

New librarian changes focus in move here

By Su Harms

The Meridian Library District and community have a lot to offer a new librarian, and Dorcas Phelan, who comes to town from Beaverton, Ore., was happy to make a career move when the position of head librarian opened up this spring.

Phelan, who has a degree in music theory from Pacific University and her master's in library science from the University of Denver, has been with the Meridian library since mid-June. For the past seven years, she had been the librarian for a high-tech electronics company's research and reference library in Beaverton.

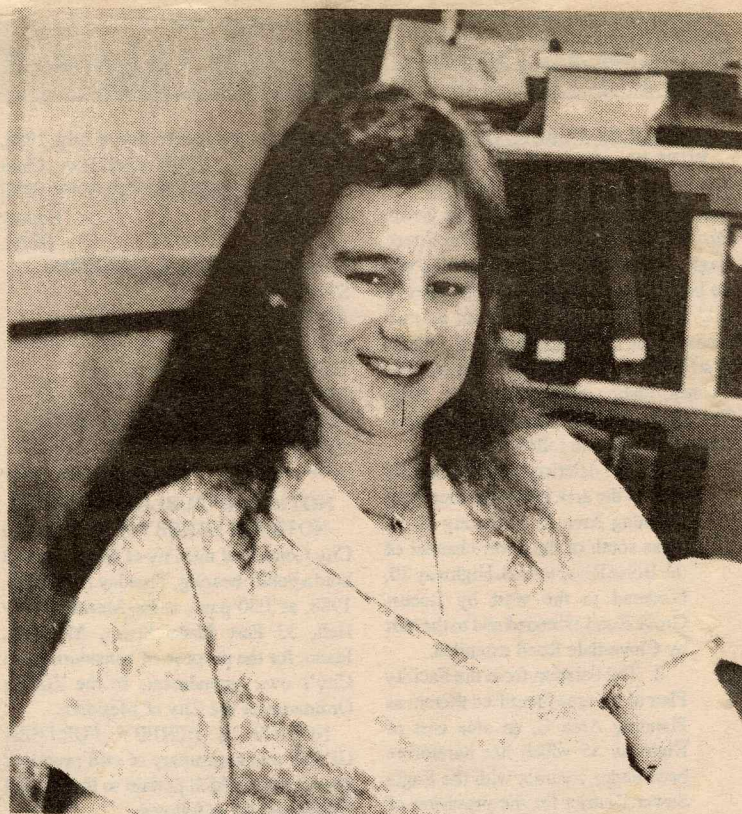
"I'm enjoying my work here in Meridian very much," Phelan said. "The staff is very good to work with and very helpful. I am relying on the staff heavily to know what the public requests. They're the ones who deal with the public the most and are aware of what our patrons want in the way of library books and materials."

Working with Phelan at the Meridian library are Pat Rabehl, Donna Ugarriza and Laura Oberbillig, fulltime staff members, and Petra Ugarriza, who works part-time. Oberbillig is the children's librarian; Rabehl handles processing and acquisitions; and Ugarriza works with inter-library loans and circulation.

"We all help in every area of the library's service," Phelan reported.

Board governs district

The library district, which is governed by a five-member board, was formed several years ago. The original library was formed by the Occident Club many years ago, and the library district was organized when more



NEW LIBRARIAN—Dorcas Phelan, new head librarian with the Meridian Library District, enjoys working with the staff and meeting patrons.

public support was needed.

Current board members include: Jack Riddlemoser, chairman; Norman Fuller, Donna Kesner, Marvin Bodine and Charlene Denny. Denny was elected to a five-year term in May. Fuller and Kesner were appointed to fill the unexpired portions of terms of members who had resigned.

The library is funded mainly from annual assessments on property tax on residents within the district. Other sources of funding are grants, either full or matching, from the state library, Northwest library district, or donations from individuals, businesses or organizations. The library also accepts donations of books and other materials with the understanding that any item which can't be used in the library's own collection will be put into the ongoing booksale, proceeds of which are used for library programs and collection.

There are approximately 20,000 items in the library's collection. In 1987, 82,300 books

and materials were checked out in 18,500 patron visits. The Meridian library is building up its Large Print collection, in part with a \$1,000 donation from the Occident Club.

Throughout the year, the children's department provides a variety of services including a recently-completed series of programs on different ethnic cultures represented in the state's population. There also is a summer reading program.

"We get a lot of requests for reference materials from teachers and school children during the school year and we are able to help out in most instances," Phelan said. "However, we are only a back-up to the school libraries and have to serve the needs of the general public as well."

In addition to her librarian duties, Phelan is an accomplished cellist, Master Swimmer and skier. She indicated she would enjoy living in the Meridian area which provides opportunities for these activities.



BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE—June Thomas, president of the Meridian Occident Club, will be honored at a birthday open house on June 19, 2 to 5 p.m. at the Nampa Valley Grange Hall, 2nd St. and 5th Ave., Nampa. Thomas celebrated her 80th birthday on June 8. Hosts will be her daughter and son-in-law, Loyce and Ken Shreffler, and Virginia Rau and Lily Sorenson. She was born at Epworth, Nebr., Banner County, one of 14 children of Thomas and Eula Cox and moved with her family at 13 to the West Coast; they later moved to Idaho. Before retiring, she worked as a licensed practical nurse at three Boise hospitals: Ada County, St. Alphonsus and St. Luke's. Thomas is active in the Grange, Eastern Star, the Star Christian Church, the Meridian Occident Club and several other clubs. She has two children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Thomas asks that no gifts be given.

