs. Zelma Rose, 888-2820; Mrs. Lois Frazier, 888-1882; and Mrs. Roy Goodwin, 888-4468.

The committee will be in charge of the emergency loan closet maintained by the club—which provides sick room equipment without charge. Any person in need of such equipment is invited to call one of the three women listed above.

The loan closet is maintained as a community project, and is financed by club events. The major fund-raising event is the annual pancake breakfast—to be held this year on Wednesday, August 15, with serving from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

## You're invited to breakfast next Wednesday

Breakfast-time will be an extra-special event at Meridian next Wednesday, August 15.

That's the date for the Occident club's annual pancake breakfast—served at the club building at Idaho and Meridian streets (right across from the city hall).

Serving will begin at 6:30 a.m. and continue until 10:30 a.m.

The menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, cantaloupe, juice, and coffee. Payment will be by voluntary contributions—and all community residents, young and old, are invited.

Proceeds from the annual event will be used by the club to help their two major community projects—operation of the free Meridian public library, and of the Emergency Loan Closet. The latter project provides the free use of sick-room equipment, wheel chairs, etc., for people of the community.

Famed for its good food and friendly atmosphere, the annual pancake breakfast is expected to draw a top attendance of community families.

## Club schedules annual breakfast

One of the community's top appetite-treats of the year—the Occident club's annual pancake breakfast—will be held Wednesday, August 15.

Serving will begin at 6:30 and continue until 10:30 a.m. A complete breakfast menu will be provided, and all community families are invited.

All proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help finance the club's two major projects—the Meridian public library, and the club's Emergency Loan Closet which provides community residents with the free use of sick-room equipment.

## City library sets record during July

Meridian city library set another new record during the month of July—issuing a total of 1,997 books to community adults and youths.

The library is financed by a one-mill city levy, and is operated as a community service by the Occident club. Club officers reported that more than 100 books were added to the shelves last month, some purchased and others donated.

Mrs. Nancy Sage, librarian, has drawn praise of many patrons for her interest in helping children in their selection of books. Library board members said that commendations of Mrs. Sage's work have been expressed by many parents of the community.

## Occident club reports success

Occident club members today expressed appreciation for what they termed "the fine community support" given their annual pancake breakfast.

The event was held last Wednesday morning, and netted the club \$200. The funds will be used to help finance two of the club's projects—the Emergency Loan Closet and public library.

Special thanks were expressed to personnel of the Idaho Power company, Intermountain Gas company, Meridian News-Times, and the many persons who helped with the preparation and serving—and, most important, to all the community people who ate and contributed.

Meridian, Idaho, News-Times

August 23, 1962

## Letter to editor

Editor  
Meridian News-Times  
Dear Mr. Hunter:

The Occident club members are so very grateful to you for the fine publicity you gave us for our pancake breakfast. We think it was a big success and our treasury is \$200 to the good.

Yours truly,  
Elma Veach

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# Women's news

September 6, 1962

## Girls speak Occident club opens fall meetings

Meridian's Occident Club held its first fall meeting Monday afternoon, Diane Green and Marilyn Jackson told of their experiences at Girl's State last June.

The girls' enthusiastic reports covered the serious sessions and play periods. They attended Girls State under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary and were introduced by their sponsor, Mrs. Esther Hardin.

The program included the Pledge of Allegiance led by the

girls, after the prayer was read by Mrs. Hardin. The group sang the prayer-verse of "America," and "School Days," and "Idaho" —with Mrs. John Pratt leading, and Mrs. Elsie Riddlemoser accompanying.

Visitors included Mrs. Amy Ambrose, Mrs. Henry Moore and Mrs. Stanley Jackson.

### Chairman thanked

Mrs. Fred Bower, program chairman, was given a vote of thanks for compiling the year books. The library reported a busy summer and several new books were on display. Summer activities of the Emergency Loan service were reported by Mrs. Zelma Rose, chairman.

Excerpts from the Idaho Youth Ranch paper, The Maverick, were read, including reports of the help given by Federated Clubs. A quote from the paper: "A boy with a green thumb seldom paints the town red!"

Hostesses for the Labor Day meeting were the Mmes. Francis Veach, Fred Bower, Voris Botkin, Ted Howell.

## Couples re-live honeymoon days

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Cox made a trip to the hills last Thursday to Saturday. They took their old time friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Brown of Boise, on a repeat of their honeymoon trail, 46 years ago.

They drove to Idaho City, through Centerville and Garden Valley, and to Warm Lake. Originally the honeymooners went over Dry Buck, but they chose the better road up the river this time.

