



Why am I dressed  
so prettily? Because  
I am going to the  
Valentine Party for  
partners. Do you  
see my partner?  
The party, following  
a covered dish dinner  
is given by members of the  
Club and always well  
attended.

## Meridian group attends tea honoring P.E.O.

In observance of the 105th anniversary of the founding of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, a tea was held at the home of Mrs. J. Rich Jordan, Boise, for nine Boise P. E. O. chapters and AD chapter of Meridian. The tea honored unaffiliated living or visiting in the area. There were approximately 200 persons attending.

Attending from Meridian were Marilyn Marks, Jacque Riddlemoser, Jean Hunter, Norma Gale, Leona Meyer, Margaret Judd, Blanche Wolff, Blanche Scott, Mary Alice White, Emma Hoffman, Ruth Sheasley, Marguerite Patch, Alice Sharp, Adeline Kim; and Freda Mayer, Julie LaValle, Vera Miller, Florence Anderson of Boise.

Marilyn Marks assisted with serving refreshments, and Emma Hoffman assisted Mrs. R. D. Grant, general chairman of the event.

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**OCCIDENT CLUB** will meet at 1:30 p.m., at the clubhouse Monday, February 4. In charge of the program on legislative matters will be Berniece Jones. Hostesses will be Mildred Langley, Marie Wollney, Ruth Armstrong, Bertha Downer, Clara Maw.

### Bridal shower

Mrs. Rudy Andersen of Boise was hostess for a bridal shower honoring Arlene Kirchner before her wedding Saturday to John Bell, at which his grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Bell of Meridian, attended. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Max Bell of Boise.

### Party at Osbornes'

Mrs. Dorothy Osborne was hostess for a potluck dinner for the Robert Days and Willard Kelseys of Kuna, George Days of Nampa, the Henry Dalrymples, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartwell of Richland, Ore. The Hartwells were here for the birthday of Mrs. Hartwell's grandmother, Mrs. Stevens. They visited her parents the Robert Days and his parents, the K. D. Hartwells.

### Oregonians visit

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gans and family of Portland visited at the home of Mrs. Netti Hudson the past week-end. They went on to Washington, D. C. to visit their daughter, and will return by way of Canada.

### Bridge party

Mrs. Wanda White was hostess for a bridge club party last week. Those playing were Bessie Matchum, Hazel DeMyer, Deane Ulmer, Clesta Gray, Leona Meyer, Marie Sandy, and Margaret Judd. Prize winners were Marie Sandy, Hazel DeMeyer and Margaret Judd.

### Back from Canada

Mrs. Ethel Pilkington has re-

turned from Canada where she visited her sister, Mrs. Garvin Davis, at Vancouver and a cousin Edith Townly at Penticton.

### Californians visit

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bancroft of San Bernardino, Calif. have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jenkins, having come for the services of Mrs. Jenkins and Bancroft's brother, Chester Bancroft of Boise.

## Methodist men invite public this Saturday

Men of the United Methodist church at Meridian will have their annual "Ground Hog Dinner" at the church this Saturday, February 2. Serving will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The menu will include sausage, green beans, potatoes, applesauce, ice cream, and cake. Price will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 11 and younger.

George Judd is general chairman of the annual event. The church is located at East Third and Idaho.

### Thank you card

We are grateful and humbled by the vast number of kindnesses extended to our family during the illness of our husband, father, and grandfather, and for the later honor to his memory.

Mrs. Voris Botkin

Keith and Darhl Botkin  
Diane, Lorrie, and Aleta  
Botkin





### Teachers' sorority dinner honors district retirees

HONORED GUESTS of Zeta chapter of Alpha Alpha Delta Kappa sorority were above retired teachers of the Meridian school district. From left, front row—Edith McFaddan, Florence Fluharty, Edith Crocket, Mary Turner, Hazel Marlatt, Ruby Trautman, Oma Jenkins, Ida Bechtel, Emma Krehbiel,

Myra Wolstenholm, Blanche Scott. Top row—Rose Osterhout, Berniece Jones, Doris Frost, Iva Kissinger, Gertrude Post, Frances Thompson, Leone Lund, Mary Alice White, Emily Pratt, Frieda Mayer, Margaret Judd, Esther Douglas. See story of sorority dinner on Page 5.

