

DECEMBER 1995 - JANUARY 1996

BED & BREAKFAST TOUR A SUCCESS FOR OCCHS



Participating Bed & Breakfast Inns decorated for the holidays and opened their homes to the public to benefit the Old Colorado City Historical Society's History Center. All of the homes, including the Holden House pictured here, helped ring in the holiday.

On Sunday, December 3, 1995, five historic area Bed & Breakfast Inns participated in a charity tour raising over \$3200. The participating B&B's each received a Certificate of Appreciation from the *Old Colorado City Historical Society* for their efforts when they officially presented the funds to the organization. The tour raised funds for restoration of the non-profit *Historical Society's* newly acquired history center. Following the event, the Society's President, **Lucille Cunningham**, stated,

"We're thrilled with the overwhelming response of public support for the history center project and the support of the innkeepers who generously gave of their time and homes. Attendance of over 400 contributors will allow our organization to continue restoration work of the center which will contain a museum, research library and bookshop. We are very excited about continuing this as an annual event."

Many local businesses sup-

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OUR JANUARY PROGRAM LOST LANDMARKS IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION

O.C.C.H.S. Member, **Harriet Seibel**, will present our next program on Friday, January 12th, 1995, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street (just west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center).

Harriet will give a slide presentation/narration on some of the many Pikes Peak area buildings that have been torn down for varying reasons, many in the urban renewal era of the 1970's. Harriet's programs always include a rare and remarkable collection of pictures. Harriet last presented a program for us in October 1990, on OLD MANITOU SPRINGS.

Harriet Seibel moved to Colorado Springs at the age of three. She attended Steel Elementary, North Junior High, Colorado Springs High School, and received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Colorado.

Harriet taught pre-school for a short period of time but gave

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15th DAY OF EACH MONTH.

MISSION

The Old Colorado City Historical Society was formed to maintain the memory of Colorado City (1859-1917), to encourage research, preserve pictures, and keep alive the unique culture and spirit of Westside Colorado Springs through education of children and the community and through the eventual establishment of a History Center at One South 24th Street.

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are welcome at any time, and are renewed in April. Members receive the *West Word* and local members are phoned prior to the meeting if desired.

Annual memberships classifications are as follows:

Individual.....\$10
Family.....\$15
Lifetime.....\$150

Funds from a Lifetime Membership are placed into a Perpetuity/Endowment Fund to be used only for projects which have been approved by two-thirds of the membership. Only the interest will be used for current expenses. We welcome gifts to this fund, which will be credited to the donor or as a memorial.

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MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 11:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except during June, July and August. The public is welcome; reservations are not required.

Reservations are required for the luncheon following the meeting. Luncheon cost is usually \$5 per person.

Please phone **Kay Arnold** at **633-2592** by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. You may leave a message at any time. If you find you cannot attend, please call to cancel.

MEETING THIS MONTH

JANUARY 12, 1996 - 11:00 a.m.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
701 NORTH 20th STREET
(JUST WEST OF UINTAH GARDENS)

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 1996



ROLL CALL

GENERAL MEETING 11/10/1995
35 members and 3 visitors signed in

Kay Arnold	Beverly Patterson
Ed Bathke	Jack Patterson
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Why Does The OCCHS Succeed?



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MAIL BOX



Dear OCCHS,

My two sons and their families live in Colorado - one in Longmont and one in Alamosa - and my 92-year old sister lives in Green Valley, Arizona, so I make periodic trips visiting them. Having been kept up to date through *West Word* on all the trials and tribulations that the Society went through purchasing the History Center, as I was going through Colorado Springs on my last such trip in June, decided that I would stop and see what progress had been made in converting the building to their needs. I was very fortunate to find Lucille in the building, had a pleasant chat with her and thus learned of the courtyard project. My wife, Dorothy, had passed away in April 1993 after a three-year long battle with cancer, so decided that I would buy the brick and have it inscribed as a memorial to her.

Having been a member of the Society for Lo! these many years (since October 1987) and never having had the opportunity to attend a meeting, I decided that on my next trip I would schedule it to be in Colorado Springs and vicinity at the time of a regularly scheduled meeting the second Friday of the month, December 8th. So, pass the word to whoever decides those things that if they cancel the December 8th meeting, they are going to have a very unhappy camper on their hands.

Ray J. Hill
Sterling Heights, MI

Dear Ray,

Thanks for writing. Hopefully you're not an unhappy camper and you were notified in time that we had no meeting in December. We hope we get to see you soon.

Dear OCCHS,

Thank you for your help in pulling off a wonderful and historic event, the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fairview Cemetery. I truly appreciate your participation in the event and the role you played in making the anniversary celebration a success. I believe it is the little things we do today to remind people of their heritage that will ultimately one day sink in and carry on some meaning to those ahead of us in time. I know it means a lot to me.