Occident Club plans lunch to start year

The Meridian Occident Club begins the new year with a no-host luncheon at OJ's on August 29 at 12:30 p.m.

The program, under the direction of Opal Merrell, will be reports from Girls' State representatives from Centennial High School: Shawna Dunn, Meloanie Weber, Meloanie Hill and Sharee Forbes. They were sponsored by the Meridian American Legion Post under supervision of Mrs. Sherri Lance.

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.

Occident Club hears speaker

Meridian Occident Club members met last Monday in the Library for their regular monthly meeting.

Gladys Kelly, in charge of the program for this month, introduced Tracy Everson, director of Hays Shelter House, who gave the group quite a detailed resume of what and how the facility operates. Hays Shelter House was chosen by Occident's president Opal Merrell as her project for this year so it was all very interesting and informative for the members.

Following the program a business meeting was held with LaVerne Hartwell, vice-president, in charge. Members and one guest, Florence Emerick, sister of Edna Meyer, then enjoyed refreshments. Gladys Stuart and Leona Egbert presided at the tea table, which had been attractively arranged by hostesses, Edith Crockett, Ethel Carpenter and Bessie Matcham.

The next regular meeting will be the first Monday in February at the Library.

Meridian Occident Club elects Gladys Stewart, other officers

Gladys Stuart is the newly-elected president of the Meridian Occident Club, a service group, organized in 1924 and active through the years. Other new officers for the 1988-89 year are Rose Kriegbaum, vice president; Elizabeth Ryan, recording secretary; and Edna Myers, treasurer.

Among the many services for Meridian residents is an emergency medical equipment supply, having hospital beds, wheelchairs, crutches, urinals, and other needed equipment for the temporarily handicapped or ill, Ryan said. The equipment is available by contacting the chairperson, Hazel Goodwin at 888-1183.

Over the years, the Occident Club has provided many services

for Meridian; among them is the Meridian Library, and the building. In the past year, the club has given \$1721 to the Meridian Quick Response Unit and an equal amount to the Meridian Senior Citizens Center, Ryan said.

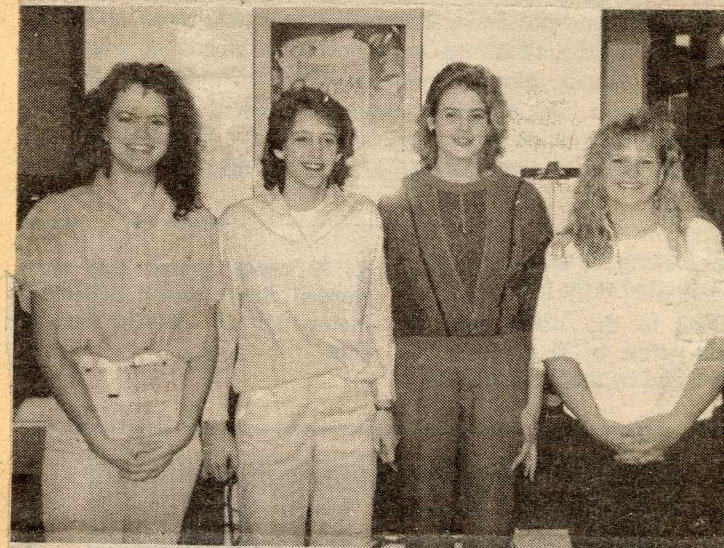
The club will be recessed for the summer until late August.

Library

A June library program with guest speakers, movies, and reading awards is now under way at the Meridian library for children 5 to 12 years old, according to Laura Oberbillig, children's librarian.

The program, with a theme of "Let's Travel Around the World", began June 1 but registration will continue until Friday, June 10, it was announced. The summer program will continue through July 11, ending with an awards program.

Speakers and their topics include Mervin and Lucille Christensen, Norway; Hossein Alidjani, Iran; Joe and Linda Urguidi, the Basque country; George Earley with his bagpipe, Scotland; and Zosha Whitten, West Germany. Mexico will be visited via a party at the end of the summer reading program on July 12.



CHOSEN FOR GIRLS' STATE—(Top photo) Meridian High School students recently named to Girls' State are (from left) Melissa Ingram, Pauline Mellor, Jayn Clark and Carrie Johnson. (Bottom photo) Named recently to Girls' State from Centennial High School are (from left) Shawna Dunn, Melanie Weber, Kareen Turner and Melanie Hill.—Photos by Kay Doty.

4-23-88

Girls State is news

I was appalled at the lack of attention Girls State received this year. These girls learn what goes into maintaining a democracy and gain a love and patriotism for our country — something that is rare in our society.

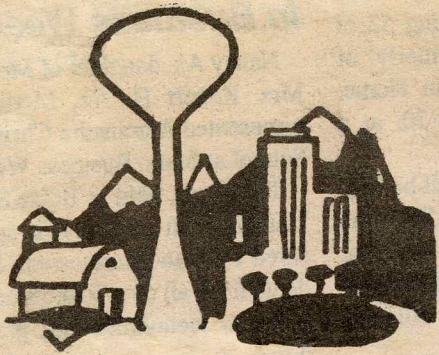
The American Legion advisers must spend thousands of hours planning lessons and scheduling events. If you would just look at the agenda planned for the girls, you would be amazed at the depth of education they receive!

