# **Board Is Organized**With New Members

Membership approved a proposed slate of board members at the annual meeting May 8th, and the board met on the 11th to organize and elect officers.

The slate included three new board members: Jan Knox has resumed the vice-presidency and program chairmanship after her stay in California; Lucille Cunningham brings her enthusiasm and investment expertise; Dorothy McGlasson has strong background in history research and publishing. July 13th, the board accepted the resignation of Bob Gaarder and chose Sandi Hoewish, an enterprising Colorado Ave. merchant.

Our thanks to retiring members 30b Gaarder, Dave Hughes, Aldine Lipe, and Ruth Maxwell for loyal service to the board and OCCHS. September 1, 1992

### A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

Charles C. "Chuck" Brown is a 40-year resident, businessman and participant in government, including terms as County Commissioner and on City Council. He's a Republican candidate for County Commissioner, Dist. 3.

Catherine Hinsman, a granddaughter of Charles Stockbridge. is a lifelong resident of West side. Her family claims psychic powers and her grandmother was of Colorado City a friend "medium." Madame Rensbaker, whose promonitions would have saved her husband's life if he'd stayed out of a hot-air balloon. and who located the body of Mrs. Hinsman's uncle when he disappeared on the way to Cripple Creek. Mrs. Hinsman is a topic in Dorothy McGlasson's new book, and joins as Dorothy's guest.

## O.C.C.H.S. Board Makes Offer on Historic Baptist Church Across from Bancroft Park

The board of O.C.C.H.S. voted Aug. 22 to offer to buy the historic church building at 1 S. 24th to house a Westside History Center. The congregation wants to sell, but Monday (31st) chose to decline our proposal temporarily. Immanuel Missionary Holiness church will seek an offer later when they have arranged for a new headquarters.

O.C.C.H.S. seriously considered the building four years ago, though we made no formal purchase offer. But the congregation was aware of our interest and contacted us when they wanted to sell. After an inspection and discussion, the board made an offer.

The building was originally the First Baptist Church of Colorado City, sitting on the southeast corner of Pikes Peak and 24th. It is immediately east of Bancroft Park and consists of a thousand-square-foot sanctuary, an apartment and other rooms on the same floor, and an extensive basement. There's parking for 6 to 8 cars.

The feature which makes the building attractive to us—its "down-town" location off Colorado avenue—makes it less desireable to the church. They were

first inspired to sell by the prospect of buying a church on Colorado City's south side. But that building became unavailable, and other complications made it unwise to seek an immediate sale. Actual ownership of the building lies at the district level of the denomination, which has its head-quarters in another town. Both the district headquarters and the local congregation hope to sell.

Among the steps to be taken prior to a sale are an appraisal, and an environmental audit to THIS MONTH'S MEETING

## Helen Hunt Jackson To Discuss Her Literature

"Helen Hunt Jackson Returns to Colorado" when our meetings resume on Sept. 11th, at 11 am at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Ms. Jackson is reincarnated as Gloria J. Helmuth of Buena Vista. Jan Knox heard the presentation there and made special arrangements to bring Ms. Helmuth back "home" to the Pikes Peak region. Ms. Knox promises an unusually interesting program. Ms. Helmuth appears in costume as Helen Jackson, and will show slides.

Miss Jackson came here from Massachusetts, and her writing helped acquaint Easterners with the Pikes Peak region. Ms. Helmuth reviews both Ms. Jackson's life and writings. The material is being prepared for publication.

assure a buyer the site has no hazardous materials. A search for a new meeting place may be comlicated by zoning regulations.

The district headquarters Monday notified Mark Cunning-ham, the realtor who has been acting as go-between, that the church needs more time, but that we'll be given first crack when they're ready to sell.

Asking price was \$100,000. We made an offer of \$90,000, planning to pay a fourth at closing, and the balance within a year. We would have used the year to arrange financial backing.

Arrangements were dependent on our membership's approval, and this edition of the newsletter was delayed in case we needed to get members' permission immediately to pledge money from our endowment fund. With the sale postponed we can take no steps for raising funds towards a purchase. (More about the church on p. 5)

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# Westside Memories: Turning Back the Clock on Local Events

Twenty-five Years Ago

September, 1965

Denver driver of a tour bus which in July plunged off the Pikes Peak highway above the toll gate was requitted of careless and imprudent riving. Two died, 32 were injured.

Golden Cycle Corp. and Sol Kosbe bought county land west of 21st.

Manitou Mayor Mabel Willie camprigned against go-go dancers after a raid on the Townhouse club.

Three men who took \$70 at the well Market, 1010 W. Colorado, were captured in 10 minutes with a sack of money and two weapons.