I asked for help early and you gave it. I asked for your approval and you gave it. Thanks to you, we all gave birth to a historic celebration of our own and, because of this, we will all be remembered. So on behalf of the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department's Public Enterprise Division, I honestly say thank you.

Will DeBoer
Cemetery Supervisor
Evergreen & Fairview Cemeteries of Colorado Springs

From The President's Desk

Building Report

The remodeling of the interior of the History Center is moving at a rapid pace. All the demolition is completed and the rough framing is being finished as this goes to press.

The sheet rockers are due in the first week of January. As with all remodeling many unforeseen and unexpected problems arise. It keeps us busy keeping up with them as well as the many other things on our agenda. It keeps **Chuck Geiss** and **Lucille Cunningham** very busy keeping up with changes and watching the work as well as attending to the requests that come in.

Christmas Surprise

The Old Colorado City Historical Society received a wonderful holiday surprise when an anonymous donor gave us almost \$4,000.00 to help finish the History Center. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Accessioning Committee

The accessioning committee consisting of **Jim Ciletti**, **Ed Bathke** and **Liz Geiss** are diligently working to put together mission statements, regulation and policy sheets, forms and the like to promote an efficient, well organized committee to do the accessioning. Shortly we will be able to accept the many things people have wanted to give the organization. You will be notified when that time comes.

Kay Arnold Gives Talk

Kay Arnold gave a talk on the history of the History Center to members of the American Association of University Women-History Group on November 17th. They apparently enjoyed the 'time line' talk very much. Thanks, Kay, for doing the talk even though you had your hand operated on the day before for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

Bed and Breakfast Home Tour

The Bed and Breakfast Home Tour was a wonderful event to attend. The members of the Bed and Breakfast Association graciously offered their homes for the tour. All monies will be donated to the Old Colorado City Historical Society to help restore the History Center. Over \$3000 was taken in. A very special 'thanks' to **Sallie Clark** of the Holden

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WESTERN WOMEN AT "WAR"

Captain Hillman Speaks at November Meeting

The word "war" was used in a non-military sense in Captain Beth Hillman's presentation on November 10th. She used it to express Native American, pioneer, and women in the military's battles against the elements, prejudices, as well as other human beings.

Native American women fought their "war" to preserve their culture, their lives and the stereotypes held by white Americans. They were not "bloodthirsty savages" nor were they a masculine dominated society.

Pioneer women (homesteaders, both single and married, cowgirls, teachers, and prostitutes) fought their "war" against harsh living and traveling conditions, discrimination and typologies—such as the National Society of the Daughter's of the American Revolution's statue at Lamar, Colorado "*Madonna of the Trail*". It's a memorial "to the pioneer mothers of the covered wagon days" representing the frontier women as "earth mothers who cared for all".

Women in the military also fought their "war" against prejudice, exclusion, and stereotyping too. There have been women who fought and served in various capacities in every American War from the Revolutionary War to the present. In the earlier wars, some did so disguised as men, but some also fought alongside their husbands. The women who accompanied their husbands to the forts west of the Mississippi also fought these same battles.

In the section on Native American women, Captain Hillman referred to the book "*A Century of Dishonor*", written in 1881 by Helen Hunt Jackson. Its topic is the U. S. government's treatment of Native Americans including its many broken treaty obligations. If you have not read this book you should. It has been more highly praised by critics than any of Mrs. Jackson's other writing efforts, including "*Ramona*".

On the day before Veteran's Day, we were pleased to have another member of the Air Force Academy's History Department give a comprehensive, thought-provoking presentation on western women at "war".

by Jan Knox



Captain Beth Hillman

FROM THE EDITOR

It has been gratifying to hear from many members that they are enjoying the *West Word* newsletter. In my role as editor, I haven't varied too much from the wonderful original *West Word* started by OCCHS member **Ralph Conner**. I've tried to include more history and photographs and the story length has grown. Many have noticed, however, that the newsletter could be more timely. I admit there have been months when I didn't know if I would ever get to the *West Word* because of my own schedule. As a volunteer, I spend about 12 hours for each issue. In an attempt to get *West Word* out on time, we're asking for volunteers to help with this growing project. We need transcriptionists and desktop publishers (preferably familiar with Quark Xpress software) who can donate a few hours or so each month towards writing and production. If you can help, please call Paul Idleman at 633-7803 or write Paul at 1939 Giltshire Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-4227. Thank you.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLORADO CITY

A Little History from Old Newspapers

October 13, 1889 - Colorado City - Rev. Hart, of Colorado Springs, will preach at the W.C.T.U. hall this afternoon at three o'clock. The meeting is held to awaken an interest in the proposed Baptist church. Mrs. Rodney Quinby proposes to donate a site for the Baptist church in this city, provided they will build the church. She has three different plats in view, of which she proposes to give the church their choice. One is on Colorado avenue, east of Dr. Briscoe's, the other is on Lincoln avenue, midway between East and East First streets, and the third is on the corner of Lincoln avenue and East street, directly opposite her new residence. There are three lots in each plot. This munificent offer should certainly spur the Baptist people, and in fact all good people to move in the matter of building the church. (*Colorado Springs Gazette*)

