

October 1, 1990

We're In a Position To Accept Museum Items(?)

Thanks to our volunteer registrar, **Liliane Ross**, we are making progress in accessioning items for our museum. And while we say it cautiously, we are ready to accept added contributions of memorabilia touching on Old Colorado City.

The caution comes from the fact that we are still limited in storage space, and we can't handle large items like furniture, but we are set to receive pictures, clothing, and other less-bulky items. Please see or call our president **Joyce Johns** (635-4649) or **Liliane**.

Libraries Sponsor a Rare Book Market

The Pikes Peak Library District and the Colorado College Library are sponsoring a sale of fine and rare books on November 2nd and 3rd, and invite participation among those interested in buying, but also by those who may have books they'd like to sell.

They will sell books on 50% consignment—the selling price divided equally between the library and the seller—and invite those with books they believe would qualify to visit the library and check the books' value in rare-book indexes. Scarcity, condition, demand and previous owners influence a book's value. Age alone does not give a book a high value, and not all first editions are sought by collectors and bibliophiles.

On Nov. 2nd, 6-9 pm, a special preview sale and wine and cheese reception will be held at the East Library, 5550 N. Union. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the refreshments. On Saturday, Nov. 3rd, from 10 am to 5 pm, books will be offered to all, without an admission charge, also at the East Library.

A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We happily welcome two new members this month.

Rose Marie Slusher, a Westsider, attended our September meeting and joined at that time.

We are also pleased to add **Dorothy McGlasson** to our roster. She is perhaps better known in history circles as **Dorothy Aldredge**, who uses her extensive research in local history on a weekly radio program on KVOR.

Members Involved With Presentations

Several members have presented programs to other organizations in recent months.

Bob Smith, **Bob Gaarder** and **Ralph Conner** talked about **Thomas J. Patterson**, **Warden Roy Best** and notorious prisoner **Alf Packer**, and **Henry T. Williams** respectively to the Westerners organization.

Ralph Conner also gave a history of Old Colorado City to docents at White House ranch—which includes a number of Westsiders; and conducted a group of **Woodland Park** and **Denver** residents on a tour of **Colorado Ave.** sponsored by the **Florissant Fossile Beds National Monument**. Their visit to the **Westside** followed a tour of the **Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum** and other points of interest. We gratefully acknowledge a generous contribution to O.C. C.H.S. by **Ranger Duncan Rollo** in response to this tour.

CALENDAR

Doris Wolfe speaks on **Phantom Canon** at the Westerners' meeting Oct. 8, following a dinner at 6:30 at the **Masonic Temple**. Reservations (\$7.25 for the dinner) should be sent to **Richard Gehling**, 1155 E. Madison, 80907, by Oct. 4th.

H. Seibel 'Restores' A Historic Manitou

Harriet Seibel will describe **Manitou Springs** when she speaks to O.C.C.H.S. members and guests at our October meeting, on the 12th, at the usual location.

She'll illustrate her talk with historic slides, including a number which she herself took in the 60's and 70's. She says she's pleased she took these, since many Manitou landmarks have changed or disappeared even in relatively recent years. She says she's a fan of Manitou and of its Mineral Springs.

Ms. Seibel has researched both local schools and churches. Her story of the schools was published a few years ago.

Briefly:

Our sympathies go to **Arnold Cunningham** who recently underwent serious back surgery.

We're sorry to lose **Helen Bassetti**. She moved to Illinois, but promises to keep in touch.

Jan Knox promises a program on cattle brands for November, and urges us to be sure to attend the December meeting. As is our custom in December, we'll not meet at the church, and Ms. Knox arranged a tour of **Glen Eyrie**.

We acknowledge with thanks the willingness of the **El Paso County Pioneers' Association** to re-schedule their November meeting to avoid a conflict with our get-together. They had changed their usual meeting time to avoid another conflict, which put them on the same day as our meeting.

Our meeting place, **Trinity United Methodist Church**, has moved! Because few people knew where **Henderson street** was, they altered their address from 1920 **Henderson** to 701 N. 20th. Our members should go to the same place for our programs!

Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events

Twenty-five Years Ago

October, 1965

20 cases of dynamite were exploded between Glen Cove and mile-post 16 to widen switchbacks on Pikes Peak.

William Reeves' Rheinischer Hof restaurant, at 2411 W. Colorado since 1963, moved to north Hancock.

William C. Henderson, board member since 1957, succeeded W. L. Liggett as president of Pikes Peak National bank.

Robert J. Heming opened Peak Emblem and Letter Service, 2501 W. Colo.

Donald O. Light, 3109 W. Colorado, escaped serious injury when his truck crashed into Gateway Apartments, 1217 Manitou Blvd., exploded his truck's diesel tanks and strewn road with cargo of apples and cider.

