

Friday, December 8, 1988

Blacksmith Pavlica Visits Next Session

A man with unique talents who thoroughly enjoys using and studying his skills will speak at our next meeting, Jan. 13th, 11 a.m., Trinity United Methodist Church.

Lee Pavlica is an architectural blacksmith, which means he creates distinctive details in homes and buildings such as chandeliers and hardware. He also creates tools.

Mr. Pavlica is a traditional craftsman: he uses forge and anvil, in preference to techniques like welding.

He recently spent time in Czechoslovakia with a master smith, learning of blacksmiths' work in various historic eras. It's this material he'll share with us, combining art history with work of the architectural blacksmith, and relating it to local history. He'll show slides with his talk.

His enthusiasm for his work and his interest in its historic details promise a fascinating program. He was recommended to vice president Jan Knox by member Sandi Martin and was a visitor at our November meeting.

Sorry, No Xmas This Year

We hasten to explain, before you cheer or despair, that the headline refers only to sponsorship by O.C.C.H.S. of a Christmas tree at the Fine Arts Center annual display. After discussing expense, limits on use of edibles in decoration, and on a motion by Lyn Owen, members present Nov. 11 voted not to participate.

Parental Discretion Advised: Before letting this issue fall into hands of impressionable youth (especially those of 1914), you may wish to censor the picture on p. 2 to protect innocent morals!

Members Alter Society Articles Of Incorporation Unanimously

Members present Nov. 11th voted unanimously to change our Articles of Incorporation so we'll be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt. Erman Biondini made the motion, seconded by Bob Smith.

Acceptance is needed so contributions will be deductible, so we can eventually qualify for reduced postage, and as a prerequisite for foundation grants. See last month's WestWord for a general explanation of changes.

Society Takes Stand on Road; Meeting Planned

O.C.C.H.S. members want the Forest Service to preserve the Gold Camp Road between Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek. Concern about the highway grew after collapse of two tunnels.

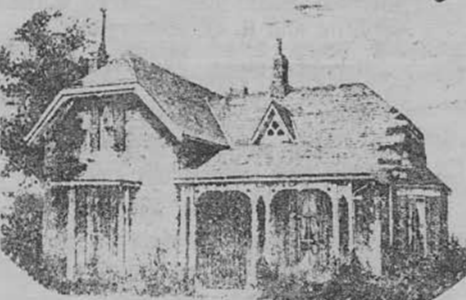
While instructing the secretary to express the organization's support for preserving the historic way, those present made two recommendations.

A motion by Thomas Van Camp, seconded by Lyn Owen, urged that the Forest Service conduct an environmental assessment as part of any plan to preserve the road and keep it open to the public.

The motion urging preservation, made by Sally Brawner and seconded by Virginia Cox, suggested it again be a toll road, with income used for maintenance and preservation. This would burden only those who use the road. The secretary's letter for O.C.C.H.S. appears on p. 4.

A meeting will be held Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 200 S. Cascade, for public input on what should be done. All concerned should attend.

McAllister House Is Home for Us Today



McAllister House (above), 423 N. Cascade, is "home" for today's meeting. We'll tour the home and have lunch in the Carriage House.

The sturdy home, built by a friend of Gen'l Palmer's to withstand the region's occasional high winds, restored to "Victorian elegance" by the Colonial Dames of America, is a city museum.

Secretary's Expenses

11/4	Postage, address bkls	.50
11/9	Newsletter negatives	5.22
11/10	2 plates	7.84
11/11	68 nwlts/publicity	17.00
11/14	Misc. postage	1.40
	Due secretary	31.76
	MINUS \$1 (Error in Oct.; 68 psterds=\$10.20, not \$11.20)	-1.00
	TOTAL due sec'y 12/130.76	

CORRESPONDENCE

Kay Arnold moved back to the heart of historic Riverside, CA., near the Mission Inn, Art and City Museums, Chinese Pagoda and Library, so she can give up her car—"it's no fun driving out here anyhow"! New address: 3657 Lemon St., Riverside, CA. 92501.

Kenny Englert attended the opening of the Gene Autry Museum in California as a charter member. He's sending an Anthony Bott manuscript to the Society, and reports that First National Bank hasn't responded to his query about whether Kenny's historic caches were uncovered during current bank remodeling.

Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events

Twenty-five Years Ago

January, 1964

Bristol, Buena Vista, Midland, Washington and Whittier participated in the Knock-Out Polio campaign in El Paso and Teller counties, when 77,000 children took Type 2 Sabin serum.

New Vice Presidents at Pikes Peak National Bank: Emil Clark, William A. Osborne and H. O. Roberson.