January 3, 1890 - A statement was filed with the county clerk yesterday that a church association has been formed at Colorado City to be known as the First Baptist church. The meeting to organize was held November 12, 1889, and Jacob Stansbrey, Edwin R. Bates and Jane R. Quinby are the trustees. (*Colorado Springs Gazette*)

January 24, 1890 - Colorado City - Rev. F.W. Hart announced details of a planned Baptist church, to be built on property donated by Mrs. Jane R. Quinby at the corner of Lincoln and East streets. It is to be built of red sandstone, capable of seating about 200, and arranged so an addition could be built easily. (*Colorado Springs Gazette*)

November 22, 1890 - NEW CHURCH DEDICATED - The Baptist Congregation of Colorado City in Its New Home - The dedicatory services for the new Baptist church of Colorado City were held last night. The handsome edifice was filled for the first time, every available space being occupied. After the opening services, Rev. Richard Montague of this city extended the fraternal greetings of his congregation to the members of the new church. He spoke briefly of the bond of union existing between the two cities and especially between the Christian people.

Rev. Kerr B. Tupper, for the First Baptist church of Denver, delivered the dedicatory sermon, taking for his text, Acts Six:33 - "Jesus of Nazareth went

about doing good." He emphasized the need of charity and well-doing to the prosperity of any congregation. At the close of his remarks, he produced a blackboard, on which were written figures representing amounts varying from \$3 to \$100 and called for subscriptions toward the \$2000 church debt. In a few minutes \$900 had been raised, \$100 at a time, he crossing out the sums as subscribed. After nearly an hour's work, the whole amount was raised and the new building practically cleared of debts. Of this sum Mr. Tupper pledged about \$600, Colorado Springs parties gave nearly \$400 and the rest was given by people of Colorado City and Manitou.

The new building, in which the congregation will hold their first regular service tomorrow, was built from plans by Mr. W.F. Douglas, of this city, and cost \$4500. The interior is finished in hard wood and rough finish, which is painted a delicate pink. The floor is covered with an ingrain carpet. The pews are those formerly used by the Baptist church in this city, and are arranged in a curve around the pulpit. The pulpit is very neatly constructed, consisting of two vertical polished brass rods supporting a third on which rests a plush covered reading stand. At a moments notice, the desk may be gotten out of way if it is desired to use the platform for other purposes. The baptistry is directly behind the pulpit in an alcove concealed by heavy maroon curtains. The steps leading to it are not visible from the congregation but open into a dressing room to the north. The windows are of colored glass in tasteful designs and are of the work of the H.M. Hooker company, of Chicago. The building was done by Mr. Jacob Stansbrey, of Colorado City, and is a decided credit to him.

The congregation was organized just a year ago with a membership of sixteen and now has a church building clear of debt which with the land is worth over \$6,000. Some of this money has been contributed by friends in the east, some by Baptists in this city and Denver and the rest by the people of Colorado City. The pastor, Rev. F.W. Hart, has been steadily engaged in building up the church and deserves much congratulation upon his substantial progress. (*Colorado Springs Gazette*)

compiled by Jan Knox

FACTS ABOUT TEMPLETON CLEARED UP

From the Gazette Telegraph - March 14, 1954

Some points of uncertainty among local historians concerning one of Colorado City's earliest residents—Andrew Jackson Templeton—were cleared up last week.

One was that the grave of Templeton is in an old cemetery two miles north of Woodland Park on Colorado Highway 67.

Another was that, although only three tombstones remain (one of them Templeton's), there must have been as many as 50 graves there, and no bodies have been moved.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Englert, 604 Lakes Ave., who have been searching out the old cemeteries in this part of the state and taking pictures of them, have most recently made a study of this one.

Mrs. Isabelle Moore, 636 N. Prospect St., owner of the ranch on which the cemetery is located, said last week that she knew no bodies had been removed from this cemetery, which she said was generally known as the Templeton Cemetery. She said the property is the old Templeton homestead and that she had taken pains not to disturb the graves and would endeavor always to preserve the area. Her husband, Edward F. Moore, bought the property she said, in 1915. He died in 1931 and is buried there. Other members of the Templeton family also are buried there, she said. The ranch is now occupied by a renter.

In the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum are Templeton's rifle and two pistols which have probably seen some hot shooting in their day, his picture and a long autobiography of him. His activities in this part of the state began in 1859 after he had already fought in the Battle of Monterey in the Mexican War. He was a lieutenant in the Third Cavalry in the Indian battle of Sand Creek and was in the Civil War. Once in South Park, as a spectator, he watched an all-day battle between 200 Ute Indians and 200 Arapahoes. A Ute asked to borrow his rifle. Fortunately for Templeton, the Utes won the fight. The Indian who had borrowed his rifle returned it, saying that he had "killed a heap of Arapahoes" with it.

