

November 1, 1992

Building Purchase Among Board Items

Investing our nestegg, and prospects for a building purchase, occupied the O.C.C.H.S. board in a meeting Oct. 27th.

We need to invest funds held in our checking account from a matured treasury note, and from a certificate of deposit which matures in November. The board voted to invest \$90,000 in the Fitters' Credit Union. Sixty thousand will be deposited for a year, and \$30,000 for three months. Now these terms are earning, respectively, 4.45% and 4.1%. **Sandi Hoewisch** will arrange to make us eligible to participate in the credit union, which has roots in Westside's past. We'll maintain several thousand dollars in our checking account.

Using suggestions raised by **Lucille Cunningham**, we considered problems and opportunities that will appear when we have a history center. We're planning fund-raising to help buy and fix up a suitable building.

We are told that the Immanuel Missionary Holiness church wants \$135,000 for its church at 1 S. 24th—that being the cost of a new location for its congregation. Church leaders remain alert to an opportunity at a lower price. As to 1 S. 24th, the church said it could not afford an appraisal or an environmental audit.

The board noted that \$135,000 was the price of the Schmidt building which was probably a better value; we felt the church should sell at a lower price. The board will continue to examine the church and other options.

Members at the meeting were **Vera Chambon**, **Ralph Conner**, **John Croff**, **Virginia Cox**, **Lucille Cunningham**, **Sandi Hoewisch**, **Joyce Johns**, **Jan Knox** and **Dorothy McGlasson**.

New Life Member

We're happy to acknowledge a new life membership acquired by our president, **Joyce Johns**. Hers is the 23rd such membership.

Life membership fees go into our endowment fund for interest income or — with two-thirds approval of the full membership — for major projects.

New Meeting Room Is Fine; Elevator's Coming

There were no major complaints in October as we moved the site of our meetings from the lower floor to the main floor of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Parking is slightly less convenient, since we continue to eat at the lower level and there's no way to park close to both the meeting and the dining rooms.

But the church parlor is carpeted, with a few overstuffed chairs, and is a pleasant place to meet. What's more, work is under way on installing an elevator which will "shorten" the walking distances.

Memorial Contributions

Members of the O.C.C.H.S. board of directors pledged contributions to our Endowment fund, to honor **A. C. Johns**, late husband of our president, **Joyce Johns**. He suffered a fatal heart attack recently while on a hunting trip. He was an avid outdoorsman who vigorously lived a full life despite the need for physical caution.

Liliane Ross also pledged a contribution in his honor. Board members are: **Vera Chambon**, **Ralph Conner**, **John Croff**, **Virginia Cox**, **Lucille Cunningham**, **Sandi Hoewisch**, **Jan Knox**, **Dorothy McGlasson**, **Pat Patton**, and **Leon Young**.

The Endowment fund will be enriched by \$180.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Oral History by Women Tells Homestead Story

Our November meeting will feature the rich history of Colorado from the viewpoint of women, told by the women who lived it. Speaker will be **Julie Jones-Eddy**, U.S. Government Documents Librarian at Colorado College's Tutt Library.

This is a fresh version of a presentation made to us in 1985, focusing on using oral material in local or family histories.

With a grant from the Colorado Endowment for the Humanities, Ms. Jones-Eddy interviewed 70 women about experiences establishing families, farms and communities in northwest Colorado. Tapes and pictures created a videotape which we'll see as part of Ms. Jones-Eddy's program.

Stories also appear in a book, "Homesteading Women: An Oral History of Colorado, 1890-1950."

'Registration' Will Pave Way For December Meeting

We'll meet in December, when the church isn't available, at the West Center for Intergenerational Learning, 25 N. 20th (West Junior). We'll eat and tour the Center.

Those who eat there need a Golden Circle identification card, regardless of age. If you attend our November meeting, you'll fill out an application so your card will be ready in December.

Those not present in November will find an application in next month's WestWord, to be filled out and mailed in before the meeting.

Details, including prices and reservations, will be in next month's WestWord. It will be an interesting session.

Westside Memories: *Turning Back the Clock on Local Events*

Twenty-five Years Ago

November, 1967

Goodwill had a ribbon-cutting ceremony to inaugurate its relocated Westside store at 2306 W. Colorado. Old store, across the street, would expand vocational rehabilitation.