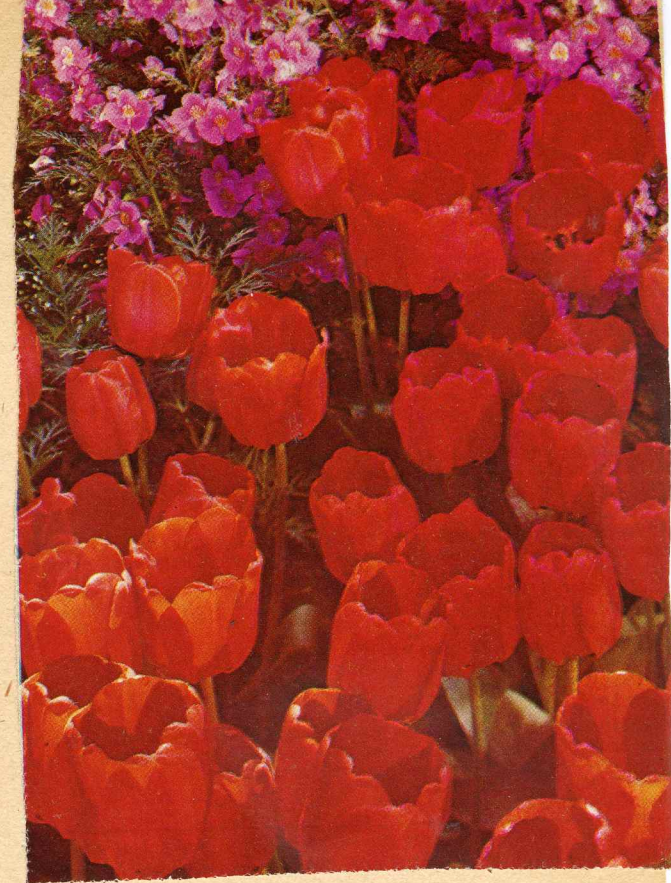


### Five generations in area family

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER Heather Marie Ketterling poses happily on lap of her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Matcham of 21 E. Idaho, Meridian, in above five-generation picture. At right in front row is Mrs. Jerold Ketterling of Rupert, mother of Heather. Standing, from left, are Mrs. Matcham's daughter, Mrs. Walter (Beulah) Bassett of Boise, the baby's great-grandmother; and Mrs. Homer (Pat) Smith, the baby's grandmother. Heather is six months old, and Mrs. Matcham celebrated her 87th birthday in January. (Creason Photography)



It's  
Spring  
again!



OCCIDENT CLUB will meet at 2 p.m. next Monday, March 4, at the Occident clubhouse. "For better living, community counseling resources", is the title of the program, with Erma Easley, program chairman in charge.

### Andersons visit in California

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson returned last week from vacationing in California and Arizona. They were joined by long time friends and fellow travelers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Warren of Whittier.

They traveled to San Diego where they visited Sea World and Balboa Park, returning to Quartzsite where they attended the annual Rockhound Show.

At Riverside, Calif. they attended a Junior 4-H and FFA Livestock Show where their niece had animals on exhibit.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S Circles 4 and 6 will hold a joint meeting at 10 a.m. this Thursday, with Mrs. Faye Griatt. Ruth Mumford will be the leader. Meeting at 1:30 this Thursday afternoon will be the Jesse Lee Circle, with Eula Canon . . . Celia Cowan Circle, with Ruby Lane, Clara Hamming leader . . . Ruth Robinson Circle, with Emily Pratt and Lillian Peters, Grace Davidson leader . . . McKenzie Circle at 8 p.m. Monday with Mary Alice White,

### Meridian events honor women guests from Oregon during visit with Maws

Mrs. Jim Roberts and Mrs. Ted Wilson of Portland, Ore., are visiting at the Roderick Maw home. Mrs. Frank Smith entertained with a luncheon in their honor last Friday.

