

September 1, 1989

## ***Cabin, History Exhibits and New Souvenir Buttons Are Popular Territory Day Hits***

By any standard, Territory Days 1989 was a success, for visitors, the merchants, and Old Colorado City Historical Society.

We invited visitors to sign in and become honorary citizens of Old Colorado City. This furnished the most specific information about who attended Territory Days. A count shows that 1,555 individuals signed in. Many who went through the cabin did not sign the register, and of course there were thousands who did not visit the cabin.

We invited the visitors to indicate their "home town," without specifying whether we meant their birthplace or current home. But the results were interesting. A total of 41 states and the District of Columbia were represented. We were visited by the Franco family of Colorado City, Texas. There was a generous sprinkling of foreign visitors: several localities in both Germany and Great Britain were represented; others signed in from "Africa," Chile, Canada, Panama City, West Berlin, and Genoa, Italy. We acknowledge particularly the signature of Tilianna Fedorovskaia from Moscow, U. S. S. R.

Many of the signers proudly indicated they were natives, mostly of Colorado or Colorado City, but also from the Oglala Sioux tribe.

Financially, we deposited \$255.36. Expenses included \$11.98 for printing plates—a one-time expense—and \$81.08 for the badge-making supplies. Of badge supplies, half remain for use next year. The net amount was ahead of two years ago, when we last took part in Territory Days. In addition, we added several new members. Crowds increased each day. We collected \$75.78 on Saturday; \$110.23 on Sunday; and \$79.35 on Monday. We "sold out" of buttons on Monday, so income was less despite the bigger crowds.

Here's the honor-roll of those who played an active part in the 1989 Territory Days:

### **Button-makers:**

Joyce Johns (whose daughter supplied us with the necessary equipment)  
Liliane Ross

### **Exhibit set-up:**

Ralph Conner  
Dave Hughes  
Bob Smith

### **Chauffeurs:**

Jim Rogers  
John Keller  
Ed and Martha Currey

### **Shift Workers:**

Sally Brawner  
Ralph Conner  
Virginia Cox  
Nancy Graner  
David Hughes  
Joyce Johns

### **Shift-workers (cont'd):**

John Keller  
Orville Kenelly  
Jan Knox (2)  
Katie Lapp  
Ruth Maxwell  
Lyn Owen (2)  
Virginia Rogers  
Liliane Ross (2)  
Bob Smith

John Haney offered his help, but the schedule was filled.

Thanks to Sally Brawner, John Keller, Jan Knox, Virginia Rogers, and others who wore costumes.

One indication of interest in our exhibits was that we had to clean off finger- and nose-marks from the glass of the toy display!

## ***A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS***

We're delighted to welcome the following new members, most of whom have Westside ties and signed up directly as a result of Territory Days.

Ruth Fannin

Robert and Debbie Kongsberg

Arthur T and Claire A. Ruby

Helen I. Trichak

Sharon Uhler (recently-arrived archivist with the Colorado Springs Pioneers' Museum)

Jim Waffle

Richard Wallace.

## ***Prehistoric History Is Program Topic***

Our program this month will acquaint us with some of the most ancient history there is: the fossil record which reflects geological and biological events from prehistoric times.

Our speaker is Jill Ludeman, who will show slides and speak on the topic, "Orientation to the Florissant Fossil Beds."

The Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument which contains this unique record is one of the less-appreciated attractions of the Pikes Peak region; this presentation should give us the background we need to value it properly.

## ***Memorial Contributions***

These contributions to our Endowment Fund, given as memorials as indicated, are gratefully acknowledged.

Honoring William C. Henderson

Ralph Conner  
Joyce Johns  
Liliane Ross

Honoring Frances E. Trapp

Joyce Johns

# Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events

## Twenty-five Years Ago

September, 1964

Owner of Trianon in Broadmoor said land alone was worth more than land plus the famous 1905 building. He said he'd tear it down and build homes.

City planned a 10-mile road connecting Devil's Playground and Gillette.

Dist. 11 had 187 new teachers—most in the District's history.

