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The Meridian Centennial Bureau
Invites You to Come

CELEBRATE MERIDIAN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

The "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" celebration
is on Wednesday, August 18th
The ceremony begins on the steps of
CITY HALL at 9:00 a.m.

After the birthday celebration,
we will be lead
by a drum corps to
PINE STREET SCHOOL
for the ribbon cutting ceremony
(Approx. 10: 00 a.m.)

Please join us in wishing Meridian a
'HAPPY BIRTHDAY"
and join in the dedication of
our Centennial "Lasting Legacy"
PINE STREET SCHOOL

--food & drinks available--
Centennial items for sale

Pine Street School to be rededicated September 26th

By Terry P. Smith

MERIDIAN - Eric Exline, Meridian School District Public Information Officer, announced last week that Dr. Linda Clark, Superintendent of Schools has scheduled the rededication date of Pine Street School, the

historic one-room schoolhouse that was moved about 95 yards to the west in March. The rededication and ribbon cutting is scheduled at the school's new location, 1035 N.W. 1st Street at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26th. Participants will be Betty Kusler, who taught nine years of her long career in the small schoolhouse; other teachers who also taught during the same period, Dr. Clark and other officials representing Joint School District #2; Mayor Tammy de Weerd and other City of Meridian officials, Meridian Chamber of Commerce

President Carolyn Sinnard and C of C Ambassadors, representatives of the 1993 Meridian Centennial Advisory Board, citizens, grade school students and those who were students in the Pine Street School building between 1951 and 1959.

The move was necessary due to the acquisition by the Boys and Girls Club of the district's former administration office and the property on which the schoolhouse has been located since 1937. The small building, which had been used for supply storage for about 30 years, was restored in 1993 as a "Lasting Legacy" project by the Meridian Centennial Bureau. Doug Rutan, former assistant superintendent of Joint School District #2 (Meridian School District) and later superintendent of the Kuna School District,

served as chairman of the project. As a member of the Centennial Bureau, he helped raise funds and secure volunteers to complete the restoration. Donations came from individuals, businesses, Boy Scouts, service organizations, City of Meridian, grants, etc.

Mrs. Kusler has cared for the restored Pine Street School with great care and love. In the fifteen years since the school building was once again ready for use, she said 3,543 visitors "have stepped over the threshold to partake of its beauty, its treasures and many gifts.

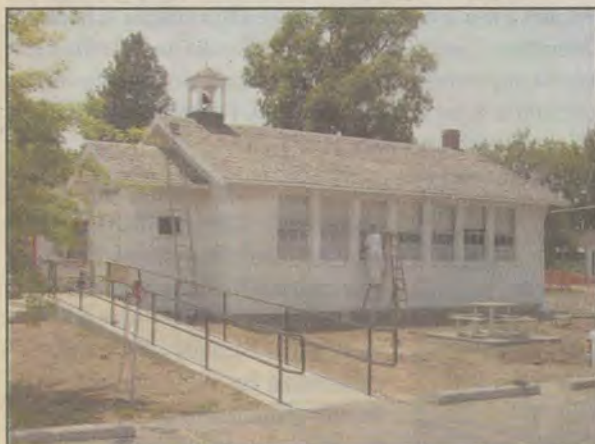
"It is true to say that people have come from coast to coast to try to recall our history," she said. From the east coast, they came from Crummary, Connecticut and from Somerville, New Jersey and the state of Maryland. They came from the West from Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Montana, Colorado, Nevada and Hawaii. Visitors also came from Hong Kong, Australia, Alaska, Canada and Texas. Others came from North Dakota, Ohio and Minnesota. Not included in the visitor count are the fourth-graders throughout the school year who visit the school with their teachers on field trips.

Betty continues to express her thanks and appreciation to the City of Meridian and the Meridian School District for their great care in the relocation of the school. She especially thanks Keith Bird, City Councilman, Walt Morrow Construction and Wayne Hanners, School District Supervisor of Operations for the work done in moving the building and for preparing the community legacy for use once again. "A number of hard working volunteers have been helping me put all the things in place again so we will enjoy the light shining on the flag and we will be happy to hear the bell ring again. The Pine Street School /Museum will soon return to its glory."

If you were one of Betty Kusler's students in the Pine Street School building between 1951-1959, contact her at 888-7741. She would love to know that you plan to attend the rededication. A handful of the 279 second-graders whom she taught in the school have been sending letters and phoning everyone whom they can locate. Betty wants to celebrate with her former students throughout the day following the dedication.



Pine Street School's Meridian Centennial Lasting Legacy sign after relocation from the corner of Meridian Road and Pine Avenue.



Pine Street School the day it received a new coat of paint by Hamilton & Spear, Painting Contractors.



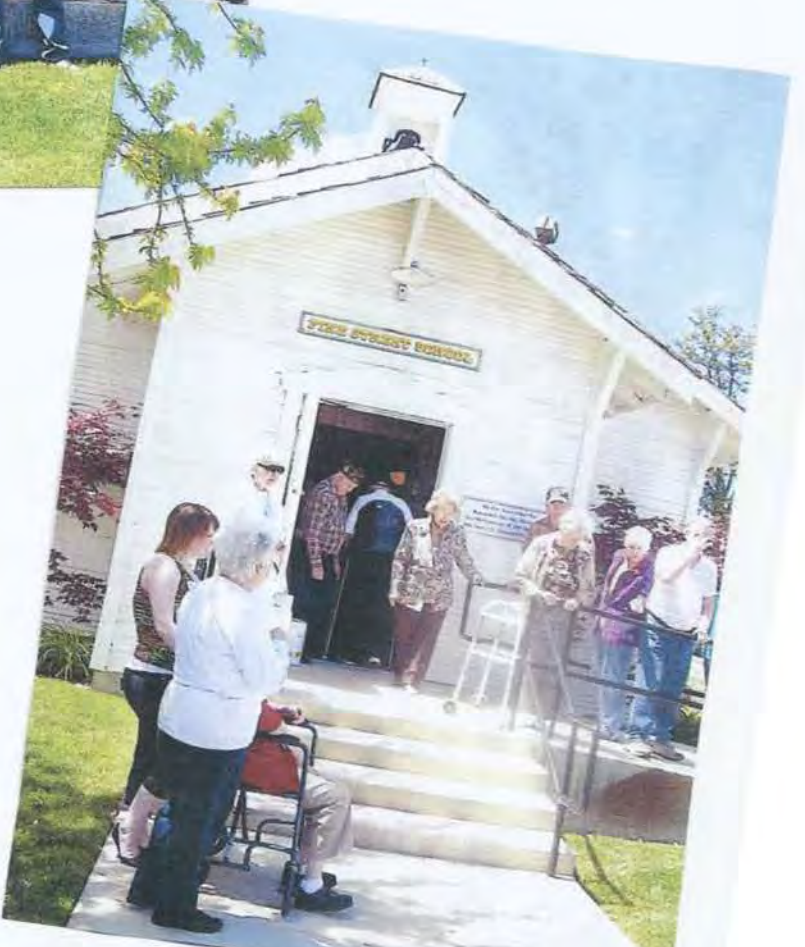
Kathie Veenstra and Camy Burns of Hamilton & Spear, the contractor hired by Walt Morrow Construction for the City of Meridian.

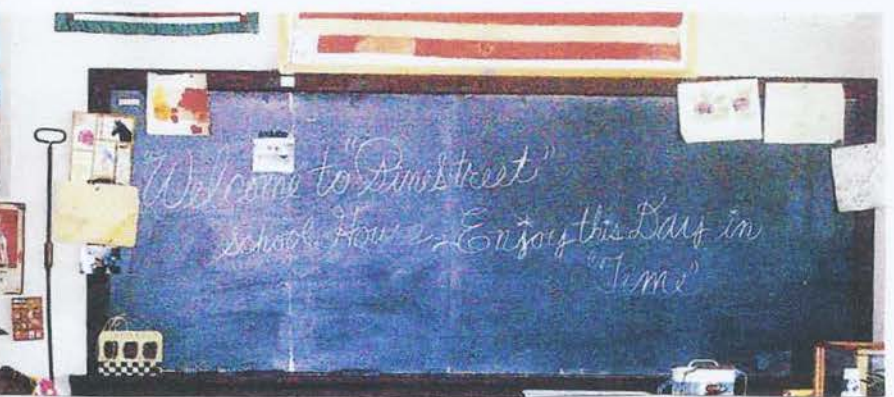
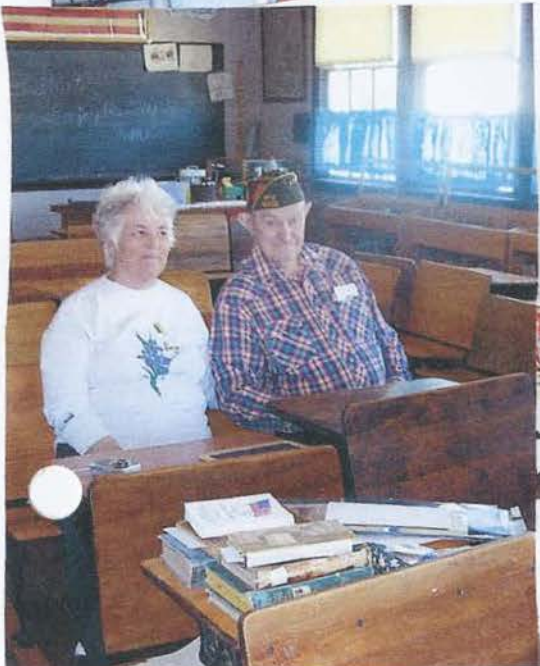
Photos taken June 25th, 2008 by Terry P. Smith

Pine Street School



Mrs. Betty Kusler







For Betty Kusler, 'life is good'

She grew up during the Great Depression and says the secret to living a good life is believing that everything will be OK

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Betty Kusler was a teacher for 38 years. For 10 of those years, she taught more than 40 second-graders a year in an old storage building-turned-classroom. "This place has so many memories," she says. Now, her old classroom is the historic Pine Street School, and Betty is its lone volunteer. The school reflects her varied interests, her insatiable curiosity and her sense that people are connected through the past and through their experiences in school. Her work also reflects much gratitude. "I just really am enjoying having been here on this earth," she says.

PINE STREET SCHOOL

The origins of the building now known as Pine Street School is that it was originally built as a high school classroom behind Meridian Rural High School in 1920.

It has moved two times before going to its current location and was used as a storage shed after it was Betty Kusler's second-grade classroom from 1950-60. In 1993, it was dedicated as a museum in honor of the Meridian Centennial in 1993.

The school, at 1035 N.W. 1st St., near Meridian Elementary School, is open 1-3 p.m. every Saturday, whenever Betty is able to be there.

On Nov. 15, she's going to be 93 years old. "Can you imagine that?" she says.

The thing is, oh, yes. It is possible to imagine.

Betty Kusler greets life and friends alike with open arms, a joyous smile and just a hint of a gleam in her eye. She's got a sharp memory for a nicely told story, a sense of curiosity that has taken her far and wide in this big world, and she counts among her treasures the hundreds, if not thousands, of children she has taught.

"As old as I am, the good Lord has something he wants me to do and then it will be time for me to go. I'm not afraid."

She is a diminutive, soft-spoken force to be reckoned with. But she calls it something else.

"Let's start with the word 'stubborn.' Let's say that stubborn has two b's. Well, I spell it with four."

Betty was born four days after Armistice Day into the aftermath of a world war and into the heart of the Great Depression in North Dakota, where her parents were trying to make a go of farming.

"I remember the wind. And the heat in the summer. I remember standing at windows, holding my pillow against the window so it wouldn't break. Many of our nights we spent in the cellar because the wind was so strong we were afraid the house would blow in."

The wind, she says, blew their black North Dakota soil clear into Indiana. Dust was so severe, they had to turn on kerosene lamps in the middle of the day. They were forced to sell cows because there was no feed, but they kept as many as they could to trade cream in town for flour and sugar.

"(Today), we are in a depression as far as jobs. But we have no idea what a real depression is. You see, I lived in a tarpaper shack. And that was home.

"I saw a movie one time, trying to tell of (the Depression). And if I hadn't lived through it, I would have thought, boy, they really were stretching things. But that's the way it was. You just can't believe it.

"Maybe that's why I think that life is good. Because, you see, you have to keep up your spirits. And think: It'll work out. The good Lord will take care of things."

As a child, Betty had always said she was going to teach second grade. And so she would. But she would have to make that statement come true — her "b's" at work, she says.

High school was 7 miles away, too far for a daily walk, so Betty found work in trade for room-and-board through graduation. She found a college that cost \$100 a year, and with little more than that, worked her way through the first year. She was hired to teach before she had her certificate, and when that ended, she was determined to attend another teacher's college even though it was 80 miles away. There's that gleam in her eye again.

"Being that I am stubborn, with the two b's, I did not have a car. So how do I get to the teacher's college? You hitchhiked. And so I did.

"I really sound like I can go cheap. And I do, darling; even today ..."

Everything Betty and her sisters earned went to her parents, but even so, when Betty was 20, they lost the farm. In search of options, Betty went to a real estate agent, whom she just plain wore down by her weekly Monday visits, for Betty had her eye on another place for her family.

"I don't know how a timid person like me had the courage to face that man, the real estate man, trying to buy a down payment on a farm ... That probably took more courage than anything I've ever done.

"I pulled out this \$45 check (from teaching), and my sister Bertha had a little money because she did housecleaning for people. And my youngest sister, five years younger than I, had 30-some cents. And the three of us put that money on the table for a down payment. And the man accepted it. You see: stubbornness. My parents had a place to go."

The house and farm are still in the family.

But interwoven with her stubbornness, as Betty tells the story of her life, is also the power of love. She met a certain someone when she was 21, while she was waiting for gas at a service station. His name was Asoph Kusler — Ace.

"I had rolled down the window, and here was this beautiful man. I had never seen anyone as beautiful in my life. Both of us just sat and looked at each other. He was engaged; he'd given a diamond ring to someone else.

"I kept looking in the rearview mirror thinking, what beautiful, beautiful eyes. He walked back inside and inquired about who I was. ... He said, 'That's the lady I'm going to marry.' And that's how we met.

"We just adored each other. We were married 40 years ... On Jan. 21, it will be 31 years that's he's been dead. And I still love him.

"Every now and again I just break down ... but you just think about the joy. The good Lord gave us that love."

That was later. At the time, however, married teachers were out of a job.

"We got married the day after Christmas. Ace and I said, 'Well, we'll see what happens.' So I avoided school board members, and they avoided me, and we got through the year. And then World War II came along. Young people were leaving ... and they needed me the following year. I taught seven years (in North Dakota)."

In 1945, Ace bought a milk route in Meridian, and the couple moved west. Betty kept teaching.

"Ace and I didn't have kids. The second-graders said, 'Oh, she has us.' "

Betty taught for 38 years. In 1950, her classroom was moved into a storage shed behind Meridian Elementary School, pressed into service as "Mrs. Kusler's room." Betty taught there for the decade between 1950 and 1960; and at Meridian Elementary School until she retired in 1977.

"As I said before, life is so good, isn't it?"

In the 1990s, Betty's life circled back around to that old storage shed. She and Doug Rutan went to inspect her old classroom — in great disrepair — because the city of Meridian planned to make it a "lasting legacy" project for its centennial: an old-fashioned one-room schoolhouse.

"We went to that little storage room. We stood in the door, and we looked. And we (said to ourselves) — 'No, we could never ever make it, no ... impossible.' Then finally we looked at each other, and we said, 'Let's do it.' I thought, 'You use as many b's as I do.' "

Betty treasures the items people have since donated — a 48-star flag flown in World War I with a bullet hole shot through; a typewriter stand; books older than she is (including a 142-year-old speller); more than 30 old-fashioned desks. Scouts have built display cabinets, volunteers have plastered the ceiling, donations provided a new roof.

"Those are such good love stories ..."

Now, Betty spends every Saturday afternoon at the Pine Street School, her time a labor of love to keep history alive for whoever passes by.

Fourth-graders study Idaho history there, and some days, senior citizens come and relive their school days.

"When you think of all the people who have been through that threshold ... It's unbelievable. ... The story of all the wonderful lives that God has allowed to grow up and go to school."

One Saturday, Betty had time — there are, truth be told, few visitors — to read from history books with fragile pages, researching the weekly history column she writes for the Valley Times.

At 3 p.m., she tidied up the books and headed for the door, as she had for so many years. She paused at the cord that dangles through the ceiling. "Should we ring the bell?"

She pulls on the cord, and the clang of the bell echoes — back through history and forward into the future. She grins.

"I wish everybody had as good a life as I had."

671 Lawndale Drive
Meridian, Idaho 83646
September 8, 2008

Dear Alumni,

In 1993 Doug Rutan decided that the storage building that was our second grade classroom during 1951-1959 should become a classroom. You and I were part of that plan. You were seven years old. You have grown up and established your life work.

Our old school still has some mystery. No one knows its very beginning. It was moved to the north side of the Rural High School in the 1920's.

On March 29, 2008 it was moved to its final place about half a block to the west. It has a name and an address.

Meridian Pine Street School/ Museum
1035 ~~SW~~ NW 1st Street
Meridian, Idaho 83646²

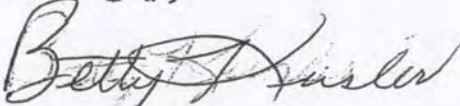
Again many people have given time, energy, labor and money to restore this to a lovely, historic school house. You are part of the alumni. Your picture is there to prove it. It will be rededicated on September 26, 2008. *at 11:00 am*

This letter is to invite you to be part of the rededication.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend and if you need help with transportation or housing.

I can hardly wait to meet you again.

Lovingly,



641 Lawndale Drive
Meridian, Idaho 83646

Phone : 208 -- 888 -- 7741

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Welcome!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Meridian residents, past and present, friends of the city, and others to each event of our City Centennial Celebrations!

The events which have been planned accommodate a range of activities and interests that will hopefully provide something for everyone. I sincerely hope that you will participate in as many events as possible and that you will find enjoyment in that participation.

Best Wishes,
Grant P. Kingsford, Mayor



Happy Birthday Meridian!

In January we kicked off Meridian's Centennial with a Motorized "Bell Parade" to coincide with the placement of our Centennial Banners on the power poles down Main Street. January 23rd the "Chili Cookoff" at the Dairy Barn proved to be a successful event. We all had a great time! This will probably become an annual event. On May 20th, Mayor and Mrs. Grant P. Kingsford welcomed guests at City Hall for an evening of elegance and entertainment which featured Miss Idaho, Stephanie Smith; Miss Meridian, Brooke Gambrell; Artist, Jerry Snodgrass, as well as City Hall's new furnishings and the new Meridian Olde Towne Mural. The balance of Centennial Events scheduled to date for the remainder of 1993 are listed in this current Events Calendar.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many individuals, businesses, and community organizations for donating their time, talents, and resources to make our Centennial Events and Mementos possible. The events are designed to bring all generations together in the spirit of celebration, unity, and to share in our sense of pride for this wonderful community. We hope everyone will take the opportunity to join in this "Once In A Lifetime" Celebration!

Patsy Fedrizzi
Centennial Coordinator

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Meridian Centennial Events 1993

June

Meridian Historical Society — Thursday, June 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. "Interurban History". Public invited, no charge.

Meridian High School Golden Alumni — Saturday, June 5th at Meridian Senior Citizen Center, 9:30 a.m. Gossiping and visiting session; 11:00 a.m. Brunch, \$7.50 per person, reservations requested. Contact: Dot Anchustegui at 377-1625.

Miss Idaho Pageant — Friday and Saturday, June 11th and 12th. Meridian Middle School Auditorium. Contact: Kevin Churchman at 343-7643.

Miss Idaho Pageant Parade — Saturday, June 12th at 11:00 a.m. Contact: Kevin Churchman at 343-7643.

Centennial Dairy Days Celebration June 15th-19th

Oregon Trail Special — Pulled by Union Pacific engine number 3985 "Challenger" the world's largest operating steam engine, will stop in Meridian on Tuesday morning, June 15th at 8:30 a.m., to kick off Dairy Days and help celebrate Meridian's Centennial. This special train, 1/2 of a mile long, is running from Portland to Salt Lake City as part of the 150th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail. Tickets to ride the Oregon Trail Special from Nampa to Meridian (or Boise) will be available at the Nampa Amtrak Depot on Monday, June 14th from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and from 7:30 a.m. to boarding on Tuesday, June 15th. Price is \$30.00 per ticket. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!! Contact: Terry Smith at 888-1516.

Royal West Amusement Carnival — Begins Wednesday, June 16th at 5:00 p.m. and will run through Saturday, June 19th at noon. Opening Day Special, June 16th: \$8.00 ticket gets you on all rides. Contact: Dave Cook at 888-7888.

Dairy Princess Banquet — Wednesday, June 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center. Open to the public. Contact: Ruth Marsh at 887-2119.

Pancake Feed — Thursday, June 17th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Dairy Barn. Sponsored by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce. Tickets: \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and children 6-12, children under 6 free. Contact: Teri Sackman at 888-2817.

Darigold Young Cooperatives Calf Race — Thursday, June 17th, 7:00 p.m. by the Meridian Speedway.

