

February 1, 1990

## Craft Groups Show Interest in Museum

Not only Westsiders want the Old Colorado City Historical Society to establish a museum. Spinners' and weavers' clubs express interest in demonstrating historic skills when we have a public base of operations. Meanwhile, they indicate willingness to join us for Territory Days.

Liliane Ross is involved with both groups at the Senior Center, 1514 N. Hancock, and says workers would love to show off their talents, and would enjoy presenting a program for us.

President Joyce Johns suggested at our January meeting that we'd welcome such demonstrations at our future museum, to make it a museum "for the people."

Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Johns and Ralph Conner work Tuesday mornings processing materials donated to our museum and stored at 1672 S. 21st. Mrs. Ross is accessioning artifacts, giving us the benefit of her extensive experience as Registrar at the Colorado Springs' Pioneers Museum. Mrs. Johns is organizing books and archives for our research library. Mr. Conner is listing Luther McKnight's sheet music from early in the century.

There's much to be done, but the work is the most tangible effort possible now in preparing for our future museum.

## Surplus City Display Gets Small Addition

We've added toys from the Luther McKnight collection, and our photo display of Colorado City schools, to our exhibit at Surplus City, 2732 W. Colorado, made possible through exhibit space donated by David Lippincott of Surplus City. You're invited to visit this museum "preview."

## A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We're again happy to welcome to membership a number of recent visitors.

Nancy Kester Cantrell.

Margaret L. Golden.

James D. Clark of Cascade.

## Four Westside Schools Considered for Closure

A committee of the board of School Dist. 11 on Wednesday (7th) will discuss possible school closings aimed at reducing expense. Four of the nine schools which could be declared surplus are on the Westside.

West is one of three Junior Highs; others are East and North. South has already been closed.

Among elementary schools, the district is studying enrollment and projected enrollment of 6 schools. Besides Stratton, Taylor and Hunt, closure is possible for:

Whittier, 2904 W. Kiowa, oldest in the district, originally built by Colorado City Dist. #1.

Washington, 924 W. Pikes Peak, which was 100 years old in January.

Buena Vista, 1620 W. Bijou.

The school board discussed "combining" schools last December, when faced with a need for budget cuts. Changes wouldn't go into effect this year.

## Pioneer Association Holds Annual Meet

Annual luncheon meeting of the El Paso County Pioneers' Association, Inc. will be held at the Masonic Temple on February 23 to hear year-end reports, elect officers, and vote on amendments to by-laws. Jane Nelson, 1604 W. Cheyenne Road, is handling reservations (lunch is \$7.20).

## This Month's Meeting:

## Valentine Cards Get an Expert's Fond Appraisal

O.C.C.H.S. member Sharron Uhler, archivist for the Colorado Springs' Pioneers Museum, will give us the history of Valentine greeting cards Feb. 9th at Trinity United Methodist Church. She'll illustrate the talk with slides.

She's uniquely qualified, since she formerly was curator of the historical collection of Hallmark Cards and caretaker for 40,000 valentines. She belongs to the National Valentine Collectors' Asso.

She invites us to bring valentines. She emphasizes that she is not an appraiser, but she can interpret clues as to the maker of the card, and when and where it was created. She may be able to give an idea of its value.

As usual, lunch will follow. Call Lyn Owen, 473-1846, for reservations by Feb. 6th.

## Briefly:

We understand that Barbara Walters is recovering from surgery on an elbow.

Arthur Ruby, wasn't feeling well a while back. We extend hopes for a speedy recovery.

Kenny Englert spread the gospel about Colorado ranches with a slide show at the Seal Beach, CA., Kiwanis a few months ago. He suggests Ray Colwell and George White as men able to help identify photos donated by Lucile Ellis (given to her brother, Carl Matthews).

We're sorry that Arlene Rieger is leaving town. We hope she'll keep in touch.

George Fisher suggested in January that we consider a large enough museum to supply badly-needed meeting space.

# Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events

## Twenty-five Years Ago

February, 1965

Planning Commission turned down a supermarket at Walnut and Uintah; and denied a trailer camp west of 26th St. near Bear Creek Canyon.