Residents of Three Lakes, A-1 Village and 8th St. Trailer parks protested traffic-management plans for 8th St. and Cimarron intersection. They wanted crosswalk, overpass, push-button signal or a safety patrol.

With 25th St. reopened, city said, a traffic signal wasn't needed at 26th and Colorado.

Antlers Hotel closed. It would be torn down and new building erected.

Officers at West Junior: Cheryl Sanny, Sue Luehring, Ann Conde, Rick Jonson, Ron Genung, Roger Beck.

## Fifty Years Ago

September, 1939

Gazette boasted of its scoop over Denver papers Sunday morning, Sept. 3, with news of British and French declarations of war after Hitler's attack on Poland. Gazette issued an "extra" that afternoon.

Morning Gazette and Evening Telegraph were sold on the Westside at these locations on Colorado Avenue: Avenue Creamery, 1504; Cole Drug, 2512; Cross & Son, 2417; Frank's Pharmacy, 1501; Fred's Smoke Shop, 2428; Osborne Drug, 2420; S&S Pharmacy, 503; West Side Pharmacy, 729; Musick Pharmacy, 432 W. Bijou.

A covey of 25 grouse stopped for a half hour at the home of Mrs. R. B. Downtain, 1625 W. Cucharas, before continuing its westward journey.

Louis Unser won Hill Climb with a new record: 15 mins. 39.5 secs. Ten of 12 drivers finished. Only Maryland and Vermont didn't have spectators there.

Continental Airlines introduced 11-passenger Super-Electra Lockheed on Denver-Colorado Springs-Wichita run. 6-passenger plane would be used when traffic was light.

County Farm began month with 62 men, 16 women, aged from 27 to 89.

32,000-ft. Carlton tunnel was being constructed to drain Gold Camp mines and extend their lives 20 years. Project was expected to take four years.



(Before 1917 Colorado City was an independent town.)

## Seventy-five Years Ago

September, 1914

10,000 acres sold to 36 families in 2-day state land board auction.

"For the first time in the history of the west, a cross-country aeroplane flight will be attempted" from Colorado Springs to Pueblo. Aviator Weldon Cooke was delayed when he ran out of gas near Pueblo. He arrived at the State Fair 3 hrs. 52 mins. after take-off from the Roswell race track.

Next day, as Cooke flew over the fairgrounds, his bi-plane plunged to earth, killing the aviator. James Ryan, 611 Colorado, witness to the crash, said plane flew towards earth with its engine running.

"Sailor" Jimmy Carroll decisioned "Fighting Dick" Gilbert of Denver in a 15-round fight at Ramona.

Roosevelt drainage tunnel in Gold Camp reached solid rock, and greater construction speed was likely.

Henry Templeton, 83, died at home of his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Arthur, 1104 Colorado Ave. He drove a team here in 1862.

Amanda L. Robinson, born in slavery in Maryland in 1850, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mozie Bass, 1117 Colorado.

To benefit the Colorado City Commercial Club, Idle Hour Theater showed five reels of "local" movies, including scenes of the Colorado City auto camp ground. Male quartet sang.

F. L. Packard, Florissant, Midland fireman, died when 2 engines ditched from a broken rail near Granite. S. A. Wilson, fireman, broke an arm, was scalded by escaping steam. Engineers C. B. Oren and W. N. Hemenway, and passengers, were uninjured.

Illuminating gas reduced to \$1.10 a thousand cubic feet, from \$1.66.

"Rev." Berthold Mehrkens spent two years in Colorado City, but left owing money. He wrote, posing as his own brother, reporting his "brother's" death and asking that "personal effects" be sent to Chicago. Locals notified Chicago police who arrested him.

County Farm showed largest head of cabbage ever raised in the county: 23 inches in diameter, a foot thick weighing 22 pounds.

## One Hundred Years Ago

September, 1889

Contract was let for a Cog Road up Pikes Peak. Work was to begin at the summit from a camp at timberline. Crews would move to lower elevations when weather turned bad. Construction time was estimated at six months.