Not far from this old cemetery lives

Lewis T. Spielman, son of the late David Spielman, first sheriff of El Paso County. He has been ill for more than a year, but before his illness he tried to bring about some state provision that old unused cemeteries, distinct from towns or cities, should be protected, Miss Dorothy Smith, curator of the Pioneers Museum, said. He is said to have had in mind particularly the grave of that rugged pioneer Andrew J. Templeton. "Andrew G. Templeton" the Englerts believe the inscription on the tombstone to read, but if so, it was a mistake in the carving, for by the records at the Pioneers Museum and by inquiries the Englerts have made, the grave is certainly that of "Uncle Jack" Templeton, who came in 1859, the very earliest year that Colorado City residents arrived.

Another monument to Andrew J. Templeton is the name Templeton Gap given to a low place on the ridge between Colorado Springs and the Black Forest, where Templeton is said to have had a ranch and where he ran cattle. He also ran cattle near Fountain, south of Colorado Springs. This, of course, was all before there was any Colorado Springs, the city having been founded in 1871 and Colorado City annexed many years later.

Andrew J. Templeton was born near Vernon, Indiana, in 1828 and lived there until 1833. He

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TIME TO RENEW???

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OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Membership Application

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Gift from _____

☐ Individual (\$10) ☐ Family (\$15) ☐ Lifetime (\$150)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone(s) _____ ZIP _____

☐ I WOULD ☐ I WOULD NOT } like a call if I don't make a lunch reservation

Make checks payable to: Old Colorado City Historical Society
Mail to: 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319

B&B Tour a Success

Many Attend To Raise Funds For Our History Center

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ported the fund raising effort by donating time, volunteers, and their resources to promote the tour. The **Old Colorado City Historical Society** was assisted by **Kris Kringle, Ltd., Simpich Character Dolls, La Dolce Vita Bookshop, LJM Photography, King Soopers, Modiste Dress Shop**, and all the *Society* volunteers, in addition to the participating **Old Colorado City Bed & Breakfast Inns**.

The five local westside bed & breakfast inns took extra time from their busy schedules to decorate early for the holiday tour and welcome guests into their homes. The spirit of the season was created to feature themes from Victorian elegance to Western flair. Each of the inns were dressed in holiday regalia for the event with garlands, hand-made ornaments, eleven Christmas trees decorated especially to each inn's decor, and thousands of Christmas lights! *Simpich* Character Dolls adorned each inn and *Kris Kringle's* Western theme Christmas decorations filled one inn's cottage. Each of the bed of the bed & breakfasts generously donated a \$50 gift certificate toward a bed & breakfast getaway. Thank you so much to the following Innkeepers who opened their homes to the public. What gracious host and hostesses you were.

Awareness Victorian Bed & Breakfast

1218 W. Pikes Peak Avenue

Holden House - 1902 Bed & Breakfast Inn

1102 W. Pikes Peak Avenue

Our Hearts Inn Old Colorado City

2215 W. Colorado Avenue

The Painted Lady Bed & Breakfast

1318 W. Colorado Avenue

Wedgewood Cottage Bed & Breakfast Inn

1111 W. Pikes Peak Avenue

The history center was built in 1890 as the First Baptist Church of Old Colorado City by well-known architect, Walter Farquhar Douglas. Following the tour, the building was opened for a preview, refreshments, and a B&B gift certificate drawing. President, Lucille Cunningham, stated that the restoration is an ongoing effort and continual contributions are necessary to fund the project. Membership information and direct donations may

be sent to Old Colorado City Historical Society, Dept. B-95, 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319.

Mark your calendars now for the 2nd Annual Holiday Old Colorado City Bed & Breakfast Tour, 1996. Special Bed & Breakfast lodging/holiday tour packages will also be available for the event. At this rate the History Center will soon be available to serve the public.

From The President's Desk

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House, **Karla Hefferan** of the *Awareness*, **Karen Jones** of *Wedgewood Cottage*, **Valerie Maslowski** of the *Painted Lady*, and **Pat Fejedeim** of the *Hearts Inn*. Some of these ladies have told me what wonderful help their husbands were. Thanks to all of you. Plans for next year are to make this event even larger! Many thanks to all who worked behind the scenes to make this event successful.

Treasure Sale

The Treasure Sale held early in the month of November at **Kay Arnold's** yard bought in \$402.00 (approximately \$250.00 from the chairs we needed to dispose of at the History Center.) Thanks again, Kay. Kay calls it a one woman effort to help raise money for expenses. **Jan Knox** also helped on the day of the Sale as well as helped move many things from the History Center to Kay's house. Thanks Kay and Jan.

THANKS DAVE HUGHES

Dave Hughes is busy checking out the History Center's computer room, making sure that it will comply with our needs now and in the future. Dave was also instrumental in the Society receiving the artifacts and bank account balance (approximately \$538.00) from the disbanded **Colorado Territorial Militia**. OCCHS will honor this group after the History Center is opened. Thanks, Dave, for your work.

