

The Meridian United Methodist bellringers performed for the Chamber Tuesday.

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Gladys Kelley
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Bell ringing takes practice

The Meridian Chamber of Commerce experienced a special sound of Christmas Tuesday as the Meridian United Methodist bellringers performed a variety of Christmas songs.

The group, known as The Belles, is an all-women group of bellringers. The director is Chris Mitchell, wife of Pastor Verle Mitchell.

"We started ringing in 1980," Chris Mitchell said. "Some have been in it less than a year, though."

Mitchell said she started ringing four years ago at another church.

"It's not hard to learn, and it's a wonderful way to express yourself musically."

There are eight bell-ringers in The Belles. They handle anywhere from two to five individual hand bells. Mitchell said one song Tuesday she had to handle eight different hand bells.

The range of the bells cover three octaves, she noted.

The group practices an hour and a half a week. There are specially printed music pieces for bells, but often the group plays right out of the church hymnal.

Historical society to copy photos

Meridian Historical Society members will be in the Meridian Library Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to make copies of early day pictures of Meridian and the surrounding area.

They are asking residents to "please dig out those old photos and join us in this major collection effort."

"Your pictures will be returned to you on this same day with no harm done to them."

"Join us and contribute to Meridian's past," they urge.

The society met Oct. 2. Guest speaker was Mrs. Carl Patch who gave a talk on the early days of the old Meridian High School.

She also brought several year books from the late 1920's for those attending to look over.

Several old-timers from the area attended and related their experiences at the school.

Occident Club hosts library board

Members of the Meridian Occident Club started the year with a luncheon at Bird's Broiler last Monday noon.

Six members of the Meridian Library Board, James Shearer, Marvin Bodine, Jack Riddlemoser, Bill Snyder, Norman Fuller and Charlene Denny were present to discuss the concerns of the Club and the Library.

When the Occident Club deeded the building for the library, it was agreed that the club would have a meeting room and a kitchen.

Jack Riddlemoser, chairman of the Library Board, assured the Occident Club members that they will continue to have that space provided them after the library is remodeled. They would also have room for the emergency loan equipment the club has.

Twenty members and one guest, Mildred Bradley from California, and sister of Marguerite Patch, were present for the program and business meeting.

President Opal Merrell presided at the business meeting. Jane Kitching was in charge of the program with five Girl's State delegates, Pam Weber, Lisa Beckstead, Alei Merrill, Susan Jarvis and Corky Warr, giving a report on their week at Girl's State.

Hostesses for the luncheon were June Thomas, Leah Melvin and Deloris Reardon. June had prepared little favors that were placed at each place setting.

The next meeting will be the first Monday in October.

the Times call it Asbury Methodist Church. The Meridian Library had moved to a room at the City Hall from the drug store and had volunteers to keep it open two afternoons a week. This was a project of the Occident Club which had held their early meetings at the Methodist Church.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

-Commodities to be given out at the Senior Center between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

-Homecoming game- Meridian vs. Caldwell at B.S.U. - 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

-Breakfast- Senior Center at 8 to 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

-Rotary meets for lunch at The New O.J.'s.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

-The speaker at the Chamber lunch will be Mayor Grant Kingsford, who will speak on the new City Hall building.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

-Sophomore team vs. Capital at B.S.U.-7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

-Historical Society program at 7 p.m. at Meridian City Hall. Mrs. Carl Patch to speak on old High School.

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This construction worker was alone Wednesday morning at the Meridian library. He was in the old section which

used to be the interurban station and some artifacts have been said to been found during the remodeling. 7/1986

South America trip discussed

Blanche Wolf related highlights of her trip to Colombia, South America, to members of the Meridian Occident Club at their meeting April 1.

She went to Colombia to visit her son and daughter-in-law. Mrs. Wolf also displayed several momentos of her trip including basketry and wood work items.

Two guests, Mrs. Wolf and Kate Moore, along with 25 members attending the meeting.

President Opal Merrell presided. Program Chairman Clara Hamming introduced Mrs. Wolf.

Esther Sharp presided at the tea table. The table was decorated with a bouquet of spring flowers and miniature Easter baskets.

Hostesses were Lena Bodine, Mary Alice White and Elizabeth Ryan.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6 in the city library.

Library receives \$112,900 low bid

R.W. Moffett Construction Co. of Boise was the apparent low bidder to work on the second phase of construction on the Meridian library.

Bill Snyder, librarian, said the base bid by Moffett was \$112,900. Don Young Construction was next at \$115,700 while Lane Construction Inc. was third at \$118,399.

Work could begin as early as next week if the contract is signed with Moffett, architect James Shearer, Meridian, said.

The work would involve remodeling the front lobby area in the library, moving the front door to the library west about 25 feet and putting in glass to separate the children's reading area from the rest of the library.

Other work involves roofing work, and remodeling the office area.

Shearer, the architect for the project, said seven bids came in. The other bids were between \$120,000 and \$126,000 while the highest bid was at \$155,351.

"The bids were grouped real close together, except for the high bid," Shearer said.

Shearer said the low bid was within his estimates he had made

last fall.

The Meridian Free Library District has \$54,000 in funds from the Library Services and Construction Act, with local matching funds.

Shearer said there were six deductive alternate in the bid. He said three of those alternates will have to be deducted to be within the budget the library district has.

Those alternates that will be deducted include an insulation system on the outside of the wall on the north side of the library, a book drop, and an air conditioning unit in the children's section.

Those alternates will deduct \$11,815 from the bid from Moffett, meaning the contract for construction will be just over \$101,000.

"Those are appropriate figures with the funds available," he said.

"I thought the bids were real competitive," Snyder said.

Moffett has the contract and could have it signed by the end of this week. If the library board approves the contract, construction could start as soon as the first of next week.

The library board would have to approve the contract.

New books arrive at Meridian Library

WESTERN:

Cheyenne Brothers by Terrell L. Bowers; Hawks of Autumn by Wayne C. Lee; Mack to Malachi by Robert J. Conley; Daughter of the Eagle by Don Coldsmith.

LARGE PRINT:

Skye by Luran Paine; Down the Long Hills by Louis L'Amour; Virgin and Martyr by Andrew M. Greeley; Texan Fast Gun by Nevada Carter; The Merrymaid by Mollie Hardwick; Frederica in Fashion by Marion Chesney; Games to Keep the Dark Away by Marcia Muller.

Diana the Huntress by Marion Chesney; "Just Wait Till You Have Children of Your Own!" by Erma Bombeck; James Cagney by Doug Warren; Footprints by Brooke Astor; An Unkindness of Ravens by Ruth Rendell.

Act of Darkness by Francis King; No More Dying Then by Ruth Rendell; Suffer Little Children by Sheila Johnson; I Spy, You Die by Hosamma Brown; Night of the Tiger by Mary Kistler; Death and Mr. Potter by Rae Foley.

Stairs of Sand by Zane Grey; The Gallows Land by Bill Pronzini; This Old Bill by Loren D. Extleman; Quincannon by Bill Pronzini; War Party by Max Brand.

REFERENCE:

Atlas of the Bible by J.W. Rogerson; The Encyclopedia of Historic Places by Courtland Canby; Atlas of the Third World by George Thomas Kurian; Atlas of African History by Colin McEvedy.

The Quitable Woman, 1800-1981; The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Africa; Harper's Bible Dictionary;

Career Employment Opportunities Directory; Congressional Quarterly's Guide to Congress; Washington Information Directory; Book Reading: A Guide for Serious Readers.

NON-FICTION:

Pictures From the Water Trade by John Morley; George Washington in the American Revolution by James Flexner; George Washington: the Forge of Experience by James Flexner; George Washington: Anguish and Farewell by James Flexner.

Dear Danuta by Danuta Soderman; The Fix by Brian Freemantle; Basic Horse Care by Eleanor Prince; Aquarium Encyclopedia of Tropical Freshwater Fish by J.D. Van Ramshort; Company Manners by Lois Wyse.

Foxfire 9 by Eliot Wigginton; San Francisco Encore: a Cookbook; Idaho Folklife: Homesteads to Headstones; People of Chaco by Kendrick Frazier; The Hunter's Bible by W. Merrill.

Passage Through Armageddon: The Russian in War and Revolution, 1914-1918 by W. Lincoln; The Maldive Mystery by Thor Heyerdahl; Magdalena and Balthasar by Magdalena Paumgartner; Teenagers: When to Worry and What to Do by Douglas Powell.



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Loan 'Closet' Aids Meridian's Injured

By DIANNE WHITACRE
The Idaho Statesman

MERIDIAN — Fall is the busiest season for the Emergency Loan Closet in Meridian. That's when football injuries sideline high school boys and send them limping to the "closet" next door to 18 East Idaho.

There, they can borrow crutches or canes, or, if the injury was serious, a wheelchair or hospital bed.

The Emergency Loan Closet is a project of the Meridian Occident Club,

a women's club that has been looking after Meridian residents' welfare for more than 50 years.

It loans medical equipment, ranging from bed pans to hospital beds, to Meridian residents who are ill. There is no charge for use of the items. Any donation is used to buy new equipment, said Zelma Haworth, one of the two living charter members of the Occident Club.

The club felt since emergency medical equipment like wheelchairs and hospital beds were expensive and were only used a short time, the community

could share what it had. All age groups, from football players to senior citizens, use the Emergency Loan Closet.

It shares the building with the Meridian Public Library, another Occident Club project, said Lois Frazier, another club member. Since she lives across the street from the library, Frazier is holding the key for the Emergency Loan Closet while other committee members are out of town.

"People should just contact any club

member if they need to borrow equipment from the closet," she said. Sometimes the equipment is out a few weeks or several months, Haworth said.

There is a pancake breakfast each year to raise money to maintain the club's inventory or to buy new equipment.

Most of the charter members met regularly to roll bandages for the Red Cross during World War I. In 1924 they joined to form the Occident Club, now the oldest civic club in Meridian.

Library remodeling is underway

The Meridian Free Library District library is in some disarray as demolition work continues during a remodeling project.

R.W. Moffatt Construction is doing the \$105,485 remodeling project that is the final phase to update the library.

The project is expected to be done Sept. 29.

Bob Moffatt said "We are still in a fair amount of demolition. We've been doing some structural work tearing out the floor. Most of the wall is tore out and we'll start putting the new walls up."