Guests included Mrs. Edward Maw, Mrs. Arlin Potts, and Mrs. Deane Ulmer. The visitors were honored Monday with a brunch hosted by Mrs. Deane Ulmer.

#### Wolfs back from trip

The Herbert Wolfs have returned from Lewiston where they took his sister, Mrs. Maude Schultz, to her home after visiting here. They also visited the Lenorad Wolfs at Kendrick.

### Granddaughters visit Mrs. Downer

En route to their homes from a skiing vacation at Sun Valley, Mr. and Mrs. James Beecher of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Chaney of Missoula stopped in Meridian for a visit and dinner with their grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Downer.

The women are the former Myrna and Linda Eyerly, daughters of Glenda Eyerly. Jim Beecher practices law in Seattle and Robert Chaney is an instructor at the University of Montana.

#### Packs visit California

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pack have returned from Orange, Calif., where they attended the funeral service of Mrs. Pack's aunt, Pearl Howard. Mrs. Howard is the sister of Ray Anderson. Clarence Anderson arrived by plane from Guatamala.

#### Card of thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson and children wish to thank the many friends for their kindnesses, cards, and memorials, at the death of Mr. Anderson's sister, Pearl Howard.

### Occident club enjoys program

The Occident Club met last Monday with 27 members and one guest present.

Erma Easley, who arranged the program, introduced Miss Rachel Norris, guest speaker from the Children and Family Service at Boise. Miss Norris told of the types of service available for children, adolescents and older people.

Occident Club, a member group of Idaho Federation Womens Club, will be host for the April meeting of the state group. Plans were discussed for that meeting.





OCCIDENT CLUB will meet at 2 p.m. Monday, April 1, at the clubhouse. The program on creativity, sewing with modern fabrics, and a hat-making contest will be in charge of June Thomas. Plans will be discussed for the State Federation meeting, April 16. Hostesses will be Blanche Wolff, Nettie Hudson, Gertrude Rost, and Ella Pitkin.

### Teachers group hears speaker

The Zeta chapter of Alpha Alpha Delta Kappa met at the Coffee Mill last Saturday, with 19 members present.

Dr. O'Rodda, from Boise State University, spoke on Indian culture. Dr. Ruth Marks arranged for the program.

Spring flowers, daffodills and white chrysanthemums, decorated the table and green was carried out in the nut cups, making bright and colorful decorations.

Present were the Mes. Dovan Douglas, Blanche Scott, Ace Kusler, Ruby Trautman, Edith Crockett, Clarence Clauson, Robert Beeson, Bill Smith, David Frost, E. B. Jenkins, Ruth Marks, Frank Bryce, George Judd, Alfred Sall, Betty Cleveland, Albert Sharp, L. W. Tucker, Henry McFaddan, Earl Coryell.

Hosts were Mrs. Bill Smith, Dr. Ruth Marks, and Mrs. Earl Coryell.

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### Legion Auxiliary raises pennies to help on international projects

Meridian American Legion Auxiliary has been collecting pennies since the first of the year for various projects to neighbors around the world.

Pennies raised nationally the past year totalled more than \$36,000, to be used toward building a community center at Hong Kong.

The Meridian group will participate further when it meets next Wednesday, April 3, at the home of Mrs. R. W. Kirkpatrick, for the annual Foreign Relations Day event.

Mrs. Gorton Beers will be assistant hostess. The program will be presented by Mrs. Marie Sandy, Meridian chairman, assisted by Mrs. James L. Chatham of Boise.

Ladies Aid

This was made by one of our Charter members for her "Ladies Aid." See the tiny hem! It had been used continuously through the years until recently. Could our present day materials last so long?



## Pilkingtons visit Arizona

Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pilkington and the Harry Jungerts of Wilder visited in Phoenix, Arizona, with relatives of the Jungerts, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter, and returned by the way of Salt Lake City where they visited a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jungert.