May all of you have a HAPPY NEW YEAR and 1996 be a wonderful year for you and the OCCHS History Center.

by Lucille Cunningham

Templeton

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then moved to Coles County, Illinois, where in 1846 he enlisted in the Third Illinois Regiment for service in the war with Mexico. In 1848, he was discharged from the Army at Covington, Kentucky. He went to Iowa, was in the survey of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad and in 1859 he first found himself at Russellville on Cherry Creek, where gold was first discovered in Colorado. He was not successful in mining, however. He prospected near Idaho Springs and on Clear Creek and the Blue River and other points with a French trapper named Charlie Autobee. For 14 days they had nothing to eat but wolf meat. Long afterwards, Templeton told friends that the only way it could be eaten was to cook it and then let it cool. He said it was fat and greasy and if eaten hot, smelled so strongly of wolves that it could not be swallowed.

From his herd of cattle, 20 head were stolen, part his and part cattle that belonged to Lewis Jones of Fairplay that he was herding. He recovered them at the place later to be named Edlow, a station on the Midland Railroad between Woodland Park and Divide.

He lived in the Pikes Peak Region in a day when the pioneers banded together to protect themselves from thieves. In 1860, he was appointed a deputy U. S.

Marshal under U. S. Marshal A. C. Hunt and in 1861-1865, served on a vigilance committee which was organized to enforce law and order. Nine of a band of desperadoes that infested South Park, including the leader, he has written, were captured.

He was in the Pikes Peak Region in 1868, a year of Indian trouble when the Robbins boys and the Everhard boy were killed by Indians on land that is now in Colorado Springs.

Templeton died at the age of 82 in Woodland Park, where he had lived for 30 years.

Templeton's rifle at the Pioneers Museum is the longest rifle on display. It barely goes into the case where it is shown. It is a gun of a very large barrel, mounted on wood clear to the muzzle, and is of a very large bore. It must have been a chore to carry the gun, must less shoot it. One of his pistols is a Colt .44, made before the days of cartridges. Each charge is put in a cylinder and a percussion cap attached. This would give the owner six shots, if each charge went off. The pistol is very large and heavy. His small pistol is a good-sized revolver as revolvers go nowadays. This is the one he carried when he went after the cattle thieves.

Abstracted by Jan Knox—

NOTE: *Kenneth Englert is a member of O.C.C.H.S., now residing in Seal Beach, CA.*

January Program

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up teaching to assist her late husband, **Reynold**, with the management of his business, SEIBEL ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEY.

She has many interests: Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak area's history—to include old schools, old churches, and historic buildings. She is also an avid genealogist. Her old schools research led to the authorship of **A HISTORY OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 11** published in 1975. This includes the schools in Colorado City since they became part of District 11 upon annexation in 1917. (O.C.C.H.S. has copies of this book for sale) She is once again working towards the future publication of her research on old churches.

Harriet is a member of a number of historical and other organizations: Pikes Peak Posse of the Westerners; El Paso County Pioneers; Historical Society of the Pikes Peak Region; Zebulon Pike Chapter of the NSDAR; Colorado Historical Society; Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center; Pioneer Museum; Pikes Peak Genealogy Society; and the American Association of University Women.

Following the program, lunch will be served at \$5 per person. Reservations are due by **5:00 P.M., January 10, 1996**. Call **KAY ARNOLD, 633-2592**, if you wish a luncheon reservation.

From the Editor

All *West Word* readers are encouraged to write down your favorites memories, to recall a historical event, or remember a special person and send it to us to share with our readers. There's a lot of history here and we're fortunate to have to OCCHS to help preserve it.

Mail to: Paul Idleman, 1939 Giltshire Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-4227



WESTSIDE MEMORIES

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS



compiled by Jan Knox

One Hundred Years Ago DECEMBER 1895

* The service on the Colorado City and Manitou street car line is vile, and steps should be taken to make the company give better service. During the past week it has been almost impossible to find room on the cars that run between this city and Colorado Springs, and strange as it may appear, have not furnished additional cars, although they have an ample supply. On opera nights the jam is terrible, a single closed car often carrying forty or fifty people. The track is rough, flat wheels are not uncommon and stoves are in use on but few cars.

* W. A. Love brought down some very fine looking rock from one of the Colorado City and Manitou properties yesterday. The Rock is phonolite filled with quartz and will certainly run well. The vein was cut Thursday evening and is about two feet wide.

* Wm. Gray reports the hardware business very good but says he would like to sell a few more of those celebrated Oak heaters before Christmas.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO January, 1896

* The books for the Woods Free Library have been placed on the shelves. The library will contain 1,300 volumes which have been carefully selected. The invoice measures 17 linear feet. The selections, all paid for by Mrs. G. W. Woods, are exceptionally good and embrace the choice works of the best historians, biographers, and fiction writers.

