

Friday, September 13, 1985

Treasurer's report:

Thanks to last year's money-making projects and a number of new Lifetime memberships, our treasury remains healthy.

There are some bills outstanding for postage and stationery, but funds for current expenses total \$593.92. \$250 of that is reserved for the "Legends of Colorado City" publishing project.

The Endowment Fund we established this year contains \$735 dollars. This represents donations and Life Memberships; bylaws provide that only income from this fund may be spent currently, and the principal is to be used only with approval by two-thirds of the membership.

This brings the total treasury to \$1,328.92, minus outstanding bills.

SPEAKING OF SCHOOLS...

El Paso County reported in 1879: for the first time all its 22 school districts had blackboards. Only four districts in the county had an unabridged dictionary, a globe, or a wall map.

Only school library in the county was Dist. 11, with 385 volumes.

Westside Historian Mel McFarland Will Present "Colorado Springs: the History In Pictures" at Society's October Meeting

A native Westsider with a nationwide reputation as a historian will give the program at our October meeting.

Edward M. "Mel" McFarland's slide presentation is titled "Colorado Springs: the History in Pictures." Most of the photos, he says, are more than 40 years old, and cover the Westside and Manitou Springs as well as Colorado Springs itself.

Mr. McFarland has published two books on the region's railroads: "Midland Route", 1980, dealing with the Colorado Mid-

Minutes of our last meeting:

Eighteen members signed in at our meeting June 4, 1985.

Members discussed the decision of the Board of Directors to schedule meetings on the second Friday of each month so we can meet in a nicer room. That's an inconvenience for many members but most said they'd be able to adapt to the change.

Kay Arnold described the work of the group within the Society working on a "Legends of Colorado Avenue" document. The Westside Communication Council invited the Society to research people and events that give Colorado Avenue its uniqueness. Kay Arnold, Agnes Johnson and Ralph Conner supplied a manuscript for which they received \$250 from the city, on behalf of the Council.

The material seemed promising enough that the three decided—with approval from the Communication Council—to see if the \$250 would be enough to allow publication of a "tourist" booklet. Work continued this summer on picture selection and developing new "legends."

land, and "The Cripple Creek Road", 1983, giving the history of the Midland Terminal railroad.

He lived at a half-dozen houses on the west side when he was growing up, sometimes with the railroad all but lying in his back yard. His interest in railroad history, coupled with a hobby of photography, started him collecting pictures, some of which he'll show at our meeting October 11th.

He also has hobbies of model railroading, old cars and art.

Transition:

During the summer months members of the Old Colorado City Historical Society lost three friends and members, and the community lost a trio of valuable citizens.

Florence E. Edwards died June 28th, aged 74. She was born in Independence, and grew up in Cripple Creek before moving to Colorado Springs 40 years ago.

Her parents were Harry and Florence (Bemore) Porter. She is survived by four nieces. Her husband, M. G. Edwards, died in 1979.

She was originator of the Kiddie Day Dress Up held each year prior to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. She was associated with the Cripple Creek-Victor District Club of Colorado Springs, the J. C. Chuck Wagon, and PEJN Indian Group.

Ricky J. Cross, died July 3 at age 38.

He was descended from an early and prominent Colorado City merchant family, and is survived by his father, Steve O. Cross. His wife, the former Alice M. Garriott, and two step-children also survive.

He was employed at Shepard's McGraw Hill. He had accumulated considerable research on Westside families.

Members of the Sunshine Circle of First United Methodist Church contributed to the OCCHS endowment fund in his honor.

Agnes Katherine Farrington died Sept. 9 at the age of 74. She was a Colorado native and was graduated from Colorado Springs High School. She worked in hospitals in Oklahoma City, and at Fort Carson and Memorial before retirement.

Her parents were Edward and Mary Jane (Higgins) Nellesen. Her husband was Carl Farrington. She's survived by a sister-in-law and three nieces.

She was among the first women to participate in the Pikes Peak Marathon and was active in the Masons and the First United Methodist Church.

Members of the Old Colorado City Historical Society extend sincere sympathy to the families in their losses.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

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Back-to-School Meeting!



Our own members are a rich source of historical information, so we'll invite those who attend our September meeting to share reminiscences about their own school days.

Those who don't attend should bring a written excuse to our next meeting!

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Save this list for future reference.

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Renewals Show Loyalty of O.C.C.H.S. Members

Members of the Old Colorado Historical Society proved their support at the start of the new membership year in two ways.

First, virtually every one of last year's members renewed for 1985-86. Secondly, four out-of-towners and others who are not able to attend meetings sent membership dues to strengthen the organization.

Two new members on the list are Bob and Jean Smith. He's a history teacher at Coronado High School, and Jean works at Colorado College Book Store.

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