Plaque on Peak honored Mrs. G. Inestine Roberts, who died at 88 while climbing Peak. Daughter, Mrs. M. R. Feldkirchner, at 3446 W. Pikes Peak.

No-silver "sandwich" quarters were circulated a month before scheduled.

Fifty Years Ago

October, 1940

Draft registered 5,226 in county. Washington's first picks were numbers of Granvol Darden, 2817 W. Pikes Peak and Merle Bender, 2112 W. Pikes Peak.

Poll of 215 Alexander Film Co. employees gave Wendell Willkie almost 2 to 1 advantage over F. D. Roosevelt who sought a third term.

Colorado's per capita income averaged \$522; national was \$536.

Standard work week was reduced to 40 hours. To comply, banks announced they'd close at 2:00 on Fridays.

West Junior's minstrel show had an all-female cast, except for end men and the interlocutor.

Everett Cummings, 14, 1514 W. Cucharras, shot a handsome 3-point buck with a .22 special on his first hunting trip. Father, G. W. Cummings; Ed Bradley, 16 N. 13th; and James Tracy, 22 N. 13, also shot deers.

A. W. Luce was appointed pastor of Central Christian for the 24th year.

150 attended 4th annual reunion of Interurban Railway employees and widows held at the Stratton Home.

Manitou Springs paid \$3,000 to settle obligation from 1930, when Colorado Springs put in an extra-large sewage line from Adams Crossing in anticipation of a sewage-disposal plant.



1890 picture of young Glass Works employees.
—Photo, Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
(Before 1917 Colorado City was an independent town.)

Seventy-five Years Ago

October, 1915

Because there were no street cars at 4 am, Colorado Springs police moved shift changes to 7 am, 3 and 11 pm. Police began curfew enforcement, taking names of boys on street after 8.

"We notice that the Hopper billiard parlors have taken the curtains down from the windows. Bully for them. There is not much danger of anything being wrong when one can see to the rear of a club-room."—Independent.

J. H. Cross displayed \$600 worth of Mexican money which he got for 41¢.

Catholics waited for bishop's OK to build new church at 3rd and Colorado.

Turnout too small; no football this year at Colorado City high. But school built tennis court at 2nd and Monroe.

New Golden Cycle management increased efficiency so mill processed nearly a ton of gold ore every minute.

CF&I, Pueblo, produced shrapnel and plain and barbed wire for French war effort. Veterinarian buying horses for Britain said western horses were tougher, had better lungs than eastern animals. Life of a horse on the battlefield averaged one week.

Raymond Wood fell in Red Rock Canyon and rock pierced his abdomen. Manitou physician stitched him up, told him to go to hospital. Wood took a streetcar but passed out because his wound had re-opened and was bleeding.

W. B. Barthel bought out his former employer at 131 N. Tejon, established Barthel's Confectionery, "the sanitary candy shop."

Year-old Half Century Club met at National Hotel, heard from Irving Howbert, Mrs. W. W. Price, M. S. Beach and S. M. Buzzard.

N.Y. Trust Co. asked for the discharge of J. Arthur Connell as receiver of U. S. Reduction and Refining Co., said he was in collusion to sell the company to Golden Cycle.

Sheriff arrested six men in Ramona saloon on charge of gambling, after John Redman was fleeced out of a gold watch and considerable money.

One Hundred Years Ago

October, 1890

Open streetcar #9 made test run between Colorado and Manitou Springs. James Barnes was motorneer in 1½ hour journey. 20-minute service would start in November. Section between Colorado City and Manitou was called one of most attractive in the system. Pikes Peak Cog Road was completed.

Gen'l Palmer offered \$100 reward for arrest of person who started one-acre fire, warned that if there was another fire he'd close off Glen Eyrie.

Legal papers were filed for incorporation of Woodland Park.

County jail overcrowded with 26 inmates. Poor Farm had no paupers, it was in effect an 11-inmate hospital. Steam heat added at the poor farm.

Phineas T. Barnum, 80, and wife were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Buchtel of Denver, who had a summer home in Woodland Park.

Higher license fees closed three variety theaters in Colorado City.

A. Lake's two daughters low with diphtheria; Mr. Bell of Midland lost 8 and 11-year-old daughters; Mr. Godfrey's son died; other cases reported. One died in Red Rock quarries because of a slip of the derrick.

Glass Works ran 19½ hours a day, except 3:30-7 am, and closed Saturday at midnight. Gazette recommended night school for boys who worked at the Glass Works for 75¢ a day and up.

Santa Fe would take over Midland railroad November 1st. No reduction of wages; men laid off were re-hired.

Colorado City Camp of Modern Woodmen gave first annual ball at IOOF hall; 100 attended until 3 am.

