

Friday, Oct. 14, 1988

## History Day Meets Veterans' Day Soon

Our next meeting falls on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11, and vice president **Jan Knox** has invited History Day Scholars to present a program appropriate to the holiday. We don't know the specifics, but we know from past offerings it will be exciting.

History Day encourages students from sixth grade through high school to study some aspect of history in depth, and to pass on results in a dramatization or other form. Colorado Springs has wide participation and has produced several national winners.

## Board Seeks Negotiation

### For Church as Museum

The O.C.C.H.S. board held two meetings in September to handle financial matters and to plan a move toward purchase of a building for our future museum.

Sept. 12, it discussed options but no specific decisions were made. Present at that meeting were **Ralph Conner**, **Virginia Cox**, **Dave Hughes**, **John Keller**, **Orville Kenelly**, and **Leon Young**.

On Sept. 16, on a motion by **Orville Kenelly** seconded by **Aldine Lipe**, a bookkeeping change was approved, which will put Endowment funds in certificates of deposit and leave "current" amounts in Pikes Peak National. Treasurer **Orville Kenelly** said our Endowments total about \$106,000, and "current" about \$12,000. Endowment funds can be spent only after approval by two-thirds of the membership.

A motion by **Dave Hughes**, seconded by **Leon Young**, directed the treasurer to use funds from a maturing certificate of deposit to get a 90-day certificate of deposit in Bank Western, and the

## A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We welcome **Frances E. Trapp**, who is already active in a number of history organizations, among our new members.

As manager of the Westside Development program for the city, **Robert Patoni** has already been involved with O.C.C.H.S. through the Colorado Avenue Awards and the Communications Council. We're pleased that he is now a member.

rest (about \$40,000) in World Savings and Loan.

The board feels the best prospect for a museum building is the church at the southeast corner of 24th and Pikes Peak.

On a motion by **Jan Knox** seconded by **Leon Young**, a committee was appointed to discuss our offer (outlined below) with church officials. The committee is: **Dave Hughes**, **Orville Kenelly**, and **Ralph Conner**.

Based on a proposal made by **Dave Hughes**, the plan would contain these provisions:

1. Offer to purchase the property for \$75,000 subject to the following terms:
2. Payment of \$1,500 for an option of six months, with the privilege of extending the option for another six months for an additional \$1,500.
3. O.C.C.H.S. would buy temporary insurance for the building.
4. During the option time we would have access to the building to determine what rehabilitation would be needed.
5. If we buy the building, amounts paid for the options and insurance would apply to the purchase price. If we don't buy, the church retains the option money.

## We'll See and Hear the Fine Arts Center Story

We'll learn about the unique Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at today's meeting. Our guide will be **Kathy Hartman**, who will illustrate her presentation with slides.

She'll deal with its history, its architecture, and its collections.

It began in 1919 in the donated home of Mr. and Mrs. **Spencer Penrose**, 30 W. Dale.

O.C.C.H.S. would commit \$3,600 (estimating insurance at \$600). We could study the building more thoroughly and seek funds through foundations and contributions.

Present 9/16: **Ralph Conner**, **Virginia Cox**, **Dave Hughes**, **John Keller**, **Orville Kenelly**, **Jan Knox**, **Aldine Lipe**, **Ruth Maxwell** and **Leon Young**.

## Ute Pass Society Is Seeking New Unity

Ute Pass Historical Society is binding wounds among members after dissention over leadership and volunteer participation.

**Bob Moore** resigned as executive director; the position is being filled by **Jan Petit** while a search for a replacement continues.

Ute Pass Museum isn't open on weekends and there will apparently not be the traditional Christmas bazaar. Membership's fallen about 250, and financial support and volunteer hours have lagged.

**All factions praise Petit's leadership in establishing the museum the last dozen years.**

One faction criticizes the board for asking **Jan Petit** to withdraw from all committees (but remain on the board). Some board members charged **Jan** couldn't "let go," and that she alienated some contributors and volunteers. Four board members resigned.

# Westside Memories: *Turning Back the Clock on Local Events*

## *Twenty-five Years Ago*

November, 1963

Stores, schools, courts closed the 25th to mourn John Kennedy.

Construction worker John Clark, 31, 1227 W. Vermijo, was electrocuted when cable he held contacted high voltage. Robert Rathburn, 51, 713 W. Cucharas, and Raymond Williams, 38, Manitou, died when a utilities motorized rail car went out of control on the Pikes Peak cog line.

