

February 1, 1992

## Saddle Tramp Will Welcome Tourists?



Should this statue greet tourists to O. C. C.? See story, page 3.

## Genealogy Intro at Library

Valerie Lair will conduct a class for novice or beginning genealogists at Penrose Library, beginning Wednesday Feb. 5th, mornings (10 am to noon) or evenings (7 to 9 pm), ending April 1st. Six lectures and three tours are part of the training.

There's a fee. Since Mrs. Lair must arrange for materials and the class starts right away, anyone interested should call her at 481-4635 to reserve a spot.

## Library Hours:

OLD COLORADO CITY BRANCH	
2418 W. Pikes Peak 80904, 634-1698	
Monday	12-8
Tuesday	2-6
Wednesday	10-6
Thursday, Friday	2-6
Saturday	10-6

## A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

Our newest members join for varied reasons, and include new "gift" memberships.

Helen Scott, a long-time Westside resident, has shared several historic collectibles for us to examine, and given us a slick-paper annual edition of the 1906 Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph. Her membership is a gift from Virginia Cox.

A Westsider for many years is Mrs. Roberta (Crane) Lipscomb, now in Bishop, CA. She's sponsored by Lola Cooper Stone of Cottage Grove, OR. Mrs. Stone enjoys running across names of acquaintances on the Westside Memories page, and hopes Mrs. Lipscomb will enjoy that feature.

Ruth M. Wild contacted O.C. C.H.S. in a search for information on Edlowe, west of Woodland Park, and graciously decided to join us. She lives on Mesa Rd.

Bessie Wreath became a member at our January meeting and lives on West Pikes Peak.

We extend a special welcome to Jan and Lew Pettit of Cascade. Jan was instrumental in establishing and guiding the Ute Pass Historical Society and the Pikes Peak Museum and is an active researcher and writer.

## LDS Genealogy Center Moved to New, Larger Location

The Family History Center operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has moved to larger facilities (map at right) which will make ancestral research even easier than before. There's no sign yet; look for the cars.

The Mormons have worldwide information, mostly before 1900, and a staff experienced in guiding researchers. They're open 10 am (11:30 on Saturday), to 5 pm most days, but open to 9 pm on Tues. and Wed. Closed Sundays. Call 634-0572 for information.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

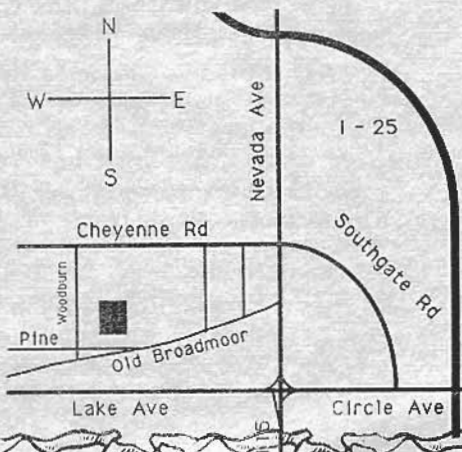
## Geo. White Returns To Display Crystals

We'll see the colorful "Beauty of the Mineral World" as George White presents another slide program Feb. 14th. His presentation on railroads in November gave us our largest turnout ever.

He has a hundred pictures, mostly of his own collection from six continents, of the crystal form of minerals, from common ones to rare gem stones. Like his railroad pictures, he began his collection three-quarters of a century ago. Closeup and colorful pictures show crystals in a natural state—cleaned, but not cut or polished.

When he makes a presentation to schools, he "sells" collecting as a hobby, but the specimens are of rare beauty in themselves. Beside the items from afar, his collection includes "local" stones from Pikes Peak and Crystal Peak near Lake George and Florissant.

One of the "surprises" from his program is to discover what beauty lies in "plain rocks," particularly when you observe their crystalline form. We meet at 11 am at Trinity United Methodist Church. If you'd like to stay for the informal and sociable luncheon following, please make reservations with Lyn Owen, 473-1846.



# Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events

## Twenty-five Years Ago

February, 1967

City Utilities recommended a 50% increase in water rates, a 45% larger sewage charge, which would add \$2.50 to the average monthly bill.

Robbery of Miller Super Market, 3134 W. Colorado, led police on a south Wahsatch raid which netted a record haul of drugs and 10 arrests.

Alpine Animal Inn for boarding and grooming pets opened under Mrs. L. M. Brewer at 2210 Naegle Road.

Frequent Hill Climb winner Al Rogers, manager of Broadmoor World Arena, was treated for a heart attack.