The demolition is on the old portion of the library, which was originally used as a trolley station in Meridian.

Moffatt said the base bid will make for a new door entrance to the west of the existing door. It will be a

double door entrance with a small entrance hall, or vestibule.

The work will also open up space around the front lobby area with a better flow through the children's area and the adult section.

New offices will also be made, Moffatt said. Exterior work will include a new exterior wall and painting.

A new acoustical ceiling will also be put in. The plastic ceiling will be taken off and a new ceiling dropped with acoustical paneling put on.

The major subcontractors on the project are R & M Mechanical, Owyhee Sheet Metal, Commercial Electric, Mtn. States Roofing, Russell Glass and Bill Reeb Construction.

Meridian Lions Club helps paint house

The Meridian Lions Club painted and restored Sara Ewing's house at 47 E. Bower Street recently as part of a community service project.

The house was scraped and painted, broken window glass was replaced and all the windows were reglazed, and the window screens were repaired.

The cost of the project was estimated at about \$300.

Many hours of labor were donated by ten members of the Lions Club under the direction of Ed Burner who supplied expertise and hours of

work.

This is one of the club's community projects in return for community support of their fund-raising efforts.

Mrs. Ewing was an Occident Club member who used to serve dinners to the Lions Club in the 1960s.



There are fifty thousand rooms, or cells, in the average honeybee hives.

Occident Club meets

Members of the Meridian Occident Club met Nov. 4 in the Meridian Library for their regular monthly meeting.

A very unique but interesting program was presented by Minnie Anderson. She gave an analysis of the Club Collect. Taking each phrase from the collect, she paralleled it with scripture from the Bible.

Laverne Hartwell, vice-president, presided at the meeting in the absence of Opal Merrel, President.

Minnie Anderson and Dolores Reardon presided at the tea table, which was attractively arranged with a lace cloth and decorated in the Thanksgiving motif. Assorted cakes, cookies, tea and coffee were served.

Hostesses for the meeting were Elizabeth Ryan, Bessie Matcham, and Iona Bruett. One new member, Tacoma Morford, joined the club.

The next meeting will be a dinner meeting the first Monday in December.

OCCEIDENT CLUB TO MEET OCT. 6

The October meeting of the Occident Club will be held at the Meridian Library Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Lila Hill, president of the Meridian Historical Society, will be the speaker.

The Occident Club was organized in 1924. Among the accomplishments of this active civic group was the organization and establishment of the Meridian Library.

In 1985, the Occident Club presented the library board the building and ground where the Library is now located.

The club will continue their monthly meetings in the conference room in the Library.

Library to close Oct. 7-13 for cleanup

The Meridian Library will be closed Tuesday, Oct. 7 through Monday, Oct. 13 as the second phase remodeling project of the Meridian Library nears completion.

Librarian Bill Snyder said the library needs to be closed to allow for general cleaning of the library, the installation of shelving and equipment, and the cleaning and shelving of books.

The library will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 9 a.m.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience to patrons," Snyder said.

The project has been going on the last couple of months. The remodeling includes a new front

door entrance, changing the layout around the front desk area and other interior work.

The project is funded half by federal funds for library improvement and half by funds donated from Meridian area residents.

Snyder said there will be ceremonies for the library sometime later in October.

This Club continues to be active in supporting people in the Meridian area in many ways such as loan equipment for sick and elderly, Girls State, quick response, shelter homes and other benefits.

Monta Watts daughter



Mrs. Chester Eggers, Jr. was presented a plaque by the Meridian Q.R.U. for the donations that were made in her husbands name. \$943.50 were donated in Chester Eggers, Jr.'s name after he died in a farming accident Jan. 24.

E.O. (Swede) Boice, 74, died May 22

E. O. 'Swede' Boice, 74, Meridian, died Thursday, May 22, in a Boise hospital of natural causes.

Boice, a retired pharmacist, was born Aug. 25, 1911, at Blackfoot where he was raised and educated. He graduated from the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho (now Idaho State University) with a degree in pharmacy.

He married Mary Peters on Oct. 24, 1937, at Idaho Falls.

Boice lived in Ontario, Ore., Boise and Nampa before moving to Meridian in 1944. He owned and operated the Meidian Drug Center from 1944 until 1967; he was the oldest practicing pharmacist in the state of Idaho, having been licensed for 50 years. He had just finished his continuing education course.

He served on the Meridian City Council and the Meridian School board.

He was a member of the Meridian United Methodist Church; Meridian Masonic Lodge 47. AF & AM; the El Korah Temple, Oriental Shrine; Meridian Chapter 66, Order of Eastern Star; and a member of honor Job's Daughters Bethel 6, Meridian. He twice served Meridian Chapter 66, OES, as worthy patron. He served as associate guardian of Job's Daughters at various times for a total of eight years; he had made gavels for each honored queen of Bethel 6 for the last 25

years. He was also well known for his many carvings of birds, animals and novelty toys.

Swede and his wife began a life of adventure after he retired

Traveling by freighter, they visited most of the great seaport cities of the world and many lesser ones. They went to Europe, Africa, Malaysia, Venezuela, two trips to the Orient and an 84 day trip around the world on the President Roosevelt.

Earlier this year Swede talked of the pleasure these trips gave him, such as attending a Christian church in Xean, China or visiting with a Gypsy in Ireland.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Meridian; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Lowell Bennett of Boise; a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Carol Boice of Reno, Nev.; a grandson Larry Bennett of Boise; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Susan and Kemet Pitman of Kennewick, Wash.; and two great-grandsons, Mike and Ben Pitman of Kennewick.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 24, at the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. Rev. Verle Mitchell of the Meridian United Methodist Church officiated.

By David K. Sherman, president Meridian Chamber of Commerce

"The Meridian economy is alive and well." This may be a statement that is hard to swallow in these difficult times, but it is true if we sit back for a moment and note what has recently occurred.

In the past few months, the downtown area has been revitalized with the opening of The Meridian building, B & D Feed Store, Chef Fisher's Deli and Salad Dressing Company, and the Seat Cover Factory.

The Meridian Public Library has been recently remodeled and is a facility that all of us can view with a great deal of pride.

In addition to these fine additions to our community, the city of Meridian intends to break ground on the new City Hall sometime this spring and the U.S. Post Office has some firm plans to relocate downtown in a new facility.

Several of this community's most controversial issues have also been resolved. Centennial High School is slated to open in the fall of 1987. It seems more than a coincidence that growth in west Boise and east Meridian has once again soared since the start of its construction.

It is evident that all of us shall benefit from this new facility and it truly deserves all our support.



Mary Alice White

MERIDIAN — Mary Alice White, 79, of 128 W. Idaho St., Meridian, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1985, at home of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at the Meridian United Methodist Church. Rev. Verle Mitchell will officiate, under direction of the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. Burial will follow in Cloverdale Cemetery, Boise.

Mrs. White, a retired teacher, was born June 20, 1906, at Meridian where she was reared and educated. She attended Hillsdale Grade School and graduated from Meridian High School in 1924. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Idaho in 1928 and her Master's degree from the University of Idaho in 1938. She married David Harrison White on June 7, 1945, at Meridian. He died 15 months later in September of 1946. She taught school at Hysham, Mont., from 1928 to 1929; in Kuna until 1936; then in Payette until 1944 when she moved to Meridian where she taught until retirement in 1971.

She was a member of the Meridian United Methodist Church; PEO Chapter AD of Meridian; Acme Rebekah Lodge #26, Meridian; Meridian Chapter #66, Order of Eastern Star; the Occident Club; and the Boise Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth White Doe of Meridian; and a grandson, Robert, and a granddaughter, Andrea, both of Meridian.

Pallbearers will be Eldon Gray, Larry Moore, Wally Langille, Bill Flack, Jerry VanDorn and Monte Silliman.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Mountain States Tumor Institute,

or to a favorite charity.



Vera Crome Miller

Vera Crome Miller, 94, of Boise, died Friday, May 23, 1986, at the Emerald Care Center in Boise.

No services will be held at her request. Her daughter suggests that friends and former students privately celebrate her life as she may have touched them. Following cremation, her ashes, along with her husband's, will be inurned at Earlham Cemetery, Richmond, Ind. Local arrangements and cremation are under direction of the Mountain View Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miller, a former teacher, was born Feb. 2, 1892, at Richmond, Ind. She graduated from Earlham College in Richmond. She married Colwell Miller on May 11, 1918. As newlyweds, they came to Council where Mr. Miller taught in the Council schools. In 1919 they moved to Meridian where Mr. Miller was principal of Meridian High School until his death in 1943. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Miller moved to Boise where she resided until her death.

Mrs. Miller taught at Maple Grove School for many years, and later at Link's Business College. Following her teaching career, she was a public accountant in Boise.

While a resident of Meridian, she served as the second president of the Occident Club, and was a charter member of Chapter AD, PEO. In Boise, she was president of the Soroptimist Club; treasurer of the AAUW; a member of the PEO State Chapter House Board; a board member of the Good Samaritan League; a member of the Mountain View Club; and a member of the Boise Friends Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Harriet Miller of Santa Barbara, Calif.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Earlham College Vera Crome and Colwell Miller Memorial Fund, c/o Mountain View Memorial Park and Funeral Home, Boise.

Occident club meets

The Meridian Occident Club met April 7 in the library for their regular monthly meeting.

Annie Jones, in charge of the program, had each member relate some well remembered childhood episode ranging from the hilarious to almost disastrous.