Lisa Barr, soon to live at 719 W. Pikes Peak, was born unexpectedly to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barr while they visited Mrs. Barr's mother at the Savoy Hotel, 24 S. Nevada, where Mrs. Barr's mother was proprietor. Mrs. Barr delivered the baby girl herself.

Harry Richter celebrated his 73rd birthday by reviving a phonograph he won as a newspaper carrier when living at 2018 W. Cucharas. He later worked 18 years at Golden Cycle.

Mrs. Millie Nestor opened Millie's House of Beauty at 1031 W. Colorado.

## *Fifty Years Ago*

November, 1938

Golden Cycle planned two-story, 30 x 60 ft. office building at the mill site. It announced freight-rate and treatment reductions which would add up to \$22 a ton to value of processed ore.

Nine of 10 students at Cascade—supported by parents—went on strike against their teacher. After school was closed for a week, teacher was fired and Mrs. Madeline James was hired.

G. W. Strake revealed plans for a possible hotel, dude ranch, restaurants, golf course, farming and mineral exploration at newly-bought Glen Eyrie.

Pro football came to Colorado Springs! Los Angeles Bulldogs defeated Pittsburgh Pirates 17-6 before 12,500 fans in Broadmoor's new Will Rogers Stadium. "\$15,000 property" Byron Whizzer White played for Pittsburgh.

Republican Field Phelps came within 43 votes of defeating incumbent county clerk Charles Ozias.

Dist. 11 school board set minimum wages for construction of new high school: unskilled, 60¢ an hour; semi-skilled, 75¢; skilled, \$1.10.

El Pomar, established in 1937, paid \$8,900 to make up Community Chest deficit and bring total to \$88,350.

Joseph Wilson, 1519 W. Colorado, was one of 75 Wilsons at a reunion in Fountain. Family came here in 1889.



Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum

John "Bathhouse" Coughlin (above), Chicago political boss, died. He earlier ran an amusement park and zoo on West Cheyenne Road for nine years.

Building permit was issued to E. J. Hartzler, 1115 W. Pikes Peak, for basement and foundation, to cost \$70.

Before 1917, Colorado City was independent.

## *Seventy-five Years Ago*

November, 1913

Kistler, Hardwick and Weeks' copper mine on Douglas ranch, 6 mi. north of Colorado City, shipped ore worth \$75-80 a ton to Omaha.

Colorado City Commerce Club favored continuation of the region's beleaguered Union Depot Commission.

Colorado Springs and Interurban Railway bought \$1,000 life insurance policies for its 225 employees.

Mrs. Mettie Wortman, 73, 534 Langmeyer, died. When her miner husband was disabled at Leadville, she supported them for ten years by tending a garden, chickens and cows, and selling produce from a donkey cart.

Five high school football players were diagnosed with mild cases of diphtheria, apparently from use of a common sponge to rinse mouths in a game with Victor. Weberbaum, Borst, Scott, Pearson and Brewer were quarantined. Perry Jackson pulled a ligament, so the season was ended. First quarter place kick by Borst hit the upright, bounded through, to give the locals a 3-0 victory. Mothers served lunch and dinner to both teams and high school faculty.

When boiler pipes were replaced at Whittier, Mr. Daw used old pipes for volleyball posts and swings. At PTA, Mrs. F. Borst and I. S. Nichols discussed, "What Are the Dangers Which Menace Boys and Girls Who Are Permitted on the Streets at Night."

Ramona had a "formal" opening, and carriages met the [street] cars at Fourth. Colorado Springs denied water service for Mr. Jordan who was building a grocery and barber shop there.

Old canning factory on south 10th near Midland tracks endangered by fire when a pile of ties caught fire. Home of Mary Harrington, 315 S. 17th, destroyed by fire. Springs' firemen used a plug 3 blocks away, but were delayed when hose became uncoupled and when it was run over by a switch engine.

Dist. Attny. Purcell criticized Colorado City's strict enforcement of laws requiring autos to use lights from sundown to sunrise. He said they weren't needed for an hour after sunset.

One week, derailment of two Colorado Midland freight cars near Woodland Park made it necessary to re-route Midland trains to Cripple Creek on the Short Line. Later, a rock slide closed the Short Line, and Midland tracks served both railroads.

Irving Howbert arranged to have two books of recollections published.