County officials still pushed abandonment of the county court house, but opposition was active. Gladys Bueler said it could make a good museum.

Thirty-three cadets at the Air Force Academy resigned in a cheating scandal; 109 left two years earlier.

County debated what to do with 470-acre county farm. Director of the Community Action Program said it could serve as a community college.

Council okayed nine zone changes needed for Villa De Mesa near 21st.

3½-year-old Brian Moschetti was rescued from an island in Monument Valley Park. The lad ventured across the ice, then heeded instructions to wait until a boat could reach him.

## Fifty Years Ago

February, 1942

John G. Bock, 3165 W. Colorado, offered his 2,700-acre JJ ranch, near La Junta, for military use. Bock was due to enter a veterans' hospital.

West Side Commercial Club discussed prospect for a road from the Broadmoor thru Westside to Manitou, development of a community center, and re-establishing a baseball team.

Youths of the conscientious objectors' camp worked on Gold Camp Road.

Pikes Peak Hill Climb, held annually since 1916, suspended during the war.

Army settled on Carson as the name for the new army camp, declining to name it after Gen'l MacArthur, Alva Adams, Zeb Pike or Carole Lombard.

Lillian Zinman, 12-year secretary at West Junior, quit to work at Lowry. West Junior purchased a 5-tube radio for classroom use.

Cpl. W. J. McAnally, 1322 W. Pikes Peak, was POW of Japanese on Wake.



C.C. Chemistry Prof. William Strieby

Members of the West Junior color guard sponsored a smoozie sale to raise funds for a wool flag. Silk flags were gone for the war's duration.

Trinity Methodist started physical education classes for men and women.

Mrs. E.N. Edgecombe, 2926 W. Pikes Peak, retired after 25 years as treasurer of Daughters of Union Veterans.

Paul Niswanger, owner of Central Food Store, 2428 W. Colorado, selected Al Collier as manager.

New presidents installed at West Junior by Bobby Burns: Betty House, Marion Rose, June Copley, Rose Dwyer, Charles Day, Neil Luhring, Robert Smith and Fred Robinson.

Gazette pictured Washington school students and teacher Vera Rodgers, who turned in metal, paper and rubber scrap to purchase an \$18.75 war bond.

(Before 1917 Colorado City was an independent town.)

## Seventy-five Years Ago

February, 1917

Landmark Minnehaha House on Peak, cabin built by photographer W. E. Hook but enlarged to 15 to 20 rooms, was destroyed by fire.

Col. City high basketball team tied Cheyenne 19-19. Cheyenne won in overtime, 24-20. CC's team: Wolf, Christy, Ripley, Shipman and Joseph.

Police Department gave Carl Matthews the chore of copying 2,408 automobile registrations to help officers check speeders.

Both city councils passed ordinances calling for an April 3rd election on annexation of Colorado City to Colorado Springs. Springs' citizens would also decide on establishing the city-manager form of government.

Local National Guard soldiers were mustered out of federal service from their duty against Mexican bandits.

Spring's health department lifted 176 quarantines in January, but monitored 27 cases of scarlet fever, 29 of chicken pox, 407 cases of measles.

City's Baptists led the area's Div. B Sunday School basketball league.

Wind that broke a window at the library kept Mrs. Smelzer busy cleaning up dust, dirt and broken glass.

Mr. and Mrs. George Birdsall moved into Anthony Bott's former residence at Second and Colorado.

Council ignored the recommendation of the Welfare Association that citizens vote bonds to buy more land for the auto campgrounds.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clough, 216 S. 12th, had 20 immediate relatives in the British military. U. S. war involvement seemed likely; we broke diplomatic relations when Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare.

## One Hundred Years Ago

November, 1892

New boulevard between Colorado Springs and Manitou, which some expected would "change the business front" of Colorado City, failed to do that. One team used Boulevard for every hundred or so on Colorado.

County commissioners said 20 saloon keepers in Cripple Creek district needed county licenses costing \$500. That month, 19 licenses were issued. One bar was in a tent, with a "sign" of three beer bottles, and served liquor from one bottle and one glass.

A bank opened in Cripple Creek; W. C. Faye of Pueblo assembled machinery needed to generate electrical power for Fremont and the mines; school operated in the "church tent" until a building could be built.

A jail was nailed together in the Gold Camp so the deputy didn't have to bring prisoners to Colorado Springs every time he made an arrest.

Gold Camp's first wedding united Miss C. O. Rose and O. E. Ayres.