Burglars took \$450 from Glendale No'el, 3036 W. Colorado.

Paul Pernat, 2011 W. Bijou, earned the Eagle Scout award.

Thirty-four civic leaders discussed junkyards, billboards and industrial plants bordering Highway 24.

## Fifty Years Ago

September, 1942

Lt. Harry McCool visited Mr. and Mrs. S. O. McCool, 2520 W. Pikes Peak. His part in the Doolitle Tokyo raid earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. In June he was shot down in the Bay of Bengal. Crew found water on an uninhabited island, improvised a sail, and with rafts lashed together spent grueling 4 days to reach India.

Wartime: meat rationed, 4 gals. of gasoline a week, distilleries quit making liquor, two-toned shoes forbidden, wage/price controls loomed. Red Cross asked that tinfoil receptacles not be treated as trash bins. Only county schools lacking full faculties were Edison, Alta Vista and Miami.

Cyanide was available only with War Production Board approval, but Golden Cycle said it had a supply, and had a strong cash position, though it said 60% of its profits went to taxes.

Druggist William Osborne, World War I veteran and Westside resident for 20 years, joined the army.

West Junior secretary Mabel Swanson was replaced by Dorothy Huskie.

Fred Lowry, West End Furniture employee since it was owned by F. E. Hathaway, moved to California for the benefit of his daughter's health.

20-inch pipe was laid from the intake of the El Paso Canal to carry water to filtration plant intended for the Mesa; would help supply Carson.

Old Colorado City Historical Society September 1, 1992 This Month's Meeting:

11 am, Friday, Sept. 11th 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, Oct. 9th

### Seventy-five Years Ago

September, 1917

School Dist. #1 (not yet consolidated with Dist. 11) had 600 to 700 students. High school seniors were few, but there were 45 lively freshmen.

Colorado Springs ranked first in the nation with an acre of park for each 13 citizens. Knoxville was last among towns of 30,000+ population with an acre for every 7,641 people.

C. W. Kinsman asked city for \$7,000 to build a cement factory near Midland depot, said city would save a third on concrete, earn 8% to 25%.

Company wrecking Springs' old Santa Fe Depot began dumping debris at the former Standard Mill site.

Colorado Ave. was to be scarified and smoothed to be the best unpaved road in the region.

Annexation consequences: city sold numbers to fit new address designations and post office urged immediate installation; utilities office at Koch's Pharmacy closed and bills were to be paid at 102 N. Tejon; traffic signals raised at Colorado and 24th, Colorado and 27th, and Cucharras and 26th; new fire hydrants installed; police officer Jack Cooper was given Westside duty.

Independent agreed street car company shouldn't carry "Colorado City" as a destination, but why couldn't it use "Adams Crossing" or "West Side" instead of "Manitou"?

Street car employees threatened a strike because the company wouldn't grant raises and limit shifts to 9 or 10 hours instead of 12. 15-minute service went into effect through Westside.

Mystery surrounding testing of airplane engine on Pikes Peak. Government finally forbade printing pictures or details of engine being tested.

Rotary committee estimated 660 county men were in the military—one for every 76 residents.

Despite objections, Park Department decided to keep Cheyenne Canon open to autos. Since there was no room for passing, cars had to go up between 6 and 6:30 and down after 7 am.

Barber shops raised the price of a shave from 10¢ to 15¢.

Keg of wine stolen from Al Jolsen at the Opera House was subsequently stolen (and sampled) by others. Up to 10 men were involved from initial theft to loss of contents.

## One Hundred Years Ago

September, 1892

A new furnace went into use at the Glassworks, and a steam pump, so small it looked like a toy, pumped kerosene into the furnace.

About 1:30am, Sept. 9, iron which bound the furnace broke, allowing liquid glass to leak and set platforms afire. A fusillade of pistol shots summoned firemen, but the hose cart got hung up on a bridge on West street and never reach the fire, and water pressure was low. Nevertheless, several buildings were saved, and J. B. Wheeler told superintendent Jensen to restore operations. Jobless glassworkers began cleanup, new equipment was ordered by wire, and a building was erected over furnace and boilers. Glassworks reopened Sept. 22nd.

Midland track walker John Thomas tried to board a moving train at the trestle near the Iron Springs station. He slipped and the train ran over his leg between knee and thigh. A special train took him to Sisters [St. Francis] hospital but the injuries proved fatal.

Prisoners were moved into the new county jail.

Cigarmakers Union officials looked for a possible site for a retirees' home, including a visit to Anthony Bott property at Bear Creek Canon.

Wilbur Dry Goods resumed dressmaking, employing 19 persons.