## Occident club enjoys program

The Occident Club members enjoyed a demonstration on quilting, a demonstration of craft-sewing by June Thomas, and a display of projects.

Thirty-seven members and seven guests were present.

Because of the remodeling of the library, the club will host the district session of the Idaho Federated Women's Clubs at the American Legion hall this Saturday, April 13. More than 60 are expected to attend.

*We have planned for five years!*

## Libraries enter state contest

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

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

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

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

### Back from Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodwin arrived home last week from Apache Junction, Arizona, where they had been since last December. While in Arizona they took a trip to Disneyland. They returned through Bliss, where they visited their granddaughter and family the Bob Rodabaughs.

### Royal Neighbors meet

The Mmes. Rillious Yates, Carl Egbert, Clara Maw, Alma Barber, Earl Bolen and Miss Jo Bolen attended the district meeting of Royal Neighbors at Boise, last Saturday. They participated in the ritual work and school of instruction.

### Judds welcome guests

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sutton of Tacoma, Washington, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Judd.

### Dale Wolff to Hawaii

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff have received word from their son, Dale, that he has been transferred from Page, Arizona where he was with the Morris-Knudsen Company, to a new job site for the same company in Honolulu. The family will leave this week for their new home.

### Ayers return

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ayers are home from a weeks visit at the Zack Ayers in Corvallis Oregon.

## Work now underway Occident Club accepts bid on library building work

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

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

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

### M. A. A. thanked

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

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

replacement of the broken sidewalk on Idaho Street.

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

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

## Meridian library closes for month

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

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

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

*Hurrah!*



## Major contribution MAA and racers announce opener will benefit library

All proceeds from the opening races April 28 at Meridian Speedway will be donated to the building fund of the Meridian community library.

The announcement of that major contribution was made this week by Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association and their auxiliaries.

The M. A. A. and racers have donated opening proceeds through the years to various charity and service projects, giving a total of about \$75,000 to date. In addition, the Meridian Athletic Association has spent about \$110,000 for youth activities in the community.

M. A. A. president Keith Bird and W. I. R. A. president Jerry Collins said the library was selected as beneficiary of this year's opening races because it serves residents of the entire valley. "We know how important the library is to all families, and how vital it is to students for research and study. We hope that we'll have a banner day for our April 28th opener, so that the contribution to the library will be one of the biggest."

Last year the opening-race proceeds of \$4,300 were donated to the Idaho Heart Association.