Bethany Baptist celebrated its 78th anniversary, during which time it had 24 pastors. Mrs. Bea Reidsema and Mrs. Carl Nelson made arrangements.

West End Action League Neighborhood Center sponsored cleanup of about 30 Westside back yards.

Robert McClure said A to Z Rental, 3302 W. Colorado, had added \$3,000 worth of new tools and equipment.

Tony Raskob's new Y-Not Lounge, 832½ S. 21st, included an open hearth fireplace and dance floor in a small lounge, and a capacity of over 100 in the main facility.

Goffe-Wilkins held open house at their marine, ski and turf store, 2264 Naegele Rd.

Army and Air Force played their first game in sub-freezing weather. Army won, 10-7, before 49,536 fans.

Doctors reported that high altitude and thin air, like those on Pikes Peak, cut workers' efficiency by 20%.

Walker and Co. established a branch office in the Pleasant Valley Shopping Center reflecting real estate activity.

Fifty Years Ago

November, 1942

California Shipbuilding Corporation's 98th Liberty ship was named for Helen Hunt Jackson.

Preliminary figures showed that West Junior led Junior High scrap collections; Midland, Washington and Whittier were third through fifth among grade schools.

Schools opened at 9:00 instead of 8:30 for the winter months. Christmas vacation was moved forward so high school students could help overcome wartime labor shortages by working in local stores prior to the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schweikhardt observed their 50th wedding anniversary at their home at 224 W. Bijou. Mr. Schweikhardt was a Colorado City blacksmith who moved into auto repair work.

Four boys were fined \$25 each after W. H. Smith, 2532 W. Colorado, said they cluttered his porch and, when asked to leave, called him names.



Cast members from "His Bridal Night," Nov. 19, 1917, at the Opera House.

Seventy-five Years Ago

November, 1917

A Westside family was accused of having a picture of a German soldier in their window, draped in a German flag. Police found the picture was an American, draped in a U. S. flag. "The family was German," said chief Harper, "but their loyalty is unquestioned."

Jerome Unser wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Unser, 723 W. Colorado, that life in the navy was "much more interesting and varied than the life of a civilian." He'd gained 30 pounds, added 3 inches of height.

Louis Kam was arrested for possession of liquor. He said it was residue from a supply where he was a butler. But police raided 2606 Cucharras and found 27 bottles of liquor Kam had stolen. He was arrested for theft, Laura Bell for receiving stolen goods.

Emma Greenman, Josephine Hay, Edna Younker, Phyllis Orsatti, E. M. Richardson and Augusta Browning were trained to serve as military nurses.

The streetcar company introduced metal tokens, sold 22 for a dollar, so passengers could pay as they entered the new one-man-operated streetcars.

War tax of 1 or 2 cents on purchases created a shortage of pennies.

West Side high school collected \$10 from students for a silk flag to be hung in the assembly room.

William McSpadden, 26, formerly of 714 W. Pikes Peak and once a student at Washington school, was the first local man to die in the war. He had moved to Salt Lake City and Calgary.

G. B. Roloson, 1318 N. Chestnut, was too old for the army but he had six sons eligible for military service. Hugh Roloson was the first accepted.

Spencer Penrose announced that the Broadmoor would have an auditorium seating 350, and a roof garden above the ninth floor.

West End High School alumni sewing club met at Lana Chipman's home.

One Hundred Years Ago

November, 1892

Midland Terminal bought track rights from the Colorado Midland and would run its narrow gauge 31 miles between Cripple Creek gold fields and the Colorado Midland at Divide. The Midland wouldn't extend its track. Because freight rates doubled, work in the Anaconda mines was suspended until Midland railroad service began.

Colorado Midland switchmen at Aspen struck, demanding pay equal to Leadville workers. Midland said it paid the same as the D&RG in Aspen; Leadville men deserved more because of adverse weather and higher altitude.

Output of the Glassworks would be doubled, 150 more men hired, as soon as a new furnace was installed.

County teachers met in Bancroft school. Kate Wright's Colorado City pupils demonstrated "Class Drill in the Phonic System." Colorado City ladies served lunch in the Templeton building, where afternoon sessions were held.