The Great Centennial Potato Race — Thursday, June 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Storey Park. Three-person teams will race their wheelbarrows around Storey Park, to win trophies provided by Coors Distributing. Free! Contact: Clayton Allred at 888-5613.

Open Class Judging — Friday, June 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Dairy Barn. All breeds.

Cattle Judging Contest — Friday, June 18th at 11:30 a.m., all service clubs and Chambers of Commerce welcome. Dairy Barn.

Ladies Cattle Showmanship — Friday, June 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the Dairy Barn. Participants 19 years and older.

Vigilante Day — Friday, June 18th, beginning at 1 p.m. Anyone not dressed in Western wear or official Centennial shirts; and all accused "criminals" are subject to arrest by the Chamber of Commerce Vigilante Posse. Warrants and Pardons available at the Chamber Visitor Center in Storey Park and at Elite Cleaners, E. 2nd and Idaho Streets. Contact: Sheila Kildow at 888-4425.

Meridian Centennial Real Dairy Parade — Friday, June 18th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Dairy Board, this year's parade will feature Meridian's oldest citizens as Grand Marshalls: Alice Gish and Vernon Cairns. Line-up begins at 6:00 p.m. Parade proceeds from the Meridian Speedway to Fairview Avenue, and returns along 2 1/2 Street. Contact: Deby Hibbard at 888-1516.

Centennial Luau and Street Dance — Friday, June 18th at 8 p.m. at Cherry Plaza Mall. Traditional luau followed by dancing to Western Express, local Country and Rock band. Tickets for the Luau are \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and children 6-12, children under 6 free. Contact: Meridian Desperados, Clayton Allred at 888-5613.

4-H and FFA Fitting and Showing — Saturday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m. at the Dairy Barn, followed by FFA Quality Classes. Contact: Hans Bruijn at 467-2468.

4-H and FFA Goat Showmanship Classes — Saturday, June 19th at 9:30 a.m. at the Dairy Barn. Contact: Hans Bruijn at 467-2468.

Cherry Plaza Dairy Days Celebration — Saturday, June 19th, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Cherry Plaza Mall. Events as follows: Show and Shine Car Rally, all welcome; Betty and the Be-Bops 50's Band; Meridian High Marching Unit Dunk Tank; Craft and Food Booths; Cake Walk; FUN ALL DAY!!! Contact: Jackie at Meridian Drug, 888-4418.

Dairy Show Stock Car Races — Saturday, June 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Meridian Speedway. Northwest Modified, Street Stock, and Midgets. Contact: Meridian Speedway at 888-2813.

July

Meridian Historical Society — Thursday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Part 1 of "A Walk through Meridian". Public invited, no charge.

Q.R.U. Fun Run — Saturday, July 17th, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. in Storey Park. Free barbecue for participants, and EMS displays open to the public. Sponsored by Meridian's Quick Response Unit. Contact: Angela Aldrich at 887-3538.

August

Meridian Historical Society — Thursday, August 5th, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Part 2 of "A Walk through Meridian". Public invited, no charge.

Miss Meridian Scholarship Pageant — Thursday, August 12th, 8:00 p.m. at Meridian Middle School. The 11th Annual Scholarship Pageant, "Centennial Gala", sponsored by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, will provide an evening of entertainment, pageantry and competition. General Admission: \$5.00. Patron tickets are available in advance for \$30.00, and includes two reserved seats, recognition in the program, a program, and admission to the Patron Reception which immediately follows the pageant. Contact: Connie Crookston at 888-7009.

Centennial Week Celebrations Centennial Days and Class Reunion Activities August 14th-21st

Centennial Community Breakfast — Saturday, August 14th, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Meridian United Methodist Church, 240 E. Idaho. Prices are \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and children 6-12, children under 6 free.

Centennial Antique and Collectible Sale — Saturday, August 14th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Meridian United Methodist Church at 240 E. Idaho. Contact: Shirley Chetwood at 888-2245.

All School Class Reunion — Registration is Saturday, August 14th, 10:00 a.m. at Storey Park. Meet your classmates. All welcome! Contact: Dean Peterson at 888-3855.

Heritage Days — Saturday, August 14th at Storey Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Demonstrations of arts, crafts and occupations from yesteryear. Food booths and entertainment are available throughout the day. Sponsored by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce. Contact: Teri Sackman at 888-2817.

Old-Fashioned Barbeque — Saturday, August 14th 12:00 noon at Storey Park. Sponsored by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce. Contact: Teri Sackman at 888-2817.

Community Auction — Saturday, August 14th beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Storey Park. Sponsored by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce as a major fund-raiser for community and Chamber projects. Contact: Mark Freeman at 888-9111 or Tom Hammond at 888-4761.

Centennial Car Races and Fireworks — Saturday, August 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Meridian Speedway. A special night of races honoring the Centennial, with Super Modified, Super Six, Midgets and Go Carts. Followed by the Meridian Centennial Fireworks. Contact: Meridian Speedway at 888-2813.

Meridian's Birthday
Wednesday, August 18th, All Day

"Happy Birthday Meridian" — Wednesday, August 18th, 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. Celebration of the signing of the City Plat on August 18, 1893. Contact: Patsy Fedrizzi at 888-4433.

Pine Street School Dedication — Wednesday, August 18th following the Birthday Celebration. This old one-room schoolhouse is being restored as a Lasting Legacy by the Meridian Centennial Bureau. Located at the corner of Pine and Meridian Streets, the restoration is being completed with the donation of time, money and materials by many Meridian citizens, past and present. Contact: Doug Rutan at 888-6701.

Library Open House — Wednesday, August 18th, following the Schoolhouse Dedication. Meridian's Library incorporates what was originally the town's interurban train depot. As part of the Open House, a special postal cachet and single day of issue Centennial cancel will be available, commemorating the interurban's role in Meridian's history.

Birthday Celebration — Wednesday, August 18th. Food, souvenir and special projects booths will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Idaho Street between City Hall and the Library.

Snake River "N" Scalers Model Railroad Display — Wednesday, August 18th 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Nazarene Church Youth Center across from City Hall on Idaho. Contact: Carl Sorensen, 887-3559.

Antique Car Parade and Races — Wednesday, August 18th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Antique car parade to Meridian Speedway will be followed by races of these special treasures of times past. Speedway concessions will be open at 5:30 p.m., and Centennial souvenirs will be available. Contact: Bill Barkell at 375-1908.

"History in Music" — Wednesday, August 18th at 7:30 p.m. at Meridian Speedway. A chorus from local churches will present a program of music from the last 100 years. Contact: Pastor Kent Roberts at 888-2310.

Ice Cream Social — Wednesday, August 18th at 8:30 p.m. at Meridian Speedway. Hosted by the Meridian Dairy Board, open to the public. Contact: Marty Hill at 362-9073.

Snake River "N" Scalers Model Railroad Display — Thursday and Friday, August 19th and 20th from 6:30-9:30 p.m. only. Saturday, August 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church Youth Center across Idaho from City Hall. Contact: Carl Sorensen, 887-3559.

The Celebration Continues!!!

Mayor's Invitational Golf Tournament — Friday, August 20th at Cherry Lane Golf Course. 8:30 a.m. Shotgun for Metal U.S.G.A. Handicapped Flights, and Callaway System Flight (for those without handicaps). 1:30 p.m. Shotgun for Mixed Teams Scramble. Applications available at City Hall or Cherry Lane Golf Course. Contact: Jennifer Lovan at 888-4080.

Firemen's Centennial Salmon Barbeque — Friday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Dairy Barn. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults in advance (\$9.00 at the door), \$4.00 for children and seniors; and are available at City Hall, the Fire Station, West TV and Mayes & Mayes Insurance. Contact: Kenny Bowers at 888-1234.

Meridian Symphony "Pops in the Park" — Friday, August 20th at 8:00 p.m. at Storey Park picnic shelter. Bring a blanket and enjoy an evening of popular orchestral music, sponsored by the Meridian Community Orchestra, Inc. Contact: Marian Batey at 888-4303.

The Grand Finale

Centennial Ball — Saturday, August 21st at 8:00 p.m. at Coors Distributing. Enjoy an evening of wonderful food, and dancing to Gib Hochstrasser's Big Band. Period costumes are encouraged. Participants will receive special Centennial souvenirs of the evening. Final judging of the Centennial Mustache and Beard Growing Contestants, with awarding of prizes. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available at City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce office. Contact: Patsy Fedrizzi at 888-4433 or Tina Sweet at 888-4911.

September

Meridian Lion's Rodeo — Saturday, September 25th at 7:30 p.m. at Meridian Speedway. Sponsored by the Meridian Lions, the 4th Annual Rodeo begins with pre-rodeo events at 6:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by West One Bank and Meridian Ford. "COME ON OUT WHERE YOU'LL GET MORE BULL FOR YOUR BUCK!!!"

Meridian Lion's Rodeo — Sunday, September 26th at 2:00 p.m. at Meridian Speedway. Pre-rodeo events begin at 1:00 p.m. Contact: Doug Beehler at 888-5747.

December

Winterland Parade "100 Years of Christmas" — Saturday, December 4th beginning at noon at Storey Park. Sponsored by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce. Contact: Teri Sackman at 888-2817.

"Christmas in the City" — Saturday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Santa arrives at City Hall, music by local school choirs, refreshments and caroling by participants. Contact: Soroptimist International of Meridian, Debbie Houfburg, 888-1946.



Cover: Meridian Olde Towne Mural by Local, Nationally-recognized Artist, Jerry Snodgrass on permanent display in Meridian City Council Chambers.



Meridian's "Lasting Legacy" project, the renovation of a one-room schoolhouse at the corner of Pine and Meridian Streets is progressing as scheduled with an August 1st completion deadline. A heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who has donated to this project which will provide our community with an old schoolhouse/museum that will be a positive addition to our community for many, many years. The dedication ceremony of our new "Pine Street School" will be held immediately following Meridian's Birthday Party, 9:00 a.m. at City Hall on Wednesday, August 18th. We hope you will join us!

Meridian Centennial Gifts

- Porcelain Centennial Dolls \$75.00
- Pins
 - Water Tower \$ 2.00
 - Interurban \$ 3.00
 - Schoolhouse \$ 3.00
- Meridian Logo Mugs \$ 6.75
- Prints of Meridian Olde Towne Mural . \$50.00
- Publications
 - "They Came to Build A Community"
 - Hardback \$31.50
 - Paperback \$15.75
 - Sweatshirts \$20.00
 - T-Shirts \$ 7.00
 - Ball Caps \$ 8.00

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Halls of Learning Come Tumbling Down



ST. TERESA'S ACADEMY, long a landmark in Boise on Jefferson Street, which was abandoned when the new Bishop Kelly High School was built on the bench, is in process of demolition. The job of tearing down the venerable old structure was given to house-wrecker Will Sellman by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, owners and operators of the school. The grounds will be cleared. The site is for sale.

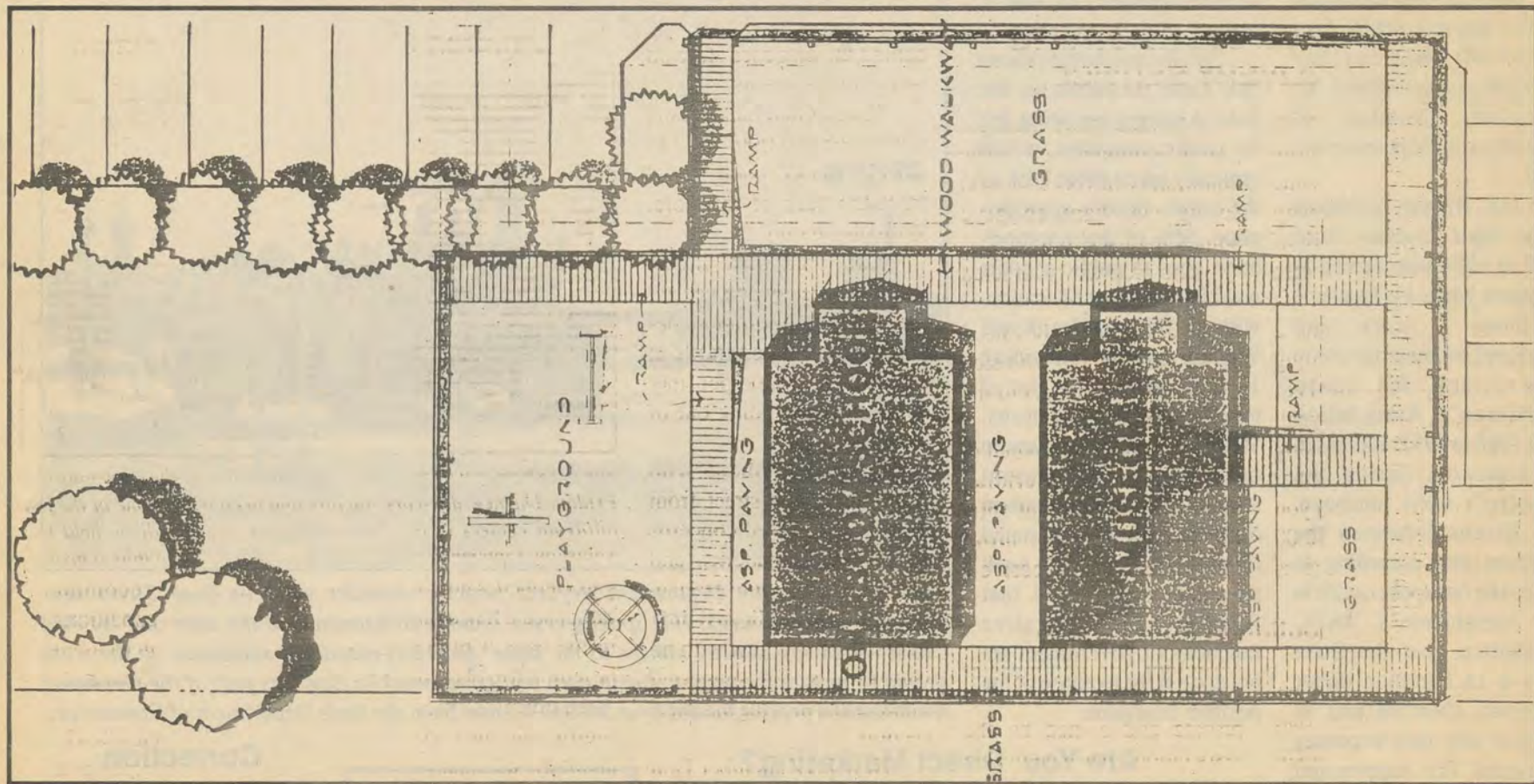


Mr. And Mrs. Jay Snowball gave a desk to the Pine Street School, which is a history in itself. There is a story about St. Teresa's Academy, a Catholic boarding school in Boise on Third and Jefferson, operated by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, established in 1903 and closed in 1963. Three generations of Mrs. Snowball's family attended St. Teresa's Academy.


Sister Theresa Clare, a Nun and teacher at the school, gave her niece, Mrs. Snowball, a desk and several elementary books for her children when St. Teresa's Academy was demolished.


When she heard that they were refurbishing the Pine Street School, she offered a desk and books to Doug Rutan and the City of Meridian.

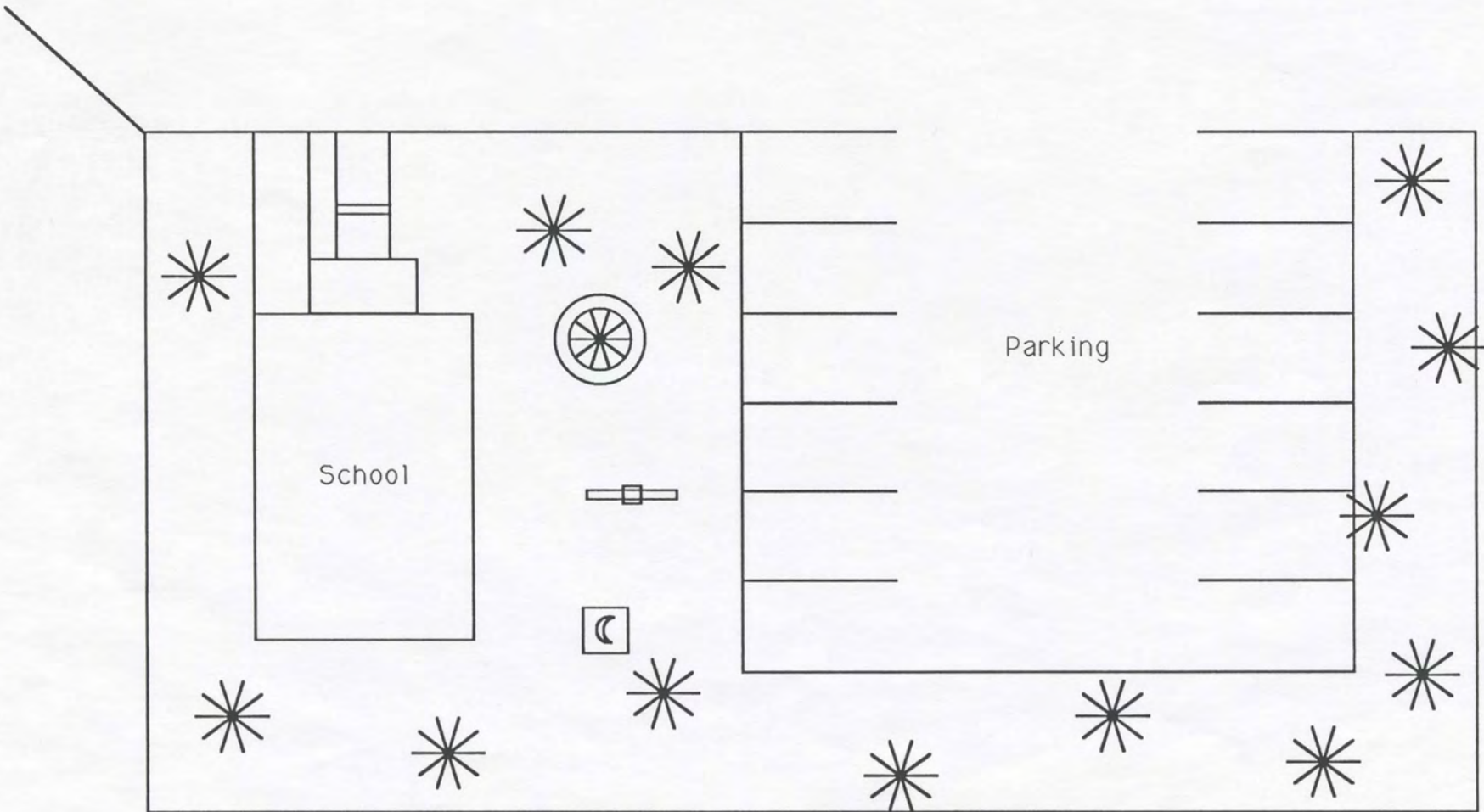
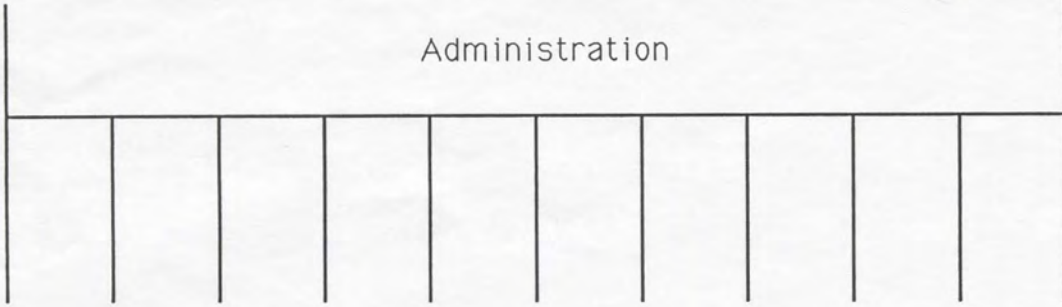
Community News



Architect's rendering of a proposed conversion of two old school buildings on Pine Street behind the old school administration building into, respectively, a restored one-room schoolhouse with playground and a museum/archival site for artifacts and records. The school board has the matter under advisement.

 = Trees

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jim Johnson

Member membership for 1993. We need your

Membership Update:

There are some of you receiving this newsletter who still have not renewed your Chamber membership for 1993. We need your

dues support badly in order to carry on your wishes of promoting a better business climate for Meridian. Kudos to those of you who paid early, upgraded your dues classification, and paid more than the "required" amount.

Although we have been very successful recently in attracting new members to the fold (nearly 20 in 2 months!), and we're very pleased with that; we need the continued backing of you who have been Chamber members before and for one reason or another

have not sent in your fees for this year. I personally would be open to talk with anyone who has an unanswered question that might be holding them back from renewing. We have a common goal and, since we work for the good of all, it is true that non-members benefit from our efforts as well. But, we do have a tight budget and, to coin a phrase, we need your *contribution*.



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MERIDIAN COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Meridian is very fortunate to have an extremely talented community orchestra. Spend an evening on Saturday, May 8 enjoying Director Anna Gray and the dedicated people who make up our Meridian Community Orchestra.

Beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Meridian Middle School Auditorium, the May concert will feature selections from the "Grand Canyon Suite", "Capricio Espanol", a Spanish piece, and a special trumpet selection entitled

"Bugler's Holiday".