* Senator Teller introduced a bill granting 3,097 acres of land on the west side of Pike's Peak mountain range to Colorado Springs for reservoir purposes in connection with the water works of that city. He also presented a statement of reasons for asking the grant prepared by City Engineer Reid

showing that \$727,000 had been expended on this work. The greater part of the land described is on the Pike's Peak forest reservation.

* The new year was ushered in a very boisterous manner. The bells and whistles in the various parts of town were called into use to add to the noise.

* While other towns in Colorado are lost in the whirl of excitement occasioned by the phenomenal camp of Cripple Creek, Colorado City is looking after her social, moral and intellectual welfare. This was evidenced by the large audience which assembled in the W. C. Tu. U. Building, Monday evening, when the Woods Free Library was dedicated and presented to the city. The large room was crowded to suffocation and on every occasion possible the audience showed their appreciation for the gift so generously bestowed.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December, 1920

* Copies of a petition bearing several hundred signatures of residents of West Colorado Springs, asking that the old overlapping arrangement of street car fares zone there be reestablished, has been sent to the Colorado Springs and Interurban Railway company, the city council and the state utilities commission. Under the present arrangement, a second fare is collected at Adams Crossing no matter which way one may be traveling. Under the old plan, one could ride from seventeenth street to Manitou or from Colorado Springs to Adams Crossing for one fare (six cents). The petition was circulated by members of the West Side Commercial Club, formed six weeks ago to help build up the west side. 65 businessmen are now members. G. B. McDonald is president; Duncan Lamont, vice-president; R. D. McNeil, secretary, and Ferd Cook, treasurer.

* Officers of the United States forestry service and the Colorado Midland railroad are considering a plan to turn part of

the road into an automobile scenic highway. A distance of 248 miles, from Divide to Newcastle will be "junked," a task which it is estimated will take two years. The bridges will not be taken down immediately on the chance that the auto highway will be constructed.

* At the last meeting of the Woman's Study club, Mrs. Duncan Lamont read a paper and some selections from the book of verses, "*The Land Where the Cowboy Grows*." This book was presented to the public library by Eugene Parson of Denver, through the club. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. W. Clark, 1639 West Cucharas street. Miss Manwell will read a paper on Virginia Donaghe McClurg and a letter to the club by this gifted writer.

* When all seats for the six performances of "The Littlest Wise Man" at the Cheyenne school were taken in a day and a half, Principal Lloyd Shaw, decided to add a seventh performance. Another 15 seats have been added at the front of the auditorium, due to the demand for tickets.

* Mrs. J. Eldredge Waldron, 1917 W. Colorado avenue, assisted by Mrs. A. H. Wilson, will have the Christmas party for the Woman's Study club. Each member is asked to bring a gift that will add to the merriment of the afternoon. There will be a musical program.

* The twenty-fourth annual ball of the Manitou volunteer fire department, given at the Cliff house, was the most enjoyable affair that the winter has seen so far. The cold without made the genial warmth within all the more delightful. The Manitou department is a historic organization, one of the oldest in the state. Only last summer the equipment changed from the old-fashioned hand-drawn hose reel to one of the most modern and up-to-the-minute motor fire trucks in the west. The department is made up of residents of the city who respond quickly to alarms and who have distinguished themselves

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by unselfish, unremitting, hard and dangerous work on more occasions than one.

* Though overalls are not so popular as they were for a while last spring when the "overall clubs" made them the vogue, the Colorado Garment Manufacturing company this week has an attractive exhibit of the products of its West Colorado Springs factory in the display window of the Chamber of Commerce. This new industry in the city has been enlarged from time to time since Bernard Lutz moved his factory here from Denver a year ago, and a still farther extension of the business in the near future is planned.

* Yesterday proved the biggest day for skating in the history of the city. About 150 or more were at the Broadmoor's Cheyenne lake where tea was served between spins of society folk dressed in sports togs. Twice that number visited the big ice tract at Prospect lake and at Monument Valley park, thousands made use of the lake yesterday. At no time yesterday afternoon were there present less than five hundred, while a steady stream of younger people slid to and fro from the lake all day long and up to 10 o'clock last night when "time's up."

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January, 1921

* John O'Byrne, 58, for 30 years a tourist driver in Colorado Springs, is going away. In the very early days, John O'Byrne drove the casual visitor and hardy pioneer around behind a team of elk; later he turned to horses, but has since given them up in favor of the automobile, which he prefers on account of the urgency of competition. Not that John O'Byrne would not return to elk if he could today, for as he remarked yesterday, "The average tourist would certainly prefer a ride behind such a team to an automobile." O'Byrne leaves today for the City of Mexico, by way of Laredo, Texas, where

he will remain for a month. Then he will go to Panama and from there to San Diego, California. His object in taking this trip is to collect material for a book which he intends to write, called "Sketches and Interesting History of the Wild West, and Scenic Attractions in and About Colorado Springs." Just one thing, John O'Byrne is not going away for good. He is coming back May 1. He is said to be one of the oldest tourist drivers, if not the oldest, in this city.