Trains were held up while spans crossing the railroad tracks at the Huerfano viaduct were installed.

M. J. Meyers Smith, formerly with Wheeler Bank, would manage a new bank, Colorado City State Bank. Other directors: C. M. Sherman, Charles Stockbridge, N. B. Hames, C. A. Crane, James McIntosh, Mattie Drake.

Mary C. Templeton, a resident for 30-plus years, died, survived by her husband Henry and 8 children.

Miss M. B. Kinney wed the popular D&RG conductor, E. L. Ellis.

Byron Hames leased Little Joe and Kalamazoo mines on Cripple Creek's Bull Hill to eastern capitalists.

An explosion knocked out Michael Arnold and seriously injured his hand while he prospected in Bear Creek Canon. He bound his injury and hiked to Colorado City, but found no doctor at home. He commandeered a horse and wagon and drove hastily to Colorado Springs but couldn't control the horse with one hand and it ran away until it stopped on east Bijou, exhausted. Arnold went to Sisters hospital, but they sent him on to a doctor's office where the fingers were amputated. The horse was held for its owner to claim.

While operating a sewing machine, Mrs. George Wales's index finger went under the needle. The needle went through the bone, turned up and again entered her finger. Dr. Ammerman removed the "staple" and predicted no serious consequences.

CORRESPONDENCE

Larry Borchert responded to recent WestWord items about the "twin-track" system started in 1917 by the railroads.

Larry says he knows from his own experience that south-bound trains used the West (Rio Grande) station, and north-bound the East (Santa Fe) station. At least, he hedges, from April 5th, 1929.

That date marked his arrival in Colorado Springs. And his recollection was reinforced by the friendship of the Gilles family, which occasionally treated him to Sunday dinner at the Santa Fe station. John Gilles and his family ran the Pearl Laundry.

Mr. Borchert sold newspapers at Bijou and Tejon in his youth, and later ran a cleaning establishment at 2407 W. Colorado about the time of World War Two. He was also associated with the Acacia cleaners. He recalled the name of Jerry Church, who drove the Pearl Laundry route for the east part of the city.

Can anyone confirm his recollection of a cable bridge over Monument Creek, near Bijou Street? He remembers that that bridge survived the 1935 flood, although a quick check of a newspaper of the time doesn't mention it. Anybody remember the "swinging bridge" of the 1930's?

(As we explained, a Westside Memories item of May, 1917, told of plans to run trains in one direction only on Santa Fe and Rio Grande tracks. The item appeared with the directions the "wrong way" around. That's the way the item originally appeared; directions later were changed.)

Briefly:

We're sorry to learn that Marillia Garrett broke her hip in a fall on a visit to Canon City. We wish her speedy mending!

Ed Bathke spoke to members of the Denver Posse of the Westerners in June on "A. G. Wallihan, Colorado's Pioneer Nature Photographer."—>

We Examine Primary Sources to Get To Know A. Z. Sheldon and His Community

A. Z. Sheldon was a distinguished resident of Colorado City, arriving in 1860. He did vital work as a surveyor and was active in local farming, social, business and political affairs.

But we gained a much more personal view of him on Oct. 9th, when Bev Diehl put the O.C.C.H.S. members through a "clue-finding" exercise to learn first-hand about the life and character of A. Z. Sheldon.

First, we recalled our home when we were 8 or 9, and related that with the way the home place might appear today, the differences in our perceptions as adults, and other sources of information available to us now. From sometimes-conflicting clues, we confirmed and expanded our early memories.

She supplied copies of early maps and A. Z. Sheldon's journals from the Colorado Springs Pioneers' Museum and encouraged us to draw conclusions about Sheldon's life and personality. Our own "discoveries," she suggested, gave us better insight into the man as a human, and made him more vivid than a review of dates and events would do.

Ms. Diehl arranges similar activities on behalf of the Pioneers Museum for students in third and fourth grade, studying Colorado or local history.—>

A couple of members were victims of auto accidents. Among them were Pat Patton and Virginia Cox. Virginia, at least, wasn't hurt, except a little bit by the insurance industry!

There are a number of people recovering from various bouts of surgery. Most, we're happy to say, making satisfactory convalescence. Among those we're aware of: Lyn Owen, Vera Chambon, and serious heart surgery for Mrs. Pat Patton.