The work the girls put in is phenomenal. For instance, our daughter, Melanie, drafted a bill regarding teacher competency testing. This involved many hours of study and work before she even arrived at Girls State. Then, so she could present it on the Senate floor, she

had to plan a campaign and run for (and win) the Senate. She and her friends had to thoroughly understand every detail of the bill so as to "sell" it. As a result, the bill passed overwhelmingly in the House and Senate; and the governor signed it.

Every girl at Girls State had similar experiences and learned what hard work it takes to make our country great. Now this is news!

MARDI HILL, Meridian



Your Community Newspaper - Serving Western Ada County from Meridian, Idaho

VALLEY NEWS

Vol. 88, No. 28
July 27, 1988

30 E. Franklin, P.O. Box 365
Meridian, Idaho 83642

25¢

Approximately \$380,000 paid to school for site

By Rick Mattoon

The Meridian School District is selling a three acre parcel of the former Meridian Intermediate site to the U.S. Postal Service for approximately \$380,000.

The purchase price was given last week by Meridian School District Asst. Supt. Dan Mabe.

Al Lee, a real estate contractor in the Acquisition Branch of the Real Estate Division for the Postal Service, said the amount of the acquisition could not come from the Postal Service but rather from the seller.

He was in Meridian last Wednesday and toured the site along with Meridian Postmaster Bob Cook.

Joining the two were Jim Meldrum, an industrial engineer from Boise, Mark Turpel with DeBoni and Associates, Planning and Development, from Vancouver, Wash., and Bill Briggs, with Briggs

Engineering.

The transaction between the Postal Service and the Meridian School District was to be completed by July 27 at the latest, Lee said on July 21.

The \$380,000 will go into the school plant facility reserve fund and be used for facility needs, Mabe said. He said legally it could not go into the general operations budget.

The school board will officially sign the documents at the Aug. 4 board meeting. Mabe said he would doubt that the school board will earmark the funds for any project at that meeting.

He said he would expect the money to stay in reserve and earn interest before the school board would decide what to use it for.

Supt. Nick Hallett said the district will look at facility needs, both short-term and long-term, this school year.

A facilities committee gave a plan to the school board two years ago that Hallett said has been essentially met.

The plan at that time said the district needed to bring Centennial up to 1800 student capacity, build a cafeteria at Meridian High, build a new administration building, and doing roof projects throughout the district.

"We need to update that facilities plan," Hallett said Tuesday. The plan would look at what is needed within the next five years.

One area that Hallett said needs to be looked at is the administration complex currently being used by the district.

Once the district office moves to its new location next door, Hallett

said, the board will have to decide how to use the property.

He said right now the board has decided not to put any money into the complex to improve it.

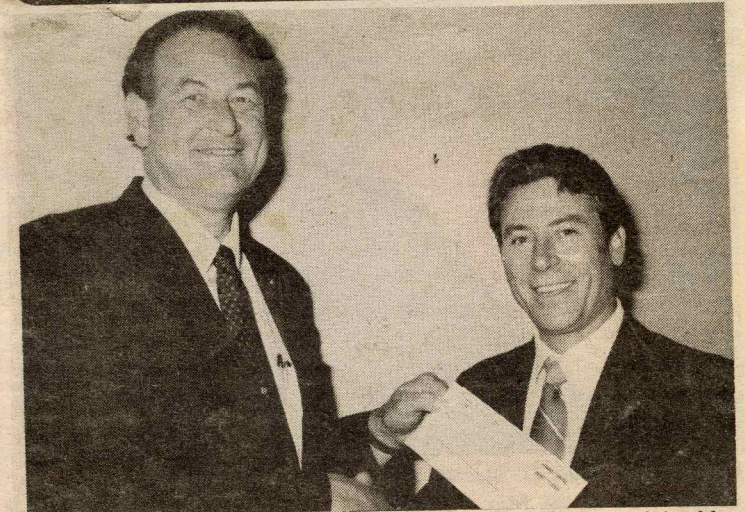
"The cost is too much to fix this (building) to operate," Hallett said. "We can't justify" putting money into the building.

The rest of the Meridian Intermediate site could be sold soon, Hallett indicated. "We have a couple of nibbles," he said.

If the site is sold, the district would need to relocate its warehouse and maintenance storage. The district offices could be razed and the site be used for a warehouse and maintenance storage.



NEW IN PLAZA—One-hour Martinizing of Meridian held an open house and Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting last Tuesday for a sparkling new store in Cherry Plaza. Owners are Bill Winkle, Gene Moncur and Dennis Heeb. Cleaning mini-blinds, whatever width, is a specialty, owner said. The Chamber Ambassadors did the honors - the eighth ribbon-cutting of the year - and toured the facility.



CONGRATULATIONS—Steve Anderson, (right) president of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, receives congratulations and a \$5,000 check from Terry Smith, manager of the Meridian Idaho First Bank. The check was from the Idaho Economic Action Council and given to the Meridian Chamber following a successful application for a grant to the IEAC, Smith said. The money will be set aside as the beginning of Meridian redevelopment fund, Anderson said. He said that about \$20,000 will be needed for development of a master plan for Meridian's central business district. He also noted that completion of the new C of C building closer to I-84 had first priority, anticipating groundbreaking

Moon buys Valley News

Marjorie Ruth Moon, Kuna-Melba News owner, has purchased the Valley News effective Feb. 1, 1988.