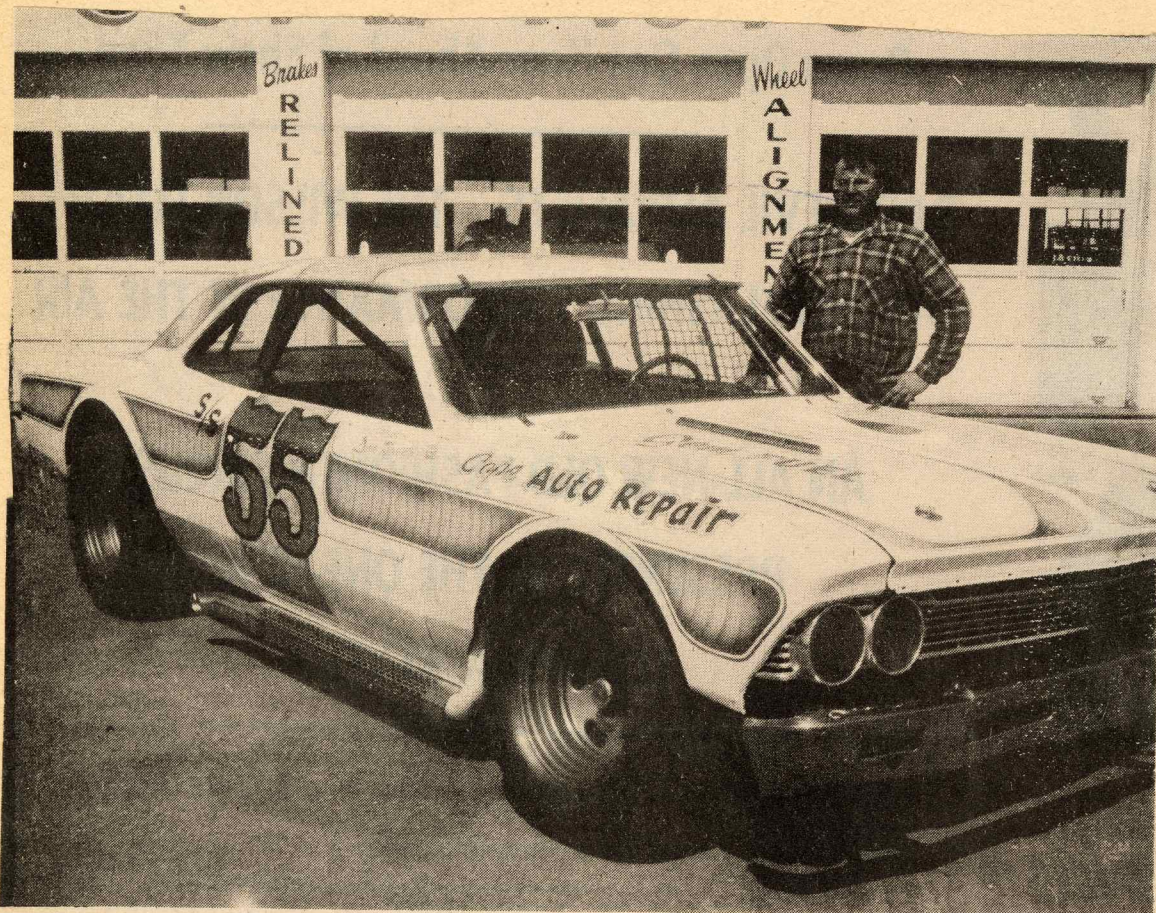
### Community support sought

Bill Crow, Speedway manager, said that civic groups are planning an all-out campaign to support the library-benefit races. "We are sure that with the backing of all the interested organizations, we can set a new record."

Pictures of the newly-installed M. A. A. and Auxiliary officers appear on this page; and officers of the WIRA and Auxiliary appear on Page 3.

### Appreciation expressed

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



### See the 1974 racers this Sunday at Speedway

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

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

(Valley News-Times photo)



## Valley obituaries



Mrs. Myrtle G. Songer

Funeral services for Myrtle G. Songer, 87, of 1332 E. First Street, Meridian, will be held at 2 p.m. this Friday at the Robison-Jerread Chapel of the Chimes at Meridian. The Rev. Don Skinner will officiate. Mrs. Songer died Tuesday at a Boise nursing home.

Born August 14, 1886, at Bellevue, Idaho, she attended schools at Silver City, Boise, and Weiser. She married Lloyd Songer October 2, 1907. They lived at Boise, then moved to Meridian and opened the Songer Pharmacy, which they operated from April of 1935 to January of 1946.

Mr. Songer preceded her in death in 1947; and a daughter, Eleanor, died in 1959.

Mrs. Songer was a member of the Occident Club, Order of Eastern Star, and the Episcopalian Church.

Her survivors include a son-in-law, Jack McGuire of Honolulu, Hawaii; two granddaughters, Mrs. Marcie Wehrley of Portland and Sherry McGuire of Boise; four nephews, and one niece.

Memorial contributions may be made to the building fund of the Meridian library.

ann, Verletta and Tonya Ann, all at home; his maternal grandfather, James T. Gibson; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy Dopieralski; and his maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Georgiann Pearson, all of Boise; his maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gibson of Hawsville, Ky.; and his paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Mae Rhodes of Boise.

Services were under the direction of Robison-Jerread Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian.

Another much loved, Charter member of our club. Myrtle Songer was very active until a few months ago when surgery and illness forced her to move to Boise.