Colorado Springs board of trade said Colorado Avenue to Colorado City and Manitou was neglected and urged that two men with horse and cart keep continual maintenance on the road.

"A lovelier sight than that presented by Cheyenne mountain yesterday is seldom seen. The white snow completely covered the ground, leaving the red and golden autumn leaves exposed. When the sun struck it the effect was magnificent."—Gazette

A new brick Catholic church was to be built to seat 200 and cost \$2,000.

Manitou's Cliff House was to be enlarged. 30-foot tower on SE side would add 12 rooms and have an open cupola for an orchestra to waft music over the rooftops. At the rear, 3-story addition would add 16 rooms; another structure would house the staff.

Glassworks employed 115 who turned out 70 gross of bottles a day. It planned to enlarge and to supply white flint glass and window glass.

Snider quarry ordered equipment which would double Red Rock Canon production. They hoped to quarry 12 carloads a day. At its old rate, it had orders to keep busy for six months.

Midland built another track to Red Rock canon quarries. It ordered 200 boxcars and 100 coal cars.

Church of Good Shepherd, with attractive shingled walls, neared completion. Its \$2,000 cost had been subscribed and it would be debt free.

First edition of Colorado City Chieftan appeared—a daily.

46 school districts in the county, compared with 37 in 1888. School-aged population (6-20) was 3,665; 2,852 were in school.

One carriage company took 1,365 people up Pikes Peak in August.

Marshall Clark arrested Frank Salem as a counterfeiter. He had spurious coins, passed some, and tried to induce others to manufacture coins, using refuse from the glass works to adulterate the metal.

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Old Colorado City Historical Society

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## Road Not Taken Leaves Behind Disguised Remainder of Showplace

David Hughes spoke on "The Road Not Taken in Colorado City" at our meeting May 13th. The talk is reprinted in full below.

By David R. Hughes

Fifteen years ago when I started digging into the history of the original Colorado City I used to walk up and down Colorado Avenue trying to relate current places with historical structures and events we knew took place here from that 13th day of August, 1859, when a group of men laid out Colorado City as a real-estate development.

The history of the cabin in Bancroft Park has been thoroughly documented, and everybody seems to think that was the only building still standing which dates from the very beginnings of Colorado City. But one other building kept bugging me. Something about the appearance of its west wall rang bells in my memory until one day I ran across the earliest known photograph of Colorado City. And everything fell into place.

I believe that the building—or what remains of it—on the northeast corner of 28th and West Colorado Avenue, street-numbered 2732, is the oldest building in El Paso County still standing on its original site. It dates from at least 1860, and may have been started in the late fall of 1859.

I will show you how I arrived at that conclusion.

My main sources are: the original 1859 Fosdick Plat of Colorado City; extracts of the Missouri Democrat newspaper of 1860; a photograph of Colorado City taken in 1872; my copy of the Colorado City Journal of November 18th, 1861; lot and tax records and a paper compiled by Lorraine Englert in the 1940's; the building itself as it stands today; and my analysis of the building and the way developers and investors in the Colorado City Town Company behaved when they started promoting Colorado City with the marketing techniques that developers still use today!

August 13th, 1859, a party of men—developers/investors, you might call them—rode down the Front Range from Denver City and laid out a town two miles long and one mile wide, 1,280 acres, and all its 284 blocks, 32 lots to the block, and 34 named streets, which they called Colorado City. They were organized as the Colorado City Town Company.

That plat still exists. It is called the Fosdick Plat. Every block and lot in the center section still exist in the El Paso County Clerk and Records office and are the basis for legal ownership today. They were first filed by the El Paso Claim Club which was formed two days after the town was founded, as an association of business persons to substitute for the non-existent government, until

Dave Hughes Confident Rebuilt government caught up with the gold rush frontier two years later. That club, incidentally, is the direct ancestor of today's West Colorado Springs Commercial Club, which makes it one of the oldest business associations in Colorado. The members ran the town, hung horse thieves, lobbied in Congress next to Denver City to carve out a new territory from distant Kansas Territory, and recorded deeds of buyers of the Colorado City lots from the very first days, turning over their records to El Paso County government once it was formed in November, 1861.