Bob and Pat Wherry, Valley News owners, made the announcement today.

Moon, former state treasurer, has a long history of newspaper publishing. She at one time published newspapers in Garden City and Eagle.

She bought the Kuna newspaper after leaving state office a year ago.

"Due to demands of our two newspapers at Cottonwood and Nezperce, we have been unable to devote the time needed for proper development and growth of the Valley News the past several months," Bob Wherry said.

"This placed an unfair burden on our son Steve who has been managing the paper in our absence.

"We feel Marjorie's newspapering background, her experience in state government, her contacts in the Valley all are invaluable assets in assuming



ownership of the Valley News," Wherry said.

Moon emphasized that both the Kuna-Melba News and the Valley News will continue to be published as separate newspapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wherry bought the Meridian-based newspaper in July 1984.

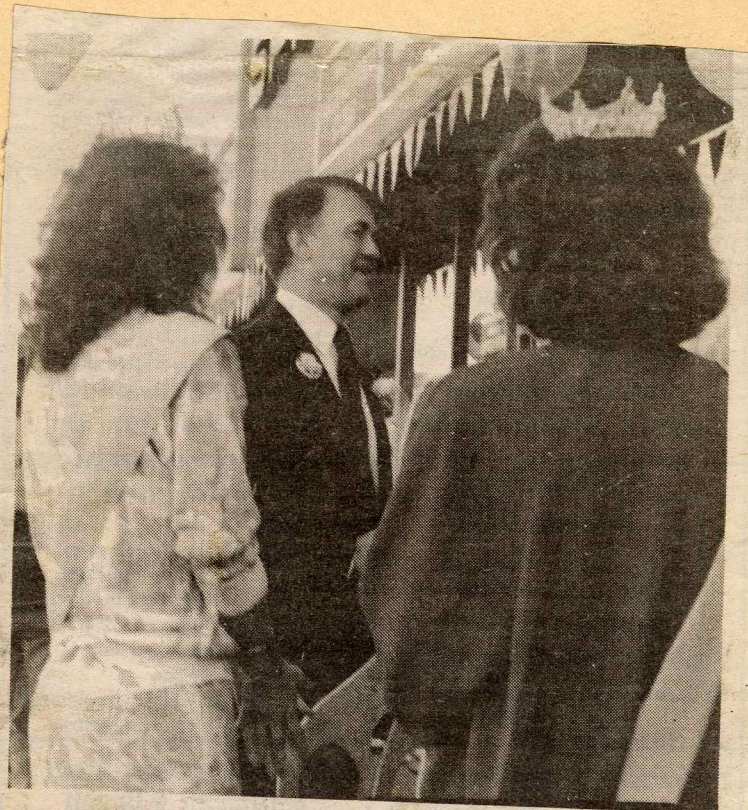


2 - June 22, 1988

Valley News



WHAT A CREW! This Meridian Paint the Town crew painted Ruby Hooker's house, 327 E. Carlton, one of nine completed last Saturday under coordination of Meridian Kiwanis Club members. The painters pictured were the team of First Security, ACRE Realty, and the City of Meridian. Similar crews painted homes, cleaned yards, removed junk, repaired holes, redid tin and generally improved homes all over town. The homeowners, addresses, and crews are listed: Vern Nowland, 4670 W. Franklin, Idaho Power; Anna Kaskella, Getting Together; Gordon Ford, W. Highway 30, Meridian Ford; Blanche Curry, 4090 W. Lake Hazel, Kiwanis and Sea Cadets; Bernice Rambo, 141 E. Carlton, Farmers and Merchants; Thomas Young, 545 E. Chinden, Optimist Club; Kate Moore, 300 e. State, Idaho First National Bank; Margaret Wilmot, 731 Meridian, Bishop Kelly High School.



RIBBON-CUTTING HELD—The Sprouse-Reitz variety store in Cherry Plaza celebrated the opening of its new and larger store with a formal ribbon cutting last Thursday morning. Among those in attendance for the opening day ceremony and a pre-opening reception Wednesday evening was Robert Sprouse II, one of the founders of the Portland-based company. Sprouse is shown here (second photo) with Miss Meridian, Kelli Rue, and Miss Idaho, Holly Hill, who participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with Meridian Mayor Grant Kingsford, Chamber of Commerce officials and the Meridian High School band.

School Board obtains high bid for property

By Maria Salazar

Meridian school trustees were happy folks Monday noon, as they accepted a bid of \$111,900 for the downtown site of the old Meridian Intermediate School from Mohammad and Helen Alidjani, local couple who own the Zocalo Restaurant and operate Meridian's garbage collection service.

The bid from the Alidjanis was \$30,000 higher than two others received by the district and the couple agreed to close the deal within 90 days.

Alidjani and his wife told the *News* they are looking at several possible uses of the site, which is three acres in size and includes the old school cafeteria, a warehouse and the district's maintenance

shop, as well as the school building. Meridian Intermediate was closed two years ago. The remainder of the property on the block, which is bounded by Carleton, 2-1/2 Street and 1st Street, is the site of the Meridian Post Office.

