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History Day Group Kills Yellow Fever

Two students from North Junior High will present a slide program on an important physician at our meeting Feb. 10. They'll cover the life and work of **Walter Reed**, who did pioneer work on typhoid fever, and helped establish the source of yellow fever. An army hospital in Washington, D. C. is named for him.

The speakers will be **Ingrid Capen** and **Amy Scott** who are students of **Aubrey West** and participants in the History Day competition. History Day gives students from sixth grade through high school the opportunity to explore some aspect of history more thoroughly, to compete in local, state and national contests and to share their research with audiences such as ours. We've learned from past experience to expect a dramatic and exciting program.

Walter Reed headed the commission which established that fellow fever was spread through the bite of a particular mosquito. Work in Havana paved the way for triumph over the disease, which was frequently fatal in tropical areas. Ultimately, his efforts made possible construction of the Panama Canal.

Program chairperson and vice president **Jan Knox** is now also a talent scout, ready to give several members the opportunity to be "discovered" at a future meeting. She's planning for a program in March on **Western Women**, presented by **Lora Dalton**. Ms. Dalton will do all the work, but needs a couple of mature models, if we have someone who qualifies. Jan will explain at today's meeting, or can be reached at 495-3359.

A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We're glad to welcome **Millie N. Cox**, who attended our last meeting as a visitor and became a member. Her talents as a writer have something to do with an item on page 3 of this issue.

Pikes Peak College Has Honors for Aldine Lipe

Community College has awarded its Distinguished Alumni Award to O.C.C.H.S. member **Aldine Lipe**, in recognition of her energetic pursuit of academic enrichment.

Mrs. Lipe taught in one-room Kansas schoolhouses when she was graduated from high school fifty-five years ago, and she went to Ft. Hays Teachers College for a teaching certificate.

She was employed by the state government until she married **Jack Lipe** in 1943, when she became a civil service employee until retirement in 1970.

She returned to college at age 54 to brush up her writing skills, which she is putting to work on a novel set in turn-of-the-century Telluride, where her parents lived from 1900-1908. She is incorporating historic details about the community and her family. She plans a book about widowhood, and how to start a new life.

She attended several local schools, earning a BA degree in English from Colorado College in 1974. Besides creative writing, she enjoys history, archaeology, geology and psychology.

The college recognized her enthusiasm and persistence, and praised her philosophy that "you're never too old to pursue your dreams." She returned to Kansas last summer to attend the reunion of her 1933 high school class and to meet relatives.

Traditions Show Up In a Modern Setting

Architectural blacksmith **Lee Pavlica** will show slides and talk about his unique talents and interests at our meeting today.

He applies traditional skills of blacksmithing, using forge and anvil, to create unique details in homes and buildings. He's studied art history, and worked in Europe with a master smith. He'll relate his studies to older buildings like those on the Westside.

Briefly:

Rosemary Hetzler is back home after brief hospitalization.

Bill Henderson is without pain, but lacking his traditional energy. We assume he'd be glad to hear from friends, especially those with a historic tid-bit to share.

Ruth Maxwell passes on **Kay Arnold's** new address: Post Office Box 45, Riverside, CA., 92502.

Wrong! "Colorado City" Really Founded in 1854

The Colorado River forms the border between California and Arizona, and is a formidable stream. To protect California-bound travelers, the army established Fort Yuma in 1850, and **Louis J. F. Jaeger** operated a ferry there.

A wagon train, which included **Charles D. Poston** as a member, arrived at the site in 1854 without money to pay for transport across the river. The resourceful settlers laid out a town, dubbed it "Colorado City", and gave ferryman **Jaeger** the first lot—in return for ferrying the group across the Colorado!

The town had a post office, but was swept away by flood in 1862. It had a brief moment as **Arizona City** (1869), but ultimately became present-day Yuma.

Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events

Twenty-five Years Ago

February, 1964

Land developer Egmont Vrooman offered the city 50 acres east of the Garden of the Gods for \$100,000—\$450 an acre less than appraised value. City Council annexed area of Steamboat and Balanced Rocks from Manitou Springs.

Ben Pinello, Jr., bought 40 acres of former county farm land west of 21st for \$25,000.

Car which struck a fire hydrant in the 800 block of West Colorado was easy to locate. Police followed trail of water and anti-freeze to 2700 block.

Colorado Building, 2400 W. Colorado, was purchased by George Milhoan from C&D Investment for \$400,000.

Clark's Marine, 2715 W. Colorado, was sold to Roscoe Wilkins of Goffe-Wilkins Hardware, 2419 W. Colorado. Lester Clark continued to own Clark's Service Station, 2715 W. Colorado.

