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## Aldridge's Book Produces Pleasant Peek Into the Past

A delightful smorgasbord of oddities, characters and events is now published, offering 74 brief chapters just right for casual browsing among tidbits of local history.

The book is the outgrowth of a series of radio and newspaper articles authored by O.C.C.H.S. member Dorothy McGlasson and published under her penname of Dorothy Aldridge. For the first time, her collection of intriguing history appears in a permanent book, generously illustrated.

Familiar people and happenings appear, but she has sought the off-beat that is more entertaining than the stuff of formal history books. Many items first appeared in the Gazette-Telegraph's "Leisuretime" or were heard on KVOR's "On the Carpet."

"A Peek into the Past" is available at most book stores for \$6.95.

## Territory Days Call Members To Action

This is the 75th anniversary of the annexation of Colorado City to Colorado Springs, and of our entrance into World War One.

We'll mark these and other significant events of 1917 in a display in the Garvin Cabin in Bancroft Park during Territory Days, May 23, 24 and 25th. Besides pictures, sheet music and other memorabilia, we expect to have an electric quizzer to allow visitors to test their knowledge of local history or to add to it.

The exodus of local men to war opened opportunities to women who fitted themselves into Westside's heavy industry, making first moves toward emancipation. We'll note this in a display.

We invite members to take one of five shifts on Saturday, Sunday afternoon, or Monday. We'll hold a dress rehearsal Friday the 22nd for familiarization with exhibits and with the pitch we'll make to visitors. We'll need chauffeurs to supply transportation, so crews won't worry about transportation.

We'll discuss details at our meeting May 8th, but we invite others to phone Joyce Johns, 635-4649, if you're willing to work a three-hour shift.

## A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

Anna L. Hiskey, Westside resident since 1942, has added her name to our roster. She has ties with the Nugent family, and has a long-time acquaintanceship with Lucile Ellis—they joined the same extension club some 43 years ago.

We also welcome Leland Feitz, prominent as an author and publisher of history. He was particularly involved in Cripple Creek's heritage, spearheading the Historic District and running the Cripple Creek museum many years.

## Briefly:

Jan MacKell took up residence in Plano, Texas, but she's staying a member to keep in touch.

We're sorry to learn that Barbara Walters is planning a move to Indiana. She'll keep in touch too, and indicates she'll miss us.

Dave Hughes will be on Public Television's "The Machine that Changed the World" May 11th, locally at 8 pm, demonstrating changes the computer is making.

Carl Chilcott had a seige in the hospital for a series of tests.

Our sympathies to Madeline Keas at the loss of her brother, Kenneth Hinkle. We're sorry that

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

## Important Election At Annual Meeting

The second Friday comes in a hurry this month. Our next meeting, the annual business session, is May 8th, so members will need to be prompt about making reservations with Lyn Owen (473-1846).

Besides planning Territory Days, learning of recent board action, and reviewing plans to buy a building, we must elect three new members to the board. Ruth Maxwell moved away, Pat Patton asked to be relieved after a year as vice president and program chairman, and one of our founders and sparkplugs, Dave Hughes, resigned to devote more time to his business enterprises.

Terms of three members expire, but they're willing to serve another two-year term. They are: Ralph Conner, Bob Gaarder and Leon Young. Candidates for three vacancies will be offered by the nominating chair, Virginia Cox.

Terms of five current board-members run for one more year: Vera Chambon, Virginia Cox, Joyce Johns, Aldine Lipe and John Croff.

No formal program has been arranged, since discussion of prospects and plans is likely to take up the meeting time.

we don't have space this month for a more complete writeup.

There are lots of ways to measure loyalty. One way was demonstrated by Jim and Virginia Rogers who made it to our last meeting just days after returning from a trip to Turk island.

Spreading the word: Joyce Johns talked to the Spotlight organization of Medallion West at the invitation of Sally Brawner. Ralph Conner was speaker at the Manitou A.A.R.P.

# Westside Memories: *Turning Back the Clock on Local Events* *Twenty-five Years Ago*

May, 1967

Westsiders eager for a westside high school elected William Rudy and John Wiman to the school board.

Council approved a curb cut at Uintah and Glen Avenues for a small shopping center. A divider on Uintah would limit access from that street.