George Donald made a pattern to allow the Midland to make locomotive cylinders in its own shop instead of buying from Baldwin in Philadelphia.

Colorado City gave substantial supplies and money to Beth El hospital.

## *One Hundred Years Ago*

November, 1888

Articles of incorporation were filed for the Pikes Peak railroad, and a survey was begun to establish a route.

Midland ended suburban trains to Green Mountain Falls. Fifty passengers in two cars arrived on the first Rock Island train into Colorado Springs.

School belatedly began in Colorado City's new building with 5 teachers and 200 students. Roswell organized Dist. 40 for 47 pupils, and Falcon voted on establishing a school.

Colorado City cast 421 votes—twice as many as in any previous election—and, surprisingly, went Republican.

It's reported that Anheuser-Busch of St. Louis subscribed 60% of the stock in the City's new glassworks.

A rash of railroad accidents delayed passengers. D&RG and Rock Island trains hit head-on north of Colorado Springs, killing two crewmen. Midland accidents: Passengers due at 2:55 arrived at 10:45 because a freight hit an engine near Leadville. A train was 10 hours late because of a rock slide near Buena Vista. Bridge iron on two flat cars shifted near Manitou Park, plunged the cars and way car down an embankment and derailed an engine. Crew asleep in the way car was uninjured, but passenger trains delayed.

Midland freight engineer "Johnnie" Smith couldn't read orders handed to him in Spinney, so he went over the cars to use the conductor's copy. As he returned he fell from the train. When the train was backed up he was found beside the track, his leg almost cut off. He'd wrapped the wound in his jacket, but he died within minutes. He left a wife and child in Colorado City.



## Region Gave Consumptives Their Best Chance for Renewed Health

The weather this week was a reminder of what made the Pikes Peak region such an attractive haven for victims of tuberculosis, which was the subject of the talk by Dr. Douglas McKay at our meeting Sept. 9.

Dr. McKay played a dual role, appearing first as "Thomas B. Sputum", the reincarnation of one of the convalescence chasers who came to the 35-year-old town around 1908 to drink in the ample sunshine and seek the cure.

Mr. Sputum described the town of that period, when there was a population of 30,000 and seven tourists for every resident. Visitors arrived on one of 49 passenger trains through the city each day. Among hundreds of invalids who arrived each year, about a quarter stayed more or less permanently.

Many were poor, but most were well-heeled and upper class, attracted by the town's decorum and reputation, and by accommodations similar to resorts pioneered in Germany. He pointed out that Colorado Springs had more autos in comparison with population than any town in the United States—one machine for every hundred households. A horse cost \$300 in those days; a new Peerless auto, \$800.

The enthusiasm for our climate influenced doctors and entrepreneurs, and working-class homeowners. Sleeping porches became popular home features, to be rented to consumptives so they could take in air and sunshine. Residents installed tents in their back yard, or tents could be rented by patients who arranged their own site.

Attention was focused on the region by reports and pictures sent east by local doctors. The town had many attractions, ranging from walks through Monument Valley park to 79 shows at the Opera House in 1908. For a dollar, tourists could enjoy a 16-mile tour through the Garden of the Gods to Manitou; or they could join numerous social clubs. Less affluent could ride to Manitou for a 5¢ trolley fare, or see a show at the Empire for a dime.

Reassuming identity as Dr. McKay, our speaker showed a remarkable collection of pictures from local health resorts. Dr. McKay, professor of Spanish languages and literature at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, wrote "Asylum of the Gilded Pill, the Story of the Cragmore Sanatorium," now out of print; but his talk ranged over the whole spectrum of health establishments.

Prominent among the doctors who built and took advantage of the local reputation was Dr. Samuel Solly of Cragmore Sanatorium, now the site of the University of Colorado. It flourished as the nation's most luxurious TB sanatorium as long as Dr. Solly lived. He did a lot to spread the region's reputation among eastern doctors.

International Typographical Union established

*Charity Patients at Sunny Rest  
and Cragmore's Pampered  
Drank In the Sunshine*

the Printers' Home for retired and ailing printers. When it began in 1904, it had ten tents.

Modern Woodman of America set up a similar establishment for members north of town, under leadership of Dr. White. It became a city in itself.

Glockner Sanitarium, now Penrose Hospital, included a tent colony for tuberculars. The hospital charged \$7 a week for room and board.