* Spencer Penrose next Tuesday will lead a party on a rabbit hunt from the Broadmoor hotel. There will be enough persons to fill several automobiles. The rabbits are reported to be unusually plentiful this year and there is a desire on the part of residents to encourage hunting that they may not become a nuisance. Edward Burke, manager of the hotel, will devote his time, while the party is away to culinary research toward the end that some new and startlingly delicious rabbit dishes may be served.

* The principal item in the December receipts of the city clerk's office was an amount of \$600 received from the 1920 cemetery corn crop. In spite of the lower market for that agricultural commodity, the past year's yield brought \$75 more than that of 1919. J. W. Glackin, superintendent of Evergreen is very proud of his farming achievements on the unoccupied cemetery plots.

* Charles Seaport, 70, died suddenly (1/6) at his home, 1412 West Pikes Peak avenue. He had worked as a machinist at the Golden Cycle mill for about 12 years.

* A recent gathering of unusual interest was that held on New Years day at the home of Mr. and Mrs Wyborn L. Cunningham, 2110 West Bijou street, when the great-grandparents, grandparents and the parents of Louis Wyborn Cunningham, their infant son, gathered. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Ingraham,

who also celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on that date, are the great-grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gothard of Fountain are the grandparents. Mr. and Mrs Ingraham moved to Colorado City 48 years ago. They were married on January 1, 1864, at Manhattan, Kansas, immediately upon the return of Mr. Ingraham from three years' service in the Civil War. Baby Louis celebrated this first New Years.

* Mrs. Jesse Jackson, 2206 West Pikes Peak avenue, fainted and fell from an automobile in which she was riding with her son, Marvin Jackson, yesterday afternoon on Colorado avenue, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth street. She sustained a dislocated thumb and bruises and was taken to her home. It was announced last night that her condition was not serious.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 1945

* Warren J. Plumb, West Side mail carrier for 30 years, retired at the end of November. He is 60 years of age, so spent half of his life peddling mail on route 33 in Old Town. Having a ranch up Ute Pass, he can now give more attention to the pasturing of deer. He lives at 3501 West Colorado avenue. John F. Morgan, postmaster, got free mail delivery for Colorado City about 1910. The first carriers were Harry Dickey, E. C. Smith, Frank Buell and Bert Rickey. Duncan Lamont succeeded John Morgan as postmaster. After the annexation of Colorado City to Colorado Springs in 1917, W. F. Hart was sent over from the main post office to be superintendent of the West End station.

* Floyd D. Conkey, 2909 W. Platte, received word that his aunt, Mrs. Grace Stickney, died at her home in Edmond Kansas. Mrs Stickney, 81, lived at 3221 West Pikes Peak avenue for 14 years and

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was affectionately known to her friends and neighbors as "Aunt Grace".

* The students of West Junior High school, under the direction of Miss Grace Fitzgerald and Miss Charlotte Howe, will present "The Nativity" again this year. The performance has become traditional, and is presented as a gift to the community. The beautiful service will include a robed procession of 20 seventh grade boys; the colorful tableaux depicting the Nativity and hymns and carols sung by a hidden choir of 60 voices.

* A blazing car almost in front of the West Side post office caused excitement and some traffic congestion on the busy thoroughfare yesterday. The owner, J. N. Mickey, tried to extinguish the fire (under the hood) but failed. West Side Fire company No. 5 was called and quickly saved the car from further damage. The blaze was several feet high, and the car engine was likely badly damaged.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

January, 1946

* Harold Brennicke, received his discharge at Fort Logan from the army, and is back in his old position with the Gazette-Telegraph. He and his wife reside at 2211 W. Pikes Peak. He was in the service for two years, mostly spent in the southwest Pacific area.

* Merchants on the West Side are off to an early start on spring clean-up and paint-up. Among those who have made decided improvements to their places of business are: Hobbs Cafe, Glen's Hardware, and Grover Garage. A new business just starting is Smullin Confections, on the corner of 37th and Colorado avenue. "Popper-Fresh" popcorn and other confections will be featured. Al Smullin, former auditor for the Peak theater is the owner.

* Richard and John Seay Bock have bought the old John Hanson place,

south of Colorado avenue, between the 3000 and 3100 blocks, comprising 6 1/2 acres next to their property. It has been owned by Josephine Nichols. The Bock brothers are planning to make it a trailer camp. The property has been in use for half a century or more. In the early days a cement-making plant operated there. It was the first camp ground in the region. Chlorination avenue runs through the property. Forty years ago it was one of the busiest thoroughfares in the region. The Standard reduction mill was in its prime. Several hundred men were employed, three shifts, the lights never going off. Many of the employees went to and from work on the street cars on Colorado avenue, going on foot down Chlorination avenue to the mill, about a quarter of a mile south.