Chuck Liehe, the Meridian district's supervisor of buildings and grounds, said as soon as final sales documents are signed, the district will begin looking for a site on which to build a central receiving building, to store supplies and house his maintenance staff.

Dave Ownby, Meridian realtor who handled the sale, told the *News* while an appraisal of the property prepared for the district set the value at \$80,000, the dis-

trict faced an estimated \$88,000 in fees for removal of asbestos if they had decided to continue using the buildings. He said the district received a bid for \$90,000 to remove the buildings, but the district would have had to pay \$88,000 to have the asbestos removed before the buildings were torn down.

In other business conducted at the special meeting held on Monday, the trustees also agreed to contract with Action Courts, Inc., of Billings, Montana, for laying of rubberized asphalt on the pole vaulting area and track straightaway at Centennial High School. Liehe told the trustees the Montana firm is now constructing the track at the new Emmett High School and has agreed to do the

work at CHS at a reduced price while they are in the area.

Liehe told the *News* he expects a 20 per cent savings in overall costs and said because the fee is under \$10,000, the school district was not required to request bids to perform the work.

While they took no formal action, the trustees also gave a nod to a proposal from the district's Middle School Steering Committee, comprised of administrators and teachers, for a daily conference period for teachers who will work in pairs to "team teach" sixth graders next year.

Chairman Wally Hedrick cautioned school officials that the program is operating on a trial basis for one year, however, and said scheduling of conference

periods "is not the wave of the future."

Trustee Steve Givens expressed similar concerns that there will be "ramifications down the line" and problems with other teachers who will also want time for class planning and for meetings with students and their parents.

Supt. Nick Hallett told the trustees 6th grade class loads would increase from 25 to 32 per class in order to work in the additional conference period, but the class size is still within state guidelines. He said expansion of a conference period to all teachers would be "prohibitively expensive," so it will be restricted to teachers of 6th graders, who are in "a critical

(Continued on Page 12)

Salmon Feed is Friday night

The annual Fire Fighters Salmon Feed is this Friday night at the Meridian Speedway. The dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Fire Chief Kenny Bowers said the feed will include fresh salmon, baked potatoes, cole slaw, milk and pop.

The feed is to help fund the fire

department's "Burn-Out Fund" which goes to meet the emergency needs of people who have been involved in a fire.

Last year, Bowers said, the fund helped 11 families, providing about \$1,800.

The funds go to help people with living costs while they are out of the house, medical-related costs and

clothing.

Tickets are \$7 in advance at \$8 at the door. Advance tickets can still be purchased at the city hall. The fire fighters will be at the Speedway Friday selling tickets.

Children 12 to 5 can get tickets for \$4 while children 5 and under get in free.



PARTICIPATES IN PROGRAM—Phil Peterson (left), assistant superintendent of the Meridian School District, receives a certificate reaffirming the district's participation in the Developmental Economic Education Program, a cooperative effort between school districts nationwide and the Joint Council on Economic Education. It is designed to influence the level of economic understanding of students from kindergarten through grade 12. Presenting the certificate is Steven Gunderson of Boise, ICEE secretary. 4-16-88

Editor, *Valley News*:

On behalf of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, the Dairy Board, and the entire community of Meridian I am writing to thank the many individuals and groups who helped make Dairy Days 1988 such a success. It is only through the concerted efforts of those who generously donate their time, energy, and expertise that the activities of Dairy Days are able to be made available year after year. Space precludes thanking everyone but some must be mentioned for going above and beyond the proverbial call: City Clerk Jack Niemann, Councilman Bert Myers, and City Attorney Wayne Crookston worked diligently for a successful Pancake Feed; Dr. Tom Hammond, Mark Freeman, and Dave Sherman's efforts and generosity of the donating businesses and bidding public resulted in a most successful annual Community Auction; Marcia Hall, Dianna Hyde, Ruth Fowler, and Beth Biddle saw to it that Heritage Day in the Park was bigger and better than last year; and Ida Sweet, Steve Anderson, and Moe Alidjani arrested more "desperadoes" during Vigilante Day this year than ever before.

Special commendation goes to the Sea Cadets for traffic control in Storey Park throughout Heritage Day and for again serving as our Color Guard in the parade. The Cub Scout Pack of Linder Elementary School picked up trash after the parade Friday evening, so our main thoroughfare would be free of debris the last and busiest day of Dairy Days. The Nampa National Guardsmen willingly came over to set up camouflage shade canopies in the park for Heritage Day after spending two weeks away on maneuvers!

It is the generosity and community spirit of these people and numerous others in Meridian that make this city such a wonderful place in which to live and work. In the nearly three years I have been associated with the Meridian Chamber of Commerce it is this spirit of community that impresses me the most and helps to make my job so rewarding.

—Glenna M. Crawford
Executive Director, Meridian Chamber of Commerce



WOMAN OF DISTINCTION—LaWanna L. Niemann, (second from right) Meridian, was presented the Soroptimist Woman of Distinction award Friday at the professional women's group's installation banquet in the Boise Indian Lakes Country Club. Making the presentation is Soroptimist Vice President E. Fay Buchanan (left) with President Bernice Tisdale and (far right) Jack Niemann, husband of the award winner.

Soroptimists pick Niemann as Woman of Distinction

Meridian Soroptimists picked a community leader as their 1988 Woman of Distinction.