Enjoy an evening of wonderful music and show your support for our OWN Meridian Community Orchestra.

Visitor Center Report

Feb. 1993: 74 Feb. 1992: 50
Y.T.D. 1993: 151 Y.T.D. 1993: 119

Thanks to the NAIA Tournament in Nampa, we had visitors from Maine, South Dakota, and Ohio last week!

CHAMBER BOARD REPORT

The Chamber Board meeting was held Friday, March 19 at the Chamber Office.

John Fitzgerald, Jr. offered to chair a committee to look into doing "Business After Hours" events, which have become very common and successful with neighboring chambers.

Doug submitted updated reports on the Old Schoolhouse Renovation Project and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

The Board asked Holly to do a member questionnaire regarding the issue of the Chamber taking a stance on issues facing the community.

Becky presented current membership totals, and asked the Board to finish their calls by March 30. On that date the Board will review the changes to the Directory and it will be submitted for printing.

The Board approved: sending our Executive Secretary to the State Visitor Center Workshop on May 3 and 4 in Moscow; joining the Better Business Bureau, and accepting their membership in our chamber.

The next Chamber Board meeting will be Friday, April 16.

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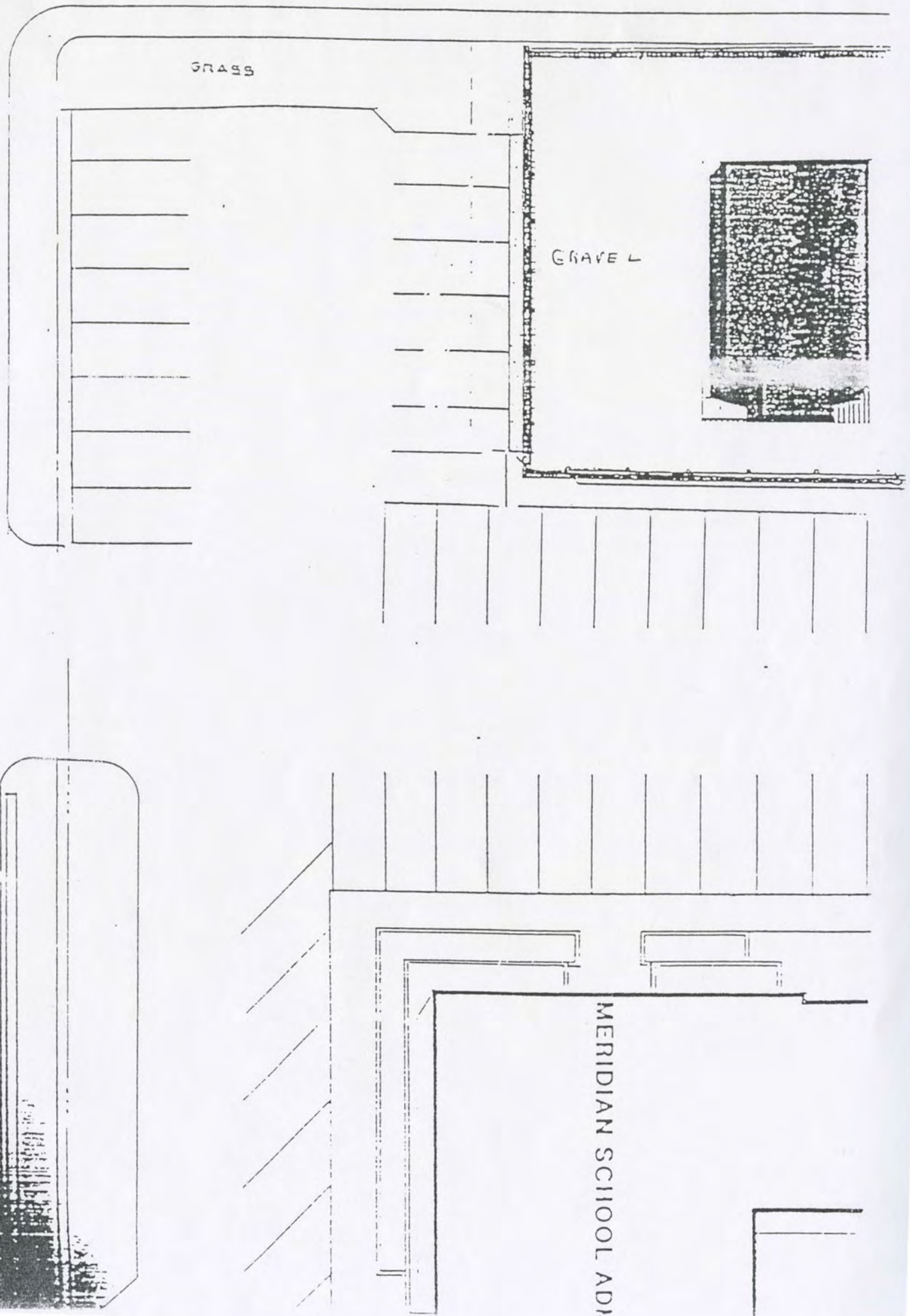
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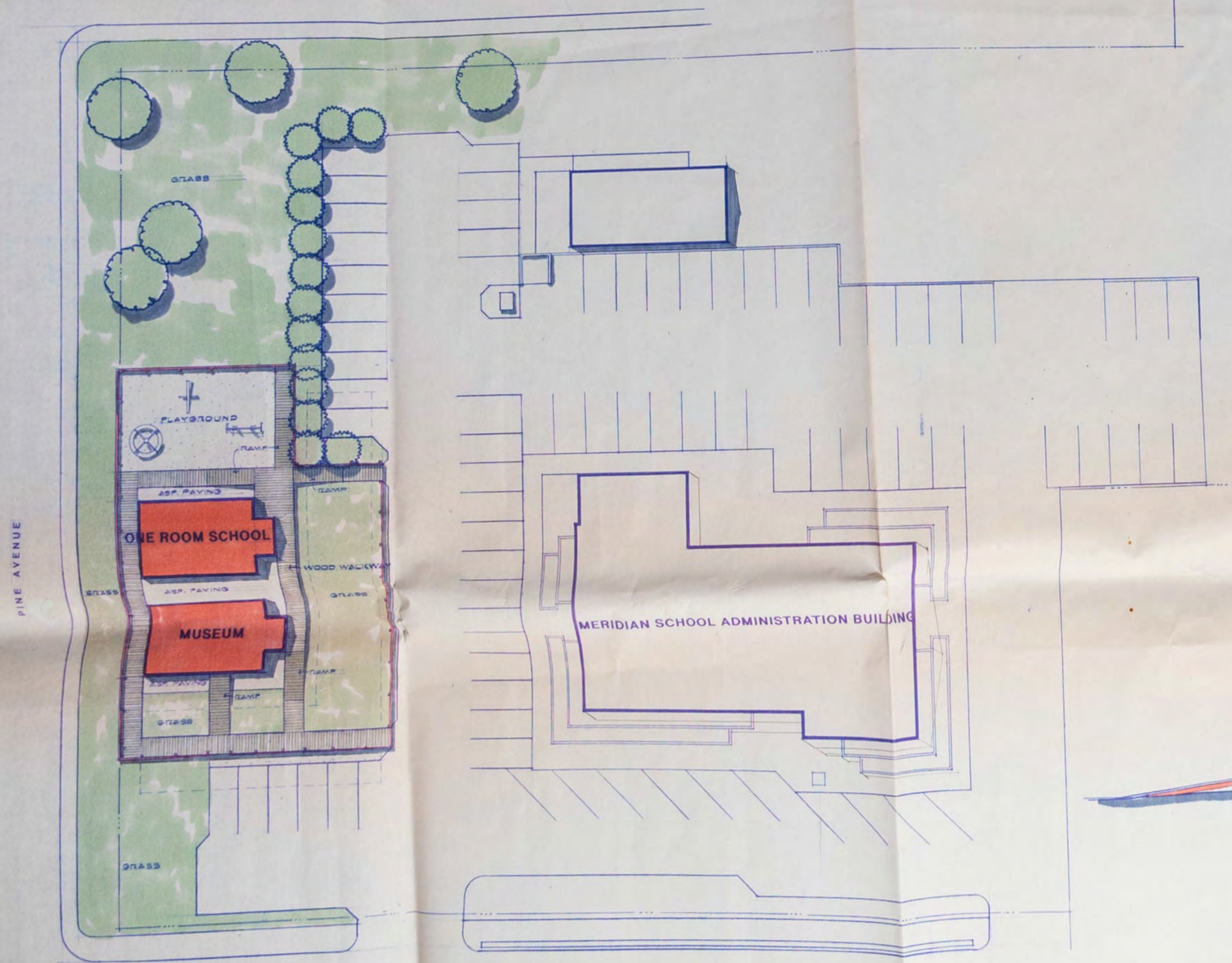


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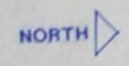


MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



PINE AVENUE

MERIDIAN STREET



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Forum from page 5

called "The Mother of all wells," by Thomas. The mayor quipped that if that were really the case, and the well was pumping oil, Eagle wouldn't have to worry about the \$2 million.

The well makes the property attractive to both the city and the district. Dan Mabe, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, said, "I don't think we'll build a school in the city of Eagle if we have to build septic and water tanks." Mabe assured the

audience that the district does have the funds to acquire land for two secondary schools. Funding for a new middle school was part of the 1991 bond that passed and they have accumulated monies from facilities levies.

Gary West, former 9-year trustee, found it hard to believe that the district had become affluent enough to buy two sites since he left the board.

The public is invited to submit written testimony until Sept. 22.

The Valley Soccer Olympkicks Grosses Over \$10,000

"Well over \$10,000 was grossed", was the comment from the Olympicks

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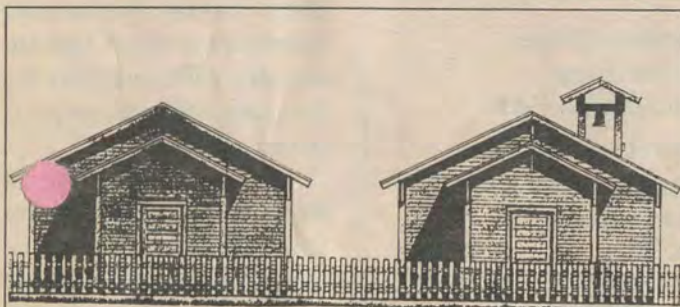
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From L. to R. SIMON RAKOW, DEN ALDINE, and TOMER ACH.

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IDAHO

Idaho Heritage Trust funds 21 projects across the state

Twenty-one historic preservation projects throughout the state received funding totaling \$40,364 from the Idaho Heritage Trust at a recent board of trustees meeting.

Local organizations receiving grants include:

■ The city of Caldwell for plans and specifications for the Caldwell Depot Museum, \$1,500;

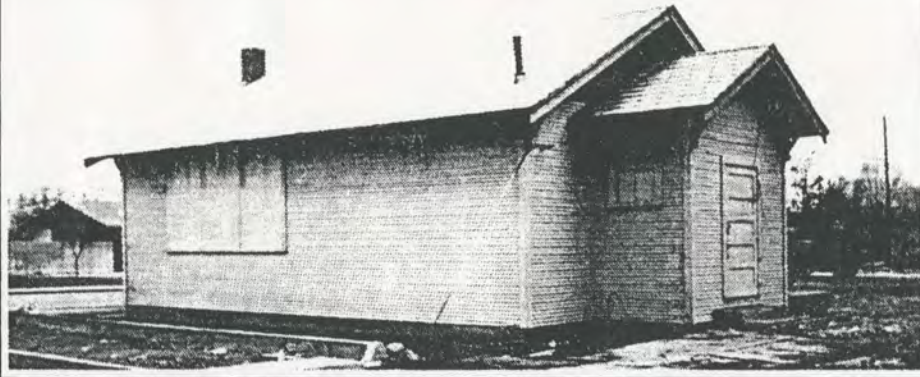
■ The Idaho Historic Preservation Council for the Bown House in Boise, \$3,000;

■ The city of Meridian for plans and specifications for the Old One Room Schoolhouse, \$1,500;

■ Alberton College in Caldwell for restoration of the Boone collection of photographs of Idaho in the early 1900s, \$3,000.

The Idaho Heritage Trust was formed in 1989 to preserve historic structures and materials. Its current endowment fund is more than \$1.75 million.

The deadline for applying for the next grant cycle is Oct. 15. The maximum amount that can be awarded is \$10,000. For more information, contact Gaetha Pace, P.O. Box 9321, Boise, ID 83707, or phone 384-0176.



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From Our Early Files by Lila Hill

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends and the people of the community from the bottom of our hearts for the food, flowers, cards and love shown to us with the sudden passing away of my beloved husband Gerry.

We are really overwhelmed by your caring. God bless you all.

Jennie Dirksen & Mary Dirksen

Meridian Senior Center Activities 888-5555

Friday Oct. 9

9:30 Exercise
12:00 Beef Stew
1:00 Pool

Monday Oct. 12

Columbus Day Potato Lunch
Tuesday Oct. 13
9:30 - Crafts
12:00 Salisbury Steak
1:00 - Music and Dancing

Wednesday Oct. 14

1:00-Bingo
12:00Chicken a la king

Thursday Oct. 15

12:00-Beef Macaroni Pie
1:00-Cards

Friday Oct. 16

9:30 - Exercise
12:00 Swedish Meatballs
1:00-Pool

1% Initiative Program

An educational program on Idaho taxes and the 1% Initiative will be offered Wednesday, October 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office, 5880 Glenwood, Boise. The program will feature Dr. Neil Meyer, University of Idaho Extension Economist, who will offer a step by step look at the pros and cons of the 1% initiative. The public is invited.

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Birthday
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*at the
Meridian Senior Center
Reception
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.*

Star Senior Center Activities 286-7689

Friday Oct. 9

12:30 Dinner & Bingo
7:30 Pinochle

Tuesday Oct. 13

Van to Boise

Wednesday Oct. 14

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Thursday Oct. 15

1:00-7:00- Library Open

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7:30 Pinochle & Potluck

Eagle, Star and Meridian Senior Centers are available for weddings, receptions, meetings and reunions. Call for information.

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1912 Rural High School Building Toured for Old School/Museum Objects

Doug Rutan of the Meridian School District and Lila Hill of the Meridian Historical Society led a small delegation that walked through the old high school building at 200 E. Carlton Street in Meridian last week looking for objects to help restore a 1920s one-room school and convert another building into a museum-archives site, both located on E. Pine behind the old administration building, pending school board approval.

Among desired objects found in the high school building: **Basement** -

75 years ago Oct. 12, 1917

The modern brick garage just completed by the Howry Brothers, contractors, was occupied this week by the new auto and garage firm, Messrs. Matlock and Fountain. The building which is located on the state highway, presents a very creditable appearance and has an area of 55 x 60 feet and cost about \$3,000. It will be used for the distribution of the Chevrolet car, of which the new firm has the agency. The agency will also handle Red Crown Gasoline.

The mammoth evaporator of the Earl-McBirney interests, has been started with a crew of workers. The drying of prunes was started in one section of the big plant last week, and another section was put into commission Friday. Only two of the four sections will be used this year due to the shortage of the prune crop.

People of Meridian who have been without slab wood during the summer hailed with joy the arrival Saturday morning of a car-load at the Boise-Payette company yards. This is the first on the market since last year.

Manager L.J. Washburn states that the Co-operative company has just completed

a six-inch sewer pipe extending from the cheese factory in Meridian a fourth of a mile west to the government drainage ditch. This is made of tiling and is durable and permanent and will settle the "limburger smell" question for the factory for all times.

50 years ago October 9, 1942

Meridian High school students worked furiously to reach the state quota of fifteen pounds of scrap per student, and finished up by greatly exceeding it. A contest was held between the four classes, and each day of the week found a different class in the lead. The contest finally finished up with the seniors in the lead, having brought in a total of 11,445 pounds. The money for this scrap metal will go toward paying for a 'Nickelodian' for the school so that all students will benefit from the scrap drive as well as helping out the government. Total amount of scrap brought in by the high school students was 32,768 pounds.

Miss Arlene Hawkins is employed at the Bolse Air Base.

J.D. Petty, assistant post master, is on a vacation this

week. Mrs. Petty is helping at the post office.

Mrs. Ira Voorhees, Mrs. Earl Everist, and Mrs. Euell Hawkins returned Saturday from Couer 'd Alene where their husbands are employed in defense work.

25 years ago Oct. 12, 1967

MHS delegates to the national convention of Future Farmers of America were Ray Volle and Steve Aschenbrenner, accompanied by advisor Marvin Stokes. The Idaho group left by train Oct. 8 and will return Oct. 15.

Mrs. Ralph Van Paepegem has been elected president of the Broadmore Ladies Golf Association for the coming season. Meridian entrants in a tournament last week were Mmes. Wallace Hiatt, Bob Hammons, George Davis, Ralph Van Paepegem.

Eagle: Grade school classes have taken advantage of instruction in library usage at the Eagle public library the past week. Each class learned something of the Dewey decimal system. The library will hold an antique-rummage sale on Sat. Oct. 21. A future "Fun Day" auction is also planned for the library.

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remains of to wooden desks, original pressure gauges and a small table with rounded legs at the base of the stairs; a wooden teacher's chair in a connecting room; a board with coathooks in the boys' lavatory; and ornamental knobs from drawers in a stairway closet. Also, slate blackboards from the middle classroom on the west side of the basement; from the east side under the gym, an entryway-type closet with rod and shelves and what looks like a classroom coat rack for a teacher from about 1935. (Continued on Page 12)

Eagle P&Z Denies Daycare CUP (cont.)

ple. "There's got to be a sidewalk to get kids to and from school. The road does need to be widened and I'll help get that done, if it gets to the point where they might dedicate it (the easement). It (the daycare) would be handy for the female employees of the store. It's too far off the road for commercial (use)," Dowding said. "If you want to sit on it (the request) and table it for awhile, that's fine

with me."
 "We can only table it for 35 days," Gerber said.
 Smith's motion seconded by Hinman carried unanimously "to deny (the CUP request) without prejudice because of parking, fencing, playground (concerns), access to private road. The P&Z would be sympathetic if (the project) is properly laid (out) and submitted at a later time," Hinman: "Well said."

1912 School Building Yields Objects (Continued from Page 10)

(Basement, cont.) White wall unit with drawers in science room (for museum); from girls' locker room in north basement, 2-section bench from the north end and small radiator in east end of lavatory.
Main Floor: freestanding cabinet in old office (for museum); double-sided shelf/freestanding cabinet in old library.
Second Floor: Room 22, cupboard with doors (circa 1935); upstairs east girls' lav-

atory, board & clothes hooks; complete door unit with transom and thumb control.
Building Front: Facade with words "Public School 1912" (if/when building is demolished).
Hot Lunch Room (behind old school): folding chairs of different designs; Meridian Intermediate School banner.
 "We appreciate having access to authentic items for our proposed school/museum complex," said Doug Rutan.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Meridian City Rural Fire Department for the furnishing of all labor, equipment and material for one (1) new 1500GPM Fire Truck.
 Bids must be filed with the City Clerk, City Hall, 33 East Idaho, Meridian, Idaho 83642, prior to 4:00 p.m., Friday November 6, 1992. Immediately thereafter, all bids will be opened and publicly read aloud in the presence of the bidders in the City Hall.
 Bid specifications may be obtained from Meridian City Rural Fire Dept. Bids must be filed in accordance with the specifications of the City Rural Fire Dept.
 The Meridian City Rural Fire Dept. is not subject to State or Federal Taxes.
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 a. Cash.
 b. Cashier's Check made payable to the City. A Certified Check made payable to the City.
 3. A bidder's bond executed by a qualified surety company made payable to the City.
 The security shall be an amount equal to at least Five (5) percent of the amount bid.
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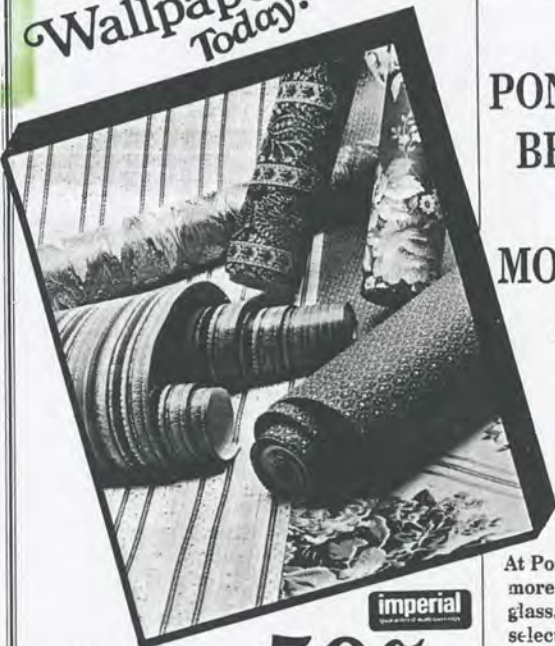
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School News

Elementary School News

Eagle Elementary thanks Linda Bequette, Kim Peel and Lumina Watson for donating books to the school library.

EE student Joe Southers won a large trophy for taking second place in the Lions Club Rodeo in Meridian. He was in the "Mutton Bustin" class and stayed on for 45 seconds. Great riding, Joe!