Commissioners asked Springs' Council permission to erect courthouse in Alamo park. Springs' Cemetery committee didn't know which lots were used.

Fine 40-foot-wide bridge was completed near Gen'l Adams' residence.

Vogel Cable company organized to operate a street railway. Two other companies wanted to lay tracks to and through S. Cheyenne Canon—despite opposition. Toll gate was placed on road from S. Cheyenne Canon toll road to Helen Hunt Jackson's grave.

Minnie Smith, who beat up a lawyer last spring, returned to Colorado City, was arrested, was let out on \$500 bail.

Assessors' valuations: Colorado Springs, \$4,926,930; Manitou, \$667,165; Colorado City, \$288,105.

Midland Corridor Design Gives Little Help In Guiding OCCHS Plans

Deputy Director of Community Development **Chuck Miller** gave us an exciting picture of the future of the Midland/Fountain Creek Parkway Corridor Plan when he spoke to O.C.C.H.S. on Sept. 14th. But plans aren't established enough to tell us where we should build our future museum.

The project is aimed at "fixing up" both Fountain Creek and the auto corridor which parallels it, to add landscaping and other beautification features to make it more attractive to tourists, to offer a variety of trails and activities, and to develop enterprises to build on current commercial revitalization.

The proposed development emphasizes local history, including a revived trolley connection with Colorado Springs and themes relating to the area's past. Our Colorado City history museum would complement the vision and benefit from it.

However, he emphasized that the plan, put together by professional planners, grass roots representatives, and city and county officials, is only a "concept." The grand designs it recommends must yet be worked out in detail, segment by segment, and no doubt changes will be made. In any case, funding must compete with all other demands for tax support and lottery funds, including a similar project along Monument Creek. He estimated, in a ten-year development, that the city share of the Midland Corridor would be a million dollars a year.

One small project in harmony with the plan does have city funds allocated: improvement of the intersection of Naegele Road and 21st St. Naegele parallels the Midland freeway, and joins 21st a few yards north of the freeway. (See map.) Plans are to move the intersection farther north so that it causes less traffic congestion.

The plan suffered a setback when the Corps of Engineers concluded that property damage by any likely Fountain Creek flood would be less than the cost of flood-control measures, so they have no interest in participating. But Mr. Miller said that decision was reached with outdated rainfall data, and he said the city will raise the issue again with better statistics.

An imponderable is the future of Gold Hill Mesa. The owners of that land south of the expressway, covering roughly the area of the old Golden Cycle mill between 8th and 21st streets, will need years to develop their slurry system to re-process the gold-bearing sands. It will be years

Concept Will Be Revised Before Implementation; Anyway, Who Has the Money?

more, after tailings have been processed, that owners can begin final development of their property in harmony with the project. Most exciting part of the plan from Old Colorado City's viewpoint is the "Arrival Park," lying immediately north of the Midland corridor, just south of the Colorado avenue shopping center. It would lie between 22nd and 25th Streets, and between the Expressway and Colorado Avenue.

In that area tourists would park their cars and walk or ride the streetcar to Colorado Avenue for activities and shopping. Arrival Park would eventually connect with Van Briggles and Ghost Town south of the expressway. The plan envisions railroad and mountain mining museums, shops and entertainment features as part of this complex.

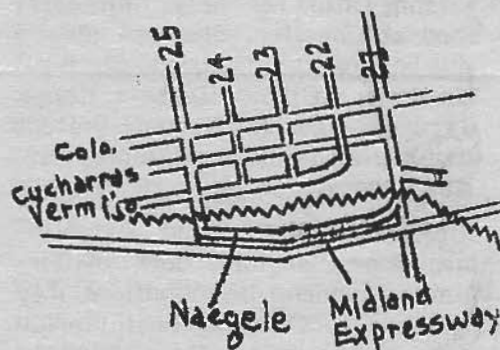
WHILE THERE'S NO LONG-RANGE PLAN outlining future funding and phase deadlines, Mr. Miller indicated that the project can move ahead gradually as the public/government entities work on their "own" property. Landscaping, clean-up, alignment of roads, with the broader concept in mind, can prepare for a grander implementation of the concept in the future. And the scheme may inspire private property owners to shape their own plans in harmony with the concept.

The Old Colorado City Historical Society faces a dilemma in planning for our museum. If we proceed on the plan as outlined we run the risk that changes will leave us in the wrong place. We could develop on our own, gambling that our museum will become important enough that future development will build around it and adapt to us. But, not many members are likely to favor doing nothing until the plans are more complete.

Our tax-exempt status clears the way to apply for grants from foundations or to conduct other money-raising efforts. While we are comparatively well fixed financially (see p. 4), we don't have enough to buy or build a building, and to establish exhibits too. There obviously are some important decision for the board and membership to make.

