

Theme - Reach out to people -



Motto

"Be just, be merciful, be fair,
To every Woman everywhere"

OCCIDENT CLUB

Meridian, Idaho
May 6, 1974

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS THE OCCIDENT CLUB, a non-profit organization founded in 1924, located in Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, has for almost fifty years, maintained and supported the MERIDIAN LIBRARY, and has received help from the City of Meridian for the last few years in the amount of 2 mills annually from the tax rolls of the said City of Meridian;

and, WHEREAS the number of patrons using the facilities of the Meridian Library and holding cards therein now exceeds 1600, over half of whom reside outside the boundaries of the City of Meridian; and the number of hours the Library is open to the public should be greatly increased;

and, WHEREAS, while the number of patrons of the Library is increasing rapidly the membership of the Occident Club is decreasing; and the Occident Club finds that the support and administration of the Library too great a burden; FURTHERMORE, the members of the Occident Club feel that, since the Library does now serve a large district outside the boundaries of the City of Meridian the maintenance and administration of the Library should be carried on by a LIBRARY DISTRICT, formed and elected according to laws and regulations governing such matters, under the jurisdiction of the COMMISSIONERS OF ADA COUNTY;

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Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. the Occident Club relinquish its support and administration of the Meridian Library in favor of such Library District;
2. The Occident Club requests and petitions the said COMMISSIONERS of ADA COUNTY to take such action as seems advisable in this matter;
3. should such Library District be formed the Occident Club further resolves to donate to such Library District all books, equipment, etc., now deemed to be part of the Meridian Library; and will continue to furnish quarters for said Meridian Library at no charge except utilities as long as such arrangement shall be agreeable to both parties.



Our flowers -
Iris and Zinnia

Colors - yellow and White

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APRIL 1974

Ethel Pilkington

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

SECOND DISTRICT

IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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APRIL 16, 1974

Meridian, Idaho

COLORS - Yellow and White

FLOWER - Syringa



Valley News-Times, Meridian, Idaho April 18, 1974

Club federation convenes at Meridian

OCCIDENT CLUB of Meridian was host group for 74th annual convention of the Second District of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, with more than 60 in attendance. Top photo shows one of the sessions at the American Legion hall; and bottom photo, from left, state federation president Mrs. Emery Hedlund of Coeur d'Alene; Mrs. Raymond Langley of Occident Club, general chairman for the convention; Mrs. Mary Alice White of Occident Club, reporter for the event. (Valley News-Times photos)

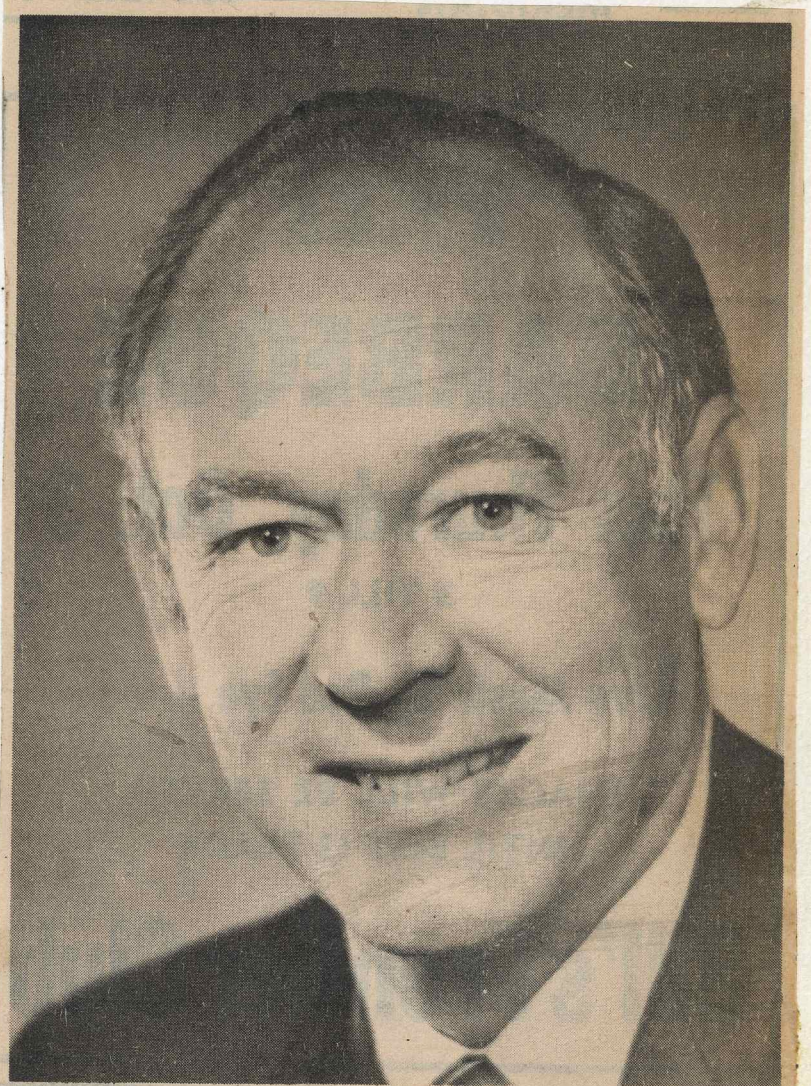
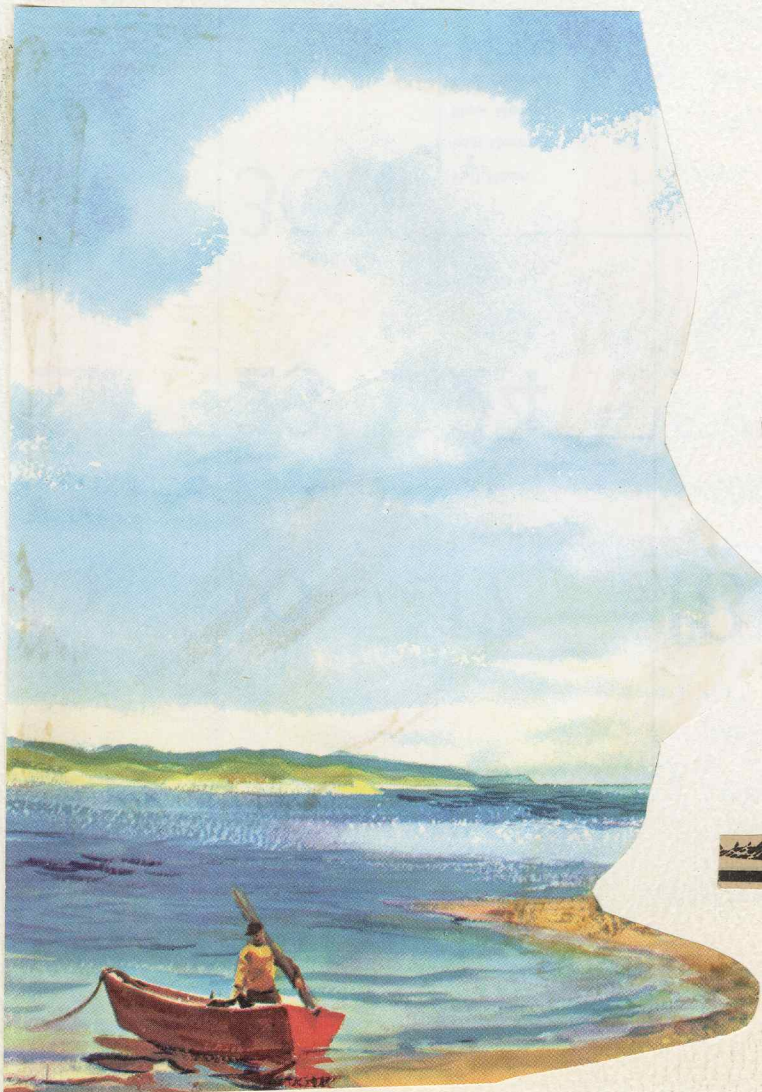
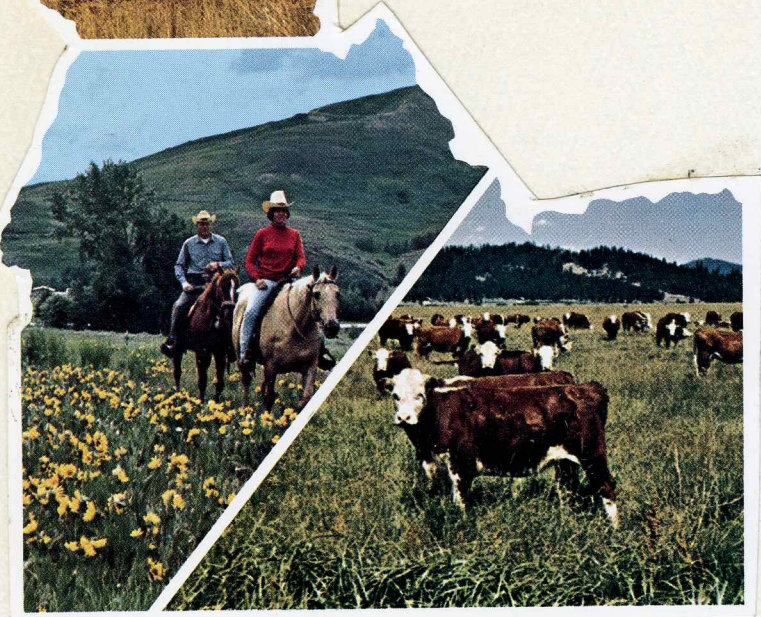