On their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Brown broke an axle and had to remain an extra ten days at Warm Lake. This time they just stayed over night.

The Browns are leaving Idaho soon to live in the Friend's Manor at Newberg, Oregon.

## Occident club to meet Monday

Meridian Occident Club will begin a new season with a meeting next Monday, Labor Day.

The program will include presentations from the Meridian representatives at Girl's State in June.

August 30.

## English visitor ends stay here

Mrs. Iris Morgan has returned by plane to her home in Derbyshire, England, after visiting for three months in Meridian.

She was a guest here of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barker, Sr.

### Brother visits

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosti recently was Mrs. Rosti's brother, Earl Buchholz, of Seattle.

## Mrs. Downer enjoys Montana vacation

Mrs. Bertha Downer has returned home after visiting two weeks in Livingston, Montana, with her daughter, Mrs. Glenva Eyerly and family, former residents of Meridian.

While she was there, Linda Eyerly left to begin her studies at College of Puget Sound, and Myrna Eyerly will leave the latter part of this month for Stanford University in California. Myrna has accepted a \$4,000 Fellowship and will begin work on her Master's degree in audiology. Miss Eyerly was graduated last spring from the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at Montana State University.

Mrs. Eyerly's other daughter, Cheryle, is in nurses' training at Chicago; and her son, Kim, is in high school at Livingston.

## Sorority plans fashion show

Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has announced plans to hold its annual benefit fashion show Monday, September 24.

The event will be held at the Meridian high school, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

All proceeds from the annual event will be given to the Occident Club—to be used for the library and the club's Emergency Loan Closet.

Committee appointments for the show were made at meeting of the sorority's executive board, held Tuesday at the home of the chapter president, Mrs. Edgar Fisher.

August 30

## "Around the World" Sorority style show here Monday

All style-interested residents of the entire Meridian area are invited to a style show at Meridian high school next Monday, September 24. The event will begin at 8:15 and tickets will be available at the door—\$1 for adults, 50c for students.

Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is again sponsoring the annual show, which this year will carry an "Around the World" theme. All proceeds will be given to the Occident club, for the public library and the emergency-loan project.

Women's styles will be modeled by the Mmes. Larry Gray, Dick Marks, Earl Marks, W. G. McCurry, Carol Coleman, Bob Fouser, Lyle Garrison.

High school models will include the Misses Ann McClure, Velda Billman, Judy Young, Mary Bales; and Larry Clausen and LeRoy Mitchell.

Men models will include Dr. Russel Brooks, Chester Eggers, Jr., and Ed Bryce.

Children's styles will be modeled by Barbara Berg, Debbie Berg, Janice Linder, Jean Linder, Billy Gardner.

Fashions for the show will be furnished by the Nafziger men's store of Nampa, Margaret Annon's ladies' fashion and sports wear of Nampa, and Starkey's store for children on Vista Avenue at Boise.

Hair styling will be by the Beauty Center of Meridian.

Sorority members said that all family members — men, women, and children—are cordially invited to the event. Refreshments will be served.



### Sorority style show next Monday

"AROUND THE WORLD" will be theme of annual style show sponsored by Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Event will be held Monday night, September 24, at Meridian high school—beginning at 8:15 p.m., and public is invited. Featured will be modeling of 1962-63 fashions by local women, men, students, and youngsters. Co-chairmen of event are (seated) Mrs. Omar Fricke and Mrs. Coleen Young; shown with sorority president Mrs. Edgar Fisher. (Creason photo)

## Friends and neighbors

by Pearl Roam



### Clysta Gray

## Humor, imagination, and talent make life interesting for Clysta

Everyone knows Clysta Gray—you're missing something if you don't! She's the former columnist of the Meridian News-Times who used to take her daughter's persistent boy-friends out to the old pioneer cemetery on their farm and say, "These are Marilyn's abandoned suitors!"

It was Clysta, too, who gave Mayor Don Storey the biggest laugh he'd had in a long while. She was emptying her "hash" purse (a little bit of everything in it), and Don was looking on in typical male amazement. He seemed so fascinated by the hodgepodge that, when she went home, she wrapped it all up in fancy paper and sent it to him for a Christmas present.

But an economy-size sense of humor is only one facet of this farmer, writer, stenographer, business woman, grandmother. Above all, Clysta Gray is plain people—Meridian people.

From the moment she stumbled over the wooden sidewalks the day she came to Meridian, she has been in love with the town and its people.

In her warm outgoing way, she said, "In Meridian, everybody is a neighbor."