Copies of Midland Plan Will Be Available at Our Next Meeting

The Community Development department supplied copies of a 19-page summary of the "Midland/Fountain Creek Parkway Corridor Plan," as originally submitted in 1988. There weren't enough to go around at the meeting, but they'll be available at our October meeting. We'll be glad to send a copy to out-of-town members, too. We'd appreciate \$1 with your request to cover postage.



TRANSITION

BESSIE B. SHANTZ

A Colorado City native, **Bessie B. Shantz**, died late in August at the age of 90.

Mrs. Shantz was born to Alexander and Jane (Beatty) Morrison, June 7, 1900. She married Fred Shantz in June, 1955. She's survived by stepsons Wilbur and Marvin Shantz of the Springs.

Mrs. Shantz was graduated from Colorado State Teachers College and taught at Helen Hunt and Lowell schools. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Although she didn't take an active part, she was a member of the Old Colorado City Historical Society several years.

Memorials may be made to Silver Key, 2250 Bott, 80904.

Frances A. White

A life Member of Old Colorado City Historical Society, **Frances White**, died quietly in her sleep Aug. 22nd, active to the end.

She was born in Champaign, Ill., to E. V. and Anna (Hawker) Laughlin, and grew up in Iowa. She had a doctorate in psychology, was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and served many years as teacher and guidance counselor in Port Arthur, Texas.

She married Dr. Samuel E. White in 1964, who preceded her in death. She retired to Colorado Springs in 1970.

Mrs. White was a dedicated member and worker in Gateway Presbyterian Church, often taking persons into her home for care, food and shelter. She was also a member of the Colorado Springs' Women's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Church Women United, and was an active bridge player.

She is survived by nephew Richard Laughlin, and sister-in-law Hope Laughlin, both of Virginia. Memorial contributions may be made to Gateway Presbyterian Church, 731 Castle Road, 80904.

ROLL CALL

from our last meeting:

We were late passing around the sign-in sheet so we may have missed members or visitors who attended the meeting but didn't stay for lunch. There were 30 lunches served. Members who signed in were:

Helen Bassetti	Catherine Henderson
Sally Brawner	Rosemary Hetzler
Rosemae Campbell	Scott Hogg
Vera Chambon	Jerry Jekel
Bertha Chilcott	Joyce Johns
Carl Chilcott	John Keller
Ralph Conner	Jan Knox
Virginia Cox	Aldine Lipe
John Croff	Elizabeth Mares
Ed Curry	Ruth Maxwell
Martha Curry	Lyn Owen
Lucile Ellis	Jim Rogers
Betsy Evans	Virginia Rogers
Bob Gaarder	Liliane Ross
Loretta Gaarder	Rose Slusher

VISITORS

Janice Chambon Billingsley
David Starr

Treasurer's Report

As of September 1, 1990

Pikes Peak Nat'l bal 1/1/90 \$2,830.58
Receipts: 6,565.21
Dues, interest, lunches, plus \$3,171.25
from matured certificate of deposit.

9,395.79
Disbursements: 1,321.19
Newsletter, postage, accountant's fees,
prizes, lunches.

Balance, Pikes Peak Nat'l 8,074.60
In May, 1990, the Society bought \$60,000
worth of U. S. Treasury notes for
\$59,978.40, using \$63,149.65 from a
matured CD. The difference of \$3,171.25
was added to the checking account.

Current Investments:

2-year Treasury notes (8.5%) 60,000.00
World Savings CD (8.16%) 38,170.39
Bank Western CD (8.06%) 32,316.66
130,487.05
8,074.60

TOTAL ASSETS \$138,561.65

Secretary's Expenses

TO OCT. 1, 1990

Postage: NLs and membpr crds 40.30
Lunches: guest and 1 no-show 8.00
Printing newsletter 7.80
Total due sec'y 10/1/90 \$56.10

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

11 am, Friday, Oct. 12th

Trinity U. M. Church, 1920 Henderson

Just west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center

For luncheon reservations please phone

Lyn Owen, 473-1846

(You may leave a message at any time.)

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

11 am, Friday, Nov. 9th

WEST WORD

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rado City (1859-1917), to encourage research,
to preserve historic buildings, mementos and
pictures, to keep alive the unique culture
and spirit of Westside Colorado Springs, and
to establish a museum in honor of Colorado
City's dramatic history.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Friday of
each month (except June, July and August)
at 11 a. m., usually at Trinity United Metho-
dist Church, 701 N. 20th (at 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
should be made by phoning Lyn Owen,
473-1846. You may leave a message at any
time. 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 wel-
come 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 only
for projects which have been approved by
two-thirds of the members. Only the interest
will be used for current expenses. We wel-
come gifts to this fund, which will be credit-
ed to the donor or as a memorial.

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