W. R. Roby Lumber Company in Fremont, to expand its capacity in view of heavy demand, pushed boiler pressure and blade speed. Boiler burst, closing them down for several days.

Prof. and Mrs. Strieby of Colorado College brought a chemistry class to the Glassworks to observe the process.

Rumor circulated that two men who feuded in Colorado City, Bob Ford and Billy Meyer, had been killed in Creede.

Colorado City citizens were staking gold claims in Bear Creek canon.

Marriage license to William Walker and Maggie Heacox of Colorado City.

Robert Finley was given a pension.

Cog Road ordered two engines and put in switches so five trains a day could run during the summer rush.



# Museums Must Overcome the Limits of Experience and Language

When we set up history exhibits we have problems to overcome, and our customers give us only seconds to get their attention; but we know what we need to accomplish. That was the message offered to O.C.C.H.S. Jan. 10th by Bev Diehl.

From her experiences as a geography, history and English teacher, and as an educator at White House Ranch and the Colorado Springs Pioneers' Museum, she gave her perspective on how we get people interested and learning as they visit historic exhibits such as ours on Territory Days.

People attend museums to be entertained, she said, but history centers want to educate. And there are built-in obstacles that exhibitors must overcome to achieve both objectives.

Some problems are physical, like the need to preserve and protect exhibits while still making them "accessible" to visitors.

From the educational standpoint, the more "tangible" we make exhibits, the better, as long as we don't endanger the artifacts. She told of the learning at White House Ranch when children come face to face with animals. Modern kids don't know the animal's size or their smell. It's often a revelation to learn that they must be washed!

We make it tough on visitors with our warnings not to touch, to be quiet, to ask questions later. We forget the novelty to a child in the echoing footsteps and open spaces. So, often, museums have a forbidding character—just the opposite of what we'd like people to feel towards them.

A major hurdle is that visitors, especially young ones, lack the experience and the vocabulary to apply to what they see. Older people renew personal affiliations at a museum, but the young lack these associations. She offered the example of how older folk relate to radio, with recollections of it as a source of imaginative entertainment and information, in contrast with the young's reliance on it as a portable, audio umbilical.

Children are learning how things come together, and cause and effect, but they have no good sense of chronology. Everything is "now," and the "olden days" is a quaint and vague concept. They won't develop an understanding of the past's relation to the present until around the age of 25.

The exhibitors must put themselves into the mind of the young and find ways to make them comfortable and receptive to learning.

What's more, the time to accomplish this is limited. People devote an average of 45 seconds to each exhibit; if we don't grab them in that time we've lost our opportunity to entertain or educate.

Our methods begin, of course, with the historic

## Exhibits Must Be Tangible and Draw Quick Interest Before They Can be Educational

objects themselves. We select them according to the principles and ideas we're trying to get across. Showing something "old"

has no point unless it reveals the era from which it came. The exhibitor must give it relevance.

To help we may prepare written guides. Part of Mrs. Diehl's work has been in such preparation and she's working for the Pioneers' Museum on a guide for teachers of third and fourth grade history.

At the scene we have labels, panels, photographs and maps. Writing them is another art, calling for interesting information packed into a very few words, related to the exhibits and lessons.

Some of our teaching is by design, but much occurs by accident. A sense of proportion, she suggested, comes from frequent viewing of art even though there's no attempt to teach it directly.

But if they do a perfect job of displaying and explaining, exhibitors still face another problem. People develop favorites and are disappointed, even angry, when they don't see them. That's an unanswerable problem, says Mrs. Diehl, since protection of the objects requires that they "rest" occasionally, objects left in storage deserve to be shown, and there must be new things to draw people back for subsequent visits.

Such problems she views as challenges, and she assumes once we understand our visitors' limited time and restricted experience we'll take the steps necessary to create interest and provoke learning.

## Should We Help 'Brighten the Corner?'

Bob Speer has developed a project which he's invited the Old Colorado City Historical Society to participate in: establishment of a lifesize sculpture at Midland Expressway and 21st to dramatize the Western roots of our modern culture.

To enhance the remodeled northwest corner of that intersection, he proposes that a bronze replica of the Michael Garman sculpture, "Saddle Tramp", be erected. A committee he organized has invited support from O.C.C.H.S., including agreement that ten members would buy miniature sculptures (out of 125 to be offered) to help fund the enterprise.

He estimates that the city, if its art committee approves, would supply \$15,000 needed for the statue's base, and that the necessary \$25,000 in additional funding could be underwritten by sale of solid bronze replicas of the same sculpture. These normally sell for \$500, but would be offered at \$350 each, \$250 of which would go to the project.