Another EE student, Andy Musick, was chosen as Eagle's Honorary Fire Chief for the day. Andy met with Fire Chief Dan Friend to receive this honor and then enjoyed lunch at McDonald's with Chief Friend.

There will be a bam dance on Friday, October 30th from 7:30-9:00 preceded by a dinner at 6:30.

Last week's "SuperKids" at **Frontier Elementary** were Brandon Johnson, Amanda Shuster, Joseph Prucha, Ashley Lovell, Chad Christensen, and Tommy Sparks.

Emily Schellenberg and Ben Kier are outstanding FE artists whose pictures have been displayed on the office art easel.

Joplin Elementary's recent book fair netted \$808.54 for the school library. The funds will be used to purchase new books, magazines, and audio-visual materials for use by students.

Students caught doing something good whose "paw prints" were drawn from the collection box for lunch with Dr. Linda Clark at McDonald's are Krystal Wilkes, Laura Fink, Matt Makovsky, Ryan Luttrell, Mike Mohr, and Anna Eldredge.

Meridian Elementary student council representatives for the year are John Day, Emory West, Stephanie Smith, Michelle Manz, Laina Prince, Jamie Weaver, Mark Chapman, and Mike Mitchell.

The school's first popcorn sales day is today.

October 15th. Another one will be held on October 29th.

The following classes will be offered for parents during the October 22nd seminar: "The Pygmalion Principle" (helping children develop high self-esteem), by Rick Ritter; "Helping Students with Homework," by Jock Summers; "Finding Out How Kids are Doing at School," by Merrienne Bowerman (includes how to interpret the district's brand-new report card); "Health Issues at the Elementary Level," by Kate McIlvaine, school nurse; "A Positive Approach to Behavior," by Susan Liehe, principal; and "Giving Children a Great Start in Reading," by Shauna Exline and Bev Fricke, district reading experts.

Jana Blewett has joined the team of volunteer coordinators for Track E at **Pioneer Elementary**. Other track coordinators are Janice Fulkerson, Renee Maher, and Cindy Yuen.

An art training and sharing session will be held Monday, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the faculty lounge. The session is open to all interested parents and staff.

Open House last week at **Silver Sage Elementary** for parents was well attended. School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 20th, and coming October 26-30 at all elementaries is Red Ribbon Week to promote drug awareness and prevention activities.

Summerwind Elementary students are having their photos taken today, October 15th.

The Overland Park Merchants' Association has invited all area elementary students including SE's to a Halloween Safety Night on Saturday, Oct. 31st from 4:00-7:00.

SE 3rd-grader Kyle Leonard won the State Motocross Championship last Sunday in Boise.



(L.-r.) Meridian businesswoman Gwen Alger, District Special Services Secretary Vicki Scribner, Earl Hill, Doug Rutan, and Lila Hill after recent tour of the 1912 rural high school building looking for items for possible use in the proposed restored schoolhouse/museum project.

School District, Historical Society Tour Old High School

A small group of people from the Meridian School District and the Meridian Historical Society recently conducted a search of the 1912 rural high school building looking for items that might be used in the proposed restored school/museum project.

The school board is considering a proposal to convert one of two old one-room schools that sit behind the old administration building on E. Pine Street into a restored school and a combined museum/archival site.

The old high school building was a junior high in the early 60s and was used as a mid-high and intermediate school for grades 4-6 until 1985. It now sits forlorn and boarded-up at 200 E. Carlton St. and has been vandalized several times.

"It breaks my heart to see what's happened to it," said Helen Alidjani, who with her husband, Moe, are the current owners of the building. Like many other area residents, she attended school there when it was a junior high. "It's like they've invaded my home."

Meridian historian Lila Hill said the building was the

first one west of Denver to feature concrete construction to the level of the first floor. The original brick facade was covered over with concrete but is now beginning to show again as the stucco layer peels away due to the ravages of time and the elements.

Hill described the building as "a grand old lady of Meridian that lies moldering away. A chink in her stucco shows her white brick facade" in the front of the structure.

Many generations of area students were educated in the old school, which is the largest and most impressive-looking of all extant historical buildings in Meridian. It appears to be structurally sound but much interior renovation work would be required to make it suitable for any commercial or residential use.

A local furniture dealer leases the gym (the WPA added the gym in 1934 and the original roof line of the

main building was changed to match the gym) and the school has been used for gymnastics classes and other purposes in recent years. The owners would like to see someone come along with a commercial or other use that would make possible the preservation of at least the facade of the school building.

If and when the structure is torn down, the historical society wants the portion of the facade in front with the words "Rural High School 1912." However, if that day comes, Hill said it will be a sad day for Meridian.

"There's no other school structure over 50 years old that is still standing," she said.

In the meantime the "grand old lady" sits alone next to the new post office awaiting her fate -- either a restoration/preservation project of some type or the wrecking ball.

(There's no in-between.

Clip and Save this October schedule

Preschooler (3-5 years old) Plus Mom Programs at the Meridian Library

- Thursday, Oct. 1 -- 10:30-11:00 Storytime "Nursery Rhymes": Moms: "Mask Making"
- Thursday, Oct. 8 -- 10:30-11:00 Storytime "I Love Dogs" special guest Margaret Barstow and friend: Moms: Marilyn Shinn, Extension Service
- Thursday, Oct. 15 -- 10:30-11:00 Storytime "Spiders All Over The Place": Moms: Shari Lewis Movie "101 Things for kids to do"
- Thursday, Oct. 22 -- 10:30-11:00 Storytime "Scary Monsters": Moms: "Halloween makeup ideas"
- Thursday, Oct. 29 -- 10:30-11:00 Storytime "Halloween Celebration": Moms: "Mom's Book Club"

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Complex Coming to Meridian (continued)

tice said the move to Meridian means the department will be able to consolidate "entities (now) scattered in about six locations" in Boise.

The complex will also include a driving track with a loop out and around the campus. Prentice said. The \$10.2-million project has been in the works for nine years.

Prentice said area developer Bill Hon was helpful in negotiations for the land and in working with the state on its purchase. He also credited Meridian city officials for their cooperation.

"It's been a real pleasure,"

he said.

Kingsford agreed the process has gone "very smoothly" and added that several years ago he wrote a letter to the Department of Law Enforcement, offering Meridian as a site. "I had no particular land in mind at that time," he said. A later director, Mack Richardson, contacted Kingsford and the process got underway.

"Our guys (policemen) will definitely benefit from having the training (facility) right here," Kingsford said. "Plus, they'll have access to the driving range."

Eagle Homeless Migrating

Eagle Mayor Steve Guerber asked attorney Steve Moore at Tuesday's city council meeting whom the city should contact to see if the Ada County sheriff "can enforce their ordinances" west of Eagle where the Boise River runs under the Linder Road bridge.

The mayor was told at the chamber of commerce luncheon earlier that day that a number of homeless people have moved downriver from Eagle near Mace Road and are reportedly living under the bridge.

Moore said the county commissioners don't determine where county deputies are stationed or assigned., the city should probably get in

touch with Sheriff Vaughn Killeen rather than the state attorney general's office.

"The sheriff has discretion over the areas they patrol," Moore said.

Moore was filling in for City Attorney Mona Mack. Mayor Guerber told Moore to inform her she missed one of the shortest council meetings on record.

Seniors' Notes

In other business, Councilwoman Kelli Blair reported the Eagle seniors "are getting bids to clean the carpets on both sides of the door" in the senior center; and that Idaho Power distributed "Project Share" forms which people can use to donate to the needy.

Bible calls it a perversion, defiled and detestable custom. Christians need to take a stand now and not help homosexuals promote these perversions as an "alternative life style."

Bill Brewer
Meridian

Who will solve Idaho's education dilemma?

I'd like to share a problem with you and your readers: the newly elected politicians, the teachers and their supervisors and board members, and the many others who enjoy problems.

"What is the surface area-to-volume ratio of a cube that is two inches on a side?" (a) 1:1 (b) 2:1 (c) 3:1 (d) 4:1 (e) None of the above.

If you can correctly answer this question, and give the rationale for the correct answer, I have disappointing evidence that suggests you are a very rare individual, equivalent to only 3% (three percent) of a cross-section of Idaho's college students. How many problem-solvers see the

problem, and will do something about it?

An aware and concerned educator,
R.C. Anderson, Ph.D.
Professor of Biological Sciences
Idaho State University

MEA Concerned about academic freedom

The Meridian Education Association is deeply concerned about academic freedom for our members. Academic freedom is at stake in this school district and that issue goes beyond the three teachers who were suspended for allowing lesbians to talk about gay parenting.

Academic freedom means that teachers have an obligation to present a balanced view of current issues in an age-appropriate manner.

Academic freedom means that students have access to varying points of view in order to participate in our democratic society as informed citizens.

Cindy Betz, President

Meridian Centennial Bureau Advisory Board Report

The Advisory Board of the Meridian Centennial Bureau including new member Keith Bird met last Thursday at Artech.

Lila Hill presented a brief slide show with an original poem narration of "Ode to Meridian History." She also announced the Meridian Historical Society's centennial calendar would be printed by this week and sell for \$6.50 each, with one dollar of that earmarked for centennial projects.

Wendy Marler announced one January kickoff event for Meridian's centennial year will be a chili cookoff featuring teams from area restaurants as well as businesses and organizations. The event will be held Saturday, January 23rd (one day before the Super Bowl) at the Speed-

way infield. So far, six restaurants have said they will field a team: Express In/Out, Homestead, JB's, El Zocalo, Dairy Queen, and Round Table Pizza.

Doug Rutan updated the group on the schoolhouse renovation project. He said the city building inspector, Daunt Whitman, and Fire Marshal Skip Voss looked at the building "and have given the project clearance to proceed. We will not need to do any major updating of the building since our intent is to restore it to its original usage." Restoration will involve minor outlays for materials with a heavy emphasis on donated labor, he said.

He also said the project will involve removing and rebuilding some old slate chalkboards to be donated by

Moe and Helen Alidjani from the old intermediate school (rural 1912 high school building). There are still some things to work out before school board approval will be sought, he said.

Tina Sweet reported on preparations for the Centennial Ball to be held at the Coors Distributing building east of town on Saturday, August 21st at 8:00 p.m. Arrangements for portapotties, tables with cloths and other supplies are being made now, with a lot of people making donations or agreeing to discounts, she said.

The board voted to earmark \$2,000 of its \$4,375 in city funds for an oil painting/mural by Jerry Snodgrass of local interest to hang in City Hall as a permanent exhibit.

Presidential Tax Veto Hampers Idaho Housing Agency Operations

Idaho Housing Agency Director A. Wayne Mittleider said last week that his agency's operations have been "severely hampered" following President Bush's decision to veto a tax bill which contained provisions for permanent extension of Mortgage Revenue Bonds and Low-Income Housing Credits.

"We're extremely disappointed," Mittleider said. "IHA and others including our congressional delegation had worked hard to get a permanent extension of these important tax provisions into the bill. Now it's time to start over," he said.

Mittleider said IHA will run out of its conventional funds for financing mortgages for first-time home buyers sometime in February.

"The challenge will be to find some creative ways to finance our single-family program," he said. "We do have some options but they are finite. Ultimately, Congress will have to produce legislation to support Mortgage Revenue Bonds."

Mittleider said MRBs are the funding source of IHA's below-market interest rate mortgages to low and moderate-income citizens.

"We're hopeful that the new administration and Congress can put together some kind of tax package with MRB and LIHTC extensions by March or April, but we can't count on it," he said.

Mittleider said Idaho is fortunate to have had the support of a broad range of groups and individuals in the battle for permanent extension of MRBs, including the state's congressional delegation, the governor, realtors and the financial community.

"Naturally, we'll start work immediately with all of these groups and individuals to get the process underway as soon as possible," Mittleider said.

The IHA provides below-market interest rate mortgages to qualified first-time home buyers. Currently the agency is offering a 6.93% interest rate on its mortgages.

Since its beginning in 1972, IHA has helped over 21,000 Idahoans become homeowners through its single-family program.

IHA is a non-profit, self-supporting corporation which uses no state funds or tax dollars to support its operations and administration. The agency's operating funds are derived

from the financing and repayment of mortgage loans and from fees associated from the administration of federal housing programs.

Its mission is to promote and provide affordable, quality housing for low- and moderate-income Idahoans, including senior citizens, veterans and those with special housing needs.

Mittleider graduated in 1966 from Meridian High School, where he was student body president; and from BSU in 1970.

Scouts At Eagle Council Meeting

The following Meridian Middle School students attended Tuesday night's Eagle city council meeting: Lucas Parsons (8th), Dustin Miller & James Glasgow (7th); and Matt Nielsen, Josh Parsons and Greg Givens (6th). They were accompanied by Scoutmaster Steve Nielsen and Assistant Scoutmaster Russ Parsons.

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Superintendent's Message

by Bob Haley



The 1992-1993 school year has been an interesting one to say the least. Even with the distractions that have taken place in our district this school year, we need to remember that over 16,200 students received another year of excellent education. Almost 900 of these students are graduating and moving on to other things in their lives.

As this school year comes to a close, we must focus on what is ahead for the Meridian School District and its students. Routine maintenance will take place throughout the summer, along with the construction of nine new portable classrooms. These portables will help house the approximately 800 new students we expect in September. We must be especially focused on the bond issue for new schools that will be held September 28th.

Since the last issue of the Outlook, several committees have been at work preparing a recommendation for the Board of Trustees on the size and content of our bond issue. After several weeks of investigation into our projections of growth and at how the district generates and spends revenue, the committees made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. That recommendation included one High School to house 1800 students, one Middle School to house 1000 students and funds to purchase sites for future schools. The total cost of the recommendation is \$32.3 million.

Our Board of Trustees accepted the committee's recommendation and directed the administration and committee to move forward with promotion of this bond issue.

The members of the committees and the schools or organizations they represent are listed on page 8 of this issue of the Outlook. If you have questions, concerns, or a desire to help promote the bond issue, please feel free to call any member of these committees.



Pine St. School House Centennial "Living Legacy"

The Centennial "Living Legacy" project to renovate the little one-room schoolhouse is progressing on schedule. With an August 1 completion deadline, you will start to see real action. A new roof, exterior patching, painting and windows are some of the first projects being scheduled. Support for the schoolhouse renovation has been great. Please call Doug Rutan at 888-6701 if you can help with the project or have something you would like to donate. Cash donations can be sent to The Meridian Centennial Bureau, Meridian City Hall, 33 E. Idaho, Meridian ID 83642. Your support of this project will provide our community with an old schoolhouse/museum that will be a positive addition to our community for many, many years. DONATIONS NEEDED: Schoolroom furnishings; 30 old runner-type desks; miscellaneous old classroom items such as slates and chalkboard erasers; library bookcase, landscaping, old school photos. Cash donations are accepted.

Trustee Election

Two New Trustees/High Voter Turnout

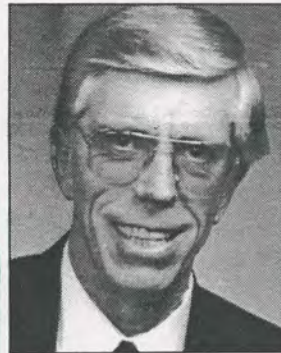
The polls were busy May 18 when 8062 registered voters elected five school board trustees. The district-wide election resulted in one of the largest voter turnouts for a trustee election in our history. Approximately 35,000 people in the district are eligible to vote and the turnout represented 22.4 percent of those.

Superintendent Bob Haley said, "We are encouraged by the level of public input and participation in this election and we are hopeful that the turnout will be even higher for the bond levy election in September".

Three incumbents, Steve Givens, Jim Keller and Wally Hedrick won reelection to the remainder of their term in Zone 4, Zone 2, and Zone 3 respectively. The two newest board members were David Bills in Zone 1, and Greg Riddlemoser in Zone 5.



Zone 1 David Bills
Votes: 768



Zone 2 Jim Keller
Votes: 806



Zone 3 Wally Hedrick
Votes: 650



Zone 4 Steve Givens
Votes: 962



Zone 5 Greg Riddlemoser
Votes: 739

Community News

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin on their wedding day in 1933.



Sixty years of loving memories are worked into this quilt presented to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin, Eagle, on the occasion of their anniversary.

Sixty years ago on March 2, 1933, the Martins were married at Vale, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin of Eagle celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at North's Chuckwagon in Boise on March 6th.

The family dinner was planned by the sons and their

wives: Ronald and Judy Martin and Nick and Carol Martin. Four grand daughters and their husbands and children also helped with the event. There were 43 people at the dinner.

The couple was presented with the beautiful friendship quilt shown at the right. It was made by their grand

daughter Ronda Hatfield of Altamond, New York. Many relatives and friends created blocks for the quilt

Out of town guests included a grand daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Popirky, from Jacksonville North Carolina. Sheldon is stationed there with the Marines.

Parents' Deadline Extended

The Meridian School District announced late Wednesday the deadline for parents to register their fifth graders for the proposed single year-around track at Lowell Scott in the Fall has been extended to Friday at 5:00 p.m.

60 kids who will be sixth graders are needed.

Kuna After Hours

March 25th was a great night for visiting with friends and meeting new people thanks to Jim and Patty McCoy of JM Ranch Photography. They hosted a well attended and successful "Kuna After Hours" along with sponsorship by the Kuna Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments were served and Jim and the crew gave tours of the expanded studio and office.

Located downstairs in Kuna Business Center, they have been in business in Kuna since 1979.

Kuna Chamber members who donated doorprizes for the event were Kuna IGA, Kuna Hardware, The Chalet Nursery, Idaho Power and JM Ranch Photography.

The next "Kuna After Hours" will be April 29. You do not have to be a Chamber member to attend.

Local Projects Receive Grants for Historic Preservation

Twenty one historic preservation projects located throughout the state received funding totaling \$40,364 from the Idaho Heritage Trust at its spring Board of Trustees meeting March 10.

Local organizations receiving grants were: the City of Meridian for plans and specifications for the Old One-Room Schoolhouse, \$1,500; the City of Caldwell for plans and specifications for the Caldwell Depot Museum, \$1500; the Idaho Historic Preservation Council for the Bown House in Boise, \$3,000; and Albertson College, Caldwell, for the restoration of the Boone Collection of photographs of Idaho in the early 1900's, \$3,000.

The Idaho Heritage Trust

was formed in 1989 to preserve a lasting legacy of historical resources for future generations.

Since then, the Trust's endowment fund has reached over \$1.75 million in contributions, pledges and accrued income. Trustees hope to reach \$2 million in the fund before the end of 1994.

Income from the Trust is used to fund historic preservation projects throughout the state.

The deadline for future application to the Trust is October 15, 1993. The maximum amount that can be awarded under the program is \$10,000. For further information please call Gaetha Pace, P.O. Box 9321, Boise, ID 83707, 384-0176.

Schoolhouse Renovation to Begin Soon

by Doug Rutan

The Centennial "Living Legacy" project to renovate the little one-room schoolhouse is progressing on schedule. With an August 1 completion deadline, you will start to see real action in the next few weeks. A new roof, exterior patching, painting and windows are some of the first projects being scheduled.

Support for the schoolhouse renovation has been great. We are accepting cash donations for this project. We

are still in need of assistance and donations in the areas of landscaping, concrete, plastering, and interior finishing work.

Donations of schoolroom furnishings are needed. In particular, we need donations of the following items: thirty old runner-type school desks, old upright piano, coal and water buckets, water ladle, and miscellaneous old classroom items, such as ink bottles, chalkboard erasers,

handbell, etc.

Please call me, Doug Rutan, at 888-6701, if you can help with the project or have something to donate. Cash donations can be sent to The Meridian Centennial Bureau, Meridian City Hall, 33 E. Idaho, Meridian 83642. Your support will provide our community with an old schoolhouse/museum that will be a positive addition to our community for many, many years.

Sen. Herb Carlson continued from page 3

will give me the opportunity to more directly serve the citizens of the state. I look forward to that new challenge to once again work with employers and employees in keeping Idaho's workmen's

compensation system among the very best in the country.

I have welcomed your support and input over the years, and have respected your willingness to participate in our system of state

government. Keep informed, let your legislators know what you think about the issues, and take the opportunity to vote in every election.

Best wishes to each of you.

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School News

"And homeless near a thousand homes I stood,
And near a thousand tables pined and wanted
food." William Wordsworth (1770-1850)



Meridian School District Classified Employee of the Month is Debby Hill, shown here receiving a certificate from Superintendent Bob Haley as Lowell Scott Middle School Principal Karen Ritchie (r) looks on. Hill, in her 14th year with the district and at Lowell Scott, is LSMS's bookkeeper. She attended classes at the College of Idaho (now Albertson College) and is from Cascade. "If I could clone Debby as an employee, I'd have it made," Ritchie said. "She's conscientious, doesn't complain, and helps in anyway or manner she can." Haley said, "Debby is one of those people who play a key role in our district. Namely, she handles money. The whole building revolves around her. She does an excellent job working with people." Hill says she's "seen big changes" at Lowell Scott over the years. What does she like best? "I like to see all the students who come back and tell us what they've been doing. It's nice to know we've been successful." Hill and her husband, Ron, who coaches girls' junior varsity basketball and teaches health at Centennial High School, have two daughters: Angie, 18, a senior at Meridian High School; and Jennifer, a sophomore at Idaho State University in Pocatello majoring in accounting.