Convention honors Occident president

ETHEL PILKINGTON, left, president of the Occident Club at Meridian, shown with Mrs. Robert F. Alexander, of St. Maries, president of Second District of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs. At district convention held Tuesday at Meridian, Mrs. Pilkington was nominated by the district group as an "Outstanding Clubwoman," for her excellent work with the Meridian public library and the Occident Club. Winning the district title for "Outstanding Clubwoman" was Mrs. Guy Whitney of Mountain Home. More than 60 attended the 74th annual district convention at Meridian. Sessions were held at the American Legion hall, because of library-building project now going on at Occident clubrooms. (Valley News-Times photo)



IDAHO: THE GEM STATE



Governor Andrus speaks here next Tuesday

ALL AREA RESIDENTS are invited to a no-host luncheon at 12 noon next Tuesday, October 8, at the Coffee Mill restaurant, across from Ross Furniture at Meridian. Honored guests will include Governor Cecil D. Andrus, and state-legislature candidate Harold Watson of Meridian. Luncheon price will be \$2.50 per plate. The luncheon session will replace the regular meeting of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce.

Occident Club Members were welcome at this Luncheon -



Mrs. Carroll E. Miller, President
General Federation of Women's Clubs



MRS. CARROLL E. MILLER, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, presents the third in a series of four Bicentennial Plates to Reed Harris, president of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. A collection of these historic plates has been accepted for permanent display at Valley Forge.

GFWC plate collection accepted at Valley Forge

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Mrs. Carroll E. Miller, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has announced that a collection of the GFWC official United States of America Bicentennial Plates has been accepted for permanent display at the historic Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

A presentation took place recently at Valley Forge. Here on the same site where George Washington and his troops spent the bitter winter of 1777-1778, Mrs. Miller presented to Reed Harris, president of Freedoms Foundation, the collection of handmade glass plates designed to commemorate the nation's 200th birthday. Three plates were accepted for permanent display and the fourth and final plate will be presented in 1976.

A feature of the presentation was the fact that the 1975 Bicentennial Commemorative Plate depicts Washington praying at Valley Forge. "This made the presentation even more exciting," Mrs. Miller explained. The third plate was officially issued Jan. 1, 1975.

Three years ago, in an effort to celebrate the nation's Bicentennial and to rekindle the "Spirit of '76," the GFWC commissioned an American artist to sculpture in glass a series of four collector's plates which will in their entirety depict a complete "Portrait of Liberty."

Each plate in the four-part series features a scene depicting one of the four major movements of the American Revolution and one is released each year on Jan. 1, for the four consecutive years preceding the actual Bicentennial celebration. In 1973 "The Seeds are Sown," Patrick Henry addressing the Virginia Convention, was issued; 1974—"Independence is Declared" Thomas Jefferson drafting the Declaration of Independence; 1975—"A Test of Courage" Washington praying at Valley Forge; and 1976—"Liberty is Proclaimed" three new Americans ring the Liberty Bell. This handmade commemorative collection is being designed and produced by the Fenton Art Glass Company at Williamstown, W.V.

On July 4, 1976, a final ceremony will take place at Independence Hall at which time all the molds for these plates will be publicly destroyed, thereby creating a limited edition. This means that not only will the plates become heirlooms with great personal value, but their market value is sure to increase as well.

"The 1975 plate," Mrs. Miller said, "will be available through local women's clubs all over the nation by the first part of February. This has been perhaps the most successful program commemorating our Bicentennial and it pleases us that nearly every women's club

in America has participated. Local women's clubs affiliated with the GFWC are the "exclusive agents" to sell the plates. The Caldwell chapter is the Forward Club.

Occident Club members have purchased the Bicentennial Commemorative "Portrait of Liberty" plates, as they have been issued.



GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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Mrs. Carroll E. Miller, President

Dear Friends:

It is a special pleasure for me to call attention to the marvelous products in this attractive and interesting catalog. They are wonderful for your own use and great as gifts!

What a bonanza this program can be — useful products with prices equally beautiful — a good profit on each item sold goes to the Woman's Club that sends in the order — and a small commission on each item sold goes to the State Federation and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

I know from experience that you will be happy with the quality of these fine products and you will have fun making selections that can be so conveniently ordered from this catalog. I hope the club Ways and Means Chairman will be kept busy with your ordering!

Sincere best wishes,

Mary Katharine Miller

Mrs. Carroll E. Miller
President



We have sold different useful and fine products through the years at a profit for the Club.

Federated Clubs Name Top Women of Year

Mrs. Guy Whitney, Mountain Home's first woman Civil Defense director and charter member of several community groups, has been chosen outstanding clubwoman of the year by the second district, Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs.

The honor was announced Tuesday night during the federation's convention banquet in Meridian. Mrs. Fred Pipal, 1215 North Twenty-fourth, Boise, was selected first runner up, and Mrs. Earl Harmon, 416 North Pacific, Boise, second runner up. Mrs. Robert F. Alexander, district president made the presentation.

Mrs. Whitney, officer in several civic groups, was a charter member of the Elmore County Historical Association, Eureka Rock and Gem Club, Business and Professional Women and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Patriarchs Militant. She has received the highest honor, the Decoration of Chivalry, which the LAPM bestows. She was nominated for the federation's award by the

Mountain Home Woman's Civic Club.

Mrs. Pipal was nominated by the Boise Woman's Civic Club for helping to organize that group, the Boise Lady Lions and the Elkettes. She is also active in the Lady Elks, Columbian Club, Chamber of Commerce, Allied Civic Forces and the Insurance Women of Boise.

Mrs. Harmon, the Columbian Club's nominee, has worked for 30 years with the Idaho Humane Society. She has been co-chairman of the Idaho Conservation Convocation for four years and is currently the IFWC community improvement program chairman.

Convention Highlight

Clubwomen Nominated For Federation Honor

Three finalists in the president's "Outstanding Clubwoman of the Year" contest of the Second District, Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, have been announced by Mrs. Robert F. Alexander, district president.

They are Mrs. Fred Pipal, 1215 North Twenty Fourth; Mrs. Earl Harmon, 416 North Pacific, both of Boise, and Mrs. Guy Whitney, 1080 North Sixth East, Mountain Home. They will receive honors during the awards

banquet Tuesday, at the annual convention at the American Legion Hall in Meridian.