Bristol school noted it had county's first parent-teacher organization in 1899; bought a Victrola in 1911, radio in 1929; began hot lunches in 1934.

West Junior made Ronald Darrow, Brian Evans, Mary Lou Schreck, Delores Tapey and Michiko Meyers members of the Arrow Honor Society. Student officers were Debby McGee, Jane Laurence, Cindy Myers, Pete Mindock, Ron Bildstein, Don Lair.

## Fifty Years Ago

February, 1940

Calls to municipal airport ceased to be long-distance. City, Continental and Spann Flying Svcs. paid cost of a line.

High school students were tested for tuberculosis—leading cause of death among those 15-45 years of age. High school basketball team was mostly former West Junior students.

F. E. Starbuck, 68, 220 N. Walnut; John Dunnett, 56, 11 N. 33rd; celebrated rare birthdays: Feb. 29th.

Game and Fish Commission trapped some mule deer which wintered at the Broadmoor and Cheyenne Canyons.

Colorado Springs Bus Company had 18 buses, a payroll of \$79,000 and in 1939 profited by \$5,383.89.

Golden Cycle Mill in 1939 had 225 year-around employees. Its new recovery system trapped 95% of gold-bearing dust spewed from its roaster stacks.

Gazette wrote up Randolph E. Bishop, teamster and cattleman who had known half-dozen Indian chiefs including Ouray. Lived at 1316 W. Bijou with granddaughter, Mrs. Treva Bonser.

Duncan Lamont's estate held \$750 in Colorado City real estate, bank balance of \$11,707 and stocks and bonds valued at under \$3,000.

Colorado Springs collected \$500, Colorado College students and faculty donated \$355 in aid for Finland in its war against the Soviet Union.

Men arrested as they stripped brass from two former Short Line steam engines. Engines were to be sold for two years' taxes: \$90.

Pressure cooker exploded as Mrs. Otis Bymaster neared a shed at 321 S. 8th. Shed destroyed, she was uninjured.

(Before 1917 Colorado City was an independent town.)

## Seventy-five Years Ago

February, 1915

George Southcotte offered Pioneer Asso. the "first capitol" cabin for display of historic relics for \$1,500.

Charles Noble had okay for auto road up the Peak. But if route became part of watershed, he must tear it up.

I. S. Nichols died. He was D&RG agent 23 years, on school board for 20.

George Geiger, mayor/investor in Ramona, said dries missed a sure way to halt Ramona—local option. Precinct 50 voted for state-wide prohibition; if it voted on local option it would have closed Ramona "as tight as a bank vault." But it was too late to do before the state went dry in 1916.

J. J. McCorkle leased the Standard Club to enlarge Mack's candy and ice cream plant. Commercial Club moved to the Jacob Schmidt building.

Street car company had 65 passenger cars, 1,579 poles, 235,916 feet of rails. It discussed a fee for those who came to Stratton Park dances by auto.

Denver, then Colorado City refused to process ore from the Cresson mine; too rich. It was mixed with low grade ore for processing in Colorado City.

Martin Drake bought Earl Heinly's stock in First National Bank and became its new president.

Independent urged merchants to put electric lights at their stores for \$12; lit from dusk to 11 for \$3.25 a month. Gripped that landlords wouldn't rent buildings. "To be sure these buildings cannot be rented for the same money that they would bring when the town was wet..." but once rented, business would pick up, and rents would rise.

"Evangeline" was poorly attended; theater owner said he won't bring any more educational, high-class films.

Employees built a working model of the Portland sampling plant for exhibit at the exposition in San Francisco.

Colorado Springs worked on annexation of Colorado City. Some said Colorado City couldn't meet charter requirements; advertising, delays before ordinances were effective, meant town couldn't vote in 1915. Others said initiated ordinances were quicker; they submitted petitions with 698 signatures; only 17 refused to sign.

Bancroft teacher forgot her grade book, sent small boy to her home to ask for "Teacher's Register." He memorized instructions imperfectly; he asked for a "ladies' refrigerator."

## One Hundred Years Ago

February, 1990

Winds blew down chimneys at the Glassworks; 50 men began repairs. Workers gave manager Edward Modes a gold-headed cane when he went east.