Frontier Elementary in the News

Frontier Elementary's second annual Invention Convention is coming up on Friday, March 19th and involves all students in grades three through five.

FE students recently recognized for excellent behavior are Brett Baranco, Isaac Bateman, Joleen Nelson, Morgan Ryals, Jason Scott and David Yates.

Students recently worked with a game called Math Blaster that reinforces basic concepts while awarding

points for high scores. Student champions are Josh Carlson with 162,800 points and Chad Christensen with 162,000.

Students whose artwork has been on display at Little Caesar's Pizza in Boise are Carley Ewert, Melissa Smith, Amy Jones, Sara Shields, Amber Tolley, Elizabeth Williams, Sarah Ali, Sandra Karlson, Sheri Alexander, Karen Defro, Bryce Johnson, Amber Carlson,

Nate Bastian, Brandi Baltes, Lindsay Brown, Tim Landon, Jordan Hall, Kris Larsen, Amber Carlson, Daniel Tennent, Megan Smith, Kevin Miller, Ursula Radke, Carissa Fuller, Kyle Sager, Daniel Reider, Nadine Watson, Steven Morrison, Carly Forster, Nicole Jones, Craig Rice, Matt Smith, Natasha Matthews, Nate Heintzman, Amy Pitkin and Eric Arvizu.

Student artist Kris Larsen's "Famous Potatoes" picture has been on display at the school office.

Project to Restore One-Room Schoolhouse Awaits State Grant

The project to renovate and restore a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1920s will crank into high gear if a state grant comes through.

Project coordinator Doug Rutan said Thursday that the state Historic Preservation Committee is expected to decide this week whether to award \$3,000 of money from the sale of Centennial license plates to the project.

If the money (which requires local matching funds that have already been raised

through donations of cash, material and labor) comes through, "We hope to start reroofing (the building) in about a month," Rutan said.

Pastor Evert Roberts of Meridian Gospel Tabernacle told Rutan and Lila Hill of the Meridian Historical Society that he has a photo of a class of schoolkids including himself taken in front of the old grade school building. He said his third grade teacher was Mrs.

Laird.

Rev. Roberts and another longtime Meridian resident, Clysta Gray, will reminisce about the town at the society's next meeting on Thursday, April 1st at city hall at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Among the items which Rutan has gathered for the project are light globes and a slate chalkboard. The latter item was donated by Helen and Moe Alidjani from the basement of the old 1912 rural high school building on E. Carlton.

The project is intended as a lasting legacy accomplished during Meridian's centennial year. Donors include local businesses, individuals and the Meridian Historical Society.

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Summerwind 5th-Graders Sing at Capitol Building Last Week

The Summerwind Swing Choir, composed of 5th-graders under the direction of Mary Lu Vieselmeyer, performed for members of the State Legislature on Thursday, March 4th at the Capital Rotunda. The performance was in celebration of Music in our Schools Month.

This is the first time the choir has sung in the Capitol. The group was the only elementary choir from Meridian performing there. Gale Maxey of the State Department of Education wrote to all elementaries, and selection was based in part on whether a school had performed before, Vieselmeyer said. Members sang several "partner" songs. Some of the music was choreographed by Germaine Eslinger. (Not all the songs were choreographed.) Accompanist was Kris Foster.

They were introduced as "the Summerwind Swingers" by Supt. Bob Haley. Members are Matthew Gadda, Robin Updyke, Caleb Lakey, Julien Lechelt, Adam Pritchett, James Lechelt, Cynthia Prado, David Ruffing, Kendra Hadden, Barbara Wengert, Matt Allen, Lindsay Peterson, Sara Newkirk, Cami Allen, Kristin Nelson, Amy Salisbury, Jenelle Murphy, Dane Stewart, Daniel Wiedeback, Katie Shaw, Nancy Henke, Brandee Bledsoe, Ryan Harris, Katie Kom, Robin Torgeson, Holli Beisley, Julianne Parker, Matt Sonnichsen, Jill Ransom, Bill Adams, Chandra Simmons, Haley Halverson, Nicole Kendrick, Chris Rice, Casey Johnson, Rami Larson, Derek Gorman, Justin Eslinger,

Mary Blackburn, Sarah Heckathorn, Beth McPeck, Jennifer McCoy, Emily Rogers, Matt Hanson, Cassie Jensen, Becky Lamken, Ashley Allen, Andrea Ebert, Kristin Taylor, Jade Hatfield, Mandy Helton, Jamie Eshenroder, Melissa Erickson, and Casey Joplin.

"It was a real exciting time and the kids just thought it was great," Vieselmeyer said.

An interesting development: Governor Andrus was present for a brief time and not every choir member got to shake his hand. So, some students asked if they could shake the hand of another "celebrity," Supt. Haley. The latter was happy to oblige and shook every singer's hand.

SE students recognized for good effort and attitude in music are Krista Adams, Holli Anderson, Russell Arnold, Daniel Barrett, Lyle Christiansen, Brian Eslinger, Andrew Firkins, Joey Goodell, Sarah Heckathorn, Pamela Hulén, Angela Hronek, Josh Jacobson, Jeremy Marion, Julianne Parker, Adam Pritchett, Christina Watts, Amber Mausling, Luke Johnston, Hope Sanderson, Amanda Sonnichsen and Ben Thomas.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

World's Finest Chocolate Company awarded the school's top selling boy and girl a two-pound chocolate/almond candy bar. These students are Evan Spect from Mrs. Maxwell's class and Julianne Parker from Mrs. Parker's class. A total of about \$6,500 was earned from the sale. If interested in any leftover candy, call Kim Boyett at 375-7406.

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Scenes from Meridian's Centennial Bell Parade



(L.-r.) Weslee Hoalst, Virginia Johnson, Terry Smith, Jim Johnson and Jim Tisdale during Saturday's Bell Parade.



Katie Rutan and Derek Alger in the unfinished cupola that will adorn the restored/renovated one-room schoolhouse that sits south of the school administration office on the n.e. corner of E. Pine and Meridian streets.



Man of the Year of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, City Clerk Jack Niemann and friends during the parade.

The Walking Tour of Historic Meridian

Just in time for the 1993 Centennial the Meridian Historical Society has compiled a nine square block walking tour. The tour begins and ends at the one-room school house. These are just the buildings which lie on the tour route—not all the historic buildings. All were built before 1926. The first owners of homes or first known occupants of businesses are included. For a copy contact The Meridian Historical Society, P.O. Box 823, Meridian, ID 83680.



those motives.

Westley Allan Dodd will never live to a ripe old age watching TV and eating chocolates purchased with my tax money. He will never get fat eating steaks while filing appeals at my expense. He will never again be released by some backstroking judge swimming in the septic tanks of our judiciary.

Westley Allan Dodd will never again molest another child. Dodd will never rape and sodomize another child. He will never strangle another child. He will never perform God knows what act upon a child before hanging him in a closet.

Do not tell me that capital

punishment is not a deterrent.

Justice CAN be served. One down in the State of Washington, twenty-three to go in Idaho.

Jack Lintelmann
Mountain Home
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Reunion

The LST Association is looking for LST Shipmates for reunions with old shipmates. The Assn. reunion will be held in Orlando, Florida in August 1993. For information write:

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The Valley News becomes "welcome visitor"

Sirs:
You will find enclosed my check for \$13.00 for a year's subscription to The Valley News. I am a senior, will be 83 years old. I am a widow, moved into Meridian after selling my home in Boise.

I compliment you on the improvement in your paper. It has become a welcome visitor each week.

Respectfully,
V.J. Card

Welcome to Meridian Mrs. Card. We appreciate your kind thoughts about the paper.
The Valley News Staff

Parade Participants 'Ring In' Centennial

"It was fun," said Shelly Doty of Meridian, who with her two daughters, Mackenzie, 2, and Clarisa, 4, braved heavy snowfall early Saturday afternoon to watch the Bell Parade through downtown Meridian.

The parade was small, consisting of less than a dozen vehicles, but impressive nonetheless. Plus, a lot of people said they enjoyed getting out despite the inclement conditions.

"It was fun walking up here from Idaho and 2nd streets," said the children's grandmother, Bobbe Doty, who also lives in Meridian. "The kids enjoy the exercise and it's great to be outside."

Also on hand awaiting the parade participants who carried bells to "ring in" Meridian's centennial year were Alice Hoffman and her daughter, Rebekah, 4 1/2.

"We just moved here in December from Lake Hughes in southern California and thought we would come out today and see the parade," Alice said. Her husband, Jon,

was busy at the state penitentiary on Saturday doing an internship as a drug and alcohol counselor who will be working with released inmates.

"We found a house in Meridian on Broadway Street. We love it and the town. The people are so friendly," she said, giving as an example the way in which Meridian's West One Bank "invited us to an open house where they had a bell choir and elementary kids singing. It was wonderful."

Hoffman said her family likes the snow. "We're used to lots of it where we came from," she said, adding that Lake Hughes is in a higher elevation at 3400 feet above sea level with a lot more snow than even we are getting this winter.

Rebekah, while petting The Valley News' mascot, Phoebe, said her family also has a dog, a large female golden retriever named Big Red. Then she and her mother were off to see the parade.

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U.S. Bank presenting
\$5,000 check for the
Schoolhouse

6 Thursday July 15, 1993



(Front row, l.-r.) Jim Johnson and Pastor Kent Roberts attend as Doug Rutan and Patsy Fedrizzi receive \$5,000 check from U.S. Bank's Assistant VP/Loan Officer Duane Alexander and President/CEO David Howry to help finish the restored one-room schoolhouse project. (Back row, l.-r.) Tina Sweet, Lila Hill, Bernice Tisdale, Wes Lee Hoalst and Terry Smith. "We're a very large corporation, the fourth-largest banking institution west of the Mississippi," said U.S. Bank President/CEO David Howry, whose ancestors were area pioneers and settlers. "We believe very much in being community-minded and in supporting the community. We came and asked what we could do and I think this is a good way to help create a lasting legacy for Meridian's centennial." Rutan thanked Howry and his bank for the contribution, saying it will help get a white picket fence around the school and a sign, all parts of a long-term memorial to area history. "I plan to be here for the 150th birthday of Meridian," he said.



Scouts Unearth Merry-Go-Round for Schoolhouse



Seated on the merry-go-round they uncovered are: Back row (l. to r.): Assistant Scout Masters David Gilliam, Brian Alger, Steve Gilliam and Scout Master Jim Corey. Middle row (l. to r.): Aaron Andreason, Dereck Alger, Robert Bricker and Wyatt Buchanan. Front row (l. to r.): Matt Corey, Jeremy Flores, Alex Salisbury and Davis Hill.



Boy Scout Troop 62 of the Meridian United Methodist Church participated in a centennial service project to gain rank last Saturday.

Roug Rutan, coordinator of the Old Schoolhouse Project, told the boys about

an old merry-go-round that was recently buried in dirt by a bulldozer. Rutan wants the equipment for display at the old schoolhouse. The area will eventually become a park for the City of Meridian.

It took the scouts over an hour to "liberate" the merry-

go-round according to Brent Alger, assistant scout master.

Newly formed, Troop 62 is looking for more members and more community service projects. For details please call the Meridian United Methodist Church, 888-2245, or Jim Corey, 888-9267.

Education

"Man is the only animal that blushes - or needs to." - Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Board Approves Changes in Language Arts Curriculum

Meridian School District trustees recently approved three changes to the K-12 Language Arts Curriculum Guide.

The changes, approved at the third reading of the document on June 28th:

- Adopting an "integrated approach" to language arts "through writing across the curriculum projects," whatever that means. Curriculum Director Jana McCarthy said

the change applies to grades K-5 "but is also appropriate at the secondary level.

"It involves consultation between the department and the subject level," she said, adding the change was "requested by a parent."

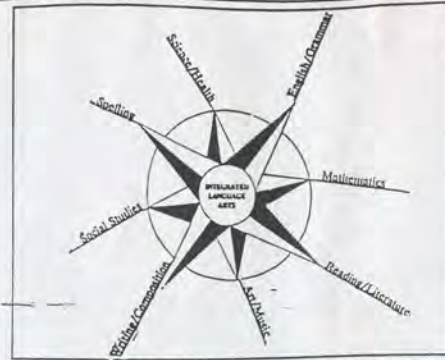
- Deleting part of one indicator of achievement, filling out forms, in Written Expression for grades 3,4 and 5.

- Adding a section on

technical writing to the high school curriculum section.

"This won't be fully implemented until the 1994-95 school year," McCarthy said, "but training for teachers will be conducted in 1993-94."

(Note: *The Valley News* attempted to contact McCarthy for discussion and clarification of the curriculum changes, but she is off for the summer.)



This esoteric-looking illustration depicts how "an integrated language arts program should connect with all content subjects within the curriculum."

Lowell Scott Middle School Posts Fourth-Quarter 4.0 Honor Roll

The following Lowell Scott Middle School students achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the recently completed fourth quarter:

- **8th-graders** Rebecca Adams, Adam Anderson, Cherie Anderson, Jill Barnes, Kelly Beach, Lara Beckstead, Tenley Bedard, Michele Birch, David Boyle, Brye Butler, Carrie Clemens, Lisa Clemens, Candace Cook, Rebekah Doherty, Grant Ebright, Joshua Engstrom, Jennifer Ewing, Roger Flynn, Scott Gabrielsen, Janet Gilbert, Wendy Halverson, Jacob Harris, Scott Henneman, Nicholas Hesterberg, Amber Jensen, Margaret Marx, Matthew McDonald, Angela McFadden, Tyler Miller, Daniel Pavlinik, Chandler Richardson, John Root, Sarah Schneider, Trevor Schultz, Ryan Scoville, Karen Shea, Anna Shoemaker, Kimberly Silvester, Jason Simonds, Benjamin Smith, Jaelyn Smith, Michael Smith, Tonya Snyder, Brandy Stredder, Megan Thomas, Traci Thomas, Amy Tuck, Mindi Walters, Steven Weber and Eric West.

- **7th-graders** Amber Bishop, Gregory Booth, Sean Bratnaber, Deborah Burbank, Tina Campos, Jared Carlson, Nichole Cash, Alexis Contos, Devon Craychee, Tanya Cudnohufsky, Lisa Dexter, Caitlin DiMotta, Karleigh Douglass, Leslie Duong, Shauna Eagy, Valerie Engstrom, Adam Eschenroder, Kimberly Estep, Megan Farson, Daniel Fillmore, Lisa Floto, Andrey Galushkin, Erin Gardner, Jay Grunewald, Jacob Hall, Garrett Harwell, Sean Hemmer, Lisa Henderson, Meckenzie Hessing, Ashley Hook, Jaelyn James, and Kreg Jung.

Also, Sari Klein, Nathan Koppes, Danielle Lewis, Michael Maloney, Torry Mann, Anne Mikkelsen, Shannon Miller, Matthew Morrison, Kimberli Mortensen, Miriam Moser, Eric Moss, Kimberly Nye, Megan O'Rourke, Rachelle Ormond, Jalene Palmer, Todd Pankratz, Christopher Parish, Amanda Parsons, Joshua Pitkin, Eric Proctor, Lance Ritchie, Brandon Roby, Amber Root, Kristy Ross, Nicholas Salvato, Ammon Tay-

lor, Juliette Terfner, Susan Terry, Courtney Todd, Kathryn Tracy, Durand Van Arme, Zaaloe Younas, Angela Youngblood, Ann Zarkou and Ryan Zmo.

- **6th-graders** Amanda Anderson, Alisa Baxter, Thomas Bevan, Ira Bunch, Erica Case, Shannon Christensen, Nicole Christenson, Michele Coleman, Amy Collinge, Jennifer Conklin, Tarah Eagy, Alisa Frederiksen, Chester Garner, Courtney Gravett, Miren Griggs, Jeremiah Hargrave, Kimberlee Heninger, Aimee Hirahara, John Hopkins, Cindy Hort, Kimberly Hudson, Jetta Jensen, Brittany Jones, Kimberly Jones, Shawna Keith, Katrina Lambert, Jaime Larsen, Ariane Laub, Richard MacGregor, Melissa Madsen, Erica Mattox, Jennifer McKee, Scott McPeck, Benjamin Miller, Rebecca Miller and Kristi Monson.

Also, Kaye Moore, Kristin Moore, Joel Moser, Lisa Narkiewicz, Daniel Nelson, Lisa Parker, Jennifer Parsons, Caroline Pavlinik, Audrey Raichart, Rachel Rasmussen, Heather R. Reed, Patricia Reed, Tara Rosvall, Be-

(Continued in next column)



The project to restore this one-room schoolhouse from the 1920s is coming along nicely. The interior ceiling has been sheetrocked and the texturing is currently being completed. Project coordinator Doug Ruan said that local Boy Scouts are trying to retrieve the old city merry-go-round, which needs to be bent back into shape by an ironworker; and that sprinkler lines will be stalled starting July 12th. (See related story on Page Seven)

LSMS Honor Roll (continued)

thany Rudd, Ryan Sager, Valerie Sager, Kristin Satterfield, Shannon Scaturro, Jana Seaman, Manivone Senthavilay, Eric Smitchger,

Justin Smith, Elizabeth Spenser, Carrine Stevens, Ryan Tamura, Emily Tanner, Caitlin Taylor, Janelle Wilson and Kyle Wright.

Meridian District To Receive 'Extra' \$342,000 from State

Thanks to a state budget surplus, the Meridian School District will receive almost \$342,000 in unanticipated funds from the state to spend on equipment and programs.

The money adds to the \$497 million appropriated for public schools by this year's Legislature and is from unexpectedly large tax revenues. The Boise School Dis-

trict will receive around \$526,000, Kuna will get \$47,127, Nampa \$171,102, Middleton \$40,035, and Caldwell \$99,486, among others.

Meridian Superintendent Bob Haley told the *Idaho Statesman* most of the "extra" money will probably go for employee salaries and benefits.

Pioneer Wins Visit From Molly Moo, 500 Milk Cartons

"Molly Moo," the large pink cow (a plush costume) visited Pioneer Elementary last week.

The occasion? Nola Lee, a food service employee at Pioneer, entered the school's name in a contest sponsored by the Idaho Dairy Council and won 500 cartons of chocolate milk for PE

students and staff. "We had a great time," said Sandy Peterson of Pioneer, who informed *The Valley News* of the good fortune. "Students enjoyed a chocolate milk party and the visit by Molly Moo on Tuesday." Pioneer and one other school in north Idaho were the winners of the contest.

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7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Both will feature music, carols, a Christmas message, and Communion.

Centennial Chili Cook-Off

This event is planned for Saturday, January 23rd at the Meridian Speedway. For \$25, you and up to 24 of your friends can enter a team. You must reside, own, manage, or work at or be a member of an organization in Meridian. Call Patsy at 888-4433 for an entry form and complete details. See page 11 for the continuing update concerning the chili challenge!

Special Meeting of Meridian Historical Society

The Meridian Historical Society will hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Doug Rutan will talk about the schoolhouse renovation project, and a discussion will be held on the society's centennial-related programs. Everyone welcome!

The Christian Women's Club Invites You

The Christian Women's Club of Canyon County cordially invites you to a luncheon on Monday, January from noon to 2:00p.m. It will be held at Key Largo Restaurant, Karcher Mall. Tickets are \$6.75. Pre-school nursery is available. For reservations call Lilly at 454-8029.

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from District 1 in November, told *The Valley News* the flag donation is a gesture he's wanted to do for some time.

"I thought it would be nice for the city, City Hall and the seniors' center (which share the same complex), to give them a flag which flew at my request on November 17th over the (U.S.) Capitol" in Washington, D.C., he said.

in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston and McCall.

Also present at the donation ceremony were State Senator Herb Carlson and Reps. Dave Bivens and Al Lance, all of District 14.

Following the presentation, Eagle P&Z Commissioner Bert Bradley, assisted by Mary Berent and Kelli Blair, hoisted the flag out-

side former Eagle residents Floyd and Romania Frakes called recently from Yerington, Nevada to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

He said the 10' tall and unusually wide Christmas tree came from the yard of Brent and Ethel Edwards on E. Pine Street in Meridian.

"It was removed because it was growing over a pipe, and a group donated it to us."

School Board Okays Renovating One-Room Schoolhouse

"I think it's a good project," said Meridian School Board trustee Reed Jarvis of a project to renovate a one-room schoolhouse.

The school was built in the 1920s and was moved to its present site south of the new district administration building from behind the former in-intermediate (rural 1912 high) school on E. Carlton St. It has been used as

a warehouse in recent years.

The project was approved by the Meridian Centennial Committee as a community Centennial project for 1993. Special Services Director Doug Rutan has spearheaded the project, including scouring the area for items to restore the school such as a slate chalkboard, desk, etc.

"Over \$3,500 has been donated to the renovation

fund from community organizations and businesses," Rutan said. "We have also received many offers of materials and labor from businesses in the community."