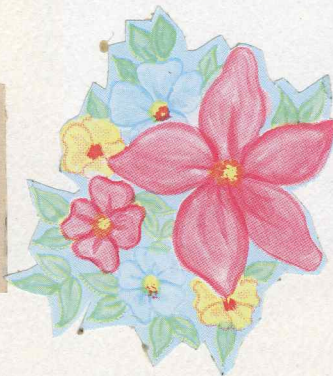
Mrs. Raymond Langley of the Meridian Occident Club is general chairman, assisted by Mrs. C. L. Egbert.

Registration and hospitality hour will be from 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday with Mrs. George Hill, Caldwell, as registrar. Business sessions will begin at 9 a.m. Meridian's Mayor, Don Storey, will welcome the delegates. Speaker during the 12:30 luncheon will be Mrs. William S. Hayes, Boise. A film, "Look to the Land," will be shown by David Alvord, state planning agency.

A cash award will be presented to the club winning the community improvement program competition for 1972-74. This nationwide program is co-sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and Sears-Roebuck Company. Every federated club in Idaho has entered the current two year contest.

Newly elected officers will be installed by Mrs. Emery Hedlund, St. Maries, IFWC president.

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Dr. Jolley here

Dr. Blaine Jolley, from the University of Michigan Medical Center at Ann Harbour, is in Meridian taking care of business for his mother, Mrs. Ann Jolley. Dr. Jolley is on the medical staff of the university.

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Methodist women serve luncheon

The annual spring luncheon of United Methodist Women will be held at 1 p.m., this Saturday, April 20, at the fellowship hall of the church. The theme will be "Friendship is a Treasure".

Miss Eunice Wallace of Boise State University will be the speaker. Mrs. Margaret Judd is program chairman, Mrs. Doris Frost is in charge of decorations. Mrs. Margaret Boyack, the kitchen; and Mrs. Norma Gale, the dining room.

All women of the church and friends are invited.

Blood group sets Monday meeting

Meridian Blood Committee will meet at 8 p.m. Monday night, April 29, at the Occident clubroom.

Plans will be made for the blood-drawing to be held May 30. Quota for the area has been set at 150 pints.

August M. Hein, committee chairman, urged all members to attend.

Grandma Finds a Gold Mine—in Plates!

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — A successful art dealer in this Chicago suburb has announced a new, easy way to start collecting rare porcelain plates with high resale potential.

According to Thomas Gilmore II, president of this dealership, one grandmother of modest means bought one exceptional plate for \$25 in 1965 that now sells for \$1,050, and purchased another at \$10 in 1969 that now brings \$245.

Mr. Gilmore says, "Since many plates do not increase in value, amateurs often make serious mistakes." He offers a free report on what to look for, when to buy, what to pay and much more. It even includes special offers on eagerly-sought collector plates at modest cost.

To get your free report with no obligation, just send your name, address, and zip code to Bradford Galleries, 215E Bradford Place, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. A postcard will do. Because of limited quantities, please mail your request before February 15, 1975.

Teacher honored by club

MERIDIAN—Special guest of the Meridian Occident Club meeting held Monday at the Occident Clubroom, was Mrs. Hazel Sims, retired teacher of Nampa. The meeting was in recognition of teachers.

Mrs. Sims presented a program to the club members, showing slides and songs of our American Heritage from the Revolutionary War period.

The Occident Club had the largest delegation of club members as guests of the Alexis Club of Boise with 13 members going to the meeting for clubs who are members of the Idaho Federated Womens Club.

It was reported a total of 2,160 books had been checked out of the Meridian Public Library with an average of 135 books for 16 library days.

Two members of Occident Club spend 73 years and 176 miles of traveling to work on projects at the Veterans

Administration Office in Boise. Edith Crockett will fill the vacancy on the library board created by Nancy Spears who resigned to accept a paying position with the library.

Showers fete bride-elect

Recent showers honoring Karen Richardson, bride-to-be, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richardson have been hosted by Mrs. Henry Achura and Tammy Achura.

Among them were Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Amidon, and Mrs. Erma Ayers, grandmother of the bridegroom.



New slate for 1974-75

Occident Club chooses new officers, reports on library-building progress

Mrs. Mildred Langley was elected president of the Occident Club at the meeting held Monday at the Methodist Church. The new officers will be installed June 3.

Chosen with Mrs. Langley were Mrs. June Thomas, vice president; Mrs. Mary Alice White, secretary; Mrs. Berneice Jones, treasurer. Outgoing president is Mrs. Ethel Pilkington.

The June 3 meeting will be held at the club house, since the library will then be moved into its new quarters.

Special honor will be paid at the June meeting to the four charter members of the club, which was organized almost 50 years ago—Mrs. Nina Egbert, Mrs. Susie Cairns, Mrs. Mertie Garrett, Mrs. Zelma Haworth.

Library district planned

By unanimous vote at Monday's meeting, Occident Club members approved a project to form a library district for the community. A petition will be presented to the Ada County commissioners for their approval.

Club officials pointed out that there are now more than 1,600 patrons using the library, more than half of whom reside outside the

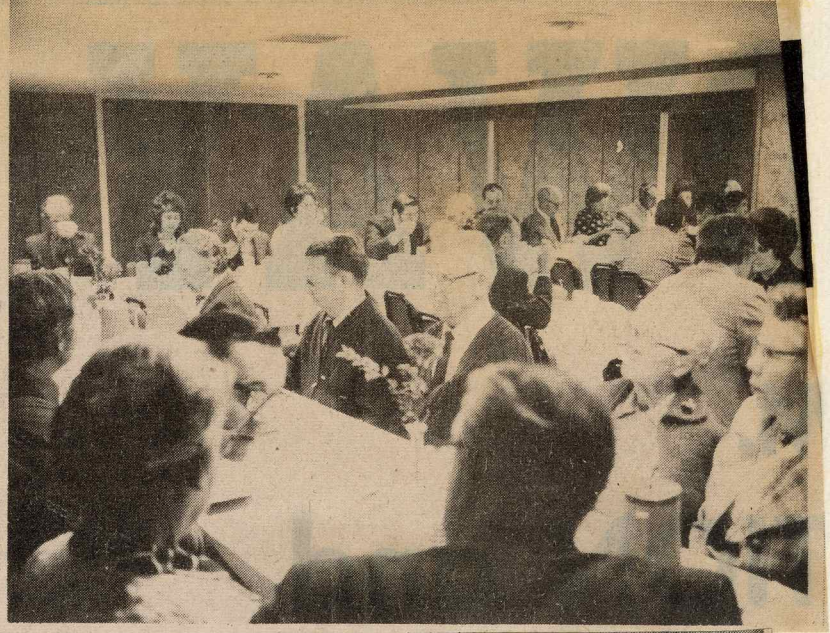
Meridian city limits.

They said the number of hours that the library is open should be greatly increased, but that expanded operation would be too heavy a burden for the club members.

The petition will ask the formation of a library district with the same boundaries as the Meridian fire district and the swimming pool district.

The club has agreed to lease the library facilities to the proposed district for 20 years at the nominal fee of only \$1 per year.

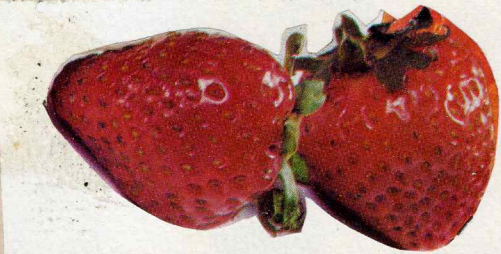
Work on the new library quarters is progressing well, club spokesman said, and it is hoped that the move into the new location can be made by May 15.