Alumni of Cheyenne Mountain School held a nostalgic meeting prior to the tearing down of its old building.

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. joined the Golden Cycle Corporation board and visited the Springs and Cripple Creek.

Countess Cornet de Ways Ruart, daughter of Mrs. Penrose, formerly Gladys McMillan, died in Belgium.

County commissioners' salaries were raised from \$6,500 to \$10,000 a year.

Whittier's P-TA officers were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rexroat, Mrs. Ronald McNutt, Mrs. Duane Bakeen, Mrs. Roland Gilliom, Mrs. Douglas Ott and George Peterson.

## *Fifty Years Ago*

May, 1942

60,000 El Paso county residents visited schools to pick up War Ration Book #1, which included sugar rations.

Despite warnings that parking meter production would be curtailed, Colorado Springs decided not to order them.

Contractor Isaac Rucker held open house for three homes built on the northeast corner of 23rd and Colorado.

City retired its 20-year-old paddy wagon with a 14-"passenger" machine. It wouldn't be used to transport beat officers, since only five foot patrols remained, all of them downtown.

Fencing and runway extension prepared the airport for an army air force tactical unit. Men for the unit camped temporarily in City Auditorium.

Cup given to the school with the fewest fire runs in its district went to Buena Vista. Earlier winners were Helen Hunt, Lowell and Midland.

Frank Martin, 3221 W. Colorado, died when runaway freight cars struck a truck at Camp Carson.

News of men in service:

William A. Ivie, 2823 W. Bijou, formerly a Western Union employee, graduated as an air cadet, remained as an instructor in radio classes.

Lt. Harry C. McCool, West Pikes Peak, was one of the airmen who took part in the Doolittle raid on Tokyo.

Marine Cpl. Winford McAnally, 1322 W. Pikes Peak, was reported captured by the Japanese on Wake.

Joseph Carmack, 2826 W. Kiowa, one of 8 brothers in service, was missing after the fall of Corregidor. Former West Junior student James Aragon was missing in the Philippines.

Robert K. Winter, 2929 W. Bijou, crossed the equator 8 times and earned 3 battle stars in Pacific naval action.

## *Seventy-five Years Ago*

May, 1917

A minor "cyclone" at the Golden Cycle tore the roof off the leaching mill. Workers inside were unhurt.

A Salt Lake contractor began work on the Broadmoor Hotel with a goal of completion by the summer of 1918. Steel had long been ordered, so war-time shortages shouldn't interfere.

Irving Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Morris, 302 N. 4th, wrote from naval training center near San Francisco about his train trip west and his 5 to 9 schedule. Because of short haircuts and names stenciled on their clothes, he said, "we all look like a bunch of convicts."

On July 1st, Colorado City post office would become a substation of Colorado Springs. Postmaster Duncan Lamont would stay as superintendent.

Dr. G. B. Gilmore (for consolidation of Colorado City's schools with those of Springs) won the board election over L. R. Jamison (southsider who wanted an independent district) 387-81. Colorado City had 24 teachers and less than 1,000 students. If Colorado City district were reduced to second class, consolidation with the Springs could be simplified. Springs' board examined Colorado City's facilities.

Colorado City asked that one place on the Dist. 11 school board be reserved for a westsider. Two appointments subsequently went to Colorado Springs residents because, said the board, they'd been "in the works" before the request for westside representation was received.

In line with the election, Colorado City council voted annexation of Colorado City to the Springs in 30 days.

Insurance men studied whether to lower Colorado City rates or raise Colorado Springs'.

Springs' Commissioner of Public Safety authorized 21 fire alarm boxes, costing \$125 each, for Colorado City.

Courts approved sale of the Midland to A. E. Carlton and associates after payment of the full price.

Citizens asked the Midland not to blow train whistles inside the city limits of Manitou.

Colorado City high school's graduating class gave proceeds from the class play to the Red Cross instead of applying it to a class gift.

Santa Fe depot in Colorado Springs was completed on the outside. Insides and trackage should be completed in July. Santa Fe employees were to receive a 10% pay raise July 1st.

Henceforth, all southbound trains would use Santa Fe tracks and northbound would travel Rio Grande tracks.