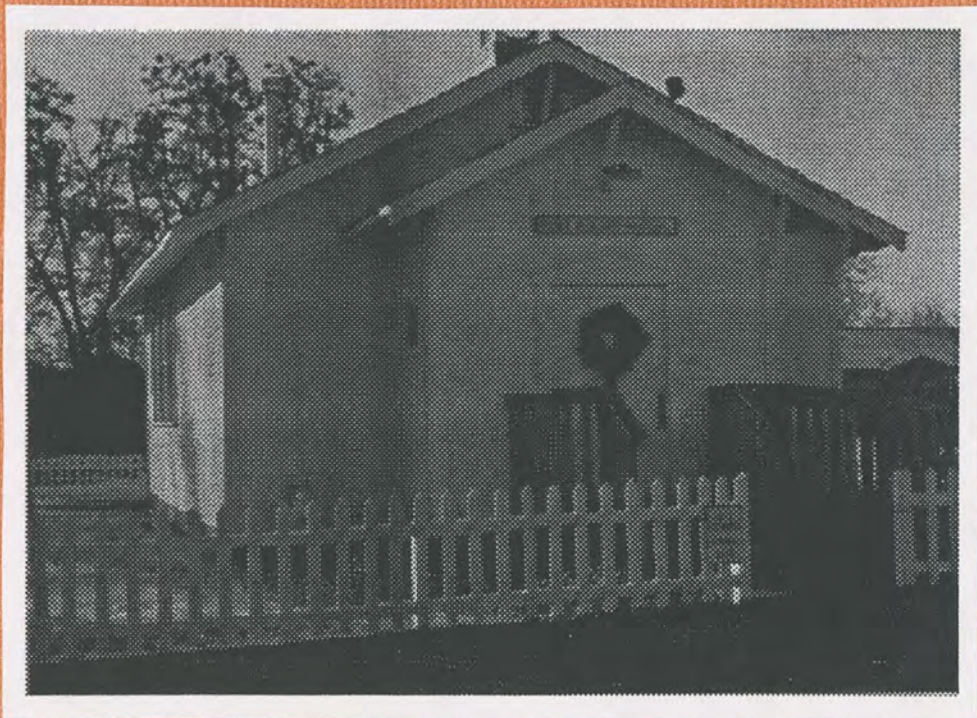
The city council will work out a lease agreement with the district for maintenance and upkeep of the area within the fence surrounding the schoolhouse.



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Troop 129

*Matt Tuttle, Michael Knorpp, Brent Borup,
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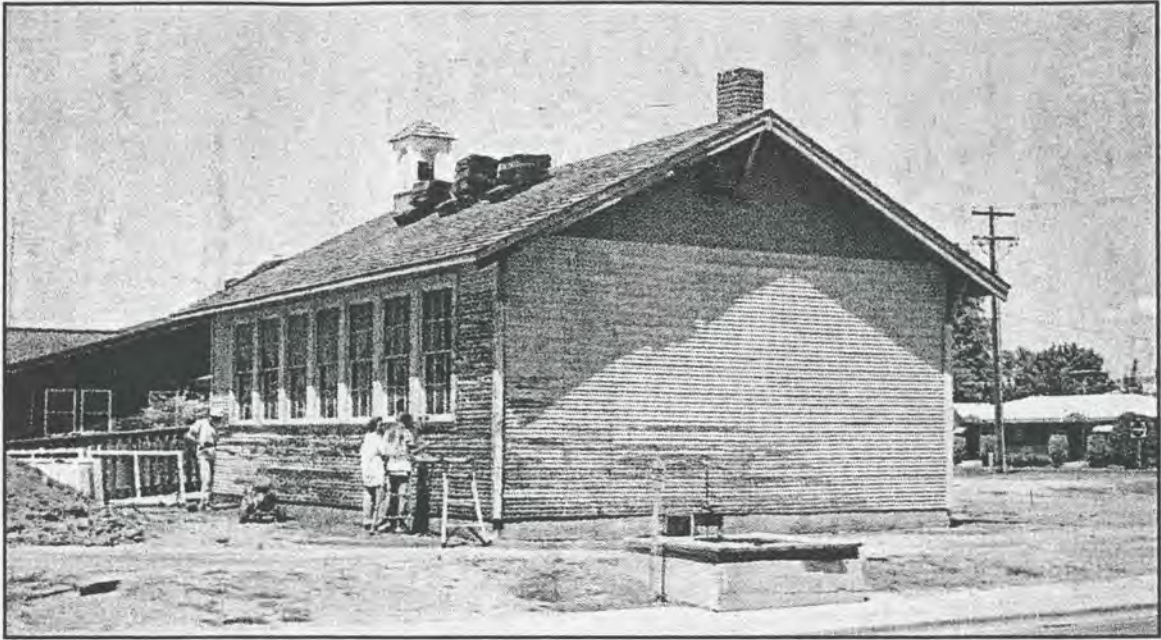
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Leon Pantenburg/Special to The Idaho Statesman

Volunteers strip paint off the Pine Street School, a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1920s.

Community restores old school

By Leon Pantenburg

Special to The Idaho Statesman

A schoolhouse project in Meridian will soon give area students an educational experience like their grandparents may have had.

The one-room schoolhouse, named Pine Street School, is a completely furnished 1920s-era school. Classes will be able to use the schoolhouse for a day, while the students learn, study and play as they would have in an old time, one-room school.

Located at the corner of Meridian and Pine streets, the schoolhouse is a "lasting legacy" project of the Meridian Centennial Bureau to commemorate Meridian's 100th birthday.

"The school project will be a gift to the community to help it remember the centennial," said Doug Rutan, director of special services of the Joint School District No. Two.

Initially, the project was Rutan's idea. Rutan, who describes himself as a "hometown boy with a keen interest in the history of the Meridian school district," learned about country schools first hand.

"Before high school, I attended a three-room country school with 60 students," Rutan said. "That sparked my interest, and also, I've always wanted to restore an old schoolhouse."

The building next door to the Meridian District administration building was a prime candidate for restoration. A former one-room school, it was built by the Meridian Rural High School District No.1 in 1920. It was used as a manual arts classroom until the mid-1930s. At that time, the high school district was able



Photo courtesy of Leon Pantenburg

Doug Rutan arranges desks inside Pine Street School. Rutan spearheaded efforts to restore the building.

to add on to the high school and no longer needed the building.

The Meridian Elementary School District No. 33 school building, located two blocks away, was overcrowded and needed extra space. The district bought the classroom building from the high school and moved it to its present location.

The school was used continuously as an elementary school until 1959 when the new Meridian Elementary School was completed. The little one-room classroom became a district warehouse, and it was used as a warehouse until the fall of 1992.

When Meridian started planning its centennial, Rutan saw a chance to realize his long-time dream, as well as complete a project that could be used long after the centennial was over.







Work Begins





Helen + Moe Alidjani
donated chalkboards
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Leonard Rutan
Installing
Chalkboards





Replacing
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Flagpole Light



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Old Side Door



Replacement of old Side Door

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Old Desks



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ADAM BERRY EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Adam Berry's Eagle Scout project was the designing and building of the entry porch, steps, and handicap ramp. Adam built the steps and ramp according to legal specifications. He secured all necessary funds, materials, and labor for the project.

Porch Steps





Start of Steps



Start of Ramp



Pre- 1993



Installing Porch





The Outhouse





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BRENT BORUP EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Brent Borup's Eagle Scout project was to prepare and paint the exterior of the school house. He supervised crews in the scraping of the old paint, preparing the surface, and painting the siding with coats of primer and exterior paint. All materials were donated.



Stripping Paint





EAST
WINDOWS



"CLEANING UP"
Doug Rutan
Derek Alger
Katie Rutan



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WALLS



Connie Dalling

WORK BEGINS
on INTERIOR





INSTALLING
BELL TOWER





BRENT ALGER
SHINGLES
BELL TOWER





Mr. Zollinger and
Grandson putting
up lights.



Light Globes
in closet



Ready to Sand Floor



Putting Up
Display Case



Taking A Break

MIKE BREINHOLT EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Mike Breinholt's Eagle Scout project was to restore the old wooden schoolhouse floor, install the pot-bellied stove, and build the two sidewalks in front of the schoolhouse. Mike completed this project in a three week time frame from start to finish.



Preparation For
Front Sidewalk



POURING
SIDEWALK



DRAIN FIELD FOR
PARKING LOT



ADAM BERRY
Eagle Scout
Porch
Step
Ramp



NICK SYLVESTER EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Nick Sylvester's Eagle Scout project was to design and install the sprinkler system for all of the lawn and flowerbed areas. Nick installed a quality, \$2,500 system for about \$200. He received numerous donations of funds, materials and labor.





CHANNEL 2
Coverage

MIKE KNORPP EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Mike Knorpp's Eagle Scout project was to design and build the outhouse. He built it to match the specifications of existing old outhouses. It was built to look old by using old siding and door materials. The complete outhouse was built without using any Centennial funds.

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Cement for
Outhouse



MATT TUTTLE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Matt Tuttle's Eagle Scout project was to repair, build and install the playground equipment. He repaired an old city park merry-go-round and built a teeter-totter. He installed both pieces of equipment and placed gravel under them.

ALEX ASAY EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Alex Asay's Eagle Scout project was the landscaping of the school house grounds. Alex leveled the grounds, planted the bushes and trees, and rolled out a carpet of sod. Alex was able to get almost all of the materials donated.

Today's Chamber



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Memories Of Our Centennial Week



By Patsy Fedrizzi

The conclusion of our Centennial Week is bittersweet. The adrenaline rush we felt all week has now turned to a feeling of satisfaction of a job well done and, as we return to our normal lives, it seems that the last year has gone by all too quickly.

The Pine Street School project turned out just as Doug Rutan dreamed. As we dreamed along with him, raised funds, and supported him all the way, we all got to know Doug and each other better and, as we dedicated our wonder-

ful Lasting Legacy Project we could all feel that whatever our futures hold for us individually, we are tied together forever by our little one room schoolhouse.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Meridian Centennial Bureau have worked together so closely that it was often hard to tell where one left off and the other began. That's Meridian. That's Community. That's Unity! We sincerely appreciate the Chamber's support.

Saturday, August 14th was a wonderful day in Storey Park as we celebrated Heritage Days. There was so much happening with the craft and food booths, C of C auction, C of C barbeque, entertainment, and the West One Trolley giving tours of the City and Pine St. School. The Centennial Booth was a popular spot for Meridian High School graduates to gather and sign our guest book. We saw approximately 500 graduates and spouses come through our booth. Our logo items were a great fundraiser for us.

Saturday evening's races were eventually rained out but Ken Hamilton managed to send us into our Centennial Week with a beautiful fireworks display. Thanks, Ken!

Wednesday the weather was good to us and as everyone was gathering to celebrate our 100th Birthday, an airplane with a "Happy Birthday Meridian" banner flew overhead. The sound of Paul Mample's cannon signaled the beginning of the festivities at City Hall where Carol Chipman so beautifully sang the National Anthem accompanied by the Meridian High School Marching Unit as the Idaho Army National Guard posted the colors. The enormity of the occasion hit me at this point and I had to fight for my composure. I've heard many others felt the same way.

The Pine Street School Dedication was such a touching time. The Pioneer School children singing patriotic songs and

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PROGRAM AGENDA

Speaker Chairperson — Wes Hoalst

SEPTEMBER 7

Gary Bores

"MPACT" - PRIDE & COMMITMENT TEAM

SEPTEMBER 14

Paul See

LIFESTYLES FOR ADULT
DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES

SEPTEMBER 21

Pat Gorman

COPING WITH DYSFUNCTION IN FAMILIES

SEPTEMBER 28

Kay Beard

BIRDS OF PREY AND
THE FOOD CHAIN LINKAGE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 6

Labor Day, Chamber office closed

Friday, September 17

Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 a.m. at
Chamber Office

Monday, September 20

Annual City / Chamber Whiffle Ball Game
Storey Park

Thursday, September 23

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Idaho Athletic Club

Saturday & Sunday, September 25 & 26

Lions Rodeo
Meridian Speedway

Chamber Meeting
Every Tuesday at Noon



MEMORIES OF OUR CENTENNIAL WEEK *continued from front page*

"School Days" was so great. It brought back memories of my own school days and as I listened to Betty Kusler read "The Little Red Schoolhouse" I thought how great it would have been to have had her for a teacher. Dairy Queen was a big hit with the Pioneer School children with their ice cream cake.

After the Schoolhouse dedication, we all returned to U.S. West's property (next to the Library) where Becky Palmer had food booths awaiting the hungry crowd and Albertson's served birthday cake for 600. The Meridian Post Office volunteers hand-cancelled our special commemorative envelopes with the Interurban cancel, as well as Meridian historical postcards and all other mail brought to them. The Library hosted an Open House, and provided live music.

Wednesday evening the Antique Car Races attracted 33 cars and 3 Antique motorcycles. What a sight . . . antique cars bumper to bumper the entire length of the Speedway. Don Borchers, Antique Car Club Member, did a great job recruiting. The "History In Music" put on by our local churches was absolutely beautiful. Pastor Kent Roberts not only organized this event but also was Master of Ceremonies at all the Wednesday events. The Ice Cream Social hosted by the Meridian Dairy Board was a popular finish to our evening's festivities as everyone was given free ice cream and the opportunity to look over the Antique Cars. The evening went like clockwork due to the leadership of Bill Barkell, Committee Chairperson.

When you have a mayor as popular as our mayor, Grant P. Kingsford, you can expect a crowd wherever he goes! The Mayor's Invitational on Friday was no exception. The Golf committee did a great job soliciting prizes and cash donations and each participant received a gift bag. The Lovan's at Cherry Lane Golf Course provided a great day of golf. The Salmon Barbeque hosted by the Meridian Fire Department was well attended and we appreciated them coming on board our Centennial Week. "Pops In The Park" was so beautiful as the evening's finale . . . I personally would like to see this become an annual event.

The Centennial Ball held Saturday evening at Coors Distributing Company was indeed a "Grande Finale". The decorating committee met at 8:00 a.m. and the transformation from warehouse to ballroom took until 6:30 p.m., with many hard working volunteers. The huge trucks came and went as Stan and Diane Stanley of Stanley Trucking brought in the platforms for the band, tables and chairs were delivered from Meridian and Centennial High Schools, we kept Pat Whaley and Mike Hedberg from Idaho Power up in their bucket truck for 4 hours putting up a false ceiling of white, silky parachutes donated by Intermountain Arms. As men sawed and hauled the heavy items, women worked alongside putting on the decorative touches. I was in awe! Jan Larkin, our Decorating Chairperson, did a fantastic job leading us all the way. At 6:30 p.m. we all rushed home where our own transformations were nothing short of a miracle, given the amount of time we had before the Ball began. When I returned (in my beautiful lace gown provided me by Sweetheart

Manor) and reentered our great Ballroom, complete with Victorian benches and streetlights, beautiful flowers from Earl and Lila Hill's garden, fan centerpieces made by volunteers, and wine glasses with our Centennial Ball Logo to be taken as souvenirs; the Gib Hochstrasser Big Band was playing and Wendy Marler of Express Catering had outdone herself with the gorgeous display of hors d'oeuvres featuring a lit ice carving of an Interurban, a lit fountain, and goldfish swimming in a bowl. It was so beautiful! Then, as everyone arrived, some by Trolley, in period costume, the room really came alive. The Old Time Photos taken by Mountainwest Photography were so popular there was a line waiting the entire evening. The birthday cake with 100 candles, made by Peggy Strasser,

was beautiful and delicious. The top of the cake, also an Interurban, tied in our theme. Tina Sweet, Centennial Ball Committee Chairperson, deserves a huge expression of thanks for her vision, hard work, and enthusiasm in making the Ball become a reality and a great memory for all.

Only space limitations keep me from going on and on about our Centennial events and naming all the people I want to thank for their time, talents, and donations. But, please know how very appreciative I am of every one of you. Thank you also for this last year of working along side you. It's been great! What's next for me now? Oh, I don't know; something with an adrenaline rush!!



Rededicated Pine Street School recalls early days of education in Meridian

Students visit the school to learn about the days when teachers like Betty Kusler had 44 children per class.

BY BILL ROBERTS

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Ralene Schmeckpeper will never forget her second-grade teacher, Betty Kusler.

"I remember her always standing out in front of the little school at the door, with a smile, always welcoming us there," Schmeckpeper said.

Kusler, nearly 90, still stands out in front of the little schoolhouse, known as the Pine Street School, in Meridian. But she no longer teaches youngsters. She's the unofficial tour guide of the building where she spent a decade teaching second-graders in the late 1940s and 1950s.

Officials recently moved the building from where the former Meridian School District office stood at 911 Meridian Road to nearby Northwest First Street next to Meridian Elementary School.

They took advantage of the move to hold a rededication for the small white building that once stood at a rural high school in Meridian and was part of Meridian Elementary.

The school — never known as Pine Street School while it was a classroom — is outfitted with old wooden desks, class photos dating back nearly 60 years and other memorabilia that once characterized the classroom where Kusler taught.

Her students — whether they had Kusler as a teacher in the small building or another



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Betty Kusler reminisces about the years she taught at what is now the Pine Street School in Meridian. Kusler was an educator in the Meridian School District for more than 30 years and now hosts visits to the restored classroom that was moved near Meridian Elementary School. Fourth-grade students learning about Idaho history come to the classroom, where they get firsthand insights into past generations.

VISIT THE SCHOOL

The Pine Street School is open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays during the school year. Address: 1035 N.W. 1st St., Meridian.

classroom — remember her fondly.

"She always remembered me by my little red dress," said Schmeckpeper, now 66, who attended Kusler's class in the Pine Street School in 1949.

"She expected us to do what (we) were supposed to do, and

(we) did," said Brent Alger, 67.

Kusler returned the affection. As she walks around the old school building, she continually points to the word "love" hanging on the wall.

"We loved each other," she said of her students over the years.

And there were plenty of students to love. She would have about 44 kids in her class each year, nearly double what teachers have now in the lower primary grades.

But she didn't mind.

"Everyone did what they were supposed to," Kusler said.

Pine Street School sat for years as a storage building be-

fore being refurbished as part of Meridian's centennial in the 1990s. People came together and found items to fill the classroom. Volunteers gathered bits and pieces of old wooden desks and fashioned them into complete desks. Others built frames for pictures.

Today, the school is a stop for many fourth-grade classes studying Idaho history. And Kusler thinks it's important for people to see how the classroom was.

You can explain it to someone, she said, but you also "have to feel it."

PINE STREET SCHOOL

DEDICATION

JULY 18, 1993







Hostesses on Dedication Day

July 18, 1993

*Helen Bryce, Mary McPherson,
Lois Callingsworth and Frances Ellis*

*These ladies were all Meridian teachers,
but they did not teach in this building.*





The Meridian High School Marching Band performed at the Dedication. They marched from the Dairy Grounds to Meridian Road and Pine Street.

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The Old School



Photos by Troy Maben/The Idaho Statesman

Emily Rydalch, 11, reads to the class a report that she found in one of the old books at the Pine Street School in Meridian.

Meridian teacher takes her students on a field trip through the past

By David Woolsey
The Idaho Statesman

The sounds of chalk on a blackboard, children laughing during recess and textbook pages quietly being turned all revisited a turn-of-the-century one-room schoolhouse in Meridian last week.

So did a retired teacher who used to work in a one-room school near Star during the final years of the Great Depression.

"A lot of times, we would have to build a fire when we

got to school, and it would still be cold in the morning," Maxine Stewart said to her new group of students as they shed their Chicago Bulls and Umbro nylon jackets.

The 25 fourth- and fifth-graders looked at her with awe. After all, their classroom at Mary McPherson Elementary School is climate-controlled.

Their visit to the Pine Street School on Wednesday was just a one-day event, designed to give them a better idea of what their predecessors had to go through to get an education in the early 1900s.

First, they examined textbooks in the class, including an 1890 reader, a 1920 government text and a 1940s-era Idaho history book.

"Most of them don't have pictures," 10-year-old Ashley Marsh said, frowning slightly.



Students file into the Pine Street School on Meridian Road.

"This one has better pictures, but they have only two or three colors." Stewart returned to the classroom because her daughter

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9-year-old student

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Fourth-grade students reach high above their heads to put their lunches away on a shelf beside the entrance to Pine Street School, a one-room schoolhouse in Meridian. The students, who usually attend Mary McPherson Elementary School, visited the one-room school for a day to learn about what school was like in the "olden days." Maxine Stewart, a retired teacher who used to work in a one-room school near Star, was their teacher for the day.

School/ From 1A

ter, Jeanie Blattner, who normally teaches the class, decided to move it to the restored school. She thought her mother could resurrect some of the instruction she used in the 1930s.

She did. To make the scene more realistic, the students were divided into eight grades, just like the room would have been in a real one-room school. And Stewart taught different lessons to each grade while the others worked among themselves.

Today, the education bureaucracy calls that an individualized education plan.

"We had a great time back then," Stewart recalled. "They learned so much from listening to the other kids."

Lessons included spelling, mathematics, phonics, music and history.

Blattner's father, Harold Stewart, came in to read poems that he had written.

Maxine Stewart also combined music with geography and government when she had the class sing songs listing the Idaho counties, the American states and the U.S. presidents.

Today, that's called integrated learning.

The Pine Street School doesn't have a modern cafeteria with a hot-lunch line, or even a salad bar like many of today's schools. Students had to bring their lunches. Many brought pails or cracker tins reminiscent of days gone by.