Annual Meridian prayer breakfast draws good attendance

THE ALWAYS-POPULAR Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Meridian drew a capacity crowd Monday morning. Program included a welcoming address by Mayor Don Storey, standing in picture at right, and a talk on the power of prayer by the Rev. Evert Roberts of the Meridian Gospel Tabernacle. Special

music was presented by Ron Van Order and Randy Rodes, of the Meridian high school faculty. Master-of-ceremonies for event, held at Pat's Cafe, was Wayne Skiver, president of Meridian Chamber of Commerce, shown at right of Mayor Storey. (Valley News-Times photos)



Occident Club completes all library payments

The Meridian Occident Club was the scene of a happy occasion when members met Monday for their regular meeting. Making it a happy event were the celebrating of the club's golden anniversary, the announcement that all contracts for the library had been paid, and the presence of three charter members—Zelma Haworth, Nina Egbert, and Susie Cairns.

During the business meeting it was announced that all contracts

New library hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons from 2 till 5, and Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 till 9.

had been paid for library construction and an audit of the financial books would soon be ready. Insert

In other business, members discussed a possible individual library fee of \$5, and a family fee of \$10. The new rate would not go into effect until the new library district had been established, and would affect only patrons living outside the city limits.

Guests honored

Corsages were presented to the honored guests, the three charter members, and Zelma Haworth installed the new officers for the 1974-75 term, with Deane Ulmer pinning corsages on each new officer as she received her obligation. The corsages were a gift from out-going

president Ethel Pilkington.

Installed were Mildred Langley, president; June Thomas, vice-president; Mary Alice White, secretary; Bernice Jones, treasurer; Marguerite Patch, historian.

Nearly \$55 was presented to the treasurer from donations received by the library last Saturday.

The Occident Club, a member of Idaho State Federated Clubs, concluded its last meeting of the season until September with an original poem, read by Mildred de Reus, honoring Mrs. Pilkington, who will soon be leaving for Phoenix, Arizona, to make her home.

The anniversary decorated birthday cake was presented at the covered dish luncheon by Mildred Langley and Mildred de Reus, and was served by president Ethel Pilkington.



Monday morning Mayor's Prayer Breakfast invites valley residents

Members of all community families, young and old, are invited to the fifth annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Pat's Cafe, Meridian, at 6:45 next Monday morning, April 22.

Breakfast price will be \$2.15 per plate, and tickets will be available at the door. The popular annual event is sponsored by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce.

Master of ceremonies will be Wayne Skiver, president of the Chamber of Commerce. A brief welcoming address will be given by Mayor Don M. Storey, with the opening prayer by Doran Peterson.

Special music will be presented by the music department of Meridian high school, and the department-head Ron VanOrder will play background music.

Mrs. Len Aschenbrenner will give the Scripture reading.

Featured speaker will be Pastor Evert Roberts of the Meridian Gospel Tabernacle.

Special guests at the breakfast will be Mrs. Zelma Haworth, the 1973 "Woman of the Year", and

Glenn Green, the 1973 "Man of the Year". The closing prayer will be given by David Gjesdal.

The committee in charge of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast includes the Rev. Charles W. Easley, Jr. as chairman; the Rev. Howard Hopkins, and other members of the Meridian Ministerial Association.





Legion Auxiliary plans Poppy Day

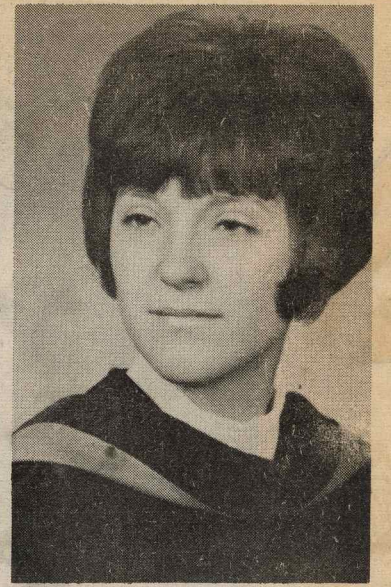
THIS SATURDAY, May 19, American Legion Auxiliary of Meridian will conduct the annual Poppy Day, with proceeds going to rehabilitation, nurse scholarships, and child welfare. Above, "Miss Poppy", Carla Jo Lockyer presents memorial poppy to Mrs. Mabel Cairns, whose son Nelton Cairns is buried in the National Cemetery at Honolulu. Mrs. Naoma Orton is Poppy Day chairman for Meridian group. (Creason Photography)

Meridian woman enjoys month in Brazil

Mrs. Jonas (Sally) Lee, Meridian, has returned home from a month's visit at Recife, Brazil, where the Lees' daughter Vickie is spending 13 months as an exchange student on the Youth for Understanding program.

Mrs. Lee visited Lima, Peru, and Panama and Guatemala during her trip. Other highlights were touring Brasilia, the capitol of Brazil, described as the most beautiful modern city of the world, and another beautiful city, Rio.

Mrs. Lee enjoyed the tropical beauty, and the gracious, friendly people of the country. Upon returning, she and seven exchange students of Boise Valley who have attended schools took a tour to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tucson, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Yellowstone Park, where they had to stay overnight due to a snowstorm. Mrs. Lee is area director for the Youth For Understanding program. Vickie Lee is expected to be home July 28 from her year of study in Recife.



ISU graduate

VICKI POTTS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Smith of Rt. 4, Boise, will graduate from Idaho State University this Saturday, with a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Pharmacy. A 1969 graduate of Meridian high school, she is a member of Rho Chi honorary.

(Creason Photography)

Our Deane Ulmer's Granddaughter

Women visit relatives

Mrs. Blanche Scott was accompanied as far as Wendell by Mrs. Marguerite Patch, where Mrs. Patch visited her sister, Mrs. Hazel Jenkins, and was the guest of her niece, Mrs. Aelard Meistad. Mrs. Scott traveled to Twin Falls, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Gail McKean.

Pamela Niemann Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Niemann of Meridian, was awarded a State of Idaho scholarship as "an outstanding graduate of an Idaho high school who demonstrates superior scholastic and personal achievements".

Ulmers have guests

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ulmer has been her sister Mrs. Blanche Millis of Veronia, Oregon and Mrs. Joyce Knowles and sons Tim and Patrick of McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Lon McFadden and Bernard and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mrs. Millis has been visiting her sisters and families, Mrs. Ulmer and Mrs. McFadden.

U of I commencement

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pitkin, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pitkin, and Marla Pitkin were joined by Dennis Pitkin of Blairmore, Canada, and Mary Tomokiyo of Vancouver, Canada, for the graduation of Terry Pitkin who received a Master's Degree, from the University of Idaho at Moscow.

WWI Auxiliary installs Friday

Auxiliary of World War I Veterans, Barracks 1056, will meet at the American Legion hall at Meridian at noon this Friday, May 3.

The program will include a potluck luncheon, a business meeting, and the installation of new officers. Installing officers will be Julia Clare and a team from Nampa.

Newly elected officers to be seated include Ione Pruett, president; Zelma Hutton, first vice-president; Betsy Smith, junior vice-president; Margaret Patch, chaplain; Alma Barber, treasurer; Clara Casteel, conductress; Violet Fisher, guard; Merle Davis, trustee; Eura Waitley, secretary.

Delegates will be appointed for the state convention June 3-5 at Burley.

Correction

In the story about the Occident Club meeting last week, the picture presented by Meridian Garden Club was incorrectly described.

The picture was a landscape painting by Robert Wood, and the gift was a memorial to the late Myrtle Songer, who had been a member of both clubs.

HARMONY CLUB will meet at the Coffee Mill for a 1 p.m. luncheon, Friday, May 10. Blanche Wolff will be hostess for a social afternoon at her home.

Californians visit

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ayers of Los Angeles, visited at the Glen Ayers, home this week.

Family gathering

Guests of Ruth Armstrong have been her brother, Ralph Stuart of San Francisco; her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ysidro Yribar of Walnut Creek, California; and grandchildren David Grenke and Kimberly Parks.

U of I honorary

Ann Jackson Noble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Jackson of Rt. 3, Meridian, was among the 25 University of Idaho students recently initiated into Phi Upsilon Omicron, home economics honorary. Ann is a graduate of Meridian high school.

Bertha Downer's Granddaughter.