Committee planning a memorial to General Palmer favored a statue, but postponed it until the war was over.

National League for Women's Service urged housewives to begin carrying home groceries, and leave only largest items to be delivered.

Public utilities commission said there wasn't enough potential ridership north of San Rafael to justify extension of the Spruce street car line.

New elevator in the county court house finally went into service.

Officers raided the former Jordan place in Ramona, arresting four men and charging them with gambling. Thirty other gamblers escaped.

New Colorado City mayor J. S. Greenlee replaced most city workers. Only Dr. W. Wolf and fireman George Dunster stayed on from the old regime.

150 Springs' high school girls began military drills. They needed parents' permission and had to be in good enough physical condition to stand the strain of 45 minutes of exercise.

## *One Hundred Years Ago*

May, 1892

Post office changed the designation from "Fremont" to "Cripple Creek".

Midland planned a branch from Hayden's Divide into the gold camp.

Childs-Drexell home for union printers was dedicated.

Manitou and Pikes Peak railway chose a trade mark of a circle of rack rail surrounding the name of the road.

About 100 arrived in Cripple Creek each day, straining accommodations. Clarendon Hotel added 50 rooms. Its room rate was \$4 a day.

Cripple Creek's lack of water and inadequate waste and sewage disposal caused concern about health problems as summer approached. City had no mayor—the last election was disputed.



# Historic Preservation Produces Successes, Failures and Potentials

Government came calling at our April 10th meeting, asking what the city of Colorado Springs should do towards historic preservation. Representing the city were senior planner **Tim Scanlon**, and **Chuck Brown**.

City's efforts to preserve what's worth keeping began with a comprehensive plan in 1983, which established a Historic Preservation Board. The Planning and Development Department is working on criteria which must be approved by City Council which will guide local preservation efforts.

The effort is much more than "zoning." We want to create pride, educate property owners and general public, attract tourist interest, and supply incentives to property owners.

To do this, the city wants public suggestions about what the city should do and what it should avoid to save time, effort and resources.

Making it all possible will be money generated by limited gambling. Twenty-eight percent of the states' take will go to a state preservation fund. Last quarter, gambling at three Colorado towns brought revenue at an annual rate of 1.6 million.

A slide presentation made historic preservation specific, starting with examples of treasures lost for various reasons, including the Chief Theater, Out West building, County Jail, Rex Hotel, Duncan's Cotton Club and Colorado City's Second City Hall. The county farm is another example.

Many historic buildings are still with us. The County Court House was reincarnated as the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum; the Y.W.C.A. building was saved by private sources; El Pomar preserved the Garvin Cabin in Bancroft Park; the Starsmore home became an information center for North Cheyenne Canon; Cheyenne building at Pikes Peak and Cascade was saved from becoming a parking lot; and the Alamo hotel was given a new lease on life. Other preserved buildings are the Beans house, Santa Fe Depot, Van Briggles Pottery's original location, the Colorado Midland roundhouse and countless residences.

Mr. Scanlon emphasized that the goal is protection of the building; there are no historic consideration about what use is made of the structure.

## Other Historic Groups Plan Special May Events

The Colorado State Historical Society sponsors an excursion to Manitou Springs May 23rd for a walking tour and visits to Miramonte Castle and Colorado Springs' Pioneers Museum.

Historical Society of the Pikes

## Pictures Show Us Familiar Scenes But Lead To New Thoughts About Their Significance

Even guidance regarding the building itself is limited. For example, the color of a building is considered a "temporary" feature, so preservers have little interest in dictating colors. But where structural features are involved, there is concern that original forms be preserved.

He conceded that modern safety features are sometimes at odds with the integrity of the building, and used a 2432 W. Colorado Ave. building to illustrate the compromise that is sometimes possible. In that case, the requirement of a fire escape would have clashed with the original brick building, but a suitable compromise was reached by installing inconspicuous metal housing which holds a collapsible fire escape, maintaining both safety and basic structure.

Mr. Scanlon's slides paraded a number of buildings which are endangered. The Episcopal Church which was later the Village Inn restaurant has been vacant for some time; the former Knights of Columbus building on Kiowa stood vacant since it was vacated by the Pioneers Museum; there are 15 churches in the central part of the city which might need protection; Union Printers Home; Lowell Elementary school; row apartments east of Lowell are scheduled for destruction; City Hall; and the City Auditorium.