Sno White Laundry and Cleaners remodeled its plant at 2515 W. Colorado, removing building which once contained three bars (including one where Frank James reportedly dealt Faro).

Palmer seniors Curtis Smith, 3402 W. Kiowa, and Richard Stenger, 21 N. 16th, spent a sub-freezing night on Rampart Range after their jeep stuck in snow on a rabbit-hunting expedition.

Five-room frame house on timbers at 22 N. 31st was destroyed by fire.

Fifty Years Ago

February, 1939

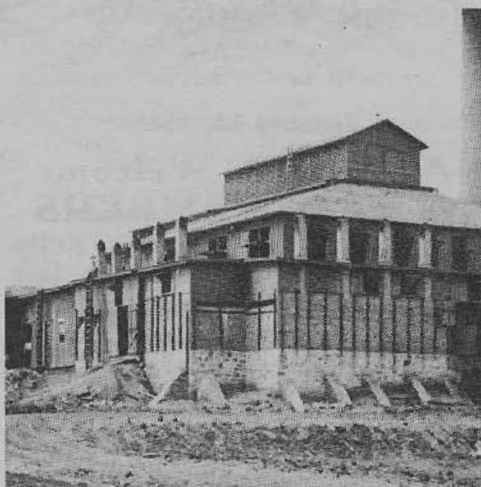
Homecoming at West Junior included basketball games against a Canon City Jr. High, and demonstrations by tumbling team. Varsity lineup: Bernard Bailey, Ralph Bishop, James Askey, Dick Teague and Tom Kosley.

Chances dimmed for West Side Commercial Club's proposed "Gay White Way" between Adams Crossing and Briarhurst. City would supply poles and lights if Colorado Springs, Manitou and county would pay for current. Mayor L. T. Skiffington said Manitou Springs had no funds to pay its portion. Manitou's budget of \$52,975 was \$3,500 under previous year's.

R. W. Strong, proprietor of S & S Drugs, 503 W. Colorado, was fined \$50 for selling liquor on Sunday.

Guest at the Central Christian's Lincoln-Day services was John W. Kistler, 84, 2321 W. Pikes Peak. A boy of 5 in 1860, he heard Lincoln's campaign speech in Logansport, Ind.

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Where they're headed. A few months following events of February, 1889. Photo from Local History Collection, Pikes Peak Library District.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Templeton observed their 60th wedding anniversary in Craig. Templeton came to Colorado City in 1862 with his father. Four sisters still lived here: Mrs. Edna Smith and Miss Sarah Templeton, 1202 W. Pikes Peak; Mrs. Hattie Arthur, 1104 W. Colorado; Mrs. Emma Huff, 2 S. 25th. Family still owned Templeton block, 25th and Colorado.

Uintah, from Wood to Glen, was blocked off for sledding.

Legislature considered eliminating Courtesy Patrol of 80 men. Local office covered Palmer Lake to Pueblo, Calhan to Lake George, with two men at night and one during day. Local patrolmen: Leonard (Lefty) Hildreth, Gerald Werking, and Tom Marshall. Officers kept in touch by phone from garages and filling stations.

Federal appropriation was approved for Manitou Springs' postoffice on site of old Wheeler home on Canon Ave.

City Directory indicated population of 36,000. From 1930 census: 33,237.

Robert F. Sonnekson, Westsider who was deputy county clerk for 19 years and 2 years with Colorado Springs Industrial Bank, became city clerk after the death of Stanley E. Nichols.

James Wharton, supt. of Westside post office, resumed his duties after a 30-day vacation in California.

L. W. Sutton, 1104 W. Kiowa, said 20 gallons of gasoline and two storage batteries were stolen from the Standard Mill site on south 26th.

Hibbard's ad: Wash dresses, \$1.09 and \$1.95. Men's custom-made 3-piece wool suits as low as \$23.50.

Contracts were let on new \$536,000 high school after four classrooms and other options were eliminated.

Seventy-five Years Ago

February, 1914

District Judge W. S. Morris ruled against Henry Abbey, Harold C. Thompson and Marion Nickell, owners of a saloon at 706 N. 4th in Ramona, saying Colorado Springs was not obliged to supply water outside the Springs' and Colorado City's limits. Workers turned off the water; saloon men turned it on; Supt. McReynolds turned it off again. City planned to remove connectors.

An addition to its freezing tank doubled ice capacity of Colorado City Ice and Coal, First and Washington.

High school juniors sponsored a trip around the world for 25¢: German food at Irving Morris' home; rice in Japanese garden at Esther Stuntz'; Mexican chili at Perry Jackson's; American cake and ice cream at the school.

John Brewer represented Colorado City High at state boxing tournament.

Dr. J. H. Smith paid a fine for \$100 for his illegal sale of cocaine.