One child forgot to bring a lunch. Her classmates piled their unwanted food — sandwiches, cookies, potato chips and apples — on her desk. They offered so much that she had to turn some of them away.

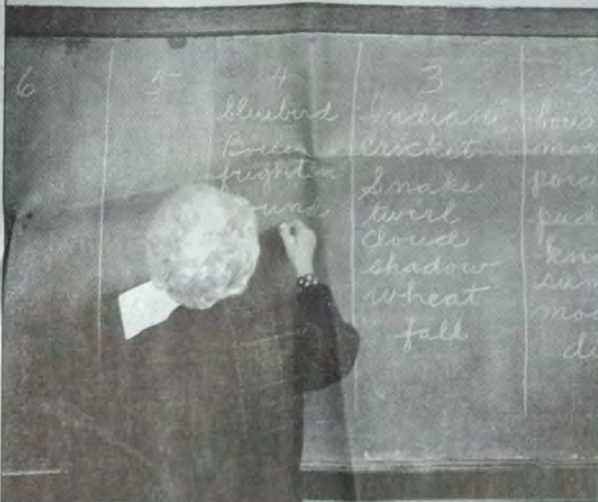
Blattner said she wanted the children to get a feel for the hardships that children faced in the past. She restricted supplies, just like — as the kids would say — in the "olden days."

And she told them a story of when she burned a hole in her coat by standing too close to the stove. "We were so poor that I had to keep the coat," she said. "You didn't get a new coat very often, so we put a big patch on the back, and it wasn't the same color of red. And then I had to wear it."

Students said that even though the environment of the rustic school building and its quaint furnishings was different, the subjects they covered were very much the same.

"They teach the same things; it's just that the way they teach it is different," 9-year-old Clayton Mahns observed. He added that lessons in math, reading, science, social studies and spelling always have been important and still are today.

Ten-year-old Joseph Burnham said he enjoyed the trip because it showed him the similarities between school today and in the past — as well as the differences. "I thought it would look older," he said. "It's a little different."



Maxine Stewart writes spelling words on the chalkboard underneath a U.S. flag with 48 stars. Stewart said she taught at a one-room schoolhouse in the late 1930s.



Mathew Woodington, 9, left, and Joe Brady, 10, go over schoolwork in an old textbook.



David Johnston, 10, was sent to the back of the room for talking without permission.

*Assembled by
Elizabeth Kuster*

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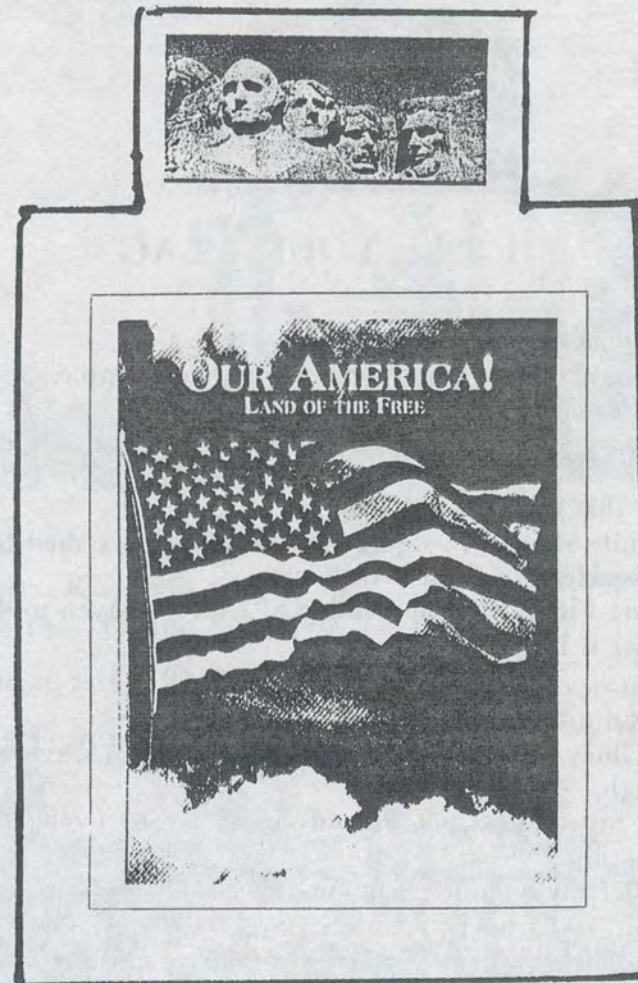
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Mrs. Kusler
641 Lawndale Dr.
Meridian, ID 83642



I AM YOUR FLAG

I was born on June 14th, 1777.

I am the refuge of the World's oppressed People.

I am the sentinel of Freedom.

I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.

My Red Strips . . . symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.

My White strips . . . signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.

My Blue Field . . . is indicative of God's Heaven under which I fly.

My stars . . . clustered together, unify 50 States as one, for God and Country.

"Old Glory" is my nick name, and proudly I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and fortunes.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of your Republic.

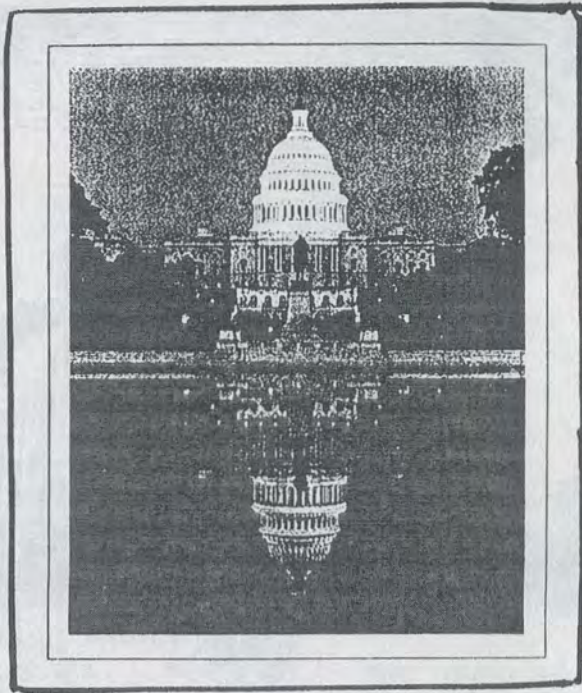
Worship Eternal God and keep His commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

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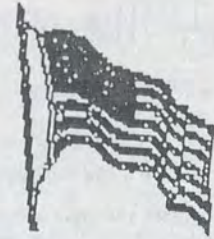
Mrs. Elizabeth Kusler leads the children in the "Pledge Allegiance To The Flag".





IT'S JUST A PIECE OF CLOTH

That is all it is - just a piece of cloth. But when a little breeze comes along, it stirs and comes to life and flutters and snaps in the wind, all RED, AND WHITE, AND BLUE! And then you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it!



It has your whole life wrapped up in it - the meals you eat; the time you spend with your family; the kind of things your boy and girl learn in school; the strange and wonderful thoughts you get in church, cathedral, temple, synagogue or mosque.

Those stars in it - they make you feel just as free as the stars in the wide deep night. And those stripes - they are bars of blood to any dictator who would try to change with way of life.

Just a piece of cloth, that is all - until you put your soul into it and give it meaning. Then it is a symbol of liberty, and decency, and fair-dealing for everyone. It is just a piece of cloth until we breathe life into it; until we make it stand for everything we believe in and refuse to live without.

-- Author Unknown

The Making of the Flag

Wilbur D. Nesbit

How did we make the flag?
By rule,
By compass and square and line,
With pattern and thread and the sempster's tool
To follow the plain design?
Was it only the lore that the draftsmen knew
That gave us the red and the white and blue?

*How did we make the flag?
Not all
By measuring stitch and seam;
For part of it came from a country's call
And part of it is a dream . . .
Is a vision that led brave souls aright
And gave us the red and the blue and white.*

How did we make the flag?
In peace
We fashioned it fold on fold;
In war it was blent with the grim caprice
The drums in their summons rolled.
'Twas the courage alike of the quick and dead
That gave us the blue and the white and red.

*How did we make the flag?
'Twas thus
It came to its grace and worth;
Through all that is good in the souls of us
The banner has had its birth;
'Twas the holier strength of the purpose true
That gave us the red and the white and blue.*

Thus have we made the flag,
Ah, no!
By colors that will not fade,
By sinuous sweep and by deathless glow,
'Tis us that the flag has made!
And it whispers today to each star-told state,
"You must hold me high and must keep me great!"

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A Song for our Flag

Margaret E. Springer

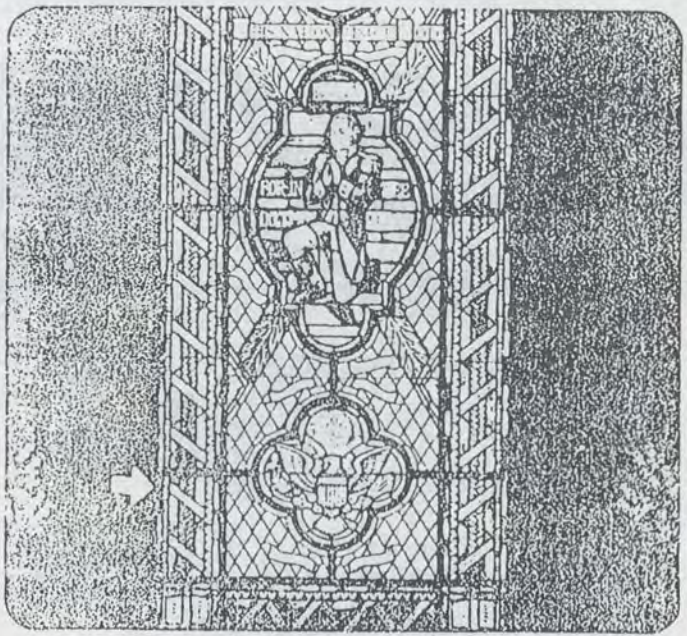
A bit of color against the blue,
Hues of the morning, blue for true,
And red for the kindling light of flame
And white for the nation's stainless fame.
Oh! fling it forth to the winds afar,
With hope in its every shining star
Under its folds wherever found;
Thank God, we have freedom's holy ground.

*Don't you love it as out it floats
From the schoolhouse peak, and glad young
throats*

*Sing of the banner that aye shall be
Symbol of honor and victory?
Don't you thrill when the marching feet
Of jubilant soldiers shake the street,
And the bugles shrill, and the trumpets call,
And the red, white, and blue is over all?
Don't you pray amid starting tears,
It may never be furled through age-long years?*

A song for our flag, our country's boast,
That gathers beneath it a mighty host;
Long may it wave o'er thy goodly land
We hold in fee neath our Father's hand.
For God and liberty evermore
May that banner stand from shore to shore,
Never to those high meanings lost,
Never with alien standards crossed,
But always valiant and pure and true,
Our starry flag . . . red, white, and blue.

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Pictured here is the stained glass window behind the altar in the congressional Prayer Room. It depicts George Washington kneeling in prayer. The names of the States encircle the picture, with the word "Idaho" appearing at the bottom, slightly left of center (note arrow).

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One of the highlights of the Bicentennial year in the Nation's Capital was the salute to the States by the National Cathedral. On October 31, Episcopal Bishop King of Idaho journeyed to Washington to deliver a Bicentennial sermon during Sunday services at the Cathedral. During the ceremony, a prayer was dedicated to the State of Idaho. It seems appropriate to reprint it at this point.

A PRAYER FOR IDAHO

GREAT FATHER, by whose timeless love the ages are adorned, we thank Thee for Thy splendor strewn upon earth, and deeded free to all who seek Thy glory in the fresh land of Idaho.

From the peaked wall towering by the sunrise to the winding shadows of the mighty gorge to the West, Thou has bounded her sundry treasure with light. Bless, Lord, the settled valleys and the wild places in between; that the lives of Thy people may be suffused by Thy radiance from on high;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amer.





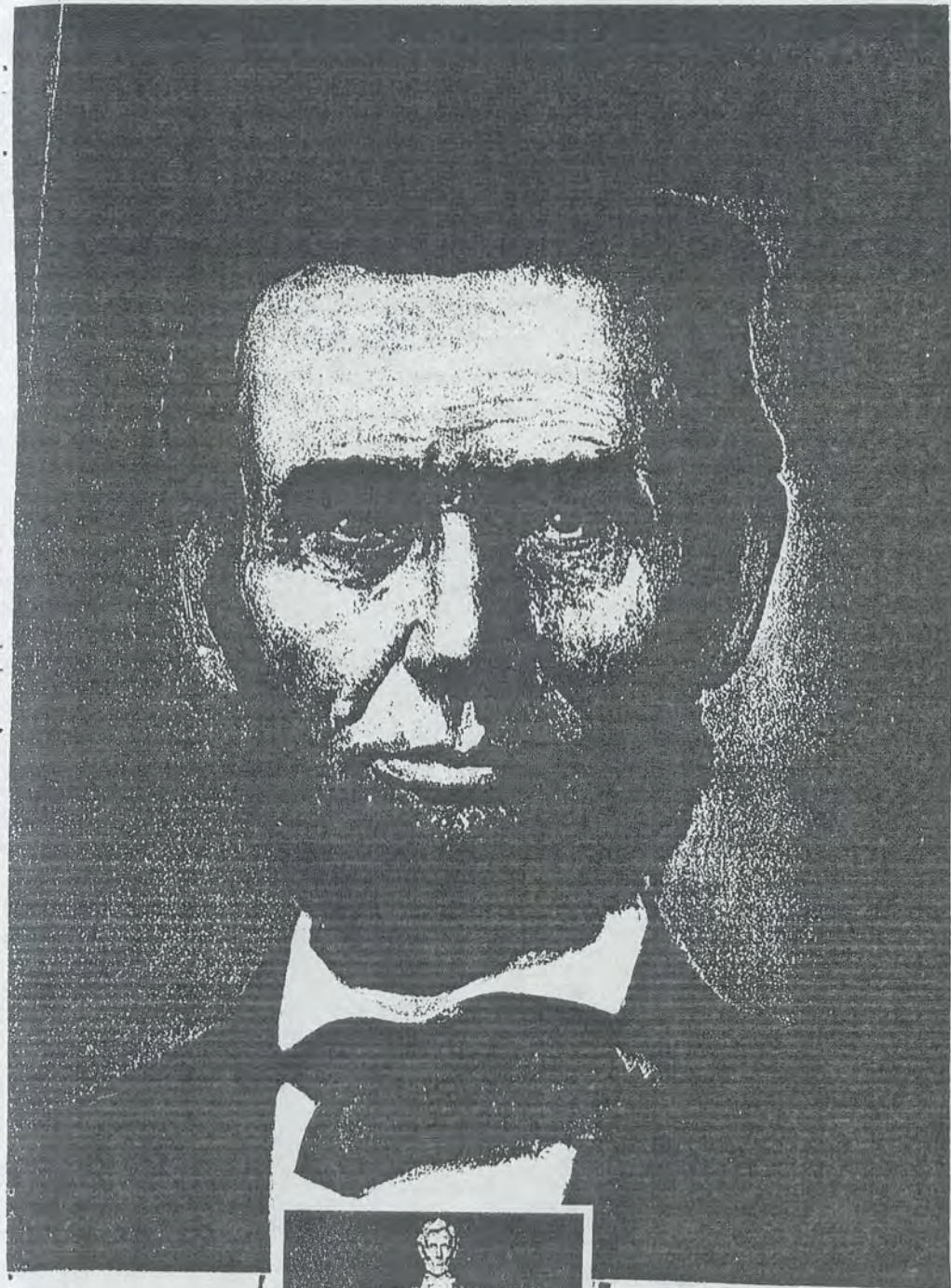
Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Address delivered at the dedication of the Cemetery at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863



Wave on, O Flag

Edna Moore Schultz

Wave on, O Flag of this fair land,
Wave high where men of goodwill stand!
Wave over shops and ships at sea,
Wave as a symbol of the free!

Wave on, O Flag with star-splashed square,
Wave out for freedom everywhere!
Wave constantly the red and white
And blue, bold standard for the right!

Wave gently over every grave
Where patriot has died to save
Our country from the tyrant's aim!
Wave in our nation's glorious name!

Wave on from Maine to Washington
In winter's cold and summer's sun.
From mountaintop to restless sea,
Dear Flag, wave on for liberty!



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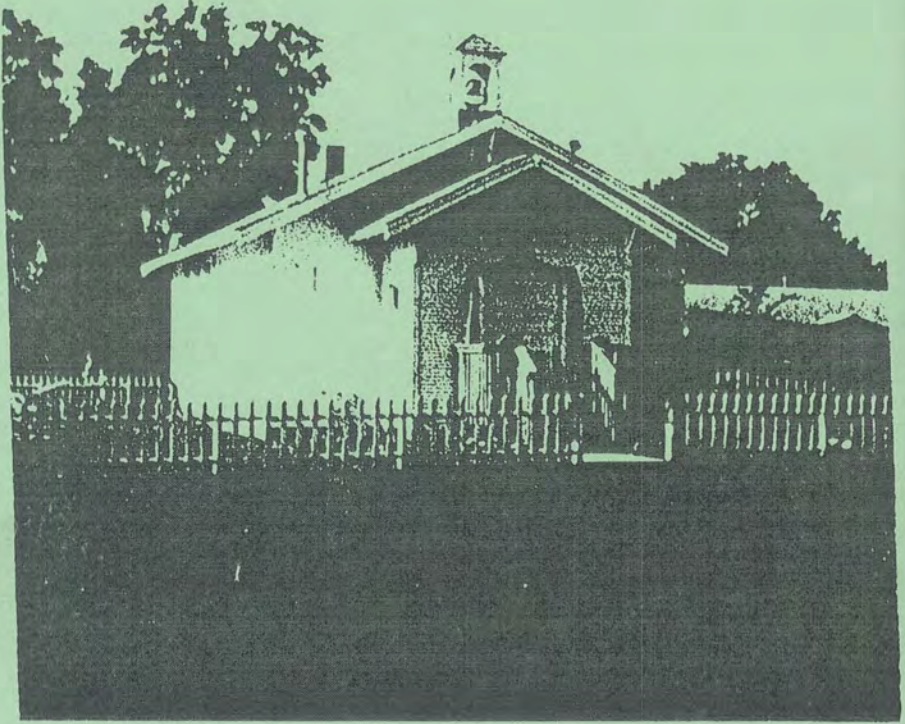
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Twenty-fourth U.S. Flag
From THE GREAT FLAGS OF AMERICA
By
Whitney Smith, Ph.D

Let's put some of this information by Mary's 46 star flag Robert E. Peary placed a 46 star flag on the North Pole on April 6, 1909.

The admission of Oklahoma to the Union on November 16, 1907, caused the forty-six star flag on July 4, 1908. The new Stars and Stripes flew for four years.

The history of the United States in this period is mostly the history of the failure of Theodore Roosevelt's (progressive) republican policies. Roosevelt hand-picked his successor, William Howard Taft. Taft did not have the personality to carry through the reforms initiated by his predecessor. Having alienated his republican supporters and having failed to bring the country out of a minor slump, he was defeated in the election of 1912 by the democratic candidate Woodrow Wilson.

The intrepid explorer Robert E. Peary captured public attention with his discovery of the North Pole on April 6, 1909. Peary had made two previous attempts to reach the North Pole, but each time was forced to turn back before attaining his goal. In 1908 he again started over the ice from his base on Ellesmere. As supplies dwindled, one after another of his party turned back. Finally only Peary, his black colleague Matthew Henson and four Eskimos remained. They reached latitude 89 degrees 57 minutes, actually within sight of the pole, but were too exhausted to continue. Peary refused to accept defeat and, after resting for a few hours pushed on to his objective. Contrary to scientific theory accepted at the time, his soundings proved that the sea around the North Pole is not shallow. Three centuries of arctic exploration were climaxed when Peary cabled, "Stars and Stripes Nailed to the North Pole".

When the forty-six Star flag was raised, there remained within the contiguous borders of the United States but two territories which had not become states. Limited population growth in these two territories, Arizona and New Mexico, was one of the reasons for their late admission as states. Although attempts had been made in the late 1800s to admit Arizona as a state, Congress failed to act. In both 1905 and 1906 bills were brought before congress providing for Arizona and New Mexico to be admitted as a single large state, but Arizona voters rejected the proposal. Statehood for Arizona was further delayed in 1911 when President Taft vetoed its admission because he objected to a clause in the proposed state constitution. Arizona finally became a state on February 14, 1912 after its constitution had been revised. New Mexico had already become a state on January sixth. The forty-six star flag was duly lowered on July 3, 1912.

No design was officially set for the 46-star flag that was used from 1908 to 1912. Presidential orders fixed the positions of the stars in 1912 (for 48 stars), in 1959 (for 49), and in 1960 (for 50.)

Oklahoma was the 46th star added when it became a state November 16, 1907.