I think she felt a little nostalgic when she added, "This town adopts orphans, collectively."

She was speaking firsthand about orphans, because, soon after the family had arrived, when Clysta was eight years old, she lost her mother. But, right from the start, she had 15 or 20 mothers ready to teach her how to bake bread, keep her voice down, pick good reading material, etc.

"I discovered that it really is possible to serve 20 masters," she said, laughingly. But you know that she is grateful for these people who were a big influence in her life.

Two other important influences in her life were her teachers, Caldwell Miller and Jeannette Clark. According to Clysta, they were "the best in the world."

They taught her how to express herself on paper; and, if I might add a personal observation—they taught her how to speak clearly and efficiently. To someone like me, who flounders with words like a shipwrecked sailor without a paddle, this is an unusual talent.

From Jeannette Clark, she learned the philosophy, from Shakespeare: "This, above all, to thine own self be true; and it must follow, as night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

"You can always imitate someone else, but you can never be someone else," Clysta said.

Too, she learned from these teachers that "you can't find anything in the world that isn't within you."

As a result of her philosophy, the girl with 20 mothers was never bored. She occupied herself with reading and writing, and taking care of her brother and father.

Her earliest recollection of excitement was back in Springdale, Arkansas, where she was born. She used to lie awake at night, listening to the sounds of fox and coon hunting in the woods near by. And, because she was familiar with the voices of the hounds, she could say, "That's old Belle" or "That must be Trixie."

Once she was allowed to accompany the hunters but, she said wistfully, "I spent the time stumbling over logs and bumping into tree limbs."

However, she wants everybody to know that she didn't spend her childhood in the dark. She spent a lot of time being a spectator at the sports that she loved. She

could not be a participant, because little Clysta had to hurry home and peel the potatoes and put on the roast for dinner.

Her dream in those days was to have a lot of animals for pets. Clysta thought there must be some kind of "Joe bfpldk" cloud hovering over her, because something always seemed to happen to any pets that she had.

Once neighborhood dogs killed her rabbit; and another time her pet pigeon flew away to join the wild pigeons on a water tank.

Then, at last, Clysta had a chance to use her natural effec-



Clysta Gray

vescence on behalf of sports. Link's Business College, which she attended, had a basketball team, and Clysta was chosen to be one of the cheer leaders.

She recalls one exciting time when, before a big game, she was "shanghaied" by rooters for the opposing team.

After driving her around town all evening, the rivals brought her back just as the game ended. And the Link's team had lost the game!

Then Eldon Gray came into her life. When she first saw the tall, handsome young man, she thought he was much too quiet for her. She had in mind "the life of the party" type.

But in time she discovered, as most girls do, that eventually the party ends. And she realized that Eldon Gray was good company whether there was a party or not.

A couple of years later, they were married in Boise, and charivariated down the main streets, Eldon pushing Clysta in a wheelbarrow! In keeping with the custom of the time, they had a police escort for the parade.

For many years they raised cattle, hogs, and row crops. By having a diversified program, they usually succeeded in keeping in the black.

"Then there was the time the rain popped the lima beans, like popcorn," she said. "When we saw the beans lying there like a layer of snow, we went out of the row crop business."

To be a farmer, she said, one must be a gambler at heart. He must gamble with every known element, from the public to the weather. The trick is to minimize the gamble.

Having children didn't stop Clysta from going with her husband when he went hunting or fishing. "I just tethered the kids to a tree, to keep them from falling into the river," she said.

Being born into a family of practical jokers, Clysta comes by her good humor naturally. When someone mistook her voice for that of her daughter, which people often did, she would carry on "interesting" conversations until Marilyn called an abrupt halt to the fun.

When Larry, their son, was stationed at Mt. Home in the Air Force, the Grays inherited SAC. Many times, the service boys could have been found, with their

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson have had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howard of Orange, Calif. and Mrs. Abbie Clark of Clovis, Calif. The two women are sisters of Anderson. The visitors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pack and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and their guests attended the Pendleton Round-Up over the week end.

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## Occident club slates meetings

Occident Club will honor charter members and past presidents of the club when members meet Monday, October 1.

Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed of Boise will be the guest speaker. All members are urged to be present.



Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed

## History review

### Occident program fetes past officers

Charter members and past presidents of the Occident Club were honored at the Club's October meeting last Monday afternoon. Highlights of the club were reviewed from its beginning in 1924 to the present.

The clubhouse was then the old interurban street car depot, and the mortgage was paid off in 1935. An addition was completed in 1950 to house the public library and the

Emergency Loan storeroom.