In making the Soroptimist Woman of Distinction award last Friday night at their installation banquet to LaWanna Niemann, Meridian, Vice President E. Fay Buchanan said that the occasion "gives us the formal opportunity of recognizing and honoring those in our community who help advance the status of women, helping them to more fully achieve their potential, as well as achieving distinction in their own business or profession.

"The woman we have chosen to honor...is indeed a distinguished and gracious lady - on the inside and the outside of her person - and her professional air precedes her in business and personal affairs as well," Buchanan continued.

"She has been a role model and helped innumerable young women to achieve and to be their

best. But perhaps her most honorable quality is her willingness to help, in all humility, her family, her friends, co-workers, employees, clients, and other women," Buchanan said.

Niemann is a native of Meridian and graduated from Meridian High School, the daughter of Fay and Wanda White. Among jobs, she has worked in a soda shop, and after marriage to her high school sweetheart, Jack Niemann, for the AAA Auto Club and for over 20 years for the City of Meridian. She was secretary and head of the Licensing Dept. before becoming Meridian City Clerk.

Niemann has helped several young women advance through PEO by sponsoring them for scholarships and membership.

Buchanan said that the award advances the Soroptimist objective of human rights for all people and, in particular, advancement of the status of women.

Fire truck put into service by Meridian-Rural district

By Kay Doty

It's been in service since December, but it's still "the new fire truck" to the Meridian City-Rural Fire District.

And everyone is pretty proud of it.

The fully-equipped truck was purchased locally at a cost below \$80,000. A Pierce suburban, it has a 1,000 gallon pump and a 1,000 gallon water tank, plus a full complement of ladders and hoses.

Bowers, who has been with the department since 1971 and chief since 1982, said the department now has three engines, two tankers, one four-wheel drive squad, one Quick Response Unit (QRU) van and one command van.

In addition to Bowers and Fire Marshall Raymond "Skip" Voss, the department has 28 firefighters and 50 QRU personnel. All are volunteers.

December. Steve Gempler and Pat Oliver were voted Firemen of the Year at the same time.

Records indicate the city's fire department was founded in 1908 and the Rural District in the early 1950's.



"NEW FIRE TRUCK"—Fire Chief Kenny Bowers proudly displays the fire truck the Meridian City-Rural Fire District acquired recently.

B-30-88

Fire Chief Kenny Bowers said, "This is a venture they (City-Rural District) are trying to do together—to combine funds."

The truck was purchased from Starline Equipment Company at a savings of \$50,000.

Bowers said by purchasing the truck, which had been used as a demonstrator, from a local dealer the district not only saved money, but time. He added there may be as much as an 18 month wait for delivery when a truck is ordered from the factory.

"We can use this truck for 20 years before having to sell it or get it re-rated," Bowers said.

The Idaho Survey and Rating Bureau checks all firetrucks every few years to be certain they are up to the bureau's standards.

Ed Harper, president of the Meridian Firefighter's Association and a volunteer since 1981, said the district also purchased new turn-out equipment, including helmets, coats, pants and boots.

"The equipment had been in use eight years and needed updating," Harper said, adding "This protects the firefighter better."

Meridian woman has lived 60 years of community's history

by Kathy Williams



Bernice Booth is an attractive white-haired woman with sparkling attentive brown eyes and a warm smile. She moved some intricate embroidery she had been working on to offer a seat to this reporter. The neat, attractively furnished apartment contained pictures of children and grandchildren and--an organ.

As conversation moved from the poem she had written to her other interests, she mentioned the singing she had done years ago as a member of the Boise Valley Singing Convention under the

direction of the late Albert Thomason. It was something she enjoyed, and she was surprised and pleased to find she shared common acquaintances and memories with Thomason's youngest son, the current editor and publisher of the Treasure Valley Times.

Bernice Booth remembers coming to Meridian from Kansas as a child in 1910. "It was just a small place, of course. The old water tank was there then--where the police station is now."

"They were digging the New York Canal when I came out here," she said. "First Street was Highway 30. That was the first gravel road; (about 1912) the other roads were dirt. They had sprinkler wagons pulled by horses. We used to live where the Elm Grove Trailer Park is now."

Booth talked about the railroad coming in. "The railroad was a spur from Meridian to Nampa and Boise. The main line came in about 1924--that was when they drove the golden spike."

Speaking about Lake Lowell, Booth recalled when the car line built a spur and people would ride the street car on Sunday out to Lake Lowell. The area had a dance pavillion, places for picnics and boat rides.

Booth, whose maiden name was Harms, was one of 36 students to graduate from Meridian High School in 1922. (That high school is now Meridian Intermediate School--built in 1912.) She has two daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren--and a wonderful memory!

by Bernice L. Booth

*We have a piano, a gift to us all,
We need you to play it,
So, give us a call.*

*Our announcer is marvelous,
Clever and sweet.
Thank you, Nell, you are fun and a
Real treat.*

*Elizabeth, you are wonderful,
And have a sweet way
Of putting out the welcome mat
On this, our special day.*

*Some have traveled with Annie
On various occasions
Seeing wonderful sights
Of God's great creation.*

*E.B. Jenkins and John Fritchie
Have poems in store,
Which they like to share with us,
So we will be calling on them again
You can be sure!*

*Whatever your talent
Let is be known,
We need you and want you,
You are one of us and belong.*

*I enjoy being with you
And having a small part,
And I want to thank all of you
From the bottom of my heart.
Thank you.*

(Written February 1981)



Meridian Occident Club elects Gladys Stewart, other officers

Gladys Stewart is the newly-elected president of the Meridian Occident Club, a service group, organized in 1924 and active through the years. Other new officers for the 1988-89 year are Rose Kriegbaum, vice president; Elizabeth Ryan, recording secretary; and Edna Myers, treasurer.