A couple was charged with an illegal marriage, since the woman had Negro blood. Defense argued that her mother was a Negro with Indian blood, which gave her so little Negro blood that no offense had been committed. The jury ruled in favor of the defense.

A jury ruled in favor of the Rapid Transit Company against Mrs. Adams, who was injured when her carriage collided with a street car in 1891.

A contract was let and work begun on a 9-mile extension of the Midland railroad to Midland, and on a narrowgauge railroad to link Midland and the Cripple Creek gold camp.

Fremont granted a franchise to allow mining of streets, alleys and highways for gold. And a company promised to build a horse or electric street car line in the gold district.

## TRANSITION

ALICE ELEANOR DUNN

Alice Eleanor Dunn, 87, died Aug. 22, 1992. She was born in Colorado City March 13, 1905, to Percy A. and Alice M. (Love) Dunn. Her grandfather was William Love and both the Loves and Dunns were prominent locally.

She was a member of O.C.C.H. S., the Pioneers Museum, Colorado Natives, Order of the Eastern Star, of First Presbyterian and Trinity United Methodist, and many professional organizations.

She worked as a hospital pathologist in California and is survived by cousins.

She shared her memories of Old Town and supplied us with a number of historic pictures.

ROBERT E. SIMONS
Retired Lt. Col. Robert E.
Simons, 74, died July 4, 1992.

He was born March 16, 1918, in Ohio to Charles A. and Myrtle (Wetherill) Simons. He was graduated from Ohio State.

He served in the army 1942-1962, receiving the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Unit Citation and American Defense Service Medal. Later he was a teacher and year-book sponsor at Wasson High School. He married Martha F. Putnam in 1983 and he and his wife were active O.C.C. H.S. members. Mrs. Simons, a son and daughter survive.

#### MARTIN WOODBURY DRAKE

We have not previously reported the death of Martin Woodbury Drake, 92, on March 8, 1992. He was an employee of the Utilities Department.

He was born in Colorado City June 23, 1899 to Martin and Elbie N. (Woodbury) Drake. His father was prominent in Colorado City and Colorado Springs government.

Mr. Drake attended Colorado College and the University of Illinois. He is survived by a niece. He wasn't an O.C.C.H.S. member.

He lived his entire life in the family home at 2316 W. Kiowa.

## CORRESPONDENCE

We've received interesting letters from two faithful out-oftown members which we're happy to share with members.

Woody Ralston writes from Pueblo about a picture of 5th or 6th grade students which he gave to Whittier School. He says we'll be interested in the identifications he made of the students—including himself—from his memory of 1928 or 1929.

About that time, he recalls, five youngsters worked for John Bock at the riding stables at the mouth of Red Rock Canon. Among them were Mr. Ralston, and Billy Nugent, and—a visitor—O.C.C.H.S. member Art Ruby. He recalls that Billy Nugent moved from 23rd St. to Los Angeles, California, and worked for the Southern Pacific railroad.

Other Nugents were Billy's brother Charles, and their sister, Evelyn, who married Harold Warden. All attended Whittier.

He reviews efforts by John Bock to establish a Westside museum in the 20's, and the failure of Bock and Ralston to interest the city council in giving support. He blames their lack of interest on the Springs' traditional jealousy of Colorado City.

Bock had a museum for several years in the second city hall, which burned down in June, 1990. He says Bock had a stagecoach he rescued from a barn in Ivywild. That stagecoach, Mr. Ralston say:, is now in Ghost Town. Dave Hughes says that much material from the Bock museum was sold at auction a few years ago. Some of it could end up in the Old Colorado City Historical Society's History Center.

Mr. Ralston feels
John Bock, Jr., might have good
feeling about the West side and
might give support to our history
center. He explains that Bock
still owns Red Rock Canon and
hotels in Hawaii. He understands
that another son, Richard, and
the mother of the two boys are
living in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Richard Current writes from Massachusetts, noting familiar names which appeared in "Westside Memories" among enlistees in World War I. Borst and Ripley were neighbors of the Currents.

But he takes issue with another item, which said that southbound trains would use the Santa Fe tracks and northbound would travel Rio Grande tracks.

He's confident it was the other way around, because of events on Sept. 25, 1919. That day, he says, students, including those from Whittier, went to the Rio Grande station where they waited for the train bearing Woodrow Wilson, which made a brief stop. Wilson was on his way to Pueblo. It was after his speech there that Wilson suffered the breakdown which incapacitated him and ended his crusade for a League of Nations. Wilson died a few years later.

But the point is, it was a south-bound train, and it was at the Rio Grande station where the pupils waited patiently.