PAST NOBLE GRANDS of Rebekah will meet at 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 17, with Minnie Anderson.

Scrivners visit

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Scrivner of Ontario, Oregon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scrivner.

Mayor Don Storey of Meridian was presented the "Honored Citizen" award by the Treasure Valley Chambers of Commerce.

Grandson of Lena Bodine





Seven students work on major B.S.U. project

LANCE EGGERS of Meridian, at right, receives instruction from geology instructor **James Applegate** at Boise State University on

use of seismograph. Eggers is one of seven student-researchers working on geothermal projects at BSU.

(Boise State University news bureau)



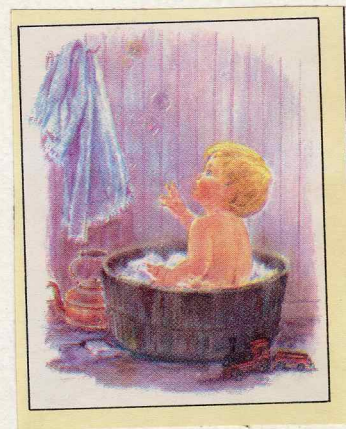
Grandson of our Club member Monta Watts



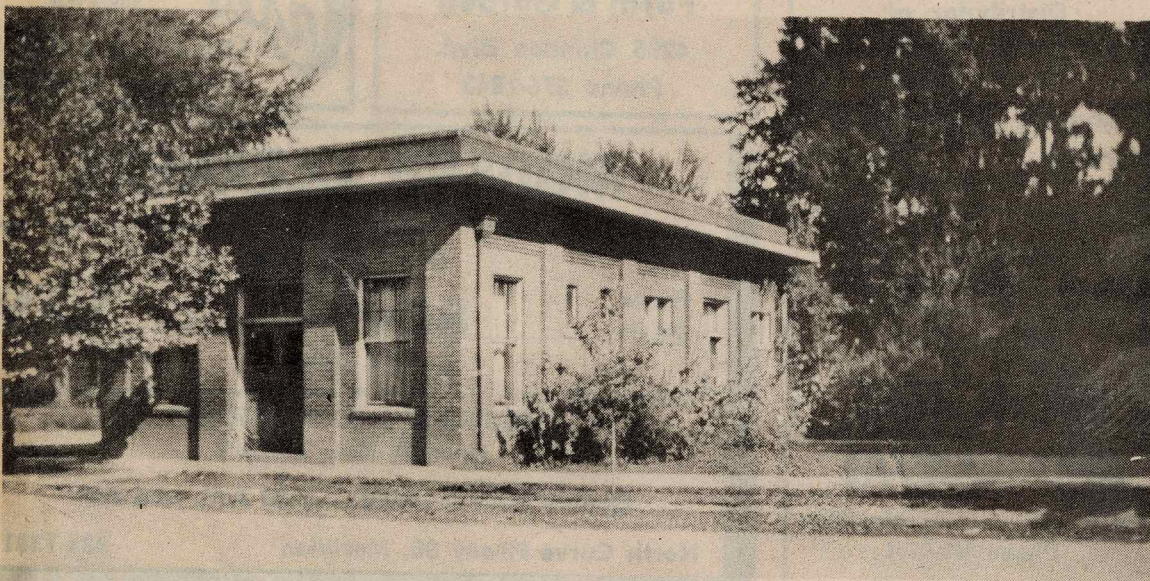
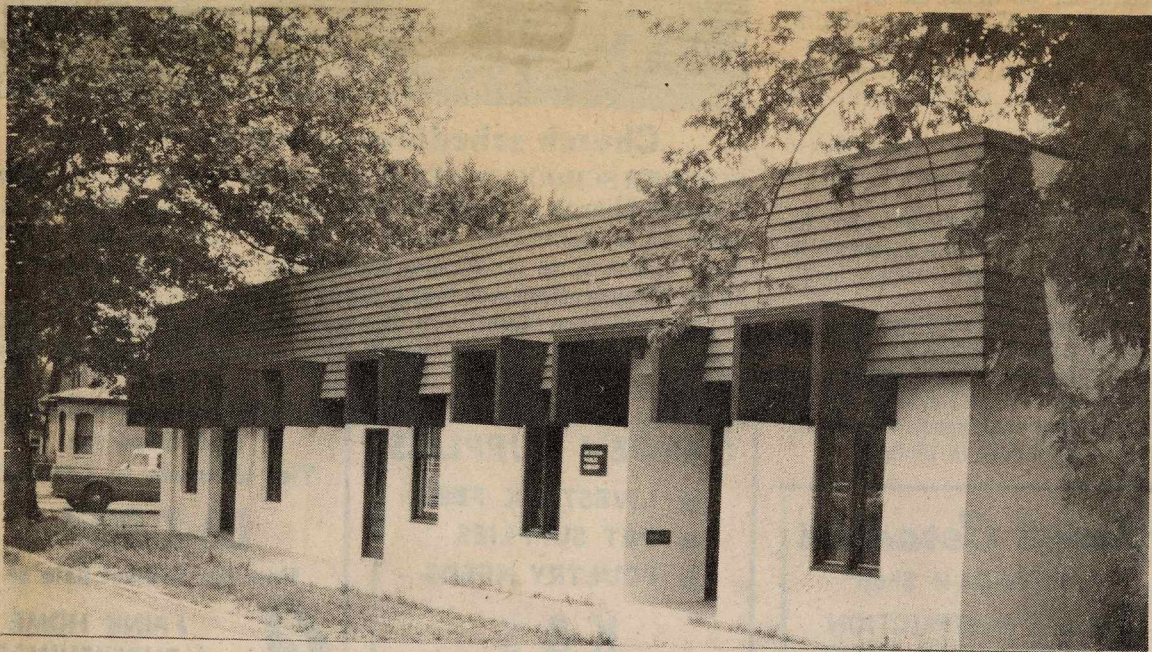
Come on in, the water's fine!

COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL at Meridian city park is popular place these days, as above pictures show—with girl doing “fancy” dive in picture at left; and dozens of boys and girls in picture at right. Pool is open daily from 1 till 5 p.m. and from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Each

Tuesday night is family-night, with no one younger than 18 admitted unless accompanied by an adult. Admission is 25c for children 11 years old and younger, 50c for those 12 through 17 years of age, and \$1 for those 18 and older. (Valley News-Times photos)



A dream come true for our Community



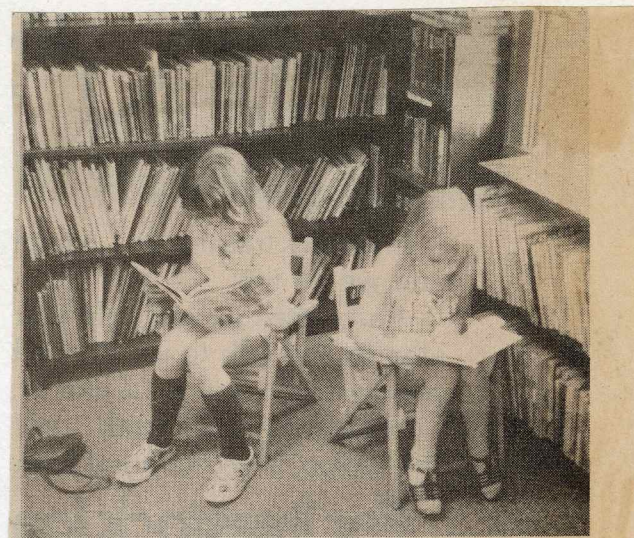
Library slates open house this Saturday

OPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY, June 1, will observe the re-opening of the Meridian public libraries in its new enlarged quarters. All area families are invited from 2 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The new quarters, upper picture, represent a vast change from the original old interurban depot, shown in lower photo, which was bought by Occident Club in 1926. The new enlargement

and addition were constructed at a cost of many thousands of dollars, contributed by community groups and individuals, plus a federal grant. Major contributors to the library-building project were the Occident Club, the Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association, and others. Campaign is now underway to establish a library district to serve Meridian and the surrounding areas.