Among the many services for Meridian residents is an emergency medical equipment supply, having hospital beds, wheel-chairs, crutches, urinals, and other needed equipment for the temporarily handicapped or ill, Ryan said. The equipment is available by contacting the chairperson, Hazel Goodwin at 888-1183.

Over the years, the Occident Club has provided many services

for Meridian; among them is the Meridian Library, and the building. In the past year, the club has given \$1721 to the Meridian Quick Response Unit and an equal amount to the Meridian Senior Citizens Center, Ryan said.

The club will be recessed for the summer until late August.

The Meridian Senior Center would like to express their gratitude to the Meridian Occident Club for their donation of \$1,721.49 to the center.

The money will be used for current and future projects.

It was almost standing room only [above] as the Meridian Volunteer Firemen [left] cooked up their salmon feed Friday night.



MERIDIAN

OCCIDENT

CLUB

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

1988-1989

—Mary Stewart



LEAVE FOR CHINA--Centennial High School volleyball players (from left) Tammy Jennings, Jennifer Cheek, Denise Cox and Wendy Johnson, and their coach, Janice Drake (in front), will be leaving July 4 for a 10-day trip to China.

Volleyball players compete in China

By Amyllen Bodily

This Fourth of July will be a memorable one for four Centennial High School volleyball players and their coach.

Players Tammy Jennings, Jennifer Cheek, Denise Cox, Wendy Johnson and Coach Janice Drake, will leave on the Fourth for a ten-day trip to China. Coach Drake said this trip is unique because China is "so different from any other country. It is such a strange and exotic land with such different customs and clothing."

The Centennial girls, hand-picked by their coach to participate, will first travel to Lewiston for a one-week practice session before teaming up with 20 other girls from around Idaho. Team members come from Lewiston, Clarkston, McCall, Moscow and Meridian. The Idaho team will play two matches in Hong Kong

and two in China against teams of the same age.

Each girl raised the \$1700 needed to pay for her trip. Amateur Sports Development, a Beaverton, Oregon, company, set up flights and hotel reservations for the team.

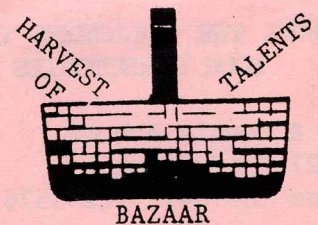
Jennings, Cox and Johnson

played Varsity last year, while Cheek was a member of the Junior Varsity team.

Coach Drake is hoping to take another trip next year with some Meridian volleyball team members; since volleyball is a warm weather sport, Barbadoes was mentioned as a possibility.



LIKE THIS, FELLAS—Co-chairman Terry Smith (left) demonstrates techniques for Paint the Town volunteers, but Bruce Winchester and Co-chairman Jack Sweet are too busy holding gallons of paint to watch. The trio will join 150 Meridian volunteers in the all-out effort on June 18 to complete painting of nine homes of Senior Citizens and handicapped residents. The event is coordinated by the Meridian Kiwanis.



"Go On With Your Knittin'"

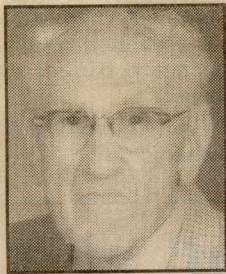
In the middle of problems, the
big ones and small
It's always proper and fittin',
To trust and to pray 'til the Lord
shows the way
And go right ahead with knittin'."
-Author Unknown

We all marvel at Clara Hamming's really awesome talent of knitting. Clara tells us that knitting and other needlework skills were taught in the schools in her native Switzerland. We all enjoy watching Clara knit, such speed and ease. Even though her hands are troubled by arthritis, does she give up knitting - not Clara! She says knitting provides exercise for her hands and is therapy.

Every year Clara brings many, many slippers, baby booties and other items to the bazaar. The slippers she has made for the church must now number in the hundreds, and have kept many feet warm. We thank you Clara, for sharing your talent with such generosity.

-Norma Gale

*A Tribute
To Talent!!!*



Raema S. "Ray" Anderson

MERIDIAN — Raema S. "Ray" Anderson, 84, of Meridian, died Saturday, Dec. 31, 1988, in a Boise hospital of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1989, in the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. The Rev. Evert Roberts of the Meridian Gospel Tabernacle will officiate, with Masonic rites by Meridian Masonic Lodge #47. Burial will follow in Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Anderson was born May 18, 1904, at Crystal Lake, Minn., a son of Robert Chase and Lilly Ann Anderson. He moved to Clovis, Calif., when he was 1½ years old. His parents worked in the vineyards there before moving to Arizona in 1909, then back to Santa Cruz, Calif., in 1918.

From 1926 to 1946, Ray worked for the General Electric plant in Ontario, Calif., as a tool and die maker-machinist. He married Minnie Ann Cotton of Pomona, Calif., on July 1, 1927. In 1929, Ray played with the American Legion Band, and was honored to play the cornet with the band at the Rose Parade in 1929.

