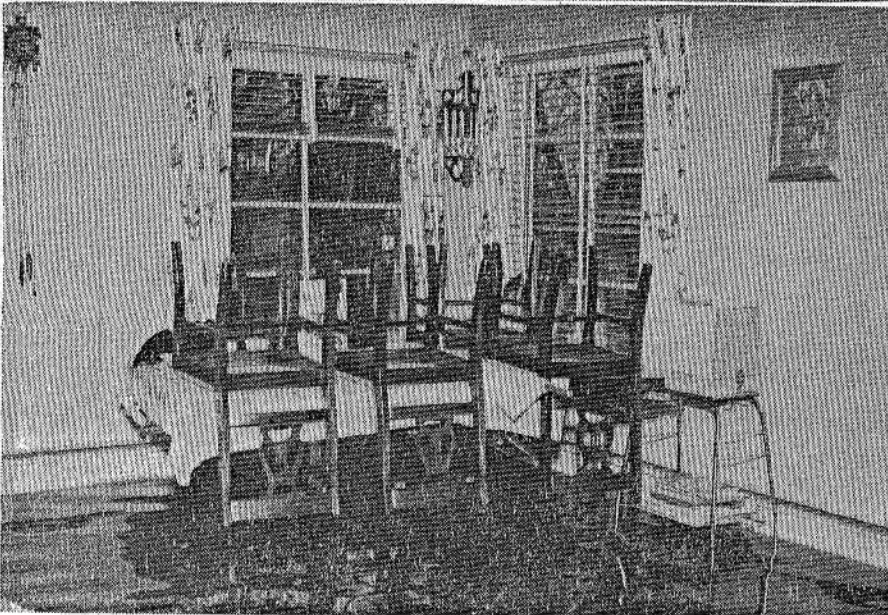


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Flood damages Meridian area homes

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THREE HOMES north of Meridian was caused by rain and melting snow last Friday. Above scenes show exterior and interior damage at Ralph Lacy home, approximately one-half mile north of Hoppe's Corner. Also damaged was home of Austin Moyle family, and new house being constructed by

Moyles near the Lacy home. Total apparent damages to three homes was estimated at more than \$2,500, with other possible damage not yet detected. Reported cause was that run-off water exceeded capacity of culvert. County workmen dug trench through paving, abating the condition seven hours after flood came. (Above photos by Creason). Additional flood pictures on Page 8.

Two programs ASC announces sign-up now on for area farmer

Ada County farmers were reminded this week that sign-ups are now in progress for two Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation programs.

Growers of corn, grain sorghum, barley, and wheat may sign now for the 1963 diversion program. Also underway is registration for the 1963 agricultural conservation program.

Council okays street project for Pine & 1st

Meridian city council members Monday night approved work to improve street conditions at Pine and West First Streets.

Council president and street commissioner John Navarro reported on discussions held with officials of the Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District—regarding improvement of the irrigation canal at that point.

He said that the improvement could be made by installing a cement head wall or by tiling work. Council members voted in favor of the head wall construction, as being the less expensive of the two.

In other action Monday night, council members discussed with M. E. Roundy a proposed new subdivision northwest of town. Action was tabled pending presentation of a detailed plat of the proposed subdivision.

Vernon Schoen, area civil defense director, appeared at the council meeting to offer his resignation from the post—stating that he felt the civil defense program here was at a stand-still. City officials asked that he retain the assignment, and said that Mr. Schoen was doing as well as possible in face of the community's lack of interest in civil defense.

As reported elsewhere, Monday night's council meeting included appointment of Gene Hiner as the new chief of police, and approval of the estimated budget for 1963.

Sign-ups for the feed grain spring wheat diversion program extends through March 22. Wayne Adams, chairman of the Ada County ASC committee, said the 1963 program will be similar to that of last year.

Eligible to take part in the diversion program are all those who produced corn, grain sorghum, and barley in 1959, 1960, and those who produced wheat in 1959, 1960, or 1961. To participate in the program, there must be a minimum acreage reduction of 20 percent from the farm's base acreage of the last crop. The acreage in the diversion must be planted to a serving crop or diverted to a serving use.

A diversion payment will be made for each acre diverted. Price support payment will be made on the normal production of the grain and wheat produced, providing the farm's base acreage is not exceeded.

Conservation program

Mr. Adams said that only projects which will be started in spring will be considered for approval for the conservation program. Included are such practices as land leveling, reorganization of irrigation systems, ditching, noxious weed control, and other conservation projects.

The county chairman said that persons applying for inclusion in this program should have definite plans ready for each conservation project at the time application is filed.

Next Thursday Junior high school PTA to hear two legislators

Two state legislators will speak on school financing and state tax legislation at the Meridian junior high school PTA meeting—next Thursday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Dairy show sets dates for 1963, slates meeting

Directors of the Meridian Dairy Show announced this week that the 1963 show would be held June 6, 7, and 8.

Ralph Madden, board president, announced that the an-

Chamber hears heart program

Meridian Chamber of Commerce members heard a talk and view a film on heart diseases at their Wednesday luncheon meeting at Pat's Cafe.

Representing the Idaho Heart Association as guest speakers were Dr. C. C. Johnson and Mrs. Dale Marti, both of Boise. Dr.



New police chief

GENE HINER was named city officials Monday night