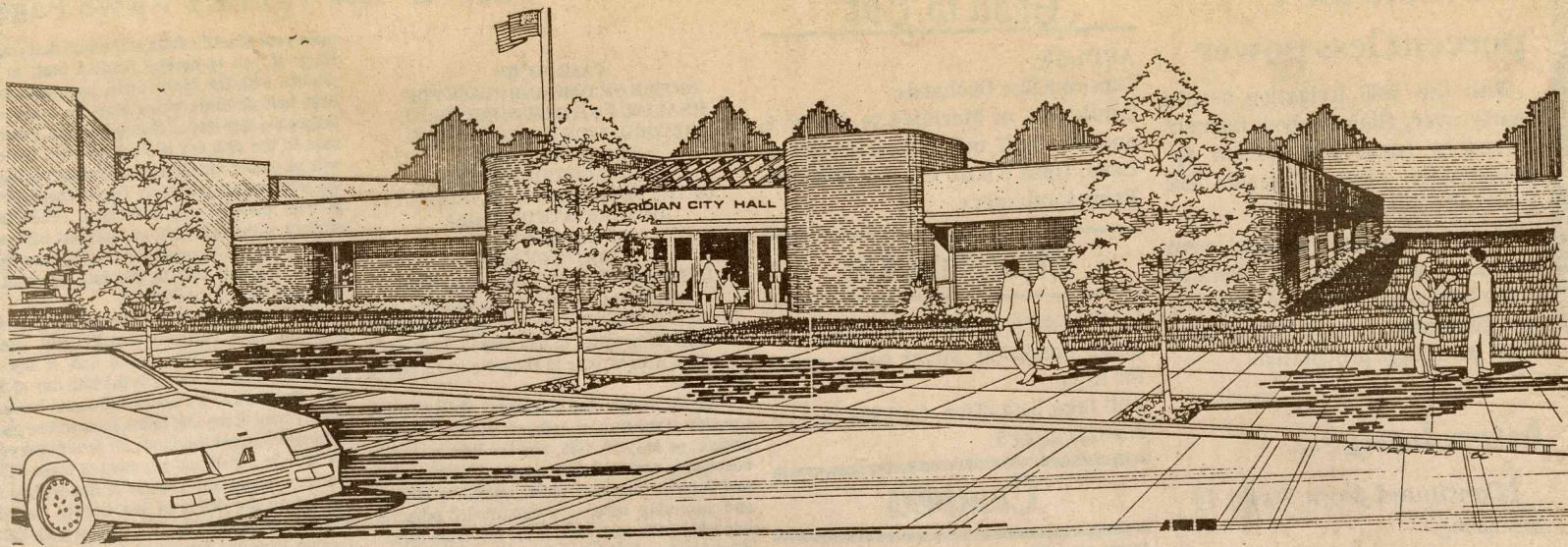
It was noted that Nancy Sage, a long time member, was leaving soon to make her home in Littleton, Colo. The club wishes her well.

Following the program and the business meeting at which President Opal Merrell presided, refreshments were served.

The tea table was decorated with a bouquet of spring flowers, a lace cloth and a variety of tea cakes and cookies.

Opal Merrell and Esther Sharp presided at the tea table.

Hostesses were Florence Hall, Jane Kitching, Leona Egbert and Blanche Chipman.



Architectural rendering of new city hall

City hall construction to start in spring

Plans call for the new Meridian city hall to be completed by next October, Mayor Grant Kingsford told chamber members Tuesday noon.

Kingsford said the city hopes to call for bids in March for the 8,360 square foot building.

He said a new city hall has been under consideration since he first entered public office nine years ago as a city councilman.

Both former mayors Don Storey and Joe Glaiser stressed the need, he said. As a result, the city has been saving money for the construction for several years.

A total of \$500,000 was included in the 1987 budget for the city. Three years ago the city bought the first three lots for the site which is just east of the present city hall.

A year later the fourth lot was bought and this year the final lot was purchased.

It will front on Idaho Street on land between the present city hall and the Heritage Building.

Kingsford said it is his recommendation the city keep the present city hall. "I think in 20 years we will need it."

In addition to 8,360 square feet on the ground floor, another 2,000 square feet will be made available in a proposed basement for storage.

Councilman Bill Brewer observed that the proposed building will be a "very servicable, useable structure with nothing pretentious."

"It will be aesthetically pleasing," Kingsford assured.

He said there are "very positive things" happening in the Meridian area.

Completed or planned projects include the resurfacing of Cherry Lane, last week's ribbon cutting of the Coors warehouse plus the fact Western States Equipment is relocating here and will have a groundbreaking soon.

The fact the post office is looking for larger quarters is very positive, he said.

Kingsford said he is confident Ron Van Auker, who is seeking to develop land near the interstate,

will be able to attract a business he has been working with that will employ 60 to 80 persons.

He also expressed confidence that the proposed Simon and Nahas shopping center site at Meridian Road and the interstate "will see some activity."

He congratulated city councilmembers on their "intestinal fortitude in extending water and sewer lines" south of the interstate.

"I'm confident what the city

spends (on the extensions) will come back several fold," he said.

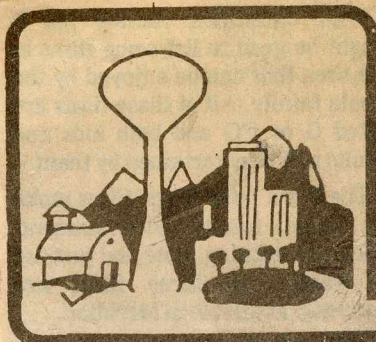
This work is to be done between the time irrigation water is shut off this fall and started again next spring.

Next week James Risch, Republican, and Larry LaRocco, Democrat, opposing candidates for the senate seat for District 21 are program speakers at the chamber luncheon.



The new cafeteria at Meridian High opened last week to an enthusiastic group of students.

The cafeteria seats 300 students and has a salad bar, ala carte line and a juke box.



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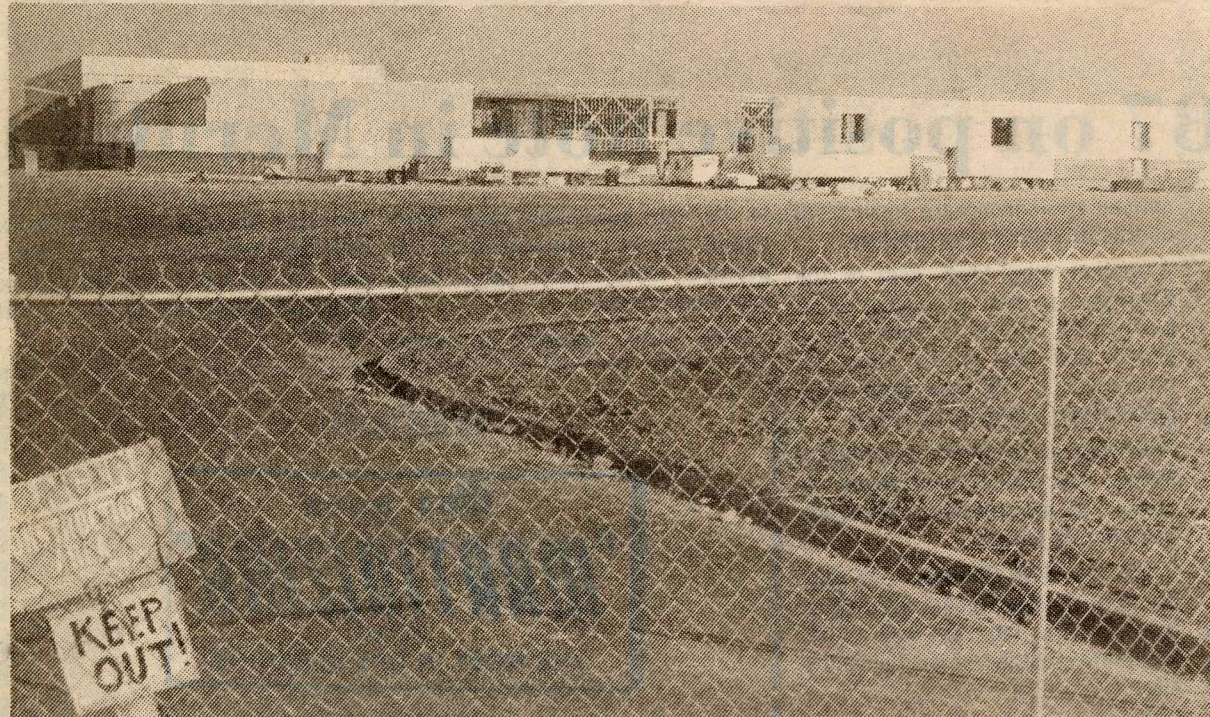
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The construction of Centennial High was one of the top stories of the past year. The new school will be ready for the first day of school in 1987.

Meridian QRU receives donations

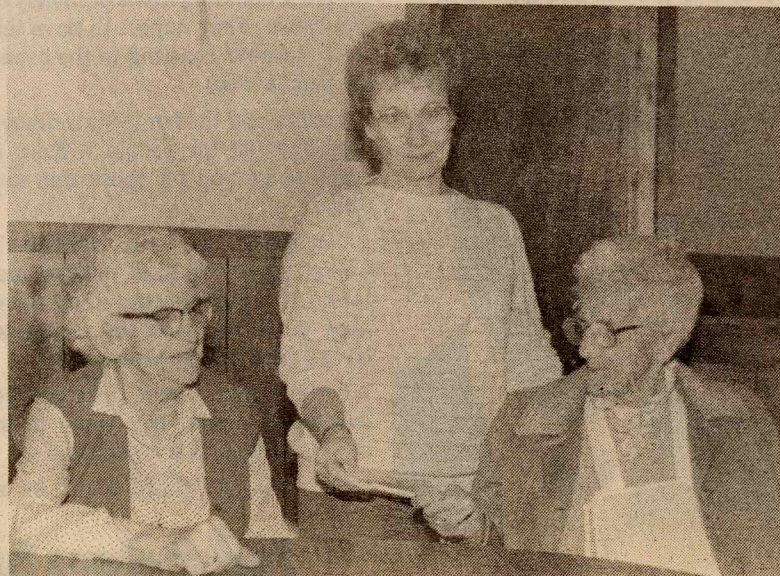
The Meridian Quick Response Unit received donations totaling \$200 from two different groups Monday night.

The Occident Club of Meridian donated \$150 to the Q.R.U. Annie Jones, president of the Occident Club, said that she has made the Meridian Q.R.U. her project for the year.

Jones also recently needed the Q.R.U. when she was involved in a car accident and hurt her arm.

The Meridian branch of the Preceptor PSI Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi donated \$50 to the Meridian Q.R.U.

Donna Kesner, president of the Meridian QRU was grateful for the donations and said that the money will be used to fix up the building and to help put beds in for the ones on call during the night shift.



Hazel Goodwin and Annie Jones of the Meridian Occident Club present Donna Kesner with a check for the Q.R.U.