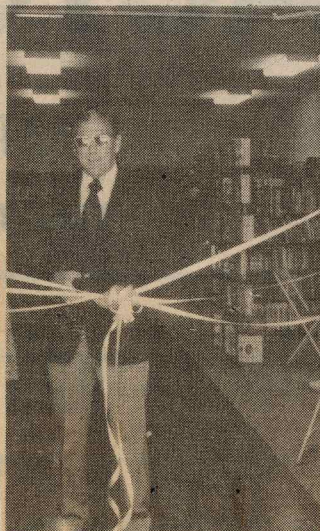


GRAND OPENING of new Meridian public library culminated years of effort by Occident Club, with major help from Meridian Jaycees, Meridian Athletic



Picture at right—too busy for all the grand-opening events, Linda and Lois Griffitts get down to the actual business of a library—reading. (Photos by Valley New-Times)

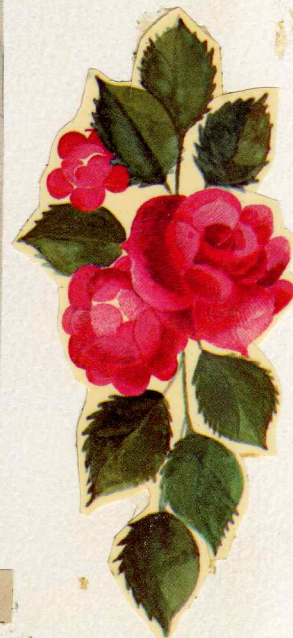
Saturday ceremony marks opening of Meridian community library in new and enlarged quarters

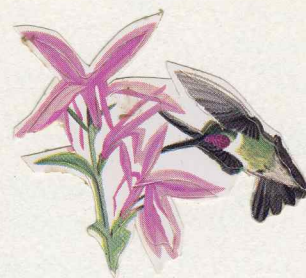


Association, and other community organizations and individuals. Pictures from left—part of opening-day crowd in front of new addition; Mayor Don Storey cuts

the ribbon; interior shot showing some opening-day guests; Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, outgoing Occident Club president with Mayor Don Storey and librarian Nancy

Sage.





LIBRARY OPENING — Jaycees and the Meridian Occident Womens Club members gather for the opening of Meridian's library. Many donations helped remodel and enlarge the old library, Nancy S. Sage, librarian, said.



CAME A LONG WAY — Starting as six books in the corner of a drug store, Meridian's newly remodeled 13,000 volume library was officially opened this weekend. Mayor Don Storey snips the ribbon as Nancy Sage, who started 20 years ago as an assistant librarian, looks on. The library is located at 18 East Idaho, across the street from the police station.



Mayor Don Storey cutting the ribbon. Nancy Sage close by -

This Sunday

Meridian Speedway opens race season

With top drivers and top racing cars, Meridian Speedway opens its 1974 racing season this Sunday afternoon. Time trials begin at 2 p.m., with races immediately following.

All proceeds of Sunday's opener will be donated to the building fund of the Meridian Community Library.

Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association have donated more than \$75,000 to worthy projects, and M. A. A. has donated an additional \$100,000 for youth activities in the Meridian community.

The M. A. A. Auxiliary also donates all proceeds from programs and program-advertising to community projects. Last year they donated \$20,000 to the community swimming pool.

Top card promised

Bill Crow, Speedway coordinator, said that race fans will see speed and thrills in the opening races. Leading drivers are entered in all five divisions—Super Stock, Foreign Stock, Junior Stock, Hobby Stock, and street-class or jalopies.

Rated a top contender in Super Stock races is Dennis Scott, who will drive his '68 Camaro "pony car". Equally challenging will be Ken Bowers, who won third place for Super Stocks in the 1973 season. Ken will drive car No. 55, the '67 Chevelle racer owned by his father, Don Bowers of Meridian.

Another top driver is Jerry Bowers, brother of Ken, who will drive car No. 26, the '69 Chevrolet with which Jim Dillon won the Super Stock championship for 1973.

Also rated right at the top among Super Stock racers is Gary Collins, driving car No. 28, who placed second for his division last year.

Guests of honor

Honored guests at Sunday's races will be Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa and Meridian Mayor Don Storey.

Occident Club officers and civic spokesmen expressed appreciation for the generous contribution the library building-fund will receive from the opening races. "The promise of this large donation made it possible for us to start the actual moving of the library into its new quarters," said Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, Occident Club president.

The library has been closed during April, and is scheduled to open in its new quarters early in May. In addition to the expanded library facilities, the community group has

expanded its other facilities, for use by all area groups.

M. A. A. community service

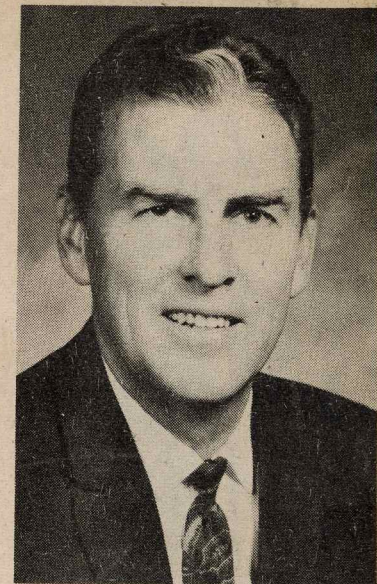
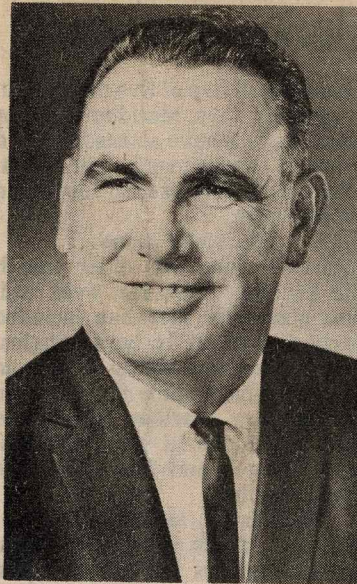
A full public-service organization, the Meridian Athletic Association and its Auxiliary donate all net proceeds for community projects and youth activities. Past beneficiaries have included the Easter Seal Fund, Idaho Heart Association, Lions Sight Foundation, and others.

Speedway is one of the best

Meridian Speedway's quarter-mile paved track is rated as one of the best, and the trickiest, in the northwest.

The modern stadium, that includes concession stands and restrooms, provides excellent-view seats for 6,000.

"Our opening races are going to be the start of an outstanding season," said Speedway coordinator Bill Crow. "Join your fellow racing-fans, friends, and neighbors for an afternoon of thrills and spills, crashes and smashes, at the Meridian Speedway this Sunday."



HONOR GUESTS at Meridian Speedway this Sunday will be, at left, Mayor Don Storey of Meridian, and at right, Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa. Proceeds from Sunday's opener will be donated to Meridian Community Library by the Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association.