Harold Knight, 2806 W. Kiowa, salvaged his coat by challenging a patron of Fred's Bar, 2507 W. Colorado. The other man put on Knight's coat under his own and walked out the door.

Colorado Springs annexed 250 acres once belonging to Manitou Springs, to make Steamboat and Balanced Rocks part of Colorado Springs.

H&R Block opened its third local office at 1619 W. Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gazzaway moved Whit's Fabrics from 2508 to 2430 W. Colorado.

Among 15 new firemen: David Byes, 1637 W. Cucharas, Hobert Clark, 2208 W. Vermijo, Michael Crimble, 1916 W. Platte, Stanley Shonts, 838 W. Bijou.

Fifty Years Ago

January, 1939

C. L. Smith, 1226 W. Kiowa, resigned after serving 41 years as secretary of Colorado Springs lodge 77, I.O.O.F. He operated Pikes Peak Mineral Water Co. for 43 years.

Ten new camp cottages were added to Buffalo Lodge, 3700 Manitou Blvd., by owner C. J. Burkhardt.

County Commissioners kept newly-appointed Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Niles as superintendent and matron of the County Farm, despite requests to retain Mrs. Morris Askey and son Clifford. They served after the death of Morris Askey several months earlier.

Stratton's statue was moved from Nevada and Vermijo to Stratton Home.

West Junior's basketball team (Ralph Bishop, James Askey, Bernard Baily, Harry Stevens and Dick Teague) defeated the YMCA 39-10.

High School newspaper surveyed 50 boys, found 45 carried handkerchiefs, 32 had combs, 15 had pens, 10 had a fingernail file or pocket knife, 10 had matches. Average cash was \$1.35.

Springs' Fire Prevention Cup presented to Midland School. Only 4 fire runs in that district in 1938. Department had 308 runs, 12 false alarms.



SEPTEMBER MORN, by Paul Chabas: a sensation in France in 1912; a scandal here in 1914. —Picture courtesy of Penrose Public Library.

Fred Shantz sang at the Central Christian Church for dedication of the new auditorium, which doubled the church's seating capacity.

Dr. James Tadlock, physician and druggist for 18 years at 2428 W. Colorado, died at 2214 W. Pikes Peak.

Seventy-five Years Ago

January, 1914

Springs' city council ordered employees not to furnish water to anyone running a saloon or supplying water to one. But Ramona asked an injunction against cutting off its two saloons.

Gazette editorial: "Ramona has turned out to be just what was predicted before the first shack was built—a degraded, besotted little sinkhole, maintained exclusively as a pretext for selling liquor."

Cases of Ben Tucker, Mike Carey, W. J. Tomazeuski and A. F. McGowan were appealed to district court from police court. Chief Wolfe charged the men after an altercation in Ramona.

Denver Court of Appeals said Steamboat and Balanced Rocks belong to current owners—no portion belonged to Manitou Springs. Manitou claimed two-thirds of Balanced, half of Steamboat Rocks, because of right-of-way from a county road. Principal owner Curt Goerke planned to continue his picture business there.

Colorado Supreme Court favored Colorado City, setting aside an \$800 judgement for ankle injuries to Mrs. Willa Hunt from a fall into a ditch on the outskirts of town.

District Court jury deliberated only 3 minutes before finding Dr. J. H. Smith guilty of selling cocaine illegally in Colorado City, after 3 men testified they bought drugs from him.

Springs' Dr. W. T. Gullion was fined \$100 for prescribing medicinal liquor on Sunday. He wrote 300 Sunday prescriptions since September.

Clergymen protested scarf pins, distributed with tobacco, stamped with "September Morn"—picture notorious Chicago year before. Springs' police magistrate was asked to decide if it was improper; juvenile judge was urged to keep pins out of hands of juveniles.

Anna Faulkner described her journey into the state in 1861 behind an ox team to members of the El Paso County Pioneer Association.

Dr. E. A. Hoefer set up practice in Colorado City, moving from Missouri.

Colorado Midland depot got a new coat of paint.

Arensdale School was dismissed for the day when its boiler sprang a leak and put out the fire.

Deaths included Henry Ellinthorpe, 50, 20-year resident, jeweler and mayor; A. G. Hill, 79, who came here in 1861 and formed the town company with A. Z. Sheldon and Anthony Bott.

One Hundred Years Ago

January, 1889

J. B. Wheeler, J. A. Hayes, Charles Adams, L. R. Ehrick and Adolph Busch formed a glassworks company.

Colorado City had 6 groceries, 2 dry goods store, 2 clothing stores, 2 harness shops, 2 butchers, bakery, 3 barber shops, 2 lumber yards, jewelry store, photographer and 2 shoe shops.

