

December