Mr. Current is quite correct about the eventual assignment of stations made by the railroads—who could argue with his first-hand evidence! However, the Gazette of May 18th does give the story as we printed it. The railroads apparently changed their minds later!

It points up a basic problem with the "Memories": we feel duty-bound to report the stories a they appear, even when we know they're wrong. Any number of real estate developments, and a gigantic statue of Jesus to be erected in the Garden of The Gods, are typical of "incorrect" stories we dutifully reported in Westside Memories.

Still, the editor is most grateful to Mr. Current for the evidence that somebody reads Westside Memories seriously, and for keeping him on his toes!

We welcome word from all out-of-town members.

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## Members Mobilize for Bancroft Territory Days

## New/Old Postcards Are Popular 'Territory' Item

We gave a particularly attractive "reward" to those who donated to O.C.C.H.S. at the cabin in Bancroft Park during Territory Days, May 23-25. We offered a set of historic postcards in return for a dollar's donation.

The cards are a new product of the local Delton Publishing Company, reproducing in full color postcards familiar to tourists thirty years or more ago. They proved to be a popular item to visitors, who also re-lived 1917+ through our exhibits.

Displays pictured the first employment of women in production at the Golden Cycle Mill, in answer to World War One labor shortages. Exhibits recalled 1917 productions at local theaters, a Colorado College discussion of cheating, a collection of 1915 tourist scenes loaned by Lucille Cunningham, and railroad photos supplied by Bud and Jo Walker.

In 1917 Colorado City was annexed to Colorado Springs, so we showed copies of a short-term newspaper, from Luther McKnight's collection, urging Westside to support annexation.->

CONNER CONNED

While Ralph Conner was on duty at the Bancroft Cabin during Territory Days, a lady held out a twenty dollar bill and said she'd like to donate a dollar. Ralph pulled out \$19 in change from the glass ballot box and watched as the lady put a folded bill into the jar.

At the end of the day, when the contributions were counted, NO \$20 bill was found!

Also shown from McKnight were photographs of Colorado City taken in 1917.

A new feature was an electric "quizzer", in which the participant used probes to match historic pictures with their captions. When they got it right, they were rewarded with a "buzz". (We'll give members a chance at the game at our September meeting.)

Weather was discouraging on some days, but a steady stream of visitors showed interest, and the Society netted about \$145 from their contributions. We made a few people more aware of Westside's fascinating history and publicized attractions which we'll someday be able to display in our history center!

## MEMBER HONOR ROLL

These are the members who generously gave their time and enthusiasm during Territory Days.

ORGANIZING and CHAUFFEURING Joyce Johns

**EXHIBITS** 

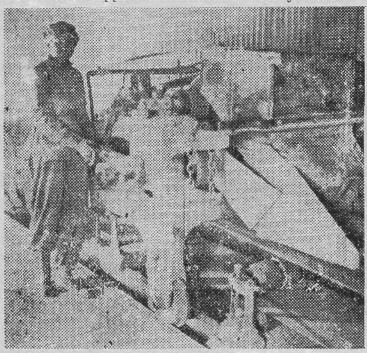
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HOSTS AND HOSTESSES
Sally Brawner
Ralph Conner
Virginia Cox
John Croff
Joyce Johns (2 shifts)
Jan Knox (2)
Dorothy McGlasson (2)
Mary Nielson (2)
Lyn Owen (2)
Claire Ruby

SETUP AND TAKE-DOWN Ralph Conner

# Treasurer's Report John Croff, Treasurer

May and June, 1992 Memberships +50.00 Post Office Box rent -17.50Col City Assoc. (postage) -36.42Kasten; tax returns -145.00Delton Publishing; cars -121.656/30 svc. charge -.21 6/30 interest +153.77 Bal. PP Bank, 4/30 64,827.88



WOMEN AT THE GOLDEN CYCLE-As many men headed to France, the Golden Cycle mill began in October, 1918, accepting women in jobs heretofore held by men. Women were given jobs as they opened, with no regard for their traditional role as the "weaker sex." By November, 1918, the mill had 9 patriotic and enthusiastic female employees, delighted with pay equal to that of men, shorter hours, opportunities for advancement and escape from the drugery of the household duties associated with waitressing, nursing or housework. Women were paid \$2.50 for 8 hours work. Isabell Gallagher is shown supervising the conveyor belt which carried ore from crusher to roasters. Despite dust and sulphur fumes, she called the job "more interesting" and "easier" than housework. A Gallagher family lived at 1026 W. Colorado; a Gallagher boy (George G.) was in service. Among other employees: Mrs. Helen Kelp (or Kelpin), Gertrude Cochran, Mrs. Mittie McRae, Sadie Hutton, Hattie Lamb, Edna Sikes, Miss Young, and Miss Nolan. (Colorado Springs Evening Telegraph, Nov. 1, 1918. From Luther McKnight collection.)