Meridian nearing

8,000 population

The growth in Meridian has slowed down the last six years from the explosive boom in the 1970s, but it's still higher than county or national averages.

Dale Rosebrock, a planner with the Ada Planning Association, said Meridian has grown 29 percent the first six years of the 1980s, a rate of five percent for each year.

Department of Commerce figures show Meridian's population in 1984 at 7,410. That would bring the population just over 8,000 by the end of 1986.

The growth rate is far below the 1970s boom period when the growth rate was more than 150 percent for the whole decade, or an average 15 percent annual growth rate.

"We'll never see the growth rate like the 1970s," Rosebrock said. "But the 5 percent is still high compared to the county average of 2 percent or the national average of 1 percent."

Rosebrock said the county should reach 200,000 people sometime this year.

Centennial license plates available

Idaho Motorists can now purchase the centennial license plate as an alternative to the regular issue plate.

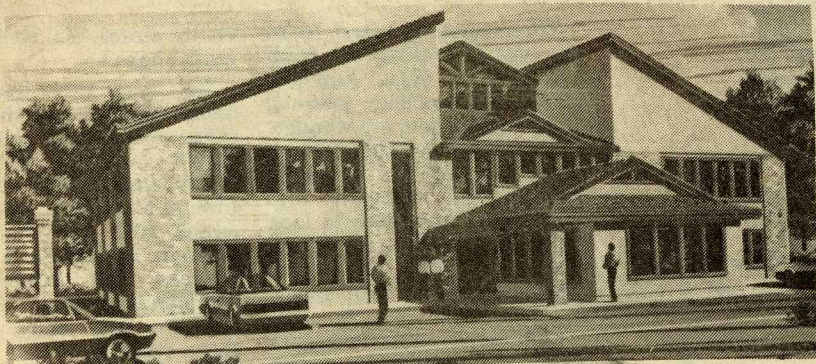
The burgundy and navy blue plate features Idaho's majestic skies, mountains and trees.

The commemorative plate may be renewed through 1990.

Personalized plates with the centennial background are also available. The cost is \$25 in addition to regular licensing fees.

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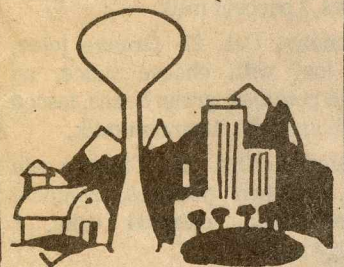


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More than \$500 was raised for the Meridian Quick Response Unit and the Meridian Burn-out Fund for fire victims at the V.I.P. Bowling Tournament at Meridian Lanes Sunday afternoon.

Bowlers included Miss Idaho Holly Hill, Meridian Mayor Grant Kingsford [pictured], KBOI radio personality Paul J. Schneider and local government and Q.R.U. members.



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VALLEY NEWS

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Occident Club

to meet March 2

The Occident Club will meet March 2 at the Library conference room at 1:30 p.m.

Barbara Peters, who is an executive committee member of PAYADA (Parents and Youth Against Drug Abuse) will be the speaker.

Chamber elects new officers

Steve Anderson was elected as new Chamber of Commerce president at the annual membership meeting Oct. 27.

E. Faye Buchanan was elected as first vice-president, Moe Alidjani as second vice-president and Tom Hammond for a three-year director position.

There was a tie for the other three-year director position. Patsy Fedrizzi won in a second election this past Tuesday.

Club members hear report

Members and guests Meridian Occident Club got the New Year off to a good start Jan. 6, when Mary Boice gave the program.

She told of her world travels aboard a freighter and displayed her collection of dolls.

These dolls had been acquired from countries and ports they visited such as Hong Kong, Bali, Sri Lanka, China, Japan and Africa to name a few.

Each doll was dressed in a costume native to its homeland.

Vice-president LaVerne Hartwell presided at the business meeting.

Refreshments were served.

Elizabeth Ryan and Jane Kitching presided at the tea table. Hostesses were Rose Kreighbaum, Oma Jenkins and Gladys Stuart.

The next meeting will be Feb. 3 in the Library.

Grand opening Friday

The newest professional building in Meridian is going through last minute details, but is scheduled to be completed in time for a grand opening Friday.

'The Meridian' is the name of the new \$700,000 two-story building at 1406 East First. The owners of the building is ADM Corp., Don Pemberton and Martin Landholm.

The owners will have a grand opening for the public at 4 p.m. The mayor, city council and Chamber Ambassadors are expected to attend.

The new professional building is 14,000 square feet, said Jon Hoffman, vice-president and superintendent for ADM Corp., who also acted as general contractor on the construction project.

So far about 60 percent of the usable 11,000 square feet is leased out, Hoffman said. Guy Walker, president of ADM (Associated Diversified Management) Corp. is acting as the leasing agent.

The building was going to be named The Meridian Professional Building but was re-named 'The Meridian' so it wouldn't be confused with the Meridian Professional

Center on East Franklin.

The building has many new features that ADM has not put in other buildings. The most unique is a "curtain rain light" fixture in the center of the building. The fixture has several rods that hang down with little lights on each rod. The lights can be seen off the street through the windows.

The interior is light-colored with light wood stain, cream-color tile and light blue carpet.

All the handrails have lights under them as well.

Initially the corporation considered a restaurant for the building, but decided not to. Hoffman said they are looking at other property in Meridian to put a restaurant in.

Meridian was chosen because of its proximity to both Nampa and Boise, Hoffman said.

"We figured this town was ready for a building like this," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised" to see more new growth develop as a result of the new building.

"I think things look really good for Meridian," he added.

Library hearing Sept. 10

September 10 is the date set by the Ada County Commissioners to determine if an election to dissolve the Ada County Free Library District should be held.

This action was necessitated when Don Chance, legislative chairman of the Idaho Property Owners Association, filed petitions on Aug. 12 with the County Clerk to

dissolve the district.

The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in the County Commissioners office at the City-County Building, 650 Main St., Boise.

The Free Library District was formed in 1984 to allow rural residents who lived outside a library district to have access to library service. The District went into ef-

Occident Club to elect officers

Occident Club members will elect new officers at their meeting May 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meridian Library conference room.

Along with the election, there will be a business meeting and a social hour. Hazel Rhodes will present the program.

Library book

sales scheduled

A sale of books and surplus equipment will be held at the Meridian Library, 18 East Idaho, on Nov. 4-5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is meant to raise money for library furnishings. Donations of sale articles will be gladly accepted.

Remodeled Meridian library dedicated

The remodeling work at the Meridian Library couldn't have been done without the help of a lot of people, Library Board Chairman Jack Riddlemoser told people at the dedication ceremonies Tuesday.

The Meridian Library's \$115,000 second phase remodeling project was completed last week by contractor Bob Moffat Co.

The first phase was completed in the spring of 1984.

Riddlemoser said the Occident Club, Librarian Bill Snyder and

other people in the community were responsible for the improvements of the library.

"Through the help of various people, the library has reached the point it has," Riddlemoser.

Mayor Grant Kingsford, City Clerk Jack Niemann, city councilmen, library board members and the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors were on hand to help in the dedication ceremonies.

Kingsford said he recalled turning dirt on the east end of the library. He said he couldn't envision the

progress that has been made since then.

The remodeling included work on the ceiling, putting in a new main entry, remodeling the front desk area and the children's library on the west part of the library.

During the remodeling, construction workers did find some artifacts in the children's library area, which was the former site of the Boise Inter-Urban Depot. They found old receipts and train tickets. The remnants were given to the Meridian Historical Society.

Remodeled library sets dedication in Meridian

MERIDIAN — An open house and dedication for the remodeled Meridian Public Library, 18 E. Idaho St., will take place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Library Director Bill Snyder said the ribbon will be cut at 1:30 p.m.

He said the original part of the library, a 25-foot-by-50-foot red-brick structure, opened in January 1913 as a depot for the old interurban trolley line connecting Boise Valley communities.

The \$115,000 remodeling includes a new entrance and glass vestibule, new roofing and flooring in the old part of the building, glass partitions between the children and adult sections and a new office and work area for Snyder and three other employees.

Between September and May, the library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays.

Children's librarian Laura Oberbillig said that she will start pre-school story hours on Oct. 23. The story hours will begin at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday for youngsters ages 3 to 5.

New books at library

The Immigrant's Daughter—Howard Fast; Three From Galilee—Marjorie Holmes; Hollaran's World War—Tim Mahoney;

Kilgoran—Elaine Crowley; Lucky—Jackie Collins; The Time Returns—Alexandra Ripley; San Andreas—Alistair MacLean; Depths of Glory—Irving Stone.

MYSTERY:

Mrs. Pollifax and the Hong Kong Buddha—Dorothy Gilman; The Road to Paradise Island—Victoria Holt.

SCIENCE FICTION:

The 1985 Annual World's Best Science Fiction; Helliconia Winter—Brian Aldiss; Robots and Empire—Isaac Asimov.

NON-FICTION:

Loving God—Charles Colson; Ordering Your Private World—Gordon MacDonald; A Christian Guide to Prosperity—Michael Fries;

Around the World on the QE 2—Alfred Armand Montapert; The New York Times Guide to the Return of Halley's Comet—Richard Flaste;

3,500 Great Quotes for Speakers—Gerald Lieberman; Re-inventing the Corporation—John Naisbitt; How to Make PVC Pipe Furniture—Ed Baldwin.



About 60 people showed up for the Meridian Library dedication ceremony Tuesday afternoon. Many people came in during the day to just look over the improved facility.



Members honored recently for 40-49 years of membership in the Meridian United Methodist Church were Joan Priest, Hazel Ross Eula and Wilbur Calnon, Blanche Wolfe, Herald Cox, Ed Davis and Margaret

and George Judd. Rev. Verle Mitchell is in back.

Recognized but unable to be present were Dorothea Mayes, William Duvall, William Curtis, La

Verne Pitkin, Raymond and Bertha Smith, Lawrence Smith, Kathryn McPeak, Dorothy Bowers, Emma Bales, Millia Hall, Freda West and Lulu Johnson.