Luckier ones have been travelling: Lucille Cunningham to Alaska; George Brent to Prague; Edward and Martha Curry; Bob and Jean Smith.



A. Z. Sheldon

Most members responded with enthusiasm and interest. But the nature of the activity doesn't lend itself to writeup. All we can add to what we learned from our examinations and the reports of others is the picture that appears above. We learned about Sheldon, but you had to be there!

CORRESPONDENCE

We're indebted to Woody Ralston for some history from his personal recollections.

He recalls that it was Gov. Ed Johnson who personally requested that the "old fort" at 2818 West Pikes Peak be marked, as it was in 1929, and still is!

Member Art Ruby's father operated the elevator at the county courthouse (the Pioneers' Museum), perhaps in 1926 or 1927.

Benjamin Nelson, father of Opal Griffin, was engineer and handyman of the Sanitary Laundry which operated in the 1920's where Sno-White is now.

Other employees of the Sanitary, between 1920 and 1936: Raymond Landis, Loren Chamberlin, Leonard Madison, Edna Mitts.

Between 1920 and the mid-1930's, he recalls Mr. Wharton as postmaster, and Mr. Plum and Mr. Jarvis as mail carriers.

This Month's Meeting:

11 am, Friday, Nov. 13th
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.)

Next Month's Meeting:

11 am, Friday, Dec. 11th
at the Westside Intergenerational Center

Loyal Crew Nibbles Away At Historic Items and Archives

If you think the Old Colorado City Historical Society doesn't stir except on meeting days, you haven't seen the crew at work each Tuesday morning.

Three hours each week, five volunteers work with artifacts and archives, accessioning them for our future museum.

Liliane Ross, who was registrar for many years at the Colorado Springs' Pioneers Museum, carefully identifies and describes hundreds of historic objects and notes donors.

Joyce Johns, also with years of Pioneer Museum experience, takes responsibility for books, documents, and other archival materials, so they'll be accessible in our research library.

Dorothy McGlasson is working at the moment on rich historic information assembled by Ray Colwell. His collection went to Carl Matthews and was passed on to us by his sister, Lucile Ellis.

Virginia Cox assists in each area, marking and sorting as needed. She recently completed processing a large sheet-music collection which belonged to Luther McKnight.

Ralph Conner works on music and a collection of photographs from McKnight and others.

Researcher Wants Info

On WWII Plane Crashes

Len Wallace is researching World War II plane crashes in the region, and is looking for witnesses. If you have information or materials, phone (719) 522-1152.

ROLL ☒ CALL

from our last meeting:

Forty members and five guests or visitors were with us in October. About 30 stayed for a good lunch. Members who signed in were:

Edwin Bathke	John Keller
Sally Bawner	Jan Knox
Chuck Brown	D. McGlasson
Ralph Conner	Helen Michelson
Virginia Cox	Dorothy Myers
John Croff	Pat Neely
Lucille Cunningham	Mary J. Nielsen
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Catherine Henderson	Wilma Stephens
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Geraldine Iverson	Josephine Walker
Joyce Johns	Pat Walters
Barb Keller	Bessie Wreath

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Orrin R. Haynes
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TREASURER'S REPORT

John Croff, Treasurer

OCTOBER 1, 1992

Deposits, PP Nat'l Bank	+32.00
Int. PP Nat'l 8/31 to 9/30	115.07
Svc Chg PP Nat'l to 9/30	-44
Balance, PP Nat'l	65,250.88
PP Nat'l CD bal 8/6	12,712.65
Int to 9/4	38.86
PP Nat'l CD bal 9/4	12,751.15
CD matures 11/6/92	
Bank Western CD	36,504.82
CD matures 11/9/92	
World Savings CD bal 6/30	40,760.24
Int to 9/30	423.29
World Savings CD bal 9/30	41,183.53
Matures 6/20/93; rate: 6.16%	

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES

Ralph Conner, Secretary

To Nov. 1, 1992

Postage: stamp supply for D. McGlasson for publicity mailings	29.00
Misc. postage	3.36
Nov. NL negs and plates	12.10
TOTAL DUE SEC'Y	44.46



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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 pictures, to keep alive the unique culture and spirit of Westside Colorado Springs, and to establish a history 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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