Industries included Colorado Midland, employing 317; Stewart Stucco and Cement; and stone quarries run by J. C. Stuart, Snyder Bros., Greenlee and Sons (which all quarried redstone), and Anthony Bott (which produced white stone). A railroad spur ran 1½ miles to quarries in Red Rock canyon.

Among new buildings in 1888: city hall, Bancroft school, soda water bottling plant, 100 homes, and the Ash block, two-story brick building.

County had 17 newspapers, including Colorado City News, J. A. Cochran (Saturdays), and Colorado City Eagle, C. E. Dodson (Thursdays).

Midland Engineer Charles McClaren seriously hurt when lever of his engine flew back, struck him in the stomach, and threw him 20 feet outside the cab.

Constable Clark arrested a man and a woman living together, on complaint of the woman's husband.

Colorado City deputy arrested Mrs. Brown and her former husband Co. for adultery. A week before, Mrs. Brown's "new" husband died in Colorado Springs from unknown causes and Mrs. Brown testified she and Mr. Brown had been frightened of Conelly.

Stream of Newcomers and Visitors, One Era After Another, Characterize Region

The rapid growth of the Pikes Peak Region beginning with World War Two is a new era in local affairs, not yet completed, according to **Rosemary Hetzler** who spoke at our meeting of November 11, 1988. She showed slides of the area's history, stretching from the astronomical "big bang" to the high-tech world in Colorado Springs today.

She says this dynamic center has people from all walks of life, fame that began with the Indians, and inspiration that led to creation of "America the Beautiful" and "Centennial." Not bad for an area that Dr. Edwin James of Long's expedition predicted was uninhabitable, and a barrier to Western expansion!

The region's earliest history is in its gems, mineral and fossils, many of which were exposed for geologists when Pikes Peak was formed 63,000,000 years ago.

The Indians were first, of course, but white men took serious interest when the U.S. made the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and began a series of explorations. She pointed out that there was no permanent Indian tribe in the Pikes Peak region, although it was frequently visited by Utes, Cheyenne and Arapahoe.

Briefly:

We haven't needed a society section in **WestWord**, but we'll want one if there are many occasions like that affecting **Agnes Johnson**, now **Agnes Loesch**. She was married in September to **H. Loesch**. (He has a first name which he ignores—all his friends call him "H".) They met fifty years ago as students at Colorado College. Mr. Loesch (pronounced Lehsh) is a Yale graduate, and retired as a lawyer with the Interior Department. He lived in Montrose, and Mr. and Mrs. Loesch will maintain homes here and in Montrose.

Item from November, 1913, about Whittier custodian **Daw**, had interest to **Rosemary Hetzler**. She has a photograph of Mr. Daw's daughter, **Marjorie**, who later married famous Hollywood producer **David Selznik**. Mr. Daw made playground equipment from boiler pipes. Is this where "See saw, Marjorie Daw" began?

Tax rules made complications for Trinity United Methodist Church; there was concern that serving lunch to us might require them to pay taxes as a profit-making enterprise. They don't have a final answer, but pastor **Clair Mitchell** is hopeful present arrangements can continue.

Zebulon Pike and **Stephen Long** explored the area to establish "borders" between Louisiana territory and land claimed by the Spanish. After the explorers came men like **Bridger** and **Beckworth**—trappers and mountain men.

She credited the trappers as the pathfinders who established trails and located the waterholes for more permanent settlers. By 1850, the fur trade was declining and buffalo were disappearing. By 1859, when gold-seekers trekked into the region, the trading posts were in ruins.

She dealt with strictly local history, which began with the discovery of Gold in South Park and establishment of Colorado City. It was in 1871, of course, when the stake was driven for 70-block Colorado Springs. She traced contributions by men like **Palmer**, and more ordinary mortals such as ever-hopeful **Bob Womack**. In 1910-1920, she noted, population of Colorado Springs grew by 100 each year.

After World War One, **Spencer Penrose** and friends sparked the region's growth. A new era began in World War Two, when Camp/Fort Carson was built, and when tourists were inhibited by a gas shortage. We're still in the midst of that period, experiencing rapid expansion and attendant problems.

Whittier Pupils Launch Useful History Project

Barbara Carter, O. C. C. H. S. life member and a teacher at Whittier, told our November meeting about a project her sixth-grade students are going to begin: construction of a model of Colorado City in 1887.

Mrs. Carter and volunteer **Ralph Conner** have been guiding students in historic research, and seven students presented reports at our meeting of March, 1986. The new project will allow all classmembers to participate.

City Directories and maps will help students reconstruct the town to scale. It's an experiment, and Mrs. Carter said the class may not do any more than set up the project this year. When construction starts, they'll do one block at a time and the project will continue for several years.