## Folk Art Festival Is September Feature

A Folk Art Festival called "A Country Christmas" will be held Sept. 11, 12 and 13 at the White House Ranch. Over a hundred folk-art professionals from six states will offer wares along with ethnic food, music, dance, tours, demonstrations and hayrides.

Kathy Read (633-2026) says crafts included are country wood, handwoven baskets, willow and reproduction furniture, floral, weaving, pottery, decorations, jewelry, clothing, miniatures, antiques and rare collectibles.

Proceeds from admissions will go towards removal of stucco from historic Rockledge ranch house to reveal the original stone.

Adult admission is \$3, seniors \$2, children \$1. There'll be shuttle bus service from area parking lots. Hours for the three days are, respectively, 11 to 6, 9 to 6 and 10 to 4.

## Aunt Kaya Visits West Intergenerational Center

"Aunt Kaya", known to us as Kay Arnold, will present the story of a pioneer woman's perilous journey from Kentucky to Colorado City at the West Center for Intergenerational Learning, 25 N. 20th, Sept. 11 at 1.00.

She'll be in costume, and illustrate her story with "old-time" artifacts. For a reservation for the free presentation: 444-7345.

### CALENDAR

Skye Ridley (635-4825) will show slides and describe urban trails at the monthly meeting of the Organization of Westside Neighbors, Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7 pm, at the West Center. The public is invited.

Sept. 10, Colorado City art galleries will be open from 5 to 8 pm with an invitation to strollers to visit. They're Pine Creek, El Dorado, Arati and Squash Blossom galleries. Garden of the Gods Gallery at Highway 24 and W. High street is also participating.



Colorado City's original Baptist church, dedicated in November of 1891. This is looking southeast from the intersection of Pikes Peak and 24th. The narrow section at the extreme right, with two Windows, was most likely added in 1916, extends the full depth, and contains an apartment. Bancroft Park is to the viewer's immediate right. Additions such as access ramps and a sprinkler system must be added, but the building is essentially in good condition.

# Secretary's Expenses Ralph Conner, Secretary

May to August expenses

Postage, May 164 NL's 47.56 Postage, membership cards, notices & materials 7.34

Total due secretary \$54.90

## Briefly:

Several members have undergone surgery during the summer, and we send best wishes for speedy recoveries. Among them:

Vera Chambon Aldine Lipe Betty Patton.

As part of our educational efforts, Joyce Johns made history presentations last May to fourth grade students at Wilson and Venetucci schools.

We acknowledge with thanks the gift of a 1909 Sears Roebuck Catalogue from Lucille Cunningham. It's useful in identifying items to be accessioned.

## Colo. Ave. Building Sold to Developers

Jacob Schmidt's Beer Hall at 2611 W. Colorado, which O.C.C.H. S. sought to buy a year ago, was sold to contractor Tim Gazak and homebuilder Larry Nichols in May, and is being remodeled. They promised to preserve the building's historic character.

The Society's bid for the building was accepted, but money needed for purchase and for early remodeling proved to be impossible to obtain on short notice. We entertained hopes that we might someday renew our bid, but the sale ended that option.

Architect Dave Barber is working on plans for commercial space on the first floor, opening on to the patio beside the building. Offices will occupy the second floor. Renovation is expected to cost at least \$150,000. The price paid for the building has not been revealed.

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# ROLL CALL

### from our last meeting:

Thirty-eight attended May 8th, discussing Territory Days and other coming events. Members signing in:

Ed Bathke Sally Brawner Merrilyn Caduff Ralph Conner Virginia Cox John Croff Lucille Cunningham Maloa Read Ed Curry Martha Curry George Fisher Bob Gaarder Veda Goosman Marjorie Harris Sandi Hoewisch Joyce Johns Madeline Keas Jan Knox

Aldine Lipe

Elizabethe S. Mares Dorothy McGlasson Helen Michelson Mary J. Nielsen Lyn Owen Lamar Pat Patton Jim Rogers

Virginia Rogers Liliane Ross Art Ruby Claire Ruby Rose Slusher B. E. Tillotson Jean Tillotson Bud Walker Pat Bonser Walter Bessie Wreath VISITORS

Jo Walker came with her husband. Dick Eustice is researching Red Rocks quarries, and wants to know what buildings contain the stone; reach eon, served by people of the church. him at 473-8563, 624 E. Uintah, 80903.

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### WESTWORD

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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 lunch-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 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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