Phone company installed a wire to the Glassworks. It planned a line west on Cache La Poudre across the Mesa to isolate the line from electrical interference and improve quality.

A local "character," a 16-year-old boy, was adjudged insane and sent to Pueblo. He'd been to Golden reform school 3 times for theft but that institution wouldn't admit him again.

Four mortgages, accumulated since 1886 and totaling 6 million dollars, were consolidated by Central Trust of New York against the Midland railroad.

H. C. McCreery and J. H. Thedings purchased the St. James hotel from Mrs. Sarah Roberts.

El Paso Rapid Transit Company let contracts for 12 electric street cars, each with a trailer, and announced a route to Knob Hill and Austin Bluffs, another from Roswell south to Moreno on Tejon, and from the Santa Fe depot to the west boundary of Colorado City. It secured right-of-way through Dr. Bell's property and hoped to extend its line to a point opposite the D&RG depot in Manitou. There was talk of a line from there to the Cog Road.

The Cog Road planned two shifts to lay rails under electric lights.

Denver Times said the Union Pacific planned an electric railroad to the summit of Pikes Peak, lighted by electricity, with an 80,000-candle-power light on the summit. The Gazette speculated that with that bright a light on the Peak street lights wouldn't be needed any more.

Adams Hose Company of Colorado City planned a ball and entertainment.

J. R. Jones, father of J. M. Jones, manager of Ute Pass Paint, moved to Colorado City and took a job with the paint company.

William Dixon and S. W. Parish were acquitted of charges of setting a damaging fire on Cheyenne mountain in January while burning brush.

Property owners and residents west of Limite met to discuss becoming part of Colorado Springs.

Non-denominational Union Chapel Society held its dedication on Washington at the city limits. With furnishings it cost \$712.20—all subscribed except for \$45.



## Type Should Be Felt; It Should Reach Out and Grab Us Firmly

ACCORDING TO Sandy Hoewisch, in her talk to O.C.C.H.S. at our meeting Jan. 12, well-designed printed matter isn't neutral or passive, but reinforces the message of its words with the style of its letters.

She discussed the evolution of written language from earliest pictographs. The "aleph", a picture of an ox-head, got turned upside down and became (in Greek) an alpha; the "beth," a two-room house, evolved into a beta, which together created our ABC's or alpha-beta. In this way, pictographs of the Phoenicians, through the Greeks and Romans, were direct ancestors of our modern alphabet.

At first, of course, it was written—slowly and deliberately—by hand. Forms evolved, letters were added, and punctuation developed. By the time moveable type was invented basic forms were established, although gradually designers shaped and embellished the letters into varied styles.

But the tidy evolution over centuries may now be shattered and old rules no longer apply, as a consequence of computers. The unbridled graphics possible in electronics mean that type-face design isn't limited to traditional faces, and modern creations no longer fit historic categories.

She supplied samples of alphabets and type styles, and of ornate lettering or decoration. She pointed out features which mark different faces, such as serifs—the cross-pieces at the ends of letters in certain type styles—and letters like the a or g which distinguish particular alphabets. "Ye", she said, is pronounced "the", not "yee", and came into use when printers used a Y in place of a "thorn", an ancient letter which properly had a th sound.

Experience with typography and her business, Sandesign Studios, make her sensitive to messages various types carry. You would prefer a delicate type to a heavy one to sell perfume, for example.

Some assume that heavy capital letters are the best way to command attention. But all-capitals make look-alike boxes which are difficult for the eye to sort out. Upper and lower case give more clues for the eye to work on, more white space with odd-shaped letters cutting into it, so the mind can easily distinguish letters and words. She suggested that combined capitals and lower case are usually most readable.

She pointed out that the first American proprietor of a printing press, in 1638, was a woman, whose printer-husband died on the voyage over and left it up to her to put type and equipment to use.

## TYPOGRAPHIC SOUND

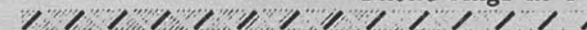
Among hand-outs shared by Sandy Hoewisch was a page of typographic designs assembled by Saul Steinberg. They suggest, whimsically, her point that form influences the message of the printed page. Consider the following sounds in an isolated place, so you won't disturb those around you.