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Meridian Speedway

Library Benefit Race

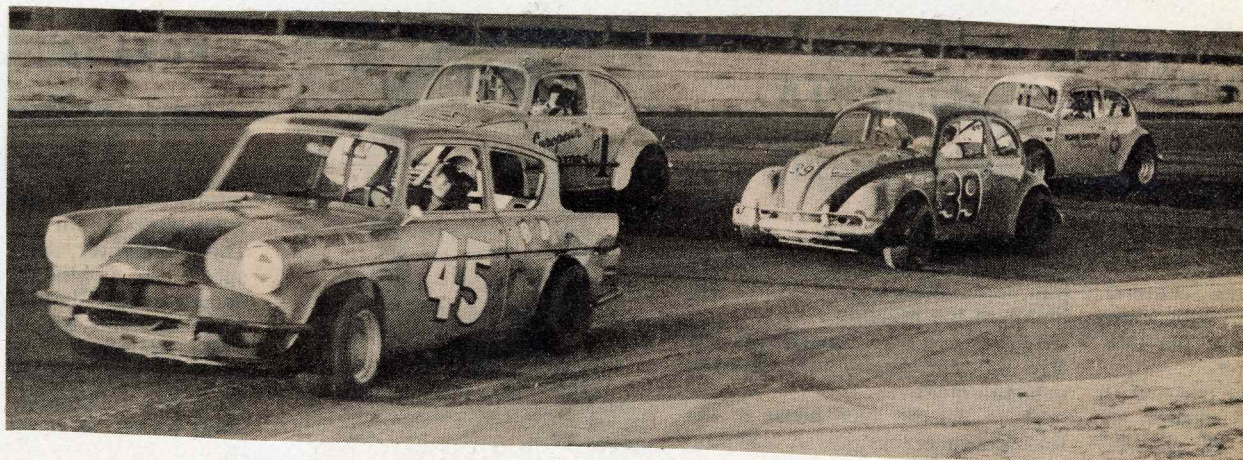
\$2.50 DONATION TO BUILDING FUND OF
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RACERS AND RACE-FANS began to "get the bug" Sunday, when more than 25 drivers lined up their cars at Meridian Speedway for camera-day. Eight of the racers are shown above. Opening race will be Sunday afternoon

April 28, with all proceeds to be donated to the building-fund of the Meridian community library. Tickets at \$2.50 are now on sale at Valley News-Times' office, Bill Crow's Frontier Club, and by members of the

Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association. The M. A. A. and W. I. R. A. have donated a total of more than \$75,000 to worthy projects to date, and the M. A. A. has spent more than \$100,000 for youth

activities in the community. Community residents are urged to support the library-benefit races by advance purchase of tickets—which may also be ordered by mail from Library-Benefit Race, P. O. Box 365, Meridian, Idaho 83642. (Photos by Valley News-Times)

'74 season opens

Mason wins major event in library-benefit races

Meridian Athletic Association, Western Idaho Racing Association, and the M. A. A. Auxiliary donated \$2,280 to the Meridian library, as proceeds of the opening races at Meridian Speedway last Sunday.

Although threatening clouds lessened the attendance, about 3,000 racing fans saw Steve Mason win the Super Stock main event. Other winners were Terry Turner, Junior Stock; Bill Cooper, Foreign Stock.

Drivers to Compete In Library Benefit

MERIDIAN — The season opens at the Meridian Speedway today at 1:30 p.m. with a benefit race for the Meridian library fund.

Today's races will open a summer schedule that will include five classes of cars. Following today's race, regular racing will be held Saturday nights.

Letters to editor

Editor,
Valley News-Times

Dear Ralph—

Occident Club wishes to express through your paper its sincere and grateful thanks to all those who attended the opening races at the Meridian Speedway on April 28, and to the Meridian Athletic Association and Western Idaho Racing Association whose contribution of the proceeds of that race to the Meridian Library Fund has brought the completion of the project much nearer its financial conclusion.

The club is truly appreciative of the interest and concern of the many groups and individuals whose contributions and help have gone into the carrying out of the library project. We wish especially to thank you, Mr. Hunter, for your enthusiastic support of all activities that have benefited the library building project, and for the time and advice you have given to this work.

Ethel M. Pilkington,
President
Mary Alice White,
Secretary

Speedway Benefit

Statesman Staff Report
MERIDIAN — More than 3,000 racing fans turned out to support the Meridian Library Benefit Race at the Meridian Speedway Sunday afternoon and drivers greeted the fans with a card of good racing, highlighted by several very close matches.

Steve Mason held off a challenge by Bob Scharf to win the Super Stock main event — the featured race of the afternoon — while Ken Taylor won the Hobby class race over Galen Dudley in a re-started contest.

Roy Doan had the early lead in the race but broke an axle on a turn and went down the track on three tires, causing the rest of the cars to bottleneck.

Terry Turner won the Junior main, but only after a large pileup in the first turn of the first lap. Al Wilson was second and Marvin Weaver third in the race.

Five cars turned out for

the new Jalopy class and Pat McFadden swept the show, driving his car to the fast time in the class (20.13) and winning the single heat race and main event.

The closest race of the day was in the Foreign stock class when Bill Cooper edged Butch Freeman after the two raced nose to nose for four laps.

Steve Mason had the fast time in the Super Stock bracket with a 15.66 time while Freeman took the Foreign Stock fast time with a 16.8 and Al Wilson was the quickest in the Junior stocks at 16.48 seconds. Gene Thompson's 17.63 was the tops in the Hobby stock. The first place finishers in the Super Stock trophy dash were disqualified but winners were named in the other divisions.

Freeman took the Foreign Stock trophy while Marvin Weaver won the Junior Stock title and Gary Smith took the honors in the Hobby Stock.

Regular racing gets underway Saturday night at the Speedway with a full slate of races scheduled in all classes.

Fast times: Super: Steve Mason, 15.66; Foreign: Butch Freeman, 16.18; Junior: Al Wilson, 16.84; Hobby: Gene Thompson, 17.63; Jalopy: Pat McFadden, 20.13.

Trophy Dashes: Foreign: Freeman, Arnie Strawn, Bill Cooper; Junior: Marvin Weaver, Jack Smoot, Wilson; Hobby: Gary Smith, Galen Dudley, Don Tolisma, Jalopy: Pat McFadden, Danny Nix, Chuck Knapp.

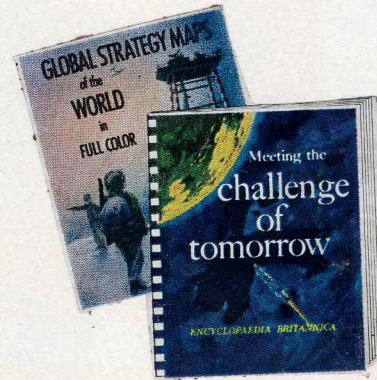
Heat Races: First Hobby: Ron Doan, Matt Klaas, Dale Bell. Second Hobby: Larry Smith, Don Tolisma, Gene Thompson. First Junior: Jim Schimmels, Tony Tolisma, Willie Ransom. Second Junior: Al Wilson, "Digger" Dietz, Jack Smoot. Foreign: Cooper, Doug Young, Freeman. First Super: Bob Scharf, Ted Garbrandt, Jerry Bowers. Second Super: Collins, Ken Bowers, Dennis White. Jalopy: McFadden, Nix, Knapp.

Main Events: Jalopy: McFadden, Morrie Plake, Danny Nix. Hobby: Ken Taylor, Galen Dudley, Dale Bell. Foreign: Cooper, Freeman, Doug Young. Junior: Terry Turner, Al Wilson, Marvin Weaver. Super: Steve Mason, Bob Scharf, Ken Bowers.



M.A.A. and racers give \$2,280 for library

MERIDIAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, M. A. A. Auxiliary, and Western Idaho Racing Association donated all net proceeds from Sunday's opening races at Meridian Speedway to the building-fund of the Meridian library. Mrs. Ethel Pilkington, president of the Occident Club, receives the checks for \$2,280 from Bill Crow, Speedway coordinator. Additional money will be given library fund by Explorer Scouts of Post 101, who operated popcorn concession at Sunday's races. Civic officials, library directors, and others expressed appreciation for generous gift—which made possible the final step of moving the library into its new quarters. (Valley News-Times photo)



This generous gift from the Meridian Athletic Association was greatly appreciated.



We Salute the dairy farmer



Through your enterprise and efficiency, dairy farmers, you've done much for the health and wealth of this community. We congratulate you . . . We wish you continued success and prosperity, and we'll do our part to assure it.



Governor toasts "June is Dairy Month"

GOVERNOR CECIL D. ANDRUS drinks a toast to Idaho's dairy industry after signing an executive proclamation designating June as Dairy Month. Pouring milk for the Governor is Judy George, 17, Homedale, second runner-up in last year's Meridian Dairy Show Princess contest.