Surplus City Was Once a Developers' Dream

The original Lot 32, Block 156, is the site of that building today, which is Lot 32, Block 157 on modern maps. (A grand "Central Square" on the original plat was never carried out. The numbering changed when its four square blocks picked up numbers in the sequence of block numbering.)

### A Key Intersection

But that was also what I call "Developers' Corner," for it was at the intersection of the road from Denver, which ran down what is today 28th Street (then named West Fifth Street), and of the east-west road which they named Colorado Avenue. The very first structure—a log cabin 15 feet wide and 40 feet long—was built by Anthony Bott and George Persall on the southwest corner of that intersection, the place where the Amarillo Motel in the historic Stockbridge House stands today.

And we know that Lewis Tappan built a Mercantile Building on the northwest corner, the first frame building. The same Tappan family owned a store in Denver City, which was advertised in the Colorado City Journal in 1861, and which still is in business in Denver today.

For that was developers' corner! Developers of real estate parcels for sale always put up model buildings—usually the best they could afford—to attract buyers to the area and convince them that growth and construction had actually started.

So it is no surprise to read in an old edition of the Missouri Democrat newspaper of March 20th, 1860, a puff promotional piece by the first teacher in Colorado, Professor Goldrick, who was not above being a huckster for the town company as the editor of the Rocky Mountain Herald. In his letter to the Democrat dated March 1st, 1860, he said:

There are now some two hundred and forty fine, handsome-looking houses erected, and hundreds more in progress or contemplation. Some very large three-story stone store-houses and some very handsome gothic offices and dwellings are completing.

Multi-storied stone houses in Colorado City in 1860? Where were they? He goes on:

The beautiful red rock quarries and cliffs, within a mile of the city, and also the ridges of beautiful white and brown sandstone, and limestone quarries surrounding, will afford the greatest and cheapest opportunities for putting up the finest stores and warehouses, and the handsomest residences this side of Fifth Avenue, New York City. The red clay adjoining the mountains, when mixed with water, makes a mortar as durable as iron ore.

Fifth Ave. brownstones? Iron ore mortar? Wow!

But the sales pitch is obvious. The Lawrence Party of the year before (1858) had not found any local gold during the gold rush. And we know that Anthony Bott, one of Colorado City's pioneers, had tried to make it in placer mining near Fairplay but retreated back to Colorado City. So what better to do than sell not only lots at the base of the only central Colorado route to the mountains, Ute Pass, but also also to establish a construction industry based on local materials from the gypsum and red sandstone deposits which we know as the Garden of the Gods!

And what better way to promote it than to build a building made of it, rather than just made of timber.

That, more than anything else, convinced me why one, and only one building was built of stone.

#### Other Supporting Evidence

Lorraine Englert, a careful historian of early-day Colorado City, cites another newspaper source of 1860 and quotes a Mr. Bayand who said:

The late Charles Heidseck was building a magnificent store, 40 x 80 feet, of Red Rock stone with marble facing.

That sounded like the same building to me, so when I started examining with a magnifying glass the earliest photograph we know, of Colorado City of 1872, it popped right out at me. That photograph has been blown to poster size from my 8 x 10 copy by David Lippincott, the new owner of that corner who is moving Surplus City there.

[The photograph shows five windows on the side, two tones of stone, dark above, light below; quoins on cornices; arches in front; balcony with metal railing. In short, a magnificent building well beyond architecture of modest frame buildings around it.]

This dated photograph conclusively proves only that the building was done before 1872. But the statements of Goldrick and Bayand seem directly to

point to that building—in an advanced state of construction—in early 1860. No other building even comes close to that description.

Are we talking about the same corner? By the lot-by-lot ownership, and deed records given to me by Lorraine Englert before she died, I find that the assessed valuation of that lot 32 on which the building stands, and of the one next to it, in 1874 was \$1,500, while all lots and buildings in every direction from it are one tenth as much or less. By that documentary evidence we know that a valuable building sat on the numbered lot we are examining.