OCCIDENT CLUB (LIBRARY BUILDING)

The Interurban-Boise Valley railway Co. completed its first connection to Meridian in late June 1908-in time for a Grand fourth of July celebration at Dalys grove north of town. The church women of the town churches served lunch and ran out of food-so many rode the trolley to Meridian. In 1912 the transit system was completing its main line through Caldwell and Nampa with a valley loop that ran through Meridian. The depot at Meridian was partially finished in Dec. 1912 when the first run was made over the new line. The building was finished in Jan 1913 with a ticket office, waiting room, freight room & express room-besides of course the area for the generator. The Main entrance was on Idaho with the freight entrance on Meridian st. A sup line and loading platform were constructed on the east side to load and unload freight. The building was used as a depot until May 1928 when The Boise Valley Traction Co. went into receivership.

The Occident Club purchased the building on Feb. 3, 1930 for \$1205.00 from John and Augusta Porter of Pittsburg. The record states the Occident Club was incorporated, however a copy of this record was not located (Oct 1986 LFH) The following articles appeared in the Meridian Times with dates noted:

Sept. 12, 1924. A traveling library has been opened in Meridian at the Songer Pharmacy. The books were obtained from the State Traveling Library at Boise, by the Occident club of Meridian, and the latest and best books are included in each shipment. Mrs. Jack Garrett has charge of the library and it will be open to the public on Wed. and Sat. of each week. There is no charge of any kind for the use of the books and the citizens are invited to make use of this opportunity to secure some excellent literature.

March 25, 1924 the books were moved to the city hall.

Feb. 10, 1926, a Library Drive was on with a Pie Social, Card Party and Dance being held to raise moneys.

Feb. 7, 1930- The February meeting of the Occident Club was held at the home of Mrs. R.H. Bell. Assisting Mrs. Bell in entertaining were Mrs. Ben Robison, Mrs. C.E. Cox and Mrs. Robert Stalker. The roll call was answered by original poems-all were good, the poem of Mrs. E.G. Hunt was voted by the members to be the best. The question of discussion was "Shall the repairs on the building recently purchased be made now or later?" The club voted to make the needed repairs now, and if necessary get a loan of \$500 to start the work at once. It is imperative to have a place for the books as the library maintained by the club has to be moved from its present place. John Cato, chairman of the town board, gave a detailed account of the present sewer system and the plans for a bond issue. The musical part of the program was much enjoyed. A trio by Miss Katherine Hansen, Miss Thelma Lant, and Miss Bethel Cato, and a piano solo by Miss Fern Nolte. The March meeting will be held with Mrs. Colwell Miller, and later-but in the same issue. The carpenters of the town have offered to donate their time and work amounting to \$25 apiece to the ladies of the Occident club in repairing and remodeling the old Interurban depot building which the club has purchased for a club house. The men started work this week.

Sept 5, 1930-The Library is open on Tuesday and Friday each week. It is in the new home, the former Interurban Station.

Sept 12, 1930-The Occident club, under the direction of their President, Mrs. W.J. Davidson, has renewed their activities and much work is planned for the year. At the state fair last week the ladies had a refreshment booth, selling hot meat sandwiches, homemade pies and ice cream. Four hundred and fifty dollars was taken in and after expenses are cleared the club will have \$250. This amount will be applied on the club house debt. Different merchants helped materially. The Idaho Power company furnished the frigidair at the booth and also the lights. The Meridian Elevator company furnished the flour for the pies. Davis meat market made a reduction on the meats as also did the Jesma creamery for the ice cream.

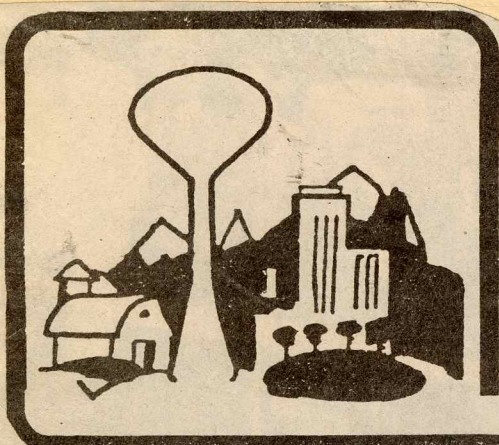
The club building, which is completed, is being furnished. Beautiful monk cloth curtains hang at the windows. Mr. O.M. Manion and Mr. Carl Patch made new book cases. Prof. S.L. Hughell furnished a stove. J.R. Clark, a desk, and Mrs. John Baird and Mrs. John Cato each a chair. The members are now negotiating for 40 chairs to be used in club meetings. Mr. J.W. Rice painted the curtain poles and rings for the new curtains. He also furnished the paint. At the club's first meeting in Oct. it is planned to have open house for the public. Mrs. Davidson wishes to thank every one at this time who so generously helped to make a success of their work. Mrs. John Baird, publicity chairman.

Oct. 10, 1930- The new club house of the Occident club was opened Sat. afternoon with the first meeting in the club rooms. The arrangement of the two rooms is very artistic. The books in the library give a home atmosphere. The rooms are well lighted with windows and the draperies are in keeping with other furnishings. The hardwood floors add much to the attraction of the place. Sat. afternoon the house was decorated with bouquets and floor baskets of beautiful autumn flowers. The President, Mrs. W.J. Davidson presided with Mrs. Ed Baldwin, secretary. Mrs. T.A. Allen stated that 59 entries of grain were made by the school children and 55 entries of fruit. A motion was made to have Mr. & Mrs. Allen draw up rules and regulations for their annual exhibit in order to make it more of a success by the co-operation of children and teachers.

Mrs. Mary French spoke on women candidates for the legislature and made a plea to vote for the women who had been nominated for their positions. Mrs. G.A. Koger also spoke for the women who are running for office in this next election.... She said, "We as women voters should support the women candidates regardless of party. Party lines should not mean so much that we would fail to vote for a principle and let party lines interfere. Women should be interested in the best things, and therefore we should put women in the legislature." Mrs. Andrew Youngquist gave a report on the convention at Lake Hayden, the keynote being "that women should centralize on a few and not so many things." The members gave a vote of thanks to the Idaho Power company for the use of the General Electric at their booth at the state fair; to Mr. Mayes for taking care of the lawn in front of the club building, to Mrs. Mary French for the donation of a library table, and Mrs. E.G. Hunt for a lamp. Mrs. George Carter, who has charge of the club's scrap book, showed it to the members, which was most favorably commented on. A letter was read from the president of the Business and Professional Women's club, Mrs. Stalker, asking for their co-operation in helping a Meridian girl, Mildred Marcum, who is bravely fighting for her life in a sanitarium at Salem. Mrs. George Hardin sang a solo and Miss Hazel Sundell gave a talk on her trip through Europe. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served. A detailed account of Miss Sundell's trip will be given in an early issue of the Times. Mrs. John Baird, Publicity Chairman.

(remarks made at an Occident Club meeting in Oct. 1986-LFH Meridian Historical Society.
The building has been romodeled several times since, and because this last almost completed project would be the last time that any access to the former interurban section of the building would be readily availabel the Historical Society obtained permission for a dig. A "rake" was more like it. The building has a hard pan-layer about 4 feet below the street level. With the hardwood floors and sub-flooring gone we were able to search for evidence of the inter-urban and found several items. These are on display in the library case. We found-bricks from the Foster foundry in Boise, Beer bottles from the Nampa Brewery and Anheizer Busch bottles were found where they had been tucked out of sight through the vent holes under the floor-a large amount of crumbles or crumbling traction bills of lading and a rool of those in fairly good condition give clues as to the cost of sending freight on the cars. And best of all comeone was kind enough to stuff their sandwich wrapper in a safe place and we now have a Beams Bakery bread wrapper -laminated for safe keeping. We will have some of the ladings done this way also.

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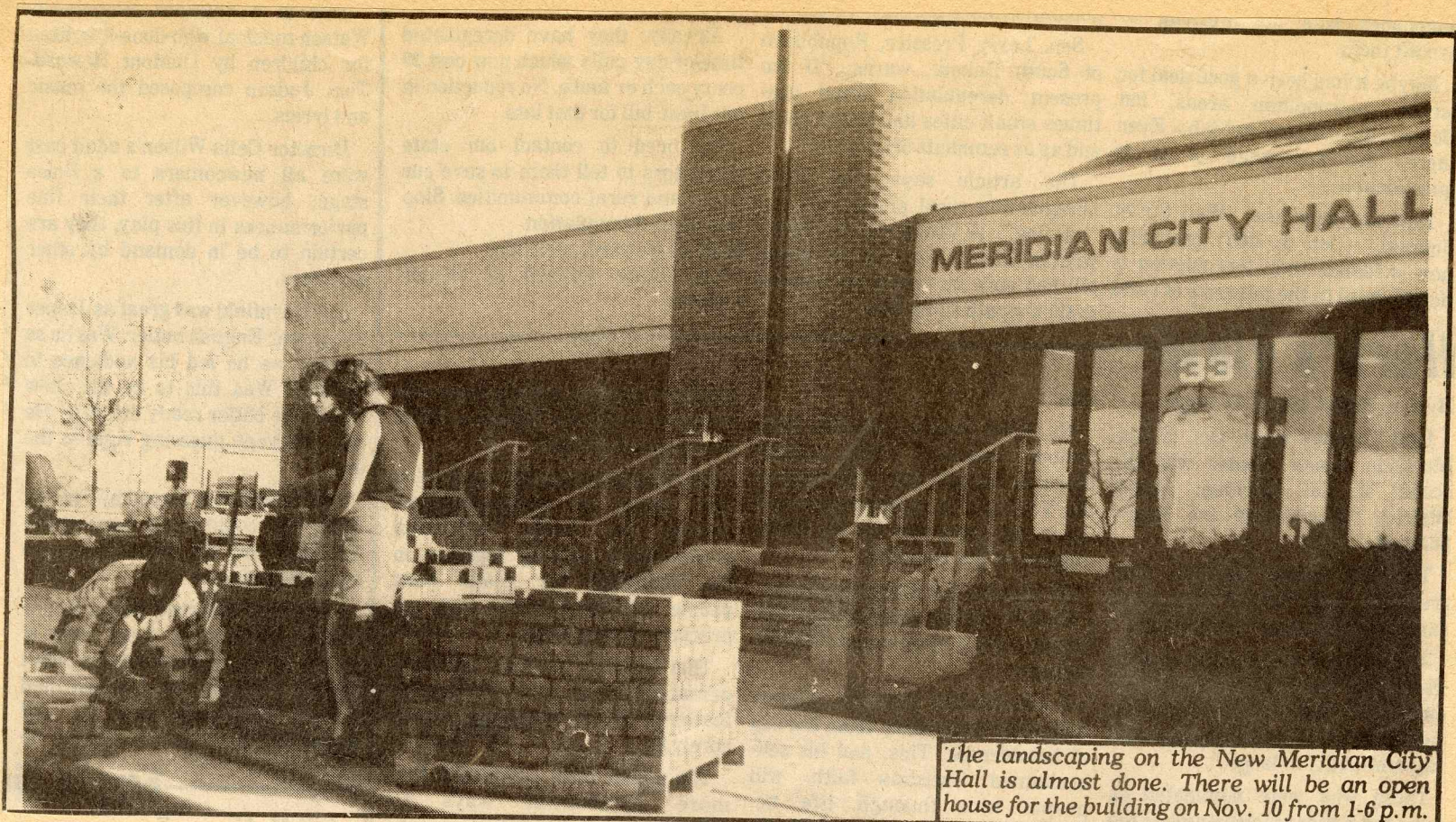
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Over 200 people showed up for the official opening of the Meridian City Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Mayor Grant Kingsford is seen here giving his opening remarks.