Major parade Friday

MERIDIAN, IDAHO, THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1974

Meridian Dairy Show opens three-day run this Thursday

The Meridian Dairy Show opens this Thursday morning for a three-day run—which includes the annual dairy show parade this Friday, and special dairy show auto races Saturday.

Reigning over the annual event will be Dairy Princess Vicki Sheffield, with her attendants—first

runner-up Lisa Paynter and second runner-up Karen Edwards.

Junior livestock show

Opening events this Thursday morning will be the junior livestock show for 4-H members and Future Farmers of America, starting at 9:30 a.m. That will be preceded by a dairy-goat milking display at 9 a.m.

At 7:30 Thursday night, the 4-H and FFA members will hold a fitting and showing competition.

Friday's program

At 9:30 Friday morning, open class judging will start of Jerseys, Brown Swiss, and Milking Short-horns. At 1 p.m. there will be a cattle-judging contest among Chamber of Commerce representatives.

man of the 1974 Dairy Show parade.

Automobiles for dignitaries in the parade will be furnished by Gibson-Welker Ford of Meridian.

Saturday's program

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, judging will start of Ayrshires, Guernseys, and Holsteins. Open class judging of goats for 4-H and FFA members will also start at 9:30 a.m.

Concluding event of the Meridian Dairy Show will be the special auto races at the Speedway, with time trials starting at 7 p.m.

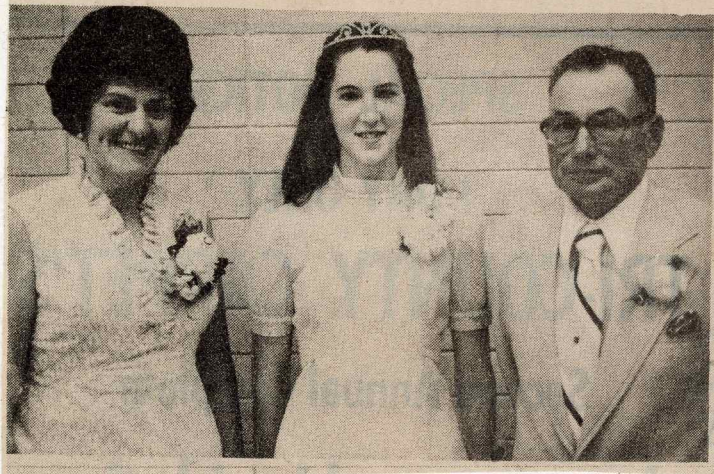
In operation at the Meridian Dairy Show through Saturday will be the Inland Empire Shows, Idaho's largest home-owned carnival.

Candidates tea set Sunday

MERIDIAN — A get acquainted tea will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, June 2, at the Occident Clubroom, for the Meridian Dairy Show Princess candidates and the judges. Purpose of the tea is for the candidates and judges to become better acquainted and that the judges may conduct a personal interview with each candidate.

The judging dinner banquet will be held June 4, at 8 p.m., at the Meridian High School cafeteria. Susan Eby will be mistress of ceremonies. The public is invited. Dinner will be served at \$3 per plate.

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Princess Vicki, Meridian dairy royalty

VICKI SHEFFIELD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sheffield of Rt. 3, Meridian, was crowned 1974 Meridian Dairy Princess at special banquet Tuesday night. First runner-up was Lisa Paynter of New Plymouth, and Karen Edwards of Kuna was second runner-up. Princess Vicki and her attendants will reign at the Meridian Dairy Show this Thursday through Saturday.

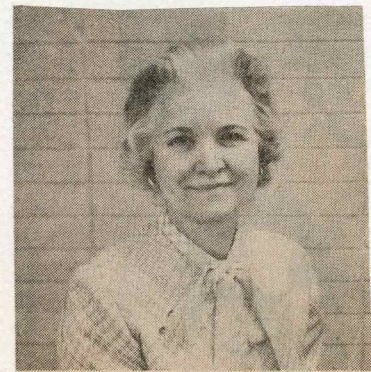
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Susan Eby

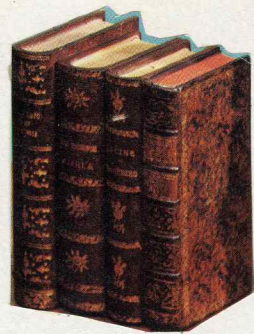


DAIRY WIVES of Treasure Valley sponsored highly successful Meridian Dairy Princess banquet Tuesday night. Shown at upper left are, from left, Mrs. Jenny Dirksen, president of Treasure Valley Dairy Wives; Linda McFadden, 1973 Dairy Princess; and Bob Day, president of Meridian Dairy Show board of directors.

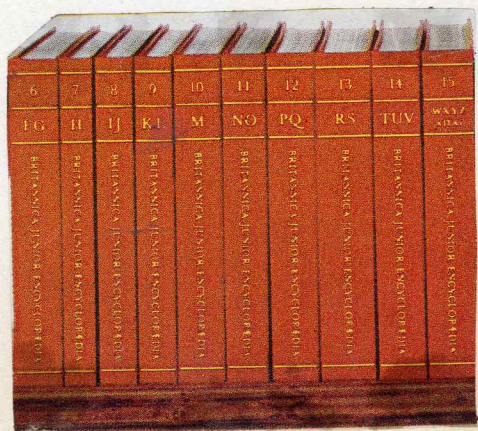


At lower left is popular television personality Susan Eby, who was mistress of ceremonies. Picture at lower center shows Dairy Princess candidates. Picture at lower right, organist Lucille Wilson of Nampa, national vice president of the National Federation of Music Clubs. (Valley News-Times photos)

Opening day
of our new addition
to the library.
June 1, 1974

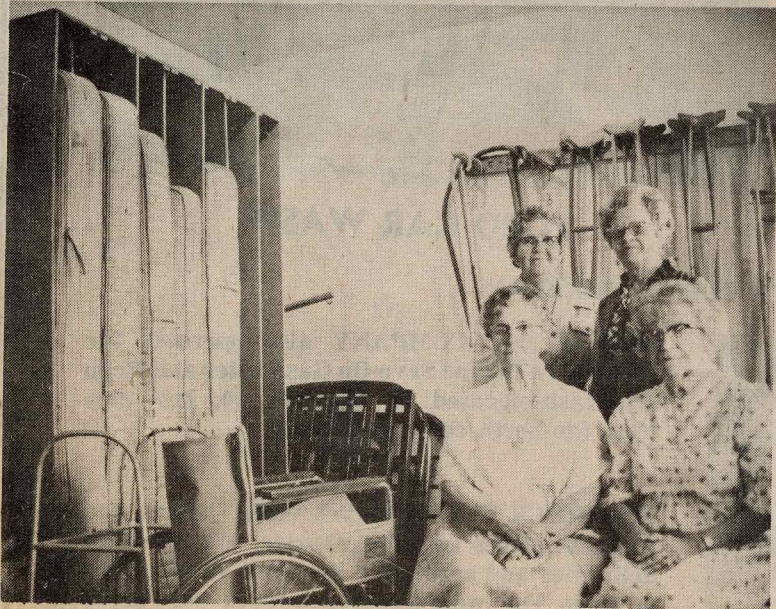


Mayor Don Story cut the ribbon at the opening
of our new Library building.
Shown here with our Librarian Nancy Sage
and our Club president Mildred Langley-





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Charter members of Occident Club

ATTENDING GRAND OPENING of new Meridian public, library, top picture, were three charter members of the Occident Club. From left, Nina Egbert, Zelma Mathews Haworth, Susie Cairns, who helped organize the club 50 years ago the 19th of this month. Lower picture shows Emergency Closet operated by club for benefit of sick or disabled residents of community. Volunteer workers included, from left, seated—Zelma Haworth and Hazel Goodwin; standing—Lois Frazier and Leona Egbert.
(Valley News-Times photos)

Our three Charter Members —

Nina Egbert
Zelma Haworth
Susie Cairns

Emergency Loan Closet workers

Zelma Haworth
Hazel Goodwin
Lois Frazier
Leona Egbert