#### Present-day Clues

If you examine the current building at 2732 West Colorado Ave. (which I have, many times) what do we find? A photograph taken yesterday clearly shows a two-story building, with five windows on the west wall, and a stair-stepped roof line, going back 50 feet at two stories—exactly as it appears in the 1872 photograph. The front is different because that soft white sandstone which Bayand called a "marble facing" just couldn't stand the weathering, and was taken down and replaced with modern brick in 1939 when it was made into the Weller Lumber Company. Five years ago I interviewed Mr. Wayne Williams, who ran the lumber yard, and he clearly recalled "bricking over" that front during remodeling in 1941.

If you go inside and to the roof you will find soft, **pressed**—not fire-clayed—brick on the top part of the building, just as seen in dark tint on the old photograph. And if you poke under today's blanket of plaster and mesh down low you will find white blocks—white sandstone blocks that accord with the lighter colored lower half of the building. And you can find evidence of some of the arches on inside walls. If you look closely at the old photograph, and at virtually identical architecture on Blake Street in Denver from the same period, you will see the romanesque touches, the grace, the continental design of that original building, and on a building next to it owned by Tappan! It was built on Developers' Corner, indeed, to be the start of an elegant city.

But for all the reasons many of you already know—the failure to find gold nearby, the Civil War, the stealing of the Territorial capital by Denver, the upstaging of it by Colorado Springs in 1871—Colorado City never took that high road. It took the low road to workingmen's construction, a modest commercial district, a place to pass through on the way to the true gold of the region in the Rocky Mountains around Pikes Peak.

We know that Charles Stockbridge, the prominent mayor of Colorado City in the 1890's, who lived in and built the only other stone building with quoins diagonally across the intersection, as late as 1891 used the building we're examining for a beer



warehouse for his brewery located on the south side of the street.

And believe it or not, in all its 130 years until now, there never was an inside stairwell to the second floor—only an outside ladder—even though there were tiny apartments upstairs, whose coal-stove chimneys still exist. Dave Lippincott has built the first inside stair in his current remodeling.

Who lived in the upstairs apartments? The Colorado City Directory of 1879 lists a teamster named Trancier, and a Fred Wiggins, brewery employee. So the building sure was part of the bawdy life of Colorado City we all know and love! No Brown Palace this, much less a brownstone of Fifth Avenue, New York!

My final circumstantial proof that that building still standing was started in late 1859 or early 1860, is that by 1862 Colorado City was dead as a gold rush town. Pioneers simply took down their log and frame buildings and moved them out to Shooks run, Broadmoor Mesa, up Camp Creek, to make their living in farming and ranching. The hundreds of buildings which had been built were moved out. By 1872, when the picture was taken, just as Colorado Springs was coming on the scene, only 81 structures were left in Colorado City. I know; I've counted every one in this picture. And all are frame or log, except this building. The point is, in

the economic conditions of Colorado City from 1862 until long after Colorado Springs arrived, no one was putting up any two-story, classy-design, arched brick and marble buildings. Not until money flowed into the mills and railroad from the Cripple Creek gold rush in 1891 was there any new construction of note in Colorado City.

That is, until now, when that old building is being brought back as part of the whole revitalization of Old Colorado City. Just this week a coat of Victorian red paint covered its faded old surfaces. It is about to house the buzz and hum of new commercial activity, will contain even a little display from our historical society as well as this poster-sized photograph.

So the fascinating building, hidden beneath the whitewash of history, may just now—130 years after it was built—be reaching for respectability and taking the high road again.

I think the Old Colorado City Historical Society ought to commemorate that fact by commissioning a suitable artist, using research materials we have, to recreate the elegant vision that building briefly represented, that gives us a fascinating glimpse into the minds of those first pioneer entrepreneurs when they envisioned the architectural future of their tiny community: the original Colorado City.

## Surplus City Gives Us Display Privilege

Thanks to owner David Lippincott, O.C.C.H.S. has a "permanent" historical display at Surplus City, 2732 W. Colorado—closest thing yet to our own museum!