Photo by Steve Wherry



The landscaping on the New Meridian City Hall is almost done. There will be an open house for the building on Nov. 10 from 1-6 p.m.

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Landscaping for City Hall discussed

By Steve Wherry

The first Meridian City Council meeting in the new city hall centered around the new city hall.

The council accepted the \$16,452 bid entered by All Seasons Nursery for landscaping around the new city hall.

Councilman Bob Giesler said he had been asked why the conditions for bidding on the landscape were so strict.

He said that calls have come in saying that if the restrictions were less, bids could have been lower.

Giesler added that some calls have said that the design is over planted for the space around the building and that in two to three years some of the plants will have to be pulled out.

Stillman Anderson, architect for the project, told the council that the plans were drawn at the mature stage, not the beginning stage of

planting.

Anderson said that in the beginning the plants would not be as big as they look in the drawing.

He added that in two to three years some trimming may be needed but the plants wouldn't have to be pulled out.

Kingsford said that as far as the requirements went, since the bids have been open their wasn't a lot the council could do.

Jim Shearer, an architect for the project and Meridian planning and zoning member, said that by next week he should have a break down on the costs of the landscaping and will try to get that to the council members so they can better understand the costs.

The War Eagle, a bar in Meridian, has a new owner who asked the council for a reduction on a liquor license since he will probably not open until November.

Cost of the license is \$762.50 and

has to be renewed every January.

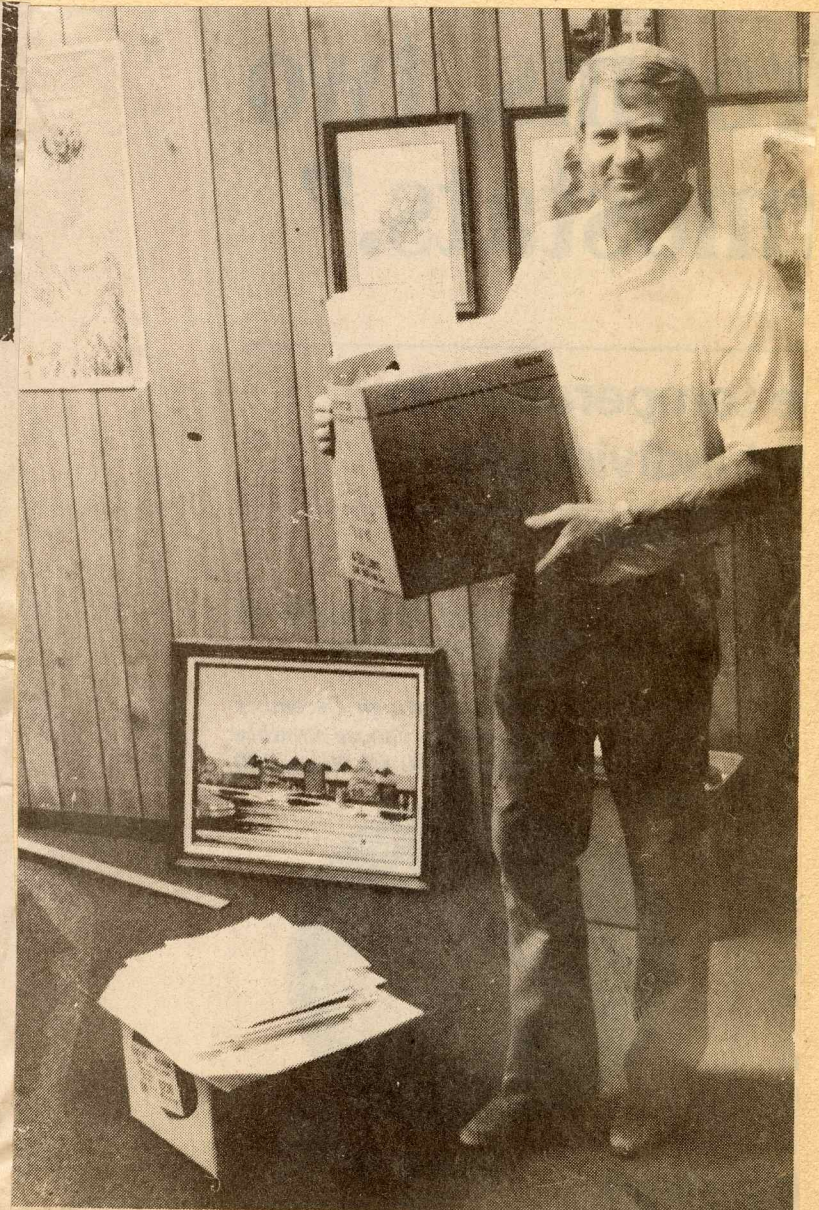
The council agreed to reduce the cost of a liquor license to one fourth the original cost since the owner will only use it for about one month before having to reapply in January.

LaWana Niemann, wife of City Clerk Jack Niemann, presented the council with three pictures of the early Meridian city halls to be hung in the new city hall.

The pictures were of the first city hall in 1910, the newer city hall in 1973 and then the city hall after a water tower had been torn down and an addition put on in 1981.

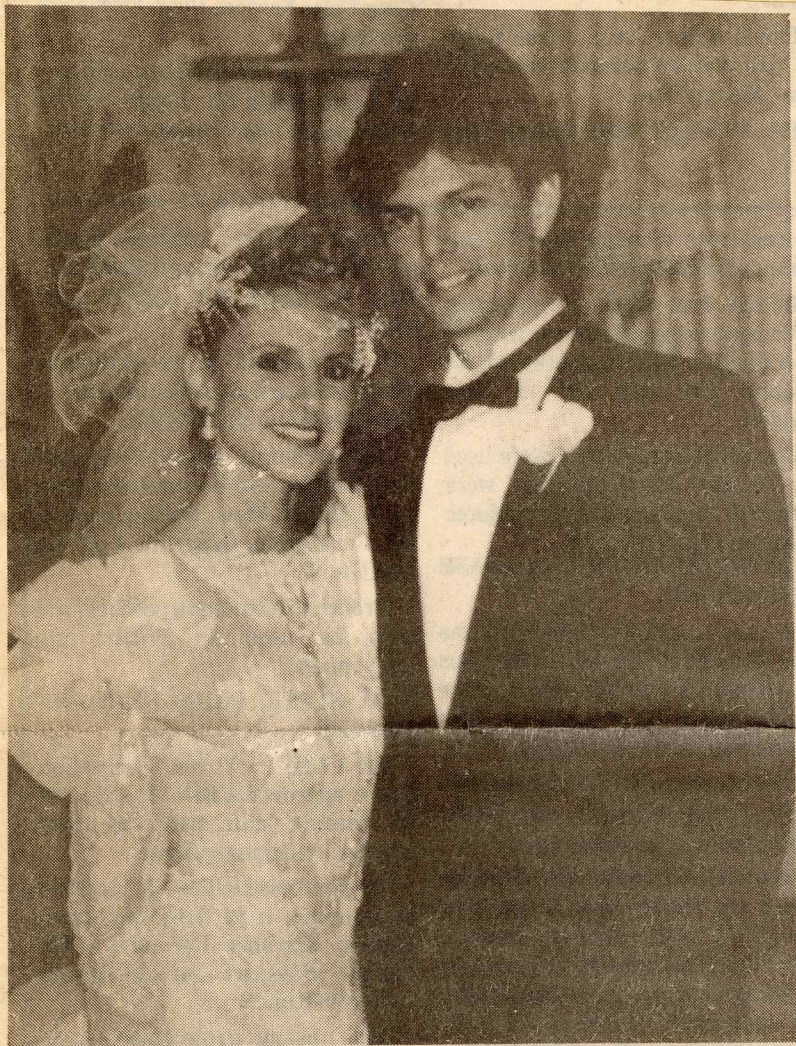
Kingsford wanted noted in the minutes that the first meeting in the new city hall was held on councilman Ron Tolsma's birthday.

After the meeting, to make sure the new mike system worked okay city attorney Wayne Crookston sang a verse of 'Barbara Ann'.



Meridian Mayor Grant Kingsford packs stuff from his old office for the new city hall office.

Brandt-Pierce wed



Audrey Jean Brandt and Kicharu B. Pierce were married on October 10, 1987 in the Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise, Idaho.

Dr. Glen W. Davidson, uncle of the bride, officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Joan Priest of Caldwell and Leroy E. Brandt of Meridian. The groom is the son of J. Richard and Charleen Pierce of Louisville, Kentucky.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a stunning ivory designer peau-de-soie gown featuring a sabrina neckline with sequins and seed pearls. A seed pearl headpiece added the finishing touch with the elbow length veil classic pouf.

Miss Valerie Brandt, twin sister of the bride, was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Kim Hastings Mutchler, Miss Julie Stone, Mrs. Karen Brandt Mustafa, Miss Tammy Deeds, and Mrs. Marcia Brandt Leitch. Miss Magdalena Mustafa was flower girl.