* James "Jim", Stewart, 82, of 2912 W. Cucharas street, died (1/31). He was an old Short Line engineer, a resident for over 40 years. In 1934 he was awarded a 40 year service badge by the Brother of Locomotive Engineers.

* Burial services were held in Evergreen cemetery for Edgar Sheldon, who died in Silver City, New Mexico. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Sheldon, pioneer residents of Colorado City. The large stone house at 1930 West Colorado avenue was the family home for a great many years. What is now Twentieth street was originally Sheldon avenue. It was changed after annexation in 1917. A. Z. Sheldon was one of the founders of Colorado City. He was associated with Anthony Bott and other pioneers of the region, who came from Westport, now Kansas City.

* The recent change of ownership in the Sanitary laundry at 2517 West Colorado avenue causes some old-timers to go back in memory to 1903 and later. At that time there were two laundries in Colorado City, the G. W. Woodward at 2522 1/2 West Colorado avenue and the H. W. Fairbanks at 2629 West Colorado avenue. G. W.

Woodward died, and the Nelson brothers—Jack and Al—came here from Missouri and bought the laundry. Some years later it was moved to the present location of the Sanitary laundry. Jack sold to Al and bought the garage where the Moore storage building now is. Al went to Steamboat Springs and is still in the laundry business. W. H. Clements took over the Sanitary laundry several years ago, which he owned and operated until his health failed recently.

* Jesse J. Taylor, 88, died at his home (1/9) 3172 West Kiowa street. He came to Colorado City in 1891. He was in the tourist-hauling business for over 40 years, first with a carriage and then automobile. Failing eyesight caused him to retire.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 1970

* James Earl Moss, 80, 107 N. 30th St., died (12/4). He had been a local resident for 49 years. He is survived by his wife, Bertha, a daughter, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January, 1971

* The Pikes Peak region is in the fourth day of a severe cold spell. It was 16 below on Monday night and never got higher than 3 degrees Tuesday afternoon.

* Mrs. Ethel (Hemenway) Hagemeyer, 89, a lifetime resident of the area, died (1/5). Her parents ranched on what is now the Sinto Dairy Farm south of here.

* The annexation of the Flying W Ranch; about 2,545 acres west of 30th Street and Wilson Road and extending north of the Gateway Road for almost four miles, will be considered by the Colorado Springs City Council at its Tuesday meeting.

OCCHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 9th PROGRAM: 'HISTORY OF VICTORIAN WEDDING GOWNS' by **Rita Wilhelm**. Models are needed for this program. We would also like to display old wedding photos and/or wedding outfits. If you have any you would like to share or if you can model, please call Jan Knox, 689-2355.

FOUND: Thirty-seven color snapshots in a box of miscellaneous items stored in the basement of the History Center since the last "Treasure Sale" in October, 1994. This box was recently moved due to the start of the interior renovation. These snaps are of varied things, mostly not identified.

They are dated from August 1989 through June 1994 and include: Colorado Springs High School Reunion, June 1993; Broccoli flowers, Pat's garden, July 1991; Miniature Museum, Denver, June 1990; CO Springs U. S. West Building, August 1989; Denver houses decorated for Christmas, January 1992; and Cumbres and Toltec RR, Osier stop, September 1991. If these are yours or you know who they belong to, please call Jan Knox, 689-2355.

VOLKSMARCHERS SEE OLD COLORADO CITY

Two hundred and sixty-four people took advantage of the lovely weather on Saturday, December 2, to "walk" around Old Colorado City. They either walked 5 KM (3.1 miles) or 10 KM (6.2 miles). Registrants came from all over, Cheyenne WY, Denver, LaJunta to name a few. This event was sponsored by the Falcon Wanderers, one of the many volksmarch clubs in

the United States. Karen Seay, the walk co-ordinator contacted me last spring in the hope that the Wanderers could use the History Center as their registration/start point, but by July when the walk information had to go to publications with national circulation, it was apparent that the Center would not be usable for this purpose. Bo Jo's Pizza restaurant came to the rescue and allowed the Wanderers free rein of the second floor. The Falcon Wanderers graciously listed O.C.C.H.S. as a co-sponsor of the walks on their publicity to help attract more attention to the Society. I was invited to have a display table—to hand out literature about O.C.C.H.S. and the Bed & Breakfast Tour and to sell historical books and tickets to the B & B Tour. Several books were sold plus tickets to the Tour and a large number of people inquired about O.C.C.H.S. and the History Center. I contributed sheets of information about some of the historic buildings that the walkers would see. Donations of canned and dry food items plus money were collected and donated to the Billie Spielman Center in the name of both the Falcon Wanderers and O.C.C.H.S. I wish to thank the Falcon Wanderers Volksmarch Club for the opportunity to tell so many people about O.C.C.H.S. and the History Center and to have the many people who read both the flyers and the national walking publications know of our existence.

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