Each charter member and past president was given a corsage as she was recognized. The charter members present were the Mes. Ed Baldwin, Susie Cairns, John L. Clelen, Nina Egbert, George Hardin, Zelma Mathews Rose, and Lloyd Songer.

Past presidents were the Mes. Clelen, Colwell Miller, Baldwin, Egbert, Cairns, Mathews, Ray Ulmer, Carl Patch, Rose, Merl Miller, Edith Marsters, A. D. Scrivner, Francis Veach, Jesse Hedges, Voris Botkin and Ralph Soucie.

#### Program listed

The program opened with the reading of a poem, "Autumn," or "Others Call it God," by Mrs. Francis Veach, president. Mrs. Damon Flack sang the prayer, accompanied by Mrs. Elsie Riddlemoser. Mrs. Harold Shelton presented five of her kindergarten pupils in the Pledge of Allegiance. They were Allan Pack, Barbara Birt, David Hammon, John Hunter, Kathy Clauser.

Mrs. John Pratt led the group in singing several songs dated by their popularity several years ago. The song period was introduced by the quotation, "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life."

Mrs. Marguerite Patch introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, director of Christian Education for the First Methodist Church of Boise. Her topic was "Women of a changing world." She gave a resume of what women have done and are still doing. She compared the changes in homes, especially equipment, working conditions and social and service opportunities open to women. Her main point was that having more time, women should use it wisely and for the good of others, especially their children.

Business included the announcement that the State Federation of Clubs will plant a white pine on the Capitol grounds in Washington, D. C., in memory of the late Sen. Henry Dworshak.

A resolution was passed stressing the need for legislation concerning punishment for offenders who physically abuse small children. The group endorsed a movement to make the Communist party illegal in Idaho. Another state program is to work for more patriotic reverence for the flag and to insure each club will use the 50-star flag in its ceremonies.

Hostesses for the day were the Mes. Frank Matcham, Clara Maw, Roderick Maw, Roy Fisher, Dan Barker and Ray Ulmer.





Mrs. Joy Flack - Sang the Prayer -  
accompanied by Mrs. Elsie Riddlemoser.



Pledge of Allegiance  
Holding the Flag - Alan Pack  
left to right - Kathy Fouser,  
John Hunter, David Hammors,  
Shelley Charleton.

# Presidents, Old Members Feted by Club

MERIDIAN—Charter members and past presidents of Meridian Occident Club were honored at the October meeting of the club Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed of Boise as guest speaker.

Charter members present were the Mmes. Ed Baldwin, Susie Cairns, Nina Egbert, Zelma Rose, John Clelen, George Hardin and Lloyd A. Songer. Each guest was presented a corsage as she was introduced.

Past presidents honored were the Mmes. Clelen, Colwell Miller, Baldwin, Egbert, Cairns, Zelma Mathews, Ray Ulmer, Carl Patch, Zelma Rose, Merl Miller, Edith Marsters, A. D. Scrivner, Damon Flack, Jesse Hedges, V. R. Botkin, Ralph Soucie.

Hostesses were the Mmes. Frank Matcham, Roy Fisher, Dan Barker, Ray Ulmer, Clara Maw and Roderick Maw.

The Occident Club members voted to join the State Federation in a program to plant a white pine on the Capitol grounds in Washington, D. C., honoring the late Sen. Henry Dworshak.

## Among Our Members

Mrs. Cox ill  
Mrs. V. A. Cox submitted to major surgery in St. Alphonsus hospital Friday last week.

Mrs. Elsie Riddlemoser and her mother, Mrs. Susan Longstaff, have had as their houseguest Capt. J. B. Longstaff from Dover, N. H. Others who visited during his stay were Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Heater of Payette, and the Jack Riddlemoser family of Idaho Falls.  
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### Mrs. Westbrook home

Mrs. Kathryn Westbrook is home after three weeks in Twin Falls and Jerome. She has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Lester Slack, and two nieces, Mrs. Gerald Hite and Mrs. Glen Rolfe.

### Mrs. Botkin breaks wrist at Nampa

Shortly after Mrs. Voris Botkin went to Nampa to care for her grandchildren while their mother, Mrs. Keith Botkin, was in the hospital with her new baby, she broke her wrist. But she insists it wasn't from imprudent chastening of one of the children!

### Former teachers visit Meridian

Mrs. Marguerite Patch had as her guests last Thursday two former Meridian teachers.