It's in the rear, beside the door leading to the parking lot. It occupies 100 sq. ft. and is accessible whenever the store's open.

Liliane Ross, Joyce Johns, and Ralph Conner created two new displays. Manager Tim Tafoya supplied a truck and the help of Nick Vigil and Floyd Lavender to move two large display cases from storage into the store.

One collection pours out of an interesting fur-covered trunk and shows items "Too old to use, too good to lose."

Another shows the importance of music with sheet music, instruments and programs. Photos show three centers of musical activity:

"Church" is represented by the First Methodist Church Choir about the time it performed the

oratorio "David" in 1905. "Home" shows Luther McKnight (who collected most of the display items) kidding around with friends and their various musical instruments.

A third picture, "rediscovered" in Penrose Library, shows the "Colorado City Band". This photo was donated by Ernest Leon Fowler, listed in city directories from 1904 to 1910—period when the band probably organized. This isn't to be confused with the Midland Band; despite Colorado City's role as headquarters of the railroad and band, Midland concerts were usually given in Manitou, Colorado Springs or Stratton Park. This is a "hometown" band with musicians of all ages. So far, we've no record of performances.

Other exhibits were originally created for Territory Days: earliest days of the motorcycle and automobile, and premiums given by Colorado City merchants.

Surplus City and Old Colorado City Historical Society urge you to drop by for a sample of what's available for our museum. We're pleased to have it for visitors.

## Out-of-town Members Can See Westside in Upcoming Movie

Former Westsiders have an incentive to watch the TV movie "Incident at Lincoln Bluff," starring Walter Matthau. It was shot this summer in Colorado Springs, in many Westside locales.

Matthau portrays a small-town lawyer in 1944 defending a German prisoner of war accused of murdering the town doctor.

His "home" is a Victorian mansion at 1710 W. Pikes Peak. (Its owners were paid to move out for a week and a half.) Roger's Bar appears as "Ginny's Cafe," and the trial will be held in the courtroom which is now part of the Pioneer's Museum. Most familiar will be the Fourth of July celebration in Lincoln Bluff when Matthau's character makes a speech: it was filmed in an all-day session in Bancroft Park.

You may recognize local extras, or 23 Coloradoans given speaking parts. The movie's to be on TV some time early next year.

# TRANSITION

## William C. Henderson

The Pikes Peak Region, and the History community in particular, lost a irreplaceable friend in the death of **William C. Henderson**, 73, early in June.

He came to the Pikes Peak region 55 years ago, was graduated from Colorado College and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He helped organize the Pikes Peak National Bank in 1957 and served as its president until his retirement in 1974; he remained on its board.

He was a city councilman for 12 years, and served two terms as mayor from 1959 until 1963. He's credited with being the town's first "full-time" mayor, attending to city business every day.

He played a major role in the city's growth and establishment of the Air Force Academy here by his efforts to acquire water resources. He was among the councilmen who boldly increased the city's \$250,000 indebtedness by an additional \$12½ million to bring in Blue River Water.

He was student and collector of local history and numismatics items and and shared his items and his knowledge generously.

He was chairman of the board of the Pioneers' Museum and the Friends of the Pioneers Museum; active in the Pioneer Association, the Westerners, the Old Colorado City Historical Society, and Numismatic organizations. He spoke at the O.C.C.H.S. meeting on March 11, 1988, telling of the humanitarian side of Colorado City's "soiled doves."

Through history research, political battles, sometimes heated opposition from a local newspaper he was consistently a gentleman, reflecting the best of what is implied in his Mississippi birth.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine, whom he married in 1941, and by two daughters.

## Frances E. Trapp

O.C.C.H.S. lost a loyal member in the death of **Frances E. Trapp** on August 1st.

She was a Colorado Springs native, born in 1899 to William and Marie (Longeran) Haines. She married Malcom J. Trapp in 1931; he died in 1944. She is survived by a brother, William C. Haines, of Philadelphia.

She was a member of First Christian Church, of the Order of Eastern Star, National League of American Pen Women, and of Mountain Bell Pioneers. She retired from the phone company in 1961.