Fireman Clyde Prosser nearly died when a Short Line engine struck a boulder near St. Peter's Dome. Steam line was ruptured, scalding Prosser. Engineer H. Squires, uninjured, helped get Prosser to St. Francis hospital.

Gazette's annual edition said Colorado City had 5,000 population, 16 miles of cement walks, park-like streets, splendid sewer system, electric street lights, and free mail delivery.

One Hundred Years Ago

February, 1889

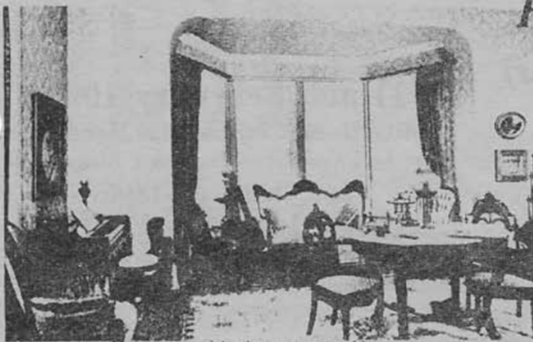
Engineers, believed to be from D & R G, surveyed near Red Rocks Canon for a railway to Pikes Peak's summit.

J. O. Davis, Colorado's champion boxer, sparred with Wyoming-Texas champ James McDonough. His students boxed and showed Indian Club routines.

Work moved ahead on glass works. David McShane began grading the land; E. W. Modes arrived from Illinois to superintend construction; bids were asked on materials; water pipes were laid from the Botts system. Articles of incorporation listed J. A. Hayes, Jr., Charles Adams and E. C. Modes as officers and directors, plus Jerome Wheeler and L. R. Ehrich as directors. Capitalization was \$100,000 and opening date was set tentatively for May 1.

Colorado City ladies served lunch and hosted a meeting to organize a county-wide W. C. T. U. chapter.

Millard Stone, agent for the Humane Society, arrested a man for cruelly beating a horse.



PARLOR, McALLISTER HOUSE
—from McAllister House pamphlet, courtesy
Old Colorado City branch, Penrose Library.

Family Wasn't Home, But Our Visit with the McAllisters Was a Pleasant Interlude

The Henry McAllisters had stepped out Dec. 8, but we felt at home when O.C.C.H.S. members visited 423 N. Cascade.

The friend and associate of Gen'l William Palmer, and his wife, built the house two years after Colorado Springs' founding. It became home to a son and two daughters. It's restored to very much its original form by the Colonial Dames, and is complete with sitz bath, a sponge and a cake of Ivory in an upstairs hallway. The region's earliest "tourists" used the McAllisters' well, or enjoyed Mary's home-made bread. Her original bread-raising pan sits under cupboards in the kitchen.

Palmer's architect, E. B. Sommers, designed the house to withstand heavy winds at its isolated location. As a result, some walls were made 20 inches thick and the roof is firmly anchored.

In the living room is a settee which Mary McAllister received as a wedding present. The family Bible lies on a table.

The library on the first floor, with the home's only closet, was originally the master bedroom. It displays McAllister's Civil War saber, and a crazy-quilt made by the youngest daughter when she was 14. Closets weren't popular because they added taxable value.

One feature which would be the envy of a modern home-owner is a "pocket window", which can be raised from ground level into the second-story wall. This allowed the family to use the window as a door, and to eat outside in warm summer months.

John Orsborn, who has been director of the museum and was our guide, explained the relatively small size of the house and its lack of opulence as compared with Palmer's Glen Eyrie: McAllister was a Quaker, as was Palmer, but with unostentatious ways, and the house was built at a time of financial panic. In fact, he suggested, one reason for building the sturdy home was to reassure eastern investors and local residents that Colorado Springs was here to stay. So far, it is!

(A special word of thanks to Jan Knox for supplying the coffee, and to Virginia Cox for organizing the serving of lunch.)

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Juanita Rabbit, Jose Jooray Among Latest Denizens of Colorado City's Tunnel System

Enough of adult speculation about the mysterious tunnels that lie here and there beneath Old Colorado City; now it's time to spin tails for the children.

"The Adventures of Juanita Rabbit in Old Colorado City" is a publishing venture by Bunny Tales Publishing, Post Office Box 6542, Colorado Springs (80934), intended to put fantasy and adventure into the underground labyrinth. Who knows, maybe the imaginative animals are as close to the truth as the conclusions of historians.

Entrance to the underground kingdom is by way of a dumpster, and besides an assortment of animals, the tale involves a ghost and a magic necklace.

Millie, Kami, Sandi and Kate created this Latin-flavored children's story, which comes with a pencil-of-many-colors so young readers may decorate the drawings. The 28-page booklet sells for \$4.95 (plus \$3 shipping and handling for mail orders). It's available in many stores.