The institutions relied on the sun, moderate exercise and diet, but each had unique rules. The Swiss Chalet demanded that patients spend four to six hours a day outside, virtually unclothed, regardless of the weather. The Nordrach Ranch, on the site of William Otis Ranch in Austin Bluffs, offered a diet heavy with eggs, and decreed no speaking or writing by patients. Reading was permitted!

Dr. Shepherd had a sanatorium on West Cheyenne Road; there was a tent city at Star Ranch south of town; the Eleanor House operated for four years at the eventual site of St. Francis hospital; Sunnyrest, on east Cache La Poudre, offered care for indigent tuberculars starting in 1911.

The effectiveness of treatments is proven by the number of sick individuals who survived to become prominent in local affairs, and by present-day residents whose birth was possible only through the relative good health of parents who were here for the cure.



The residence above was on the grounds of Glockner Sanitarium. A similar design, the octagonal Gardiner tent, was common at the Modern Woodmen and Printers' Home. A few Gardiners were moved and survive in the Pikes Peak region.

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## ROLL CALL

Thirty-one attended our program on September 8th, and twenty-eight remained for lunch. Members who signed in were:

Sally Brawner	John Keller
Bertha Chilcott	Orville Kenelly
Carl Chilcott	Jan Knox
Ralph Conner	Ruth Walsh Kruse
Virginia Cox	Aldine Lipe
Edward Curry	Sandi Martin
Martha Curry	Ruth Maxwell
Lucile Ellis	Lyn Owen
Renny Fagan	Jim Rogers
Veda Goosman	Virginia Rogers
Rosemary Hertzler	Bob Smith
Joyce Johns	Thomas Van Camp
Barbara Keller	Frances White

### VISITORS

Our speaker, Dr. Douglas McKay, was our guest.

Bonnie J. Ximener not only visited, but participated in the program by introducing "Thomas B. Sputum."

Pam Maxwell, daughter of Ruth Maxwell, attended while visiting from San Antonio.

Rosemae Campbell was Sandi Martin's guest.

We also invite Gayle Evans and Wilma Stephens to return for another visit.

### Secretary's Expenses

9/8 4 negatives @ \$.87	3.48
1 plate	3.92
9/9 Two guest luncheons	8.00
9/12 Postage, 74 newsletters	18.50
Total due secretary, 10/1	33.90
(Secretary's expenses listed below were incurred last summer and should have been reported in the August newsletter)	
5/3 Dixon Paper, 11x17 paper	16.19
5/12 4 negs. @ \$.87	3.48
1 printing plate	3.92
5/18 53 newsletters, postage	13.25
5/23 Add'l 33 nl's, postage	8.25
5/24 Postage	4.00
(Thank-you's, publicity, invitations.)	
6/3 6 publicity releases, potg.	1.50
Total due Secy. as of 6/13	50.59

## Treasurer's Report

To September 1, 1988

Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 6/1	13,390.41
<b>Income</b>	
Memberships	110.00
June int., Pikes Peak Nat'l	56.35
<b>Disbursements</b>	
J. A. Casten, accounting Svcs.	425.00
(For help in applying for tax exempt status and with income tax returns.)	
Bank Depository Service	40.00
Reports on S & L financial status.	
Medalion West, guest lunches	45.00
Sec'y's exps. (see May nwsltr)	27.05
O. Kenelly, Apr. & May lunches	8.00
Secy's expenses	50.59
(Delayed secy's report in this issue.)	
June bank svc. chg.	3.02
Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 7/1	12,958.10
(June lunch: 38 meals x \$5, plus 9 guests—pd. by check, see above.)	

<b>Income</b>	
Memberships	15.00
July int., Pikes Peak Nat'l	54.79
<b>Disbursements</b>	
July bank svc. chg.	.33
Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 8/1	13,027.56
<b>Income</b>	
Aug. int., Pikes Peak Nat'l	63.37
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Internal Revenue Service	300.00
(Application for recognition of tax exempt status.)	
Aug. bank svc. chg.	.21
Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 9/1	12,790.72
Certificates of Deposit 9/1	106,106.94
Grand total as of 9/1/88	118,897.66

Colorado City lost its independence during World War One, so returning veterans weren't recognized by their 'home town.' In honor of Veterans' Day, next month's WestWord will print names of some of Westside's World War I Veterans, as gleaned from newspaper reports. We'll invite additions or corrections to our list.

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NEXT MEETING:

11 am, November 11th

Trinity U. M. Church, 1920 Henderson.  
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 Westside 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 Henderson—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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