She is related by marriage to another O.C.C.H.S. member, Mary Nell Trapp.

## Peter Albert Croff

We extend sympathy to John W. Croff, Jr., in the death of his brother, Peter Albert Croff.

## Briefly:

We're pleased that a number of members and Westsiders made it back to the Pikes Peak region during the summer.

**Kay Arnold** returned early in the summer to visit her daughter.

**Margaret Bofenkamp** was back during Territory Days and "checked in" at the cabin and became an honorary citizen before returning to Oregon.

**Kenny Englert** was back about a week ago visiting family, but had to return to California before our meeting.

**Mary Wentzel** is now settled in High Ridge, Missouri.

We're sorry to note that **Rosemary Hetzler** has had to return to the hospital.

One of the faces to watch for in "Incident at Lincoln Bluff" is member **Edna Francisco Pooler** who successfully applied as an extra.

We failed to mention **David Hughes** as among those taking out a Life Membership. We appreciate his support to our Endowment.

## Board Chooses 2 New Officers for New Year

Members of the Old Colorado City Historical Society on May 12 elected two new members of the board of directors. The board met May 19 and chose **Joyce Johns** as president and **Rosemae Campbell** as treasurer. **Jan Knox**, vice president, and **Ralph Conner**, secretary, were re-elected.

**Agnes Johnson Loesch** resigned from the board, since she's out of town a good deal. **John Keller** graciously resigned to allow election of two new members. Members and the Society express their appreciation for the loyal service of these two members.

**Rosemae Campbell** and **Joyce Johns** were elected to the board, and **Vera Chambon**, **David Hughes** and **Aldine Lipe** were elected for new terms—each for two years.

**Joyce Johns** succeeds **John Keller** as president; **Rosemae Campbell** was elected treasurer as successor to **Orville Kenelly** who can now rarely attend meetings. Transfer of authority in the treasurer's post will occur when records are brought up to date and an audit conducted by **Virginia Cox** and **Dave Hughes**.

Colorado Avenue Awards were discussed, and **Vera Chambon**, **Virginia Cox**, and **Dave Hughes** were appointed to line up this year's winners.

The board instructed the treasurer to reinvest a certificate of deposit maturing 6/18 in a special 4-months certificate paying 9.41% at World Savings.

Members voted to buy a telephone answering machine, to belong to O.C.C.H.S. but to be used by **Lyn Owen** in handling luncheon reservations. This suggestion was from **Martha Curry**.

The board discussed the invitation of the Westside Center to contribute towards construction of a new building. No formal action was taken, but the board prefers to wait for further information and reassurances.

**Dave Hughes** is to investigate  
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and recommend an artist to make a drawing of the building at 2732 W. Colorado, showing it in its original glory.

The board approved cooperation with Colorado City Associates in mailing our newsletter with theirs. See item in col. 3.

Another certificate of deposit was to mature soon after our board met June 9, 1989. Members debated the wisdom of short-term vs. long-term certificates in light of uncertain interest rates, but finally recommended that the certificate be rolled over for a year at 9.01%, provided we won't exceed the \$100,000 limit on guaranteed accounts in that year.

There was discussion about options for a museum building, particularly the Church at 24th and Pikes Peak. The board's uncertain why nothing has been done about an offer to buy which was proposed at an earlier board meeting. Orville Kenelly wrote up such a document along the lines suggested, and distributed copies for approval, but no action has been taken. Representatives of the church are urging us to make a decision. We're handicapped in

## Harvest - Folk Art Fest Planned at White House

White House Ranch extends an invitation to Westsiders to attend its Fall Harvest and Folk Art Festival Sept. 15, 16 and 17th. There'll be historic harvest demonstrations, food, music and dance. Main focus is on an incredible and varied selection of exquisite handmade folk art.

There's an admission charge of \$2. Hours will be 11-6 on Friday, 9-6 on Saturday, 10-4 on Sunday. Kathy Read has supplied tickets for O.C.C.H.S. members which allow them to attend a preview session at 9 on Friday; the admission charge still applies.

making plans for we haven't yet been recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS.