It was in the corner of the Songer Drug Store that the Meridian Public Library had its first home. Six books for a little shelf!

This poem was read when one of our members brought to the

club, a speaker who had profited by the eye program. Indirectly the talk this April tried to influence the less, the young lions, to work to bring their cash on hand to more than half a hundred to give as a memorial.

### The Donor

My eyes have seen the glory of a sunset on the bay,  
And the spectacles of nature and a group of kids at play  
I have witnessed the miracle of a baby's birth at dawn,  
Oh, God, that someone else might see and carry on.

I have seen the panorama of the seasons as they change,  
And walked along the seashore and climbed a lofty mountain range.  
I feel a patriotic tingle when I see the flag unfurled,  
Oh, God, that someone else may see the beauty of your world.

My soul will leave my body when my eyes are closed in death,  
And my life will then be over with the stillness of my breath.  
I'll leave no mark of eminence I'm neither skilled nor wise,  
But God, please give another soul a chance to use my eyes.

"The Lion" December 1972

### Lions pay honor to Voris Botkin, plan prize event

The late Voris R. Botkin was honored by the Meridian Lions club, with memorials to the Elks and to the Idaho-Oregon Lions Sight Foundation.

Mr. Botkin, who was the last charter member of the Meridian club, had a 35-year record of perfect attendance, and was the holder of the Lions International "Master Key" award. He had been presented more than 80 awards during his membership years.

#### Prize event

The Meridian Lions are now holding their first annual prize-award event, with proceeds to be donated to the community swimming pool. Tickets at \$1 each may be purchased from any Lion member.

The prize will be awarded April 12, with the winner having the choice of a 10-speed bicycle or a 12-inch portable television.





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# The Occident Club (of Meridian)

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It was at the country home of one of our beloved charter members, Nina Egbert, that the club was formed.

The month and year, June, 1924. A group of women with similar ideas had a picnic luncheon followed by a meeting.

There was in the town need for many things. These ladies quickly agreed that the greatest need hinged on further education, specifically to help the youth of the community. What better way than to provide a library; but how? No funds, building or books.



First, they decided they need  
organize and draw guide lines for  
a beginning. Marion Clelen was  
unanimously elected president. The  
more they talked the greater  
was the enthusiasm. Some one  
must have recalled that the Bible  
has admonished that never must  
small beginnings be demeaned.

The result of the meeting was  
that the club be named for  
the west; thus, The Meridian  
Occident Club. Their first project,  
a library for the public. The  
place, a corner in the Senger  
Drug Store. Six donated books  
on a small shelf! No doubt  
God was proud of those ladies!



How these members worked!  
There were many smaller projects completed as the years passed. The things the women did to raise money made an unbelievably long list.

Through the hard '20's, 30's and even into the 40's economical conditions made their work staggering. Never were they discouraged; working, planning, doing, — more and more.

The old Interurban Depot, up for sale, was purchased and, after more years and more hard work, paid for.

In 1941 one member spoke to a friend and member, her desire.



Thus was born the Emergency Loan Closet. A cot, a change of sheets, blankets, a chair or two. This project grew as rapidly as did the library. By 1945 when the Club joined the Federation the town doctors scoffed at the idea of oxygen being added. <sup>to the equipment.</sup> It was a doctor's wife who first had use for the oxygen and soon the doctors realized the tremendous good from the project. Like Topsy, the two main projects grew and grew! All funds for both came from earnings of members as a group.

In 1950 the library became standardized and had the first



time with a paid librarian.

Less than twenty years ago grateful people who had benefited from use of Emergency equipment began to give gratuities; until this time the Club had paid for each additional piece of equipment. For several years the Monetary gifts have kept it going. Few times has the room been full; many times almost empty with articles for the sick and Convalescent throughout the district.

The library has for many years been so crowded as to making added burdens on the librarian and her aide.



The way in which the Club has been a help to families and organizations makes a list far longer than the types of work done in the past to raise money.

Our members have aged with the building, the books and the equipment.

We are not giving up! We are still working, and working congenially and hard!