Bill Pfeiffer served as best man. Groomsmen-ushers were Everett Roach, Charles, Jeffery and Douglas Pierce, Clancy Dixon and Victor Brandt. David Brandt was ringbearer.

Following the ceremony a wedding reception was held at the Crystal Ballroom in Boise. Out of town guests arrived from Japan, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Minnesota, New York and Washington, D.C.

Following a wedding trip to the Caribbean the couple will reside in Tokyo, Japan.

Audrey is a great grand daughter of Jessie Davidson, a Charter member of the Occident Club.

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The Meridian Occident Club has donated a check for \$1,000 to the Meridian Library District for the purchase of large print books and cassette tapes.

rentals from the Emergency Loan Closet Hospital Equipment of the Occident Club.

Handing the check to Bill Snyder are President June Thomas and Treasurer Florance Hall.

Most of the money came from the



In the morning, as the sun starts to rise over the mountains it's really cold. But by the afternoon temp. are still getting up into the 80's so you can have your choise of Fall in the morning and Summer in the afternoon.



Mr. & Mrs. Hall celebrated 50th

Art and Florance Hall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house held at the Meridian United Methodist Church on July 5.

The open house was from 2-5 p.m. with a program given by their family.

Art and Florance were married June 26, 1937 in Boise. After living in Nampa, Sean Leandro, Calif.,

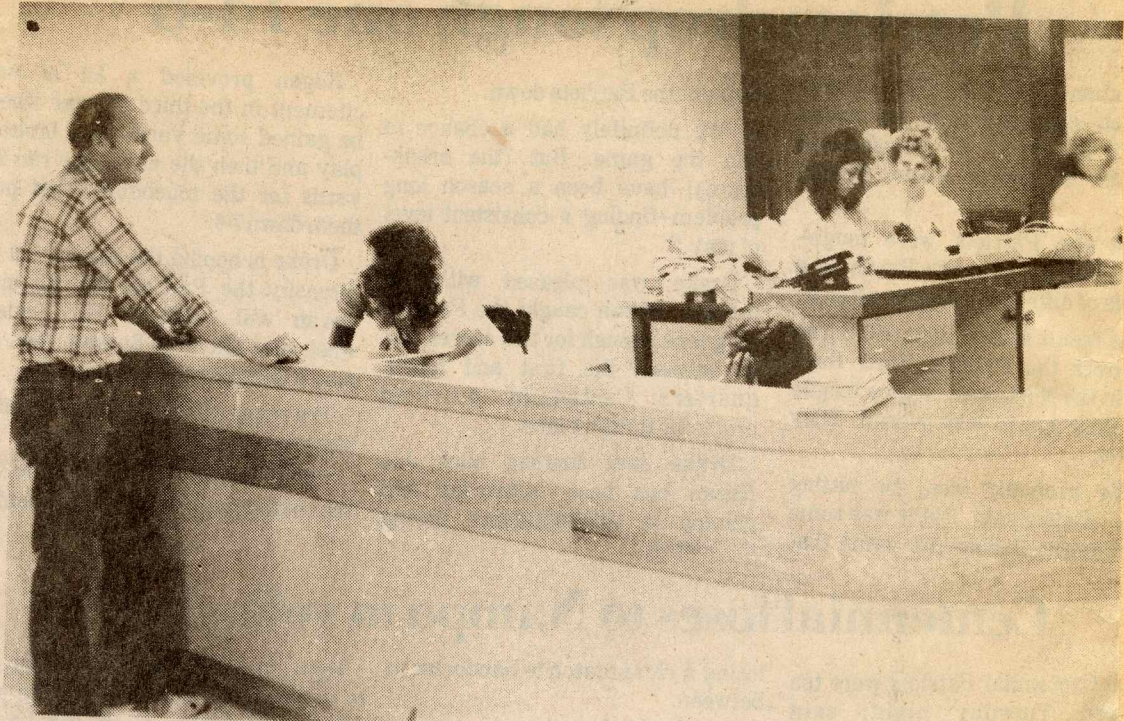
Fruitland and Boise, they settled in Meridian for their retirement.

Both of them are very active in their church and senior citizens activities of the community.

The couple has one daughter, Donna, son-in-law Gary and two granddaughters Connie and Kelli who live in the Federal Way and Auburn area of Seattle, Wash.



An official ribbon cutting was held at A.J.'S Tropical Gardens with the Meridian Chamber Ambassadors. Cutting the ribbon is owner Merrilee Klaas.



Engineer Gary Smith watched as people moved into the new city hall

Teachers art on display at City Hall

Eight Meridian art teachers are putting their work on display at the Meridian city hall during the month of November.

Kathy Harris, art teacher at Lake Hazel Middle School, said this is the first time that the art teachers have ever had a display shown of their work.

"We wanted to promote community support for the arts and also have our see our artwork," Harris said.

Harris said students at Lake Hazel Middle School will also be displaying their artwork at the Meridian School District office during November.

She said about 25 kids in seventh and eighth grades will be involved in the showing. It will be works in painting and drawing from the last nine weeks.

The teachers showing their artwork at the city hall lobby are:

Lois Collinsworth, Meridian High,

watercolors; Vic Haight, Meridian High, taxidermy; Carl Goodwin, Centennial High, watercolors; Jerry O'Mahony, Centennial High, prints.

Also Kathy Harris, Lake Hazel Middle School, bronze, caste paper and watercolors; Jim Nelson, Lake Hazel Middle School, photography; Tina Perry, Meridian Middle School, watercolors; Sharon Hickey, Meridian Middle School, oil portraits.



These Meridian art teachers are standing by some of the art that is currently on display at the Meridian City hall. From right they are Vic Haight, Sharon Hickey, Kathy Harris and Lois Collinsworth.

Mr. & Mrs. Anderson

Ray and Minnie Anderson of Meridian will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house from 2-5 p.m. June 28 at the Meridian Senior Citizen Center, 133 W. Broadway.

The couple married July 1, 1927.

Hosting the celebration will be their children, June and Ray Pack and Clarence and Virginia Anderson.

They have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

They request there be no gifts, please.



Meridian Library District

18 East Idaho Avenue

Meridian, Idaho 83642

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June 18, 1987

The Occident Club
June E. Thomas, President
1306 W. 14th
Meridian, Idaho 83642

Dear Mrs. Thomas and members of the Occident Club:

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the staff I wish to thank the Occident Club for the generous gift of \$1000.00 with which to purchase large print books. We are beginning immediately to accumulate book catalogs from large print book publishers so that we have a good selection to choose from.

Many people find this type of book much easier to read. Thanks again for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

William H. Snyder
Library Director



Roy F. Goodwin

MERIDIAN — Roy F. Goodwin, 86, of Meridian, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 1989, at home of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, in the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. The Rev. Ralph Lawrence of the Meridian United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in the Meridian Cemetery.

Mr. Goodwin, a retired field man, was born May 12, 1902, at Madison, Neb., a son of Oscar and Mabel Full-

erton Goodwin. He was reared and educated in Nebraska. He married Hazel E. Williams on June 15, 1926, at Douglas, Wyo. Mr. Goodwin farmed in Wyoming and Nebraska until 1942, at which time he moved his family to Caldwell. In 1943, Roy moved to Meridian and became a field man for Amalgamated Sugar Co. of Nampa, from which he retired in 1966.

He was a member of the Meridian United Methodist Church; Meridian Senior Citizens Center; and the Odd Fellows Lodge of Caldwell.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel of Meridian; two sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Betty Goodwin of Meridian, and Harland and Pat Goodwin of Idaho Falls; a daughter and son-in-law, Betha and Jack Foster of Star; a brother, Arthur Goodwin of Las Vegas, Nev.; five sisters, Margie Spracklin of Douglas, Wyo., Clair Althoff of Riverton, Wyo., Maxine Thompson

of Bozeman, Mont., Pauline Hinesley of Medford Ore., and Afton Wilhite of Thorndale, Texas; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. His parents, four brothers, three sisters and a grandson died earlier.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Meridian Senior Citizens Center, 133 W. Broadway Ave., Meridian 83642; or to the Meridian United Methodist Church, E. 3rd and Idaho streets, Meridian 83642.

Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Chapel of the Chimes in Meridian.



Emily P. Pratt

MERIDIAN — Emily P. Pratt, 93, of Meridian, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1986, in a Boise hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Meridian United Methodist Church. Rev. Verle Mitchell will officiate, under direction of the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. Private cremation will follow the services.

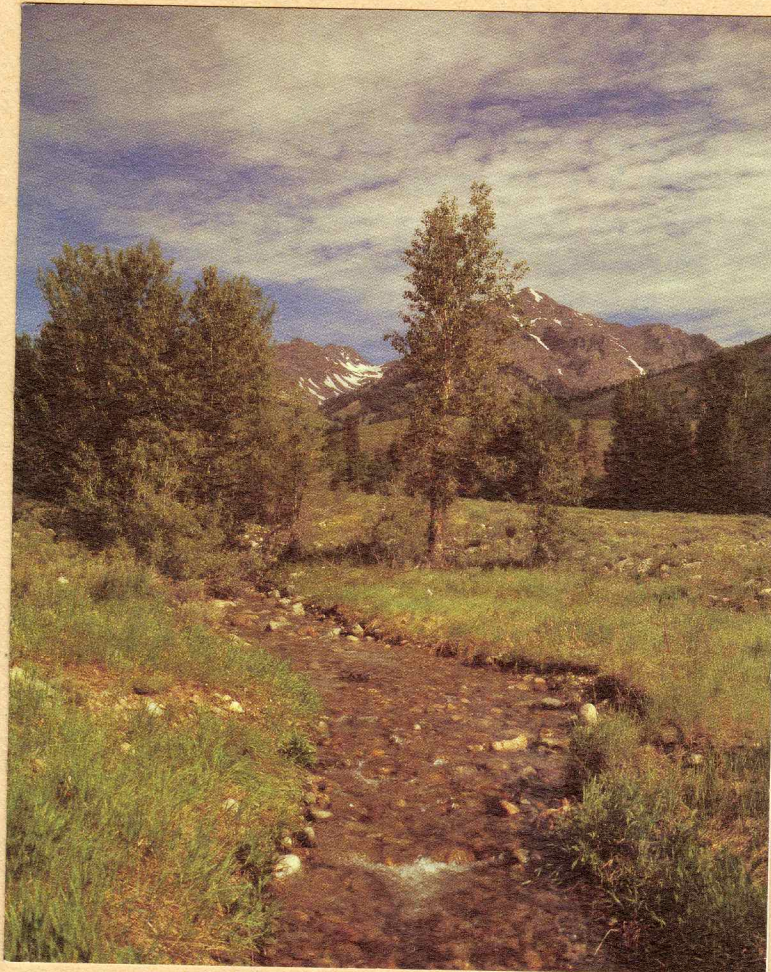
Mrs. Pratt, a retired music teacher, was born April 30, 1893, at Downingtown, Pa., where she was reared and educated. She graduated from Cornell University with a major in music. She taught school in Atlantic City, N.J., before moving to Downey, Idaho, in 1921 where she taught grade school music. She married John Pratt of Downey on Jan. 1, 1924, at Downingtown. They ranched and she taught in Downey where she was also a school trustee. She was founder of the Downey Choral Society which is still active today. They moved to Meridian in 1950 where she taught junior high music at Meridian, Star and Eagle. Her husband died in October of 1967.