Mrs. Carter said she hopes O.C.C.H.S. members will work with students when the project is further along. It would involve an hour or so at school, one or more days a week.

Briefly:

Colorado City Associates' newsletter notes a picture collection in the second floor hallway above **Dulce's**, 2527 W. Colorado, and **Squash Blossom**, 2531 W. Colorado, which shows how much has changed, how much is the same in Old Colorado City.

Ute Pass Historical Society is aiming high in its revitalization effort. It proposes a 1989 budget of \$61,366. Only \$10,500 of anticipated revenue would come from museum operations, and that will be more than eaten up by museum expenses. Other major income sources will be general contributions and memberships. Apart from its proposed budget, according to Board Treasurer **Lucia Church**, the Society hopes to whittle down its \$55-thousand mortgage. Its building and land has a value of \$323,000.

ROLL CALL

We're grateful for the large turnout that assured that our membership vote was "legal." We appreciate that so many members who ordinarily can't attend chose to include O. C. C. H. S. in their holiday plans. Forty were present for the program and 31 stayed for lunch. Members who signed in were:

Erman Biondini	Barbara Keller
Sally Brawner	John Keller
Rosemae Campbell	O. A. Kenelly
Barbara Carter	Jim Knox
Bertha Chilcott	Aldine Lipe
Carl Chilcott	Agnes Johnson Loesch
Ralph Conner	Sandi Martin
Virginia Cox	Ruth Maxwell
Arnold Cunningham	Mel McFarland
Jerry Cunningham	Lyn Owen
Lucile Ellis	Eunice Quinn
Veda Goosman	Kathy Read
Nancy Graner	Arlene Rieger
John Haney	Bob Smith
Rosemary Hetzler	Frances Trapp
Flora Belle Hull	Mary Nell Trapp
Joyce Johns	Thomas Van Camp
	Frances White

VISITORS

Marzelle Berry was a welcome return visitor.

We're glad that John Haney brought his wife and daughter, Betty and Janet.

A family connection of a different sort resulted in a visit by H. Loesh, husband of Agnes Johnson Loesh.

Lee Pavlika, who will be the speaker at our January meeting, came as a guest of Sandi Martin.

Help us keep in touch . . .

Know of an under-the-weather member?
Call Lyn Owen, 473-1846

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Old Colorado City Historical Society
Friday, Dec. 9, 1988

LETTER TO FOREST SERVICE ABOUT THE GOLD CAMP ROAD

Gary W Edson
Acting District Manager
601 S. Weber St.
Colorado Springs, CO. 80903

Dear Mr. Edson:

Members of the Old Colorado City Historical Society share an interest in preserving the Gold Camp Road. Our town was the destination of most of the trains on the original "Short Line," and is the starting or ending point for most motorists from the days of the Corley Mountain Road to the present.

I was instructed by a vote of our membership Nov. 11th to make two suggestions in regard to management of the highway.

One motion recommended that an environmental assessment be conducted before any "modifications" are taken of the existing highway and tunnels.

We also approved a motion calling for conversion of the Gold Camp Road to a toll road once again, with revenues from tolls set aside for maintenance of the road and its tunnels. This would put the financial burden on those who use the highway. We suggest it as another alternative to be considered in addition to those you proposed.

We assume any legal problems this would create could be met in the same ways, and with the same success, that preserve the Pikes Peak Highway.

We appreciate the Forest Service's concern about maintaining the road and keeping it available to tourists and residents. It is a vital link, both between Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek, and with our past.

Sincerely,
Ralph Conner, Secretary
Monday, November 14, 1988

NEXT MEETING:

11 am, January 13th
Trinity U. M. Church, 1920 Henderse
For luncheon reservations please call
Lyn Owen, 473-1846.

WEST WORD

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The Old Colorado City Historical Society was formed to maintain the memory of Colorado City (1859-1917), to encourage research, to preserve historic buildings, mementos and pictures, and to keep alive the unique culture and spirit of West-side Colorado Springs.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month (except July and August) at 11 a. m., usually at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1920 Henderse—west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center. The public is welcome and no reservation is needed for the program.

The meeting is followed by a luncheon, served by people of the church. Cost is \$4 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by phoning Lyn Owen, 473-1846. Deadline is normally noon the Wednesday before the meeting. Please call Lyn Owen to cancel if you find you cannot attend.

MEMBERSHIPS

Individual membership is \$5 a year; family membership is \$10. Memberships are welcome at any time; renewal falls in April. Members receive this newsletter, and local members will usually be phoned before each meeting.

Also available is a Lifetime membership, for \$100. This amount is placed in our Perpetuity Endowment fund, to be used for projects which have been approved by two-thirds of the members. 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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