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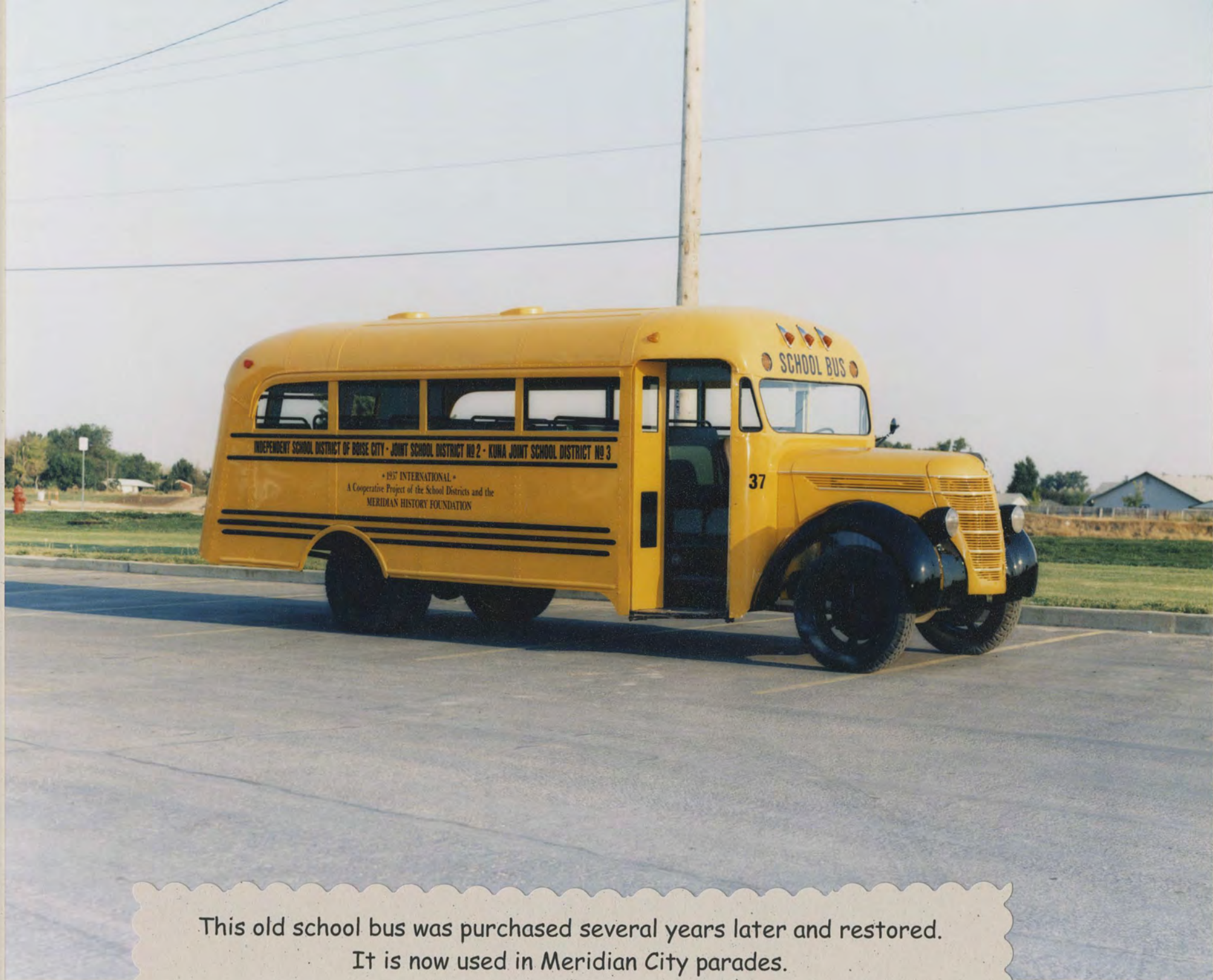
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Form for All Independent and Common School Districts
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by and between J. Eagle Gymnasium School District No. 12
of the Count. of Ada, State of Idaho, party of the first part, and
Truman G. Scott, of Eagle, Idaho, party
of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the services herein-
after agreed to be rendered to the said school district, agrees to employ, and does by these presents
employ, the party of the second part as teacher of District No. 12 of the County of Ada
for a period of 180 school days from and after the 8 day of
September, 1936 and agrees to pay to the party of the second part for the said
service the sum of One hundred sixty five Dollars (\$165.⁰⁰/_{XX}) per month, of twenty
school days, legal holidays included, or when Board of Trustees or Board of Health dismisses school for
cause, to be paid at the end of each school month during the term of said current school year.

The party of the second part, for and in consideration of the sum above agreed upon and the premises herein con-
tained, agrees to teach the school in the above mentioned district in a thorough and professional manner; to maintain prop-
er order and discipline in the said school; to conduct the said school in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho
and all acts amendatory thereof, and in accordance with the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education and the
by-laws, rules or regulations of the party of the first part, and (unless otherwise provided by law) under the directions
of the county superintendent; to prepare and forward to the proper officials all required school reports, and to make to
the parents or guardians such reports of the progress and conduct of the pupils as may be required or may be deemed
advisable; to maintain the school room and other school property in a proper and sanitary condition so far as this is the
proper function of the teacher; and, at the expiration of the term of office, to turn over to the proper authorities all books,
records, reports and properties belonging to the said district.

It is fully understood by the parties hereto that the party of the second part may be removed for just cause as pro-
vided for in I.C.A. 32-615 (7).
It is mutually agreed between the parties hereto, that in case either of the contracting parties hereto desire to ter-
minate this contract at a date earlier than that specified herein, the said party will give to the other party hereto at least
thirty days' written notice of such desire and the reasons therefor, but no such notice will work a cancellation of this con-
tract without the consent of both parties hereto.

It is further understood that the refusal of the party of the second part to carry out and fulfill the agreements made
herein is deemed by the State Board of Education as sufficient grounds for the revocation of the certificate of said second
party to teach school in the State of Idaho.

It is further understood that the liability under this contract of the party of the first part is at all times dependent
upon the party of the second part being the holder of an unrevoked, valid teacher's certificate.

State High School, Sept 1935, 1940
(Kind) (Date Issued) (Date Expires)

in effect at all the dates mentioned herein, to teach in the public schools of this state.
It is hereby mutually stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, that nothing herein contained shall
operate or be construed as a waiver of any of the rights, powers, privileges or duties of either party hereto, by or under the
laws of the State of Idaho, or acts amendatory thereof, otherwise than is herein expressly stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties hereto have set their hands the day and year first above
written at Eagle, County of Ada, State of Idaho.

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 12, County of Ada, State of Idaho.

By Howard M. Potter Chairman.
Lloyd T. Sivart Clerk.
J. D. De Chambeau Trustee.
Edgar Goplin Trustee.

WITNESSES:
Trustee.
Trustee.
Trustee.
Trustee.
Trustee.
Parties of the First Part.
T. G. Scott
Teacher.
Party of the Second Part.

(This contract should be made in triplicate and one copy filed with the County Superintendent.)

Section 32-615. Trustees—Duties and Powers. * * * * *

1. Employ certified teachers on written contract in form approved by the state board of education, a copy of which contract shall be filed with the county superintendent.

Provided, however, that when the board of trustees of the school district fails to enter into written contract for the employment of teacher or teachers, the county superintendent may withhold the ensuing apportionment and continue to do so until such written contract is entered into and filed as herein provided for.

Provided, further that the trustees shall withhold the salary of any teacher when the county superintendent notifies the board that the teacher does not hold a valid certificate.

Provided, however, that the trustees shall not contract to compel teachers to make up time spent in attending any annual county or joint institute or while attending a meeting of the state teachers' association or while the school has been closed by order of any board or boards of health, or the department of public welfare.

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7. Discharge teachers for continued neglect of duty or for breach of contract, but no teacher shall be discharged before the end of his or her term without a hearing in form and under the procedure to be prescribed by the state board of education.

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14. No trustee of any school district of any kind in the state of Idaho shall vote to elect any relative of his or of his immediate family to the position of superintendent, principal, or teacher of any school within his district, and in case such relative of his own or his immediate family shall be an applicant for such position in any school within his district, the question of whether or not such relative shall be employed shall be determined by the remaining members of the board.

School Teacher's Contract

School District No. 12

Ada County, Idaho

Signed by

AND

Trustees.

Sumner L. Scott
Teacher.

Term begins Sept. 8, 1936

Term ends May, 1937

Filed in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools at

Paris, Ida, this

11 day of Oct, 1936

Ada M. Warner

Supt. of Schools,
County, Idaho. Ada

Form S.B.E. 2-121
Authorized by the State Board of Education
Revised February, 1934

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OLD GLORY

I'm just a bit of bunting dyed
In stripes of red and white.
My corner holds a field of blue
With stars to give it light.
Though winds may pull and tear at me
And sunny colors fade,
My spirit will remain as strong
As when I first was made.

My hist'ry is the hist'ry of
The land o'er which I fly.
Its freedom, pride, and power are
The things I signify.
I've been to all the battles that
My country's men have fought.
I've dwelt in all the school rooms where
The youngsters have been taught.

I watch you stand as I go by
With hat upon your heart.
You see in me a nation great
Of which you are a part.
Unfurled and floating on the breeze
In red and white and blue,
Your faith in home and fellow men
Is passing in review.

Margaret Rorke

Gerald Davenport
5685 West 12000 North
Tremonton, Utah 84337

Dear Ms. Kusler,

I thank you for the letter regarding the old school house. It indeed brought back many pleasant memories for me. I know the old school where the picture was taken has long since been torn down. I went to the 3rd grade there. I am pleased to know of the museum conversion of our classroom. I'm sure it means a lot to you. Unfortunately I have other commitments at the time of the dedication and won't be able to attend. Thank you for the invitation.

The times have been good to me and my family. We have had 9 children and lived in Utah for 25 years. Idaho still holds a special place in my heart. My sister, Janis, still lives in Boise, so we do get up there occasionally.

Once again, thank you for the letter.

Sincerely,

Gerald (Jerry) Davenport

**The Pine Street School Was
Relocated To This Site, March 2008,
Thru The Generosity Of John Spencer Sr. &
John Spencer Jr./Associated Pacific Movers.**

September 26, 2008





September 26, 2008



Ellen Nichols Helen Bryce
These ladies went to a typing class in this school in 1929



Helen Bryce
receptionist

September 26, 2008



Welcome to Pine Street School
Betty Kusler and Helen Bryce



The bell did ring again.



Ernie Eyllrie
(Huebsch's father)

— Jill Hill, Betty Kuelle, Ar. Fische stand, Karen Olson, Tom Lockman's
Tony Smith



Tony Smith - speaker — Helen Beck

September 26, 2008



Nal Rassaw, Arlan Paths, Bill Cox, — Norma Dale, Dixie Cook



A crowd gathers -
- Dick McFarland, Gary Chipman, Bill Berg



*Terry Smith — Eric Elline — — Helen Birch, Jack Green Dick McFarland
Larry Davis —*



Signs at school

September 26, 2008



DeWight Van Hees Jim Kerk



Betty Kusler Ken Alger



Inside School. 48 star flag framed by Sam Boyston

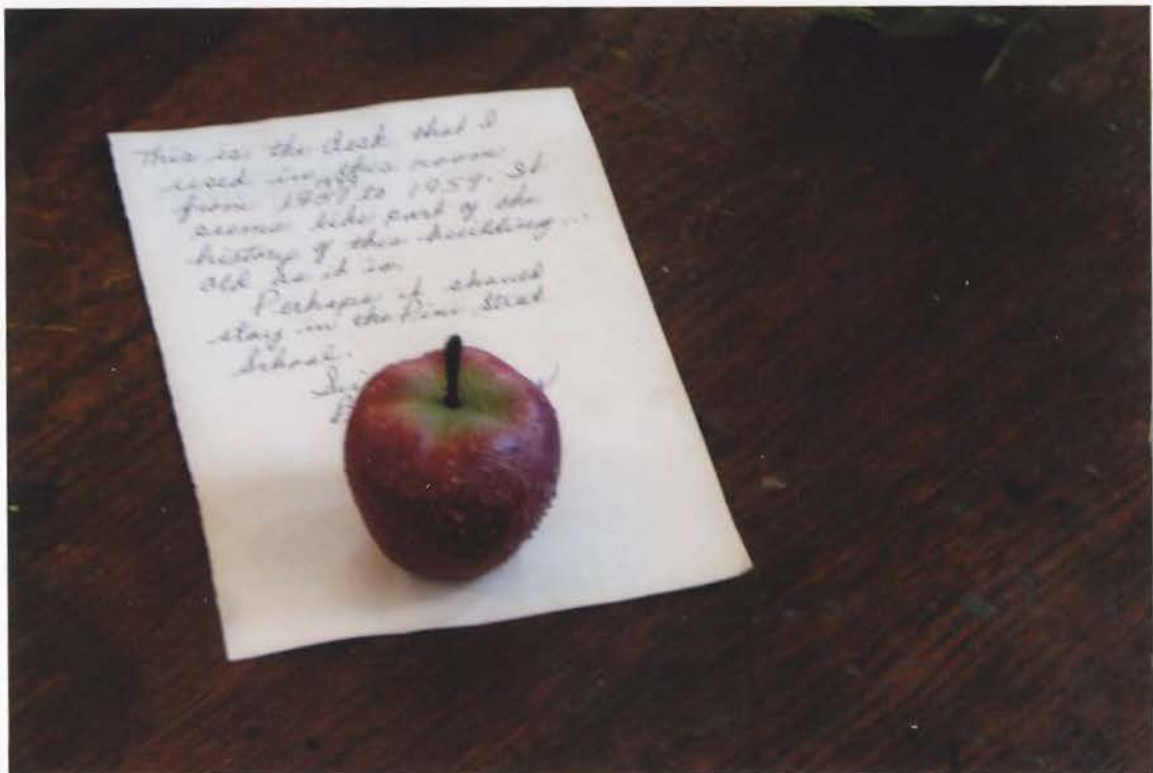


1891-1892 with some other material

September 26, 2008



Inside school. Mary Dunn donates 46 Star Flag



The teachers desk was there 1950-1959



Dixie Cook



A Tribute to Mrs. Elizabeth Kusler
And
Mrs. Evelyn Sanders Miller

Trauma, despair, hope, and acceptance would be some of the words to describe the struggling school year of 1952-1953. Our family of four migrated from the hot cotton fields of Central California where we had owned a cotton ranch to the Gem State where we purchased a forty-acre dairy farm. That move took ten long days to complete in a cotton wagon with chicken wire strung up ten feet around the body and the wagon tongue continually swaying and pitching. The modified Conestoga contained all our worldly goods including either a 250 or 500-gallon butane gas tank, which could have blown a giant crater in that long ribbon of a highway. Because of the jerking of the hitch my dad had to mend fourteen or more flat tires. During one of those frustrating times of repair and changing, his bulky billfold became uncomfortable so he placed it on that hitch, forgot it, and drove on. Around Donner's Pass he started to pay for the gas but when he reached for his billfold it was gone. That piece of leather goods held all our cash of \$500, which would equal about \$10,000 or more in today's exchange. My mother's mother, my sweet Grandma DeLay, had promised to pray our way to Idaho to which I attribute that bulky billfold still sitting where my dad had placed it on the hitch. Possibly there were two carsick angels holding it fast sitting there unseen. At night Doyle (we were not allowed to call him Daddy and he was our blood father and mother's husband), Mom, and Sharon would sleep on a mattress yanked off the top of the cotton wagon then tossed on the ground. My Cocker Spaniel, a sweet companion, named Trixie and I would settle down at night in that beetle shaped Mercury automobile. I remember those hot desert days across Nevada with the cool mornings beside a campfire and the wonderful smell of Mother cooking fried potatoes, eggs and bacon for breakfast. On one of those camp stops, Sharon and I caught a lizard and accidentally pulled its tail off

when it tried to escape. We were horrified but then assured that its rubbery tail would grow back. One morning Trixie ran too far out into the desert because she was chasing a rabbit and was so sick of being cooped up every day in that miserable car. I ran and ran through the brush and sage calling for her not heeding Doyle's voice to come back. He had said he was leaving her and I could not bear that. The Lord had mercy on us sending back that little red bundle with her tongue hanging out and panting happily. In Jordan Valley just before we entered "civilization" after being on the road ten days, Mom washed me in a service station bathroom sink to my humiliation and to my utter humiliation the sink came off the wall. Later in life we both felt guilty that we never had paid for that little accident. Mom was ashamed also because we did look like "The Grapes of Wrath". For over a month we lived in a transient camp between Caldwell and Nampa until we found our beautiful little dairy farm between Nampa and Meridian on Victory Road. I was enrolled in the Midway Grade School where I immediately was placed in the "Butterflies" a class for dummies and I knew I was labeled as such. The teacher with all her attitudes showing did not think it worth her time to try to teach me to read. I was young for my grade level, a Californian, probably in her estimation only a tramp living with the migratory workers, plus late to even start the school year. How stupid and crushed I felt trying to make sense of the those letters which I was told said, "Run, Jane, Run and Dick jumped over Spot!" November 20, 1952, I believe, we moved into our home that had a real indoor bathroom complete with black and white tiles in the bathtub/shower and white porcelain, flushing toilet. We were so rich having that bathroom and red lava rock decorating our circular driveway. Mom took me into Mrs. Kusler's class explaining to her that I was having trouble learning to read (I had a great education in kindergarten and the first grade learning to play in the California system). Mrs. Kusler said, "Give that girl to me for I can teach her to read!" And phonics was the method. Praise God that she did and before the end of the school year only Rita Thorne and Billy Horton were in a higher class. A few years ago I started thinking about how different my life would

have been if that pretty, dedicated young schoolmarm had not eagerly taken the challenge to teach a little troubled girl more than reading but taught her a path to being successful. I would have never appreciated Mrs. Kusler as much if I had not had the experience of a hireling teacher who did not want to expend any extra energy on a poor child of not much potential according to her evaluation. I rejoiced that Mrs. Kusler's name was still in the phone book as I called her from Tumalo near the city of Bend, Oregon. How fortunate that I could express my gratitude for her patience and her love of education. Mrs. Kusler's husband had severe heart problems and they chose for her to dedicate her life to her pupils to take the place of bearing children of her own. Many, I am sure, "have risen up and called her blessed!" In selecting the picture for her exhibit, the resemblance of my grandson, Christian, was striking. Henry and I were privileged to have four children during these forty-five years of our marriage with seven grandchildren. I pray that all my grandchildren will be grateful for the education they have received but even more so for the heritage of a Christian great grandmother named Evelyn Sanders Miller who made sure her daughters knew that the Bible was the best book to read and love. She richly filled our lives with literature of all sorts brought from the Idaho State Library. We would devour a book a day during those summer vacations. Now my husband and I are living in Bend, Oregon, after Henry retired from a thirty-two year public education career. I hope that Mrs. Kusler's legacy will ignite the vision and enthusiasm for all America's teachers.

Kindest Regards, Connie B. Sanders Miller





Dedicated to Mrs. Scott:

**To teach, or not to teach, -
That is the question.
Whether 'tis nobler to be driven
to distraction by individual
differences;
Or out of professional prowess
meet each pupil's many needs,
And through understanding win
their confidence?
To teach, - to want no more;
and by teaching to say
We end the heart-ache and the
thousand natural shocks that
children are heir to; -
'Tis a consummation devoutly to
be wished,
For in the future what results
may come
When we have shuffled off into
retirement
Must give us pause.
There's the respect that makes
teaching so rewarding.**

By Esther Burkheimer

Meridian to name shelter after Terry Smith

By **Chuck Malloy** for
MERIDIAN City

Council members last week approved naming a new shelter at Centennial Park in memory of Terry Smith, a longtime community leader who died last month.

Mayor Tammy de Weerd encouraged the tribute to Smith in a letter to Creg Steele, chairman of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission. The contents of that letter are as follows:

"Dear Chairman Steele:
"I am writing today to



The late Terry Parker Smith

recommend that the newly installed shelter in Centennial

Park be named in memory of Terry Smith. Terry was a long-time businessman and active volunteer in Meridian and represented the best of our community. I truly believe there is not a person in Meridian that wasn't touched by Terry in one form or another, whether they knew it or not. Terry was all the things our community stands for, a true pillar in our town and known by many as "Mr. Meridian."

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Park shelter will honor Smith *(Continued from Page One)*

"Terry Smith was a man of faith, a man who loved his family," wrote Mayor de Weerd. "He was a banker, Meridian Kiwanis leader, President of and ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce, involved in preserving and sharing our rich history, a believer and supporter of youth and a train enthusiast.

"Terry was a community advocate and the energy behind projects such as the Eagle Road interchange, Generations Plaza, the creation of the urban renewal district, the Main Street LID that brought street trees and sidewalks...and dare I mention, the Split Corridor and the years of debate. He was well known through his service on countless committees and philanthropic involvements as an individual who unselfishly dedicated his entire life to the community and others.

"Terry was truly a man who has made a significant difference in our community! Personally, he was my mentor; he was truly an inspiration.

"These are just a few of the reasons why I support this effort and encourage the Parks and Recreation Commission to honor Terry's legacy, the legacy of a solid community leader, by naming the shelter in Centennial Park in his memory. Thank you for this consideration."

Best Western



John H. Burns,

vfw4000@cableone.net

The Song of America

My country 'tis of thee

My country right or wrong.

sweet land of liberty

*Guaranteed by the sacrifice
of a fallen hero*

of thee I sing

*Oh, beautiful for spacious
skies*

Land where our fathers died

*Their toil built this great
country*

Land of the Pilgrim's pride

*They bought forth a new
nation*

from every mountainside

And from sea to shining sea

Let freedom ring.

God Bless America

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