She was a member of the Meridian United Methodist Church; Meridian Chapter #66, OES; the Occident Club; and Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Survivors include a daughter, Lilli Delyea of Boise; two brothers, Jack Pratt of Meridian and Richard Pratt of Stockton, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Meridian United Methodist Church.

Friends may call today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Chapel of the Chimes in Meridian.



Rose Garden put in Storey Park

After a lot of delays, a rose garden was finally put in around the flag pole in Storey Park in Meridian.

Meridian Chamber of Commerce member and head of the beautification committee, Mo Alidjani, said that the rose garden had been planned for a couple of years but "due to one thing or another" the project never got done.

Parks Superintendent Rick Heller said that due to donations from area people and organizations the rose garden wound up costing the city nothing.

Heller estimated that the cost would be around \$25,000 if

everything would have had to have been paid for.

Those donating to the project were: Meridian Chamber, the fence around the garden; Du-Rite Nursery, 33 roses; ZamZows, soil lay; Builders Market Place, sequoia stones; Meridian 12th Ward, 320 tulips; Meridian Wastewater Dept., fertilizer; Meridian Optimist Club, a dupont fabric under the garden bed and Tates Rents, a tractor.

Elizabeth Kusler has donated a statue of Idaho, which is currently at the corner of Franklin and east Third, to the garden. Meridian Monument has donated a

monument that will sit beside the statue.

Heller hopes to get the statue and monument in the garden by next spring.

Those donating time to the project include Heller, Jay Markel, Alidjani and Richard Gorden. Gorden also donated some more roses to be planted.

Heller said that he hopes to do something special for the Meridian parks every fall and would like to see other clubs and individuals donate roses or other flowers for the garden.



Annie L. Jones

MERIDIAN — Annie L. Jones, 86, of Meridian, died Sunday, May 17, 1987, in a Boise hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 20, at the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. Burial will follow in Cloverdale Cemetery, Boise.

Mrs. Jones, a homemaker, was born Dec. 10, 1900 at Lead, S.D. In 1903, she came with her family to the Lake Hazel area, where she was reared and attended schools. She married George H. Jones on Jan. 3, 1922, at Boise. They farmed in the Kuna area until 1941. They moved to Boise in 1942. She worked at the Gowen Field Officers Club during World War II. Later, after her family was raised, she became active in the Boise Council on Aging. In 1972, she moved to Meridian, where for six years, she worked on the Fund Raising Drive for the Meridian Area Senior Citizens Center, which opened in March of 1984. She formed and coordinated the Ada County Senior Citizens Tour and Travel Plan for the past 14 years. They had visited Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, and much of the western United States. In March 1984, Annie was selected by the Idaho Statesman for the Distinguished Citizen Award.

She was past president, and district president of the Ada County Extension Clubs; a member of the Meridian Area Senior Citizens; a member of the Ada

County Council on Aging, serving as a director in 1976; a member of the Meridian VFW, 4000; she was presently president of the Occident Club of Meridian; and had served as president of the Parent Teachers Association at Poplar Grove School for five years.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, George H. "Dude" and Jackie Jones of Glens Ferry, and Wayne and Barbara Jones of Boise; a daughter-in-law, Octava Jones of Wichita, Kan.; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. A son, John "Jack" Jones; four brothers, and a sister, died earlier.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Dennis, Keith, Steve, Russ, and Chris Jones, and Bob Hamlett.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the Meridian Area Senior Citizens Center.

Friends may call today from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian.

Library district selects site

The Ada County Free Library District will build a library facility this spring near the corner of Victory and Five Mile, the director of the district said Tuesday night.

Dian Hoffpaur, director of the library district, said an agreement was reached Tuesday afternoon with Fletcher Oil Co. to purchase almost an acre of land near Victory and Five Mile.

Hoffpaur said she could not give details of the purchase or how much was paid for the land. "The actual terms should not be released yet," she said.

She said the district has options over the next 60-90 days to not use the land if problems come up in putting the library there.

She said architect Dennis Fitzgerald with Architects, Alliance of Boise is working on drawings now for a library building on the site.

She added the district will have to

get approval from the Central District Health Dept., Ada County Highway District and the County before the construction could start this winter.

Right now, Hoffpaur added, the architect is seeking a "wish list" from the district on what should be included in the library. It will be scaled back to meet the budget allowance.

Hoffpaur did not say how much total tax dollars has been set aside for a building.

She said \$347,357 has been set aside from the current budget for capital development. Capital development includes books as well as the library.

Hoffpaur added that about the same amount has been set aside each of the last three years since the district was formed.

The current budget of \$966,765 also includes money going to five library districts in the county-

Boise, Eagle, Kuna, Meridian and Garden City—for services. Another \$57,000 is designated for equipment.

Hoffpaur said the district looked at two other locations for the library, at Overland and Five Mile and at Fairview and Cloverdale.

She said they also looked at the old Cloverdale School owned by the Meridian School District, but the building had too much asbestos and would have been too costly to repair and remodel.

The southwest part of the county was finally chosen because it is where most of the growth is taking place.

The district would like to put a satellite facility near Star within a couple of years.

Hoffpaur also said the district is looking for a storefront facility to temporarily use this year until the library is completed next summer.

Library winter hours given

The Meridian Public Library has started its winter schedule. 6 p.m.

The hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are 9 a.m. to

On Thursdays, the closing time is at 8 p.m. while the closing time on Saturday is at 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday.



The Meridian Ambassadors welcomed Chicago Connection to Meridian with a ribbon cutting ceremony last week. Cutting the ribbon are Ed and Jennifer Jenkins and Ken and Cindy Benoit.

Winterland Parade is Nov. 28

There will be several new categories when this year's Meridian Winterland Parade takes to the streets of downtown Meridian Nov. 28.

The new categories being offered are riding clubs, walking groups and drawn buggies.

The riding clubs will be judged by Nancy Chinn of Charlyn Stables, Brenda Mittleider with Meridian Saddle Shop and Helen Huffman, a local trainer. A \$50 first prize and a trophy will be given.

Another new category added is walking groups, which includes school bands, gymnastic clubs and any other type of performance group that will walk enroute.

This is the only category that will be judged on the route. The judges' stand will be at East First and Idaho. A \$50 cash award and a trophy will also be given to the first place winner.

Glenna Crawford with the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce, said Meridian High and Centennial High's bands were invited to perform as well as the four Boise schools.

The local middle schools are being invited to perform on a

flatbed truck, since they do not have a marching unit. They would be judged as a float entry.

Another new category is for drawn buggies. They can be drawn by horse, llama, mules or any other four-legged creature. A trophy will be given to the best entry.



Miss Meridian Kelly Rowe holds one of the application forms for the Meridian Winterland Parade that is Nov. 28.

The parade theme this year is "Everyone's a Child at Christmas." The parade marshal will be Gus Hein, former Meridian School District superintendent who is now the Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The floats in the parade will be judged at 10 a.m. at the Meridian Speedway, where the parade will start. The parade continues down East First to Fairview Avenue.

The float categories include the sweepstakes (most beautiful non-commercial entry), theme (best depiction of parade theme), grand prize (most beautiful commercial entry) and judges trophy (best original entry in opinion of judges).

For the non-commercial entries the cash prizes will be \$100 for first place and \$75 for second place.

The judging is based on theme execution, originality, design and construction, costumes and characters.

The entry forms are due by Nov. 21. The forms, with the rules and regulations, are available by calling the Chamber office at 888-2817 or Darlene Larrondo at 888-1516. They are also available at Idaho First downtown branch or Round Table Pizza.

Radio station is one of oldest in country

By Kay Doty

KFXD and KF-95 Radio, south of Meridian, is the oldest radio station in Idaho and one of the oldest in the United States.

Co-owner David Obenauf said the station was started in Jerome in 1920 as a wireless telephone company system.

"A man named Hunt put it in a small store front," Obenauf said. "It was quite an accomplishment for Idaho at the time. This was about the same time KDKA in Pittsburg went on the air." KDKA was the first radio station in the U.S.

The fledgling station moved several times before settling in Nampa. The present location was selected in 1940, when a small building and the original tower was built.

Twin towers were built in 1952 and in 1974, KFXD-FM went on the air. The present building was built in 1981. Obenauf and his partner David Everingham purchased the station in June 1986.

Obenauf said at one time KFXD was the dominant station in this

part of Idaho, but out-of-state owners allowed the station to slip. The present owners, formerly from California, moved to Idaho after buying the station.

Obenauf said it had been a long road turning the station around, but recent statistics show they are growing every month.

The most recent Arbitron ratings placed the FM station fourth and the AM station was fifth or sixth, making them number 3 over-all, Obenauf said.

They employ approximately 20 people. Obenauf is general manager and Everingham is director of sales.

With a 45 percent share of the 'teen' market with its FM station, Obenauf said they were pleased to be a sponsor on the recent successful "Shoot for the Stars" promotion.

Obenauf said "We are glad we have such a good impact on teens that we can get the 'Say No To Drugs' message across."

The station plans to continue working with this and other teenage programs.