They were Miss Agnes Asklof, now of Pocatello; and Miss Estelle Gifford, now of Caldwell. Mrs. John Clelen joined them for lunch and an afternoon visit.

## 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.

## Mrs. V. A. Cox dies at Boise

Mrs. V. A. Cox, 78, of Meridian died early Thursday morning at a Boise hospital. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Herald J. Cox, who is Meridian city clerk and police judge, and Gerald J. Cox of Turlock, California; a sister, Nellie McFarland; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Cox was born June 12, 1884, in Missouri. She became the bride of V. A. Cox June 11, 1912, at Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Cox observed their Golden Wedding anniversary the past June.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Dakan-Davis funeral home at Caldwell. Tentative time for services has been set at 10:30 Monday morning.

### Mrs. Cairns moves

Mrs. Susie Cairns changed residences last week. She moved from 325 E. Idaho to her house at 18 East State. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mallory have moved into her Idaho Street house.

## Meridian BPW hold breakfast

Meridian Business and Professional Women had their annual emblem breakfast last Sunday morning at the Occident club, served by club members. The Mmes. Beulah Edmiston and Millia Harrison presented the emblem ceremony.

The indoctrination was for five new members, three of whom were present. They were Gladys Kennedy, Grace Rambo, Nancy Sage, Dorothy Brace, and Patty Leighton. The latter two were not present.

Guests included district director Anna Neely of Nampa, Mabel Bittick, Nampa president Inez Faria, and Mrs. J. W. Bales.

After the breakfast and program the group attended morning worship services in the Methodist Church.



Refugee speaks

## Occident club salutes Americanism

Lazlo Bedegi, who escaped Communist Hungary and now lives at Nampa with his wife and sons, was guest speaker for the Americanism program of the Occident club Monday.

He told of his family's gratitude for living in this country instead of under Russian rule. He asked the American people not to believe the false propoganda from Russia, intended to delude them to the advantage of Communism.

Mrs. Francis Veach, president, read "What America Means to Me." Members of the American Legion auxiliary were guests. Their president, Mrs. Ralph Hawkins, and Mrs. E. Latimer presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Other guests were the Mmes. Clyde Waitley, Joe Iverson, Fred Peter, Clinton Barber, and B. F. McNeff.

Mrs. John Pratt read a paper, "Render unto Ceasar." The librarian reported that more than 1500 books had been loaned during the month of October.

There were 18 gifts presented to Idaho Youth Ranch as memor-

ials to the late Mrs. V. A. Cox.

Hostesses for the day were the Mmes. Edith Marsters, Mabel Cairns, Esther Hardin, Lulu Eastman, Zelma Rose and Francis Veach.



Laszlo Bedegi

"What America Means to Me" was the theme of the Occident Club program Monday afternoon, with Laszlo Bedegi of Nampa, as guest speaker. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary were guests.

Bedegi and his family are refugees from Communist Hungary. He pointed out the real intent behind many Communist claims and offers for peace.

Hostesses for the day were the Mmes. Lulu Eastman, Mabel Cairns, Esther Hardin, Edith Marsters, Zelma Rose and Francis Veach.

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### Sorority helps community projects

THANKS TO ALPHA ALPHA CHAPTER of Beta Sigma Phi, there will be more books in the public library, and more items in the Occident club's Emergency Loan Closet. Mrs. Omar Fricke,

right, presents check for \$153.75 to Occident president, Mrs. Francis Veach. Sorority raised money at their fall style show.

(Creason photo)

### Occident dinner set for Monday

Occident Club members will have their annual Christmas season pot luck dinner at 12:30 next Monday in the clubhouse. Women interested in the work of the Federated Club are invited.

Each one is to supply her own table service, and service for her guest.

Mrs. Jesse Hedges, chairman, is preparing a Christmas program. Lieutenant here

Second Lt. James D. Bryce, who has been in service in Biloxi, Miss., had a pre-Thanksgiving visit with his parents, the J. Frank Bryces. He had to leave early for his new assignment at Rome, N. Y.

### Maws enjoy trip

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Maw are home after a three-week trip to Hawaii with a guided tour. They went over by ship, visited four of the islands, and came home by jet.

### New library record

Meridian loaned out the most books for one day on Monday, November 19. There were 280 books checked out that day.

### Riddlemosers here for Thanksgiving

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riddlemoser and family came from Idaho Falls Wednesday evening to visit Mrs. Elsie Riddlemoser.

Thursday the Riddlemosers and Mrs. Susan Longstaff went to Payette for dinner with Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Heater. Other guests were Mr. Heater's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Heater of Ontario.