In 1946, Ray moved his family to Eagle where he farmed. The Andersons returned to Ontario, Calif., in 1950 where Ray worked in a machine shop until 1952, then returned to the Eagle area. In 1957, Ray, along with his son-in-law, Ray Pack, bought Rice Pharmacy of Meridian. Ray worked in the store, drove a Meridian school bus for eight years, and served on the Meridian City Council from 1958 to 1959. He worked on Hell's Canyon projects for Morrison-Knudsen Co. in 1958 and 1959.

After selling his interest in the pharmacy, Ray retired and began traveling in the Anderson's American Clipper. They traveled south to Arizona in the winters, and when they were not traveling, Ray repaired watches and clocks.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge #47; Order of Eastern Star #66; Treasure Valley Good Sam chapter; and a past member of the Meridian Lions Club.

Ray was proud of the fact that he had a daughter and a great-granddaughter born on his birthday.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie of Meridian; a daughter and son-in-law, Lova June and Ray Pack of Meridian; a son and daughter-in-

law, Clarence W. "Smilie" and Virginia Anderson of Boise; grandchildren Richard Anderson, Luann Losh, Alan Pack, Marianne Hickman, Earle Pack and Carol Clark; eight great-grandchildren, Michael, Mark and Leslie Losh, Earlene and Erin Pack, Jacqueline Hickman, Cory Clark and Alexander Pack; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 1301 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise; or to a favorite charity.

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

I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved, and he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The Lord shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil, and he will keep your life. The Lord will keep you from going out and your coming in from the time forth, and forevermore.

Psa

In Loving Memory

RAEMA S. "RAY" ANDERSON

May 18, 1904
December 31, 1988

Crystal Lake, Minn.
Boise,

Services in Chapel of the Chimes
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1989

2:00

Officiating — Rev. Evert Roberts
Meridian Gospel Tabernacle

Soloist — Dale Ryan

Organist — Lila Hill

Saxaphonist — Marc McMorro

Casketbearers

Kenneth Rasmussen
Verne Cole
Ernil Jerome

Carl Losh
Don Dusenberry
Dell Boston

Honorary Casketbearers

Richard Anderson
Mike Losh
Joel Hickman

Coe Keibert

Alan Pack
Earle Pack
Mark Clark

Place of Interment — Terrace Lawn Memorial Gardens

Marie Sandy

MERIDIAN — Marie Sandy, 92, of Meridian, died Tuesday, May 8, 1990, at a Boise hospital of natural causes.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 11, 1990, at the Chapel of the Chimes, Meridian. The Rev. Ralph Lawrence of the Meridian United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will follow at Kohlerlawn Cemetery, Nampa.

Marie was born July 13, 1897, northwest of Nampa on the Karcher homestead — land where Karcher Mall is located, a daughter of pioneer parents George L. and Elizabeth McRobbie Karcher. She lived her entire life in Idaho and began school at Midway. Marie graduated from Nampa High School in 1916 and continued her education at the College of Idaho, Caldwell. She worked at Mountain States Telephone Company at Nampa prior to her marriage to Herman L. Sandy on Nov. 15, 1920, at Boise. Herman passed away May 20, 1971, at Boise. The couple farmed several years in Boise Valley until moving to Meridian in 1935. They moved to Payette in 1948, to Nampa in 1960, and returned to Meridian in 1965. Marie worked as assistant librarian in the Meridian Public Library for eight years, retiring Dec. 31, 1975.

Mrs. Sandy was a charter member of the Joseph H. Murry Unit #18, American Legion Auxiliary of Nampa, and a member of Lloyd E. Hutcheson Unit #113 of Merid-

ian. She held many offices in the unit, district, and department for the American Legion Auxiliary. She was active in the Eight and Forty Honor Society of the American Legion Auxiliary, belonging to and holding offices in the Canyon Salon #104. Marie was a past state president, past state secretary, treasurer, four years, and National Demi Chapeau of the Western Division in 1950-51. She was also a member of Colfax Rebekah Lodge of Nampa, past president of Meridian Occident Club, and a charter member of the Canyon County Historical Society of Nampa. Mrs. Sandy attended the Meridian United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Vern K. and Billie Sandy of Payette; a brother, George L. Karcher, Jr., of Boise; a daughter-in-law, Avis M. Sandy of Boise, two granddaughters, Connie Jo Steen and her husband, Jim of Joseph, Ore., and Rene Sandy of Sacramento, Calif.; four grandsons, Gordon Sandy of Haines, Alaska, Curtis Sandy of Sacramento, Calif., Tim and his wife, Rhonda Sandy of Homedale, and Wally and his wife, Theresa Sandy of Boise; eight great-grandsons; a niece; two nephews; and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, James Clare Sandy on Oct 10, 1981; a sister; and three brothers.

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

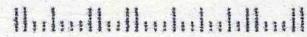


Meridian Area Senior Citizens Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 597
Meridian, Idaho 83642



Meridian Occident Club
Florance Hall
39 E. State
Meridian, Idaho 83642



Meridian Library District
18 East Idaho Avenue
Meridian, Idaho 83642



Scrap

Book

Mrs. Annie Jones
Occident Club President
Elm Grove Traylor Park # 49
Meridian, Idaho 83642