Dave Hughes brought up the proposal at our January meeting; the board will meet soon to discuss the enterprise and make a decision.

# TRANSITION

MADELEINE MARY SCHAEFFER

Madeleine Schaeffer, 88, died Jan. 5. She was office manager at Couture's cleaners for 36 years. Burial was at Evergreen.

She was born in Colorado City Sept. 2, 1903, to Joseph and Caroline (Nartz) Schaeffer. She was organist for Sacred Heart Church for 65 years and active in support of the choir.

Miss Schaeffer was a charter member of the Old Colorado City Historical Society, as was her sister, Mary Tracy, who died June 8th, 1991, a few days short of her hundredth birthday.

Madeleine was educated in Colorado City schools and was a freshman at Colorado City High School in its last year of operation. Her father worked on the Midland until he was injured. The family originally lived in south Colorado City, but most of their lives the sisters lived at 13th and Pikes Peak.

CLARION WELLS TAYLOR

Clarion Taylor, 98, died Jan. 5th. He was not an O.C.C.H.S. member but came from a prominent Colorado City family which operated a drygoods store at 25th and Colorado—one of few "legitimate" businesses on the south side of Colorado, mostly occupied by saloons. His parents were Charles D. and Della (Paine) Taylor.

He attended Colorado City schools, graduating with the high school class of 1912. He went on to become a college teacher and chemist and geologist.

Survivors include a son, Clarion W. of Morrison, and daughter, Bernice Dunn of Colorado Springs.

ROWENA HAMPSHIRE ROBERTS

Rowena Roberts, 91, died Jan. 6. She was the daughter of Rufus A. and Lucie V. (Kingsbury) Hampshire, who came to Manitou Springs in 1905. She married the late Charles S. Roberts in 1942.

Mrs. Roberts taught speech and drama for 36 years at Palmer

# ROLL ☒ CALL

from our last meeting:

We were pleased to have three visitors at our meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church on Jan. 10th. There were 42 who signed in, and 28 were present for lunch. Our thanks to the church folks for squeezing in some last-minute diners.

Members who signed in were:

Kay Arnold	Marjorie Harris
Sally Brawner	Catherine Henderson
Dale Bryan	Dave Hughes
Nancy Cantrell	Joyce Johns
Carl Chilcott	Elizabeth Mares
Ralph Conner	Dorothy McGlasson
Virginia E. Cox	Helen Michelson
John Croff	Margaret Nichols
Lucille Cunningham	Lyn Owen
Ed Curry	Maloa Read
Martha Curry	Harriet Seibel
Bev Diehl	Bob Simons
Lucile Ellis	Martha Simons
Bob Gaarder	Rose Slusher
Loretta Gaarder	Bob Speer
Marillia Garrett	Wilma Stephens
Eileen Graham	B. E. Tillotson
David Harr	T. G. Van Camp
Shirley Harr	Pat Bonser Walters

New member: Bessie Wreath

## VISITORS

Emma Purinsh	Jean Tillotson
Mary A. Purinsh	(Mrs. B. E.)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

John Croff, Treasurer

As of Jan. 1, 1992

Deposits: memberships	35.00
12/7 Sec'y's expenses	-15.74
Interest on checking acct. PPNB	18.98
P Peak Nat'l Chckng Bal	5,932.28

## SECRETARY'S EXPENSES

Ralph Conner, Secretary

Expenses to Feb. 1, 1992

Postage to prospective members	.87
Speaker's lunch	5.00
Newsletter: negatives and plate	8.04
TOTAL due sec'y as of 2/1/92	13.91

high School and served as a Deputy State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

She was not a member of our organization, but through her father was intimately tied to Colorado City's history. R. A. Hampshire was owner of the Colorado City Iris, and established it as a prohibition newspaper.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

11 am, Friday, Feb. 14th

Trinity U. M. Church, 701 North 20th

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 March 13th

## 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, to keep alive the unique culture and spirit of Westside Colorado Springs, and to establish a history center to honor Colorado City's dramatic and significant past.

## 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, 701 N. 20th—just 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 \$5 per person. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LUNCHEON and should be made by phoning Lyn Owen, 473-1846. 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 welcome at any time. Renewal falls in April. Members receive this newsletter and local members will be phoned before each meeting if they wish.

Lifetime memberships are also available for \$100 per person. This amount is placed to a 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 welcome gifts to this fund, which will be credited to the donor or as a memorial.

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