A special feature of the book is the offer of Juanita Rabbit and her secretary, Millie, to reply to letters written to her at the publishers'. A fee is involved to cover postage and handling, but the publishers plan to contribute any surplus to the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

○ Secretary's Expenses

12/8	Negatives and plate	7.40
12/11	Postage for 86 nl's,	
	3 publicity, thank-	
	you (45¢) mailings	22.70
TOTAL	due sec'y to 1/1/89	30.10

TRANSITION

We're sorry to report the death of Joseph R. Graham, 77, of Manitou Springs, who died Jan. 7th. He was an active member of O.C.C.H.S., as is his wife, Eileen.

Mr. Graham was a long-time newspaperman and printer, operating the Pikes Peak Press for 45 years. He was born Dec. 1, 1911 in Dubuque, Iowa, to William and Theresa (Ring) Graham, and came to the region in 1918. He attended St. Mary's elementary and Manitou High School; he served in the Air Corps 1942-45, and earned the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star during World War Two.

He was a founding member of the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Manitou Council 1949-50. Other activities and memberships included Sacred Heart Catholic Church, AdAmAn Club, Past Commander American Legion Post 39, Boy Scouts, and formerly on the Manitou Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

He married Eileen Miles in 1952. He is survived by his wife, sons Michael of Colorado Springs and John of Manitou Springs, a sister, Lillian Graham, of Manitou Springs, and two grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2030 W. Colorado Ave.

ROLL CALL

from our last meeting:

Ralph Conner	Sandi Martin
Virginia Cox	Ruth Maxwell
Betsy Evans	Lyn Owen
Renny Fagan	Curt Poulton
John Keller	Jim Rogers
O. A. Kenelly	Virginia Rogers
Ruth Walsh Kruse	Frances White
Aldine Lipe	

VISITORS

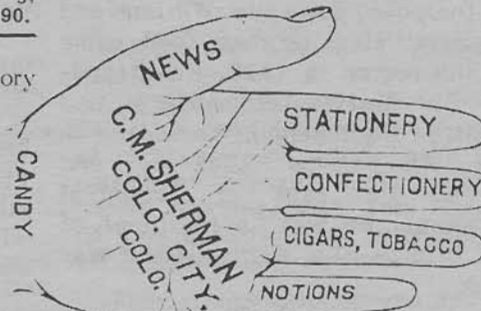
Millie Cox	Jan Mackell
John Croff	Sandra Schrick

ABOUT THOSE WHO SETTLED THE WEST:

"...In the summer of 1859, an army of 150,000 men traversed the plains between the Missouri and the base of the Rocky Mountains. Of these at least one third turned back, discouraged by evil reports, and of those who arrived on the ground probably less than 20,000 remained as permanent settlers. But here was the nucleus of a population that was of the best material for empire-building — men resolute of will, inured to hardship, and with all the energy and adaptability of the typical pioneer."

— Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Vol. XXV, History of Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming, 1540-1885. Originally published in 1890.

Ad from 1905-06 City Directory



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Treasurer's Report

To November 1, 1988

Bal. Amer. Fed. S&L 10/1/88 \$106,106.94
10/12 Amer. Fed. acct. closed:
To Bank Western (90 day) 50,000.00
To World Savings (5 mo.) 56,933.83
(Includes int. not reported earlier)

10/18 From matured World cert. to
new World acct. 1,480.99
(New total in World: 58,514.82)

Bal. 11/1 in Bank Western & World Savings:
108,514.82

Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 10/1/88 12,856.79

Income

Oct. interest, Pikes Peak Nat'l 59.38

Disbursements

#1071 Postmaster, box rent 14.00

#1072 Trinity UM Church 8.00
(Lunch for speaker and 1 no-show)

October bank service charge .63

Bal. Pikes Peak Nat'l 11/1 12,893.54

GRAND TOTAL as of 11/1 121,408.36

October lunch; 20 member lunches and one guest:
(Church charged for 22 lunches @ \$4.00 = \$88.)

\$80 cash collected and paid to Church.

\$8 paid to Church by check #1072.

To December 1, 1988

Bal. in Bank Western and World Savings
as of 12/1/1988 \$108,514.82

Income

Membership 5.00

Nov. int, Pikes Peak Nat'l 57.15

Disbursements

#1073 Secy's expenses thru 10/1 33.90

#1074 Secy's expenses thru 11/1 41.15

#1075 Trinity UM Church, speaker's l. 4.00

November bank svc. chg. P. P. Nat'l .63

GRAND TOTAL as of 12/1 121,390.83

NEXT MEETING:

11 am, February 10th

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 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 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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