Phone rings.



Phone rings in TV drama.



Phone rings in house across the road.



Furnace.



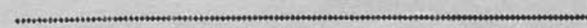
Refrigerator.



Lawnmower.



Small plane.



TWA from Paris to Kennedy.



Dishwasher.



Electric Clock.



Car.



Truck.



Dead leaves cross the road.



Chest of drawers creaks.



Frog.



Paper uncrumples in wastebasket.



Woodpecker.



Rain on roof.



Rain on deck.



Cricket.



Blue jay.



Mosquito.

## Mt. Manitou Incline Will No Longer Run

The Manitou Incline won't re-open next summer.

Decision to close the 82-year-old attraction coincides with need to replace its cable. Other factors were higher labor and insurance costs, several years of losses and declining patronage. Raising the fare to \$6 failed to increase total revenues.

The Gaylord family, Oklahoma City, now has majority ownership of the Incline and the Cog Road.

The company will feature the Cog Road which has a new \$4 million dollar train and other improvements. Closing the incline gives the cog road 40 to 60 added parking spaces, and tearing out its depot will add another 40.

We'll no longer see the lights along the tracks nor hear the most durable of local jokes: If the cable breaks, there are two springs at the bottom—Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs.

## Daniels & Fisher DRY GOODS · CARPETS AND DRAPERIES

### SPECIAL SALE

## BLACK GOODS

We place on sale this morning a line of Black Dress Goods that are seasonable popular and very desirable. The lot consists of

65 Pieces

All Pure Wool Mohair Brilliantines and Sicilians

Guaranteed Pure Mohair, not a thread of cotton in any piece

To create a rush in our Mourning Goods Department previous to the opening of the holiday trade we will offer this lot

AT HALF THE REGULAR PRICES.

Our regular \$1.50 quality we offer for... \$ .75 | Our regular \$2.25 quality we offer for... \$1.12  
Our regular \$1.75 quality we offer for... \$ .88 | Our regular \$2.50 quality we offer for... \$1.25  
Our regular \$2 quality we offer for... \$1.00 | Our regular \$3 quality we offer for... \$1.50

We unhesitatingly pronounce this to be the most attractive sale of reliable Black Dress Goods ever inaugurated in this city.

The Half-Price Sale of Buttons and Trimmings will be continued To-Day and To-Morrow.

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Old Colorado City Historical Society

Feb. 1, 1990

## ROLL CALL

from our last meeting:

Thirty-four signed in for our program, and 32 stayed for lunch at our meeting of January 12, 1990.

Rosemae Campbell	Margaret Golden
Bertha Chilcott	Eileen Graham
Carl Chilcott	Rosemary Hetzler
Ralph Conner	Sandi Hoewisch
Virginia Cox	John Keller
John Croff	Jan Knox
Arnold Cunningham	Ruth Walsh Kruse
Geraldine Cunningham	Aldine Lipe
Lucille Cunningham	Ruth E. Maxwell
Ed Curry	Margaret Nichols
Martha Curry	Lyn Owen
Lucile Ellis	Martha Simons
Betsy Evans	Robert E. Simons
George Fisher	Frances White
Bob Gaarder	Raymond Ziegler
Loretta Gaarder	

### VISITORS

Jim Clark                      Beverly Gonzales  
Mary Swanson

### Secretary's Expenses

TO FEB. 1ST, 1990  
RALPH CONNER, SECRETARY

Postage: 110 newsletters                      \$27.50  
Postage: thank-you notes, publicity, misc.                      3.75  
Negatives and plates, newsletter                      7.40  
Total due secretary                      38.65

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

11 am, Feb. 9th

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

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING:

11 am, March 9

### 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 June, July and August) at 11 a. m., usually at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1920 Henderson—west of Utah 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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MOURNING GOODS DEPARTMENT? — To the left is an ad from the Rocky Mountain News for Nov. 28, 1890, for the Daniels & Fisher store in Denver. If you were willing to brave the "rush" in the Mourning Goods Department you could stock up on "seasonable popular" funeral dress goods and be ready for the woeful days ahead. D&F also had a Colorado Springs store.