With the mainstreaming into regular classrooms of deaf and blind students, the Deaf and Blind School could eventually fall to the wrecking ball. In the Patty Jewett area are prefabricated "shotgun" homes, important in the city's early years, and historic residences line streets in Ivywild, Broadmoor, Cascade and Wood avenues.

Finally, the presentation touched on questions that preservation sometimes raises, such as blending preserved items into a modern city. Is it suitable to maintain a venerable residence a few feet from an ultra-modern office building? How serious a sin is it to surround a historic building with an inappropriate fence? Should preservation aim at whole neighborhoods, or concentrate on individual examples?

Those attending were invited to fill out questionnaires to express their feelings about issues raised at the meeting.

Peak Region will feature **George White** on May 19th at the East Library at 2 pm with a slide program on old houses of the area.

Shrine of Remembrance Mausoleum will dedicate a plaque honoring Desert Storm veterans at a ceremony at 1730 East Fountain Blvd. on Memorial Day, May 25th at 1:00. Lt. Gen'l **Calvin Waller**,

senior ground forces commander in Desert Storm, and Sen. **Hank Brown** will make the dedication.

The Pikes Peak Museum is due to reopen at Woodland Park on May 23rd. It plans to be open from 10am-5pm Monday through Saturday, from 1-5pm on Sunday.

Old Colorado City Historical Society

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**This Month's Meeting:  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**11 am, Friday, May 8th**

**Trinity U. M. Church, 701 N. 20th**

Just west of the Uintah Gardens Shopping Center.

For lunch reservations please phone

**Lyn Owen, 473-1846**

(You may leave a message at any time.)

**We'll notify you when meetings resume in  
September**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**John Croff, Treasurer**

**SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS**

5/6/92 CD, Pks Pk Nat'l 4%	8,393.56
4/18 CD, Bnk Western 5.135%	35,595.18
12/31 CD, Wrld Svngs 6.16%	39,554.98
Treasury note 6.16%	60,000.00
Pikes Peak Nat'l Checking	6,308.16
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>149,806.67</b>

To May 1, 1992

Secy's expenses, to 2/1	-13.91
Secy's expenses, to 3/1	-87.61
Col City Associates, NL postage	-38.18
Deposits (memberships)	+486.00
Interest on checking acct.	+15.49
Bank service charges	-7.78
Bal. 3/31, Pikes Peak Nat'l	6,308.16

**SECRETARY'S EXPENSES**

**Ralph Conner, Secretary**

Month of March-April, 1992

Negs and plates for 2 NL pps and for Donation Agreement forms	8.04
Paper for Donation Agreement	8.41
Two guest luncheons	10.00
Negs and plates for May NL	8.04
Postage	2.03
<b>TOTAL due Sec'y to May 1, 1992</b>	<b>36.52</b>

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May 1, 1992**

**ROLL ☒ CALL**

**from our last meeting:**

Thirty stayed for an excellent lunch, out of 33 members and 4 visitors that attended. Thanks to Rose Slusher who looked after the sign-up book to be sure everyone was counted.

Members who signed in were:

Ed Bathke	Ann Hiskey
Sally Brawner	Sandi Hoewisch
Rosemae Campbell	David Hughes
Bertha Chilcott	Jerry Iverson
Carl Chilcott	Joyce Johns
Ralph Conner	Madeline Keas
Virginia Cox	Aldine Lipe
John Croff	Millie
Arnold Cunningham	Dorothy McGlasson
Geraldine Cunningham	
Lucille Cunningham	Lyn Owen
Ed Curry	Jim Rogers
Martha Curry	Virginia Rogers
Lucile Ellis	Liliane Ross
Bob Gaarder	Ruse Slusher
Margaret Golden	B. E. Tillotson
Eileen Graham	Bud Walker

**VISITORS AND GUESTS**

Chuck Brown	Timothy Scanlon
Jean (Mrs. B. E.) Tillotson	
Jo (Mrs. Bud) Walker	

**WESTWORD**

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center in honor of 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 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 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 into 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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