Present May 19th were Vera Chambon, Ralph Conner, Virginia Cox, David Hughes, Joyce Johns, John Keller, Jan Knox, Aldine Lipe, Ruth Maxwell and Leon Young. Present June 9th were Rosemae Campbell, Vera Chambon, Ralph Conner, Virginia Cox, Joyce Johns and Ruth Maxwell.

## Schedule Altered so Newsletter Distributions Can Be Expanded

Beginning with the next issue, WestWord will be mailed with the newsletter of Colorado City Associates (CAA), the organization coordinating efforts of those interested in the Westside commercial district.

In the past, we've distributed our newsletter at meetings and mailed it to those who were not present. Because of our small numbers, we must mail it first class. CAA offered to split mailing costs of a combined CAA-OCCHS newsletter at their preferred rate, which will cost us the same or slightly more than present postage. The two newsletters will be unchanged, but will be mailed together. We'll learn about other efforts at promoting the Westside, and perhaps contribute a greater history awareness to those on the CAA mailing lists.

To fit the CAA mailing schedule, WestWord will be published around the first of each month, with details about the coming meeting. At the meeting it will be distributed only to visitors.



### LAST PORTRAIT?

The picture at the left appeared in a 1917 copy of the Colorado Springs Telegraph saved by Luther McKnight. Since 1917 was the year when Colorado City was annexed to Colorado Springs, this may have been the last "portrait" taken of Colorado Avenue at Court St. You probably can make out the Bank and the Post Office. City Directories aren't much help in identifying other businesses in the block.

Note: Please find your 1989-90 membership card in this issue. If you don't, or there are other errors, please contact the Secretary. He thinks he has membership lists up to date!

## ROLL CALL

from our last meeting:

Our list of those who attended our May 5th meeting may not be entirely accurate since we apparently had more people present than signed in. We consumed 22 lunches, and nine who were present for the program didn't stay for lunch. Perhaps attendance was 31.

Special thanks to Vera Rothman, who handled the serving almost single-handedly. She had plenty of help preparing the food, of course, and part-time assistance in cleaning up, but she was on her own for the serving!

Karl Beinschroth	Joyce Johns
Rosemae Campbell	John Keller
Ralph Conner	Jan Knox
Virginia Cox	Ruth Kruse
Ed Curry	Aldine Lipe
Martha Curry	Ruth F. Maxwell
Bev Diehl	Edna Francisco Pooler
Lucile Ellis	Jim Rogers
Betsy Evans	Virginia Rogers
Veda Goosman	Liliane Ross
Scott Hogg	Thomas Van Camp
David Hughes	Frances White
Flora Belle Hull	

## VISITORS

All our visitors were paying us a return visit.

Ken Jordan of the Pikes Peak Journal.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens  
Sharon Uhler, archivist at the Colorado Springs Pioneers' Museum, who became a member.

## Hunt for Dinosaurs and Bugling Elk In Park Service Outings!

The Park Service invites you to hunt dinosaur fossils north of Canon City. Meet at the Florissant Fossile Beds at 9am, Sun., Sept. 10, with lunch, water, hiking shoes and hat. A small donation will be asked to cover materials. You'll car-pool to Canon City, with return by 3 pm.

Sat., Sept. 16, a night hike from 5-8 pm will take visitors to a meadow to hear an unusual autumn event, bugling of the elk. Bring supper, water and warm clothes.

For more information, phone National Park Service, 748-3253.

## Secretary's Expenses

FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, TO 9/1/89

Acknowledgements, thank-yous	3.45
Delinquent/new-member notices	6.10
Glass for two display cases	24.76
1/4-round to repair cases	7.10
Photos for Music display	34.75
Total due secretary as of 9/1	76.16

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NEXT MEETING:

11 am, Oct. 13th

Trinity U. M. Church, 1920 Henderson  
For luncheon reservations please call  
Lyn Owen, 473-1846.

## WEST WORD

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## MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month (except June, July and August) at 11 a. m., usually at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1920 Henderson—west of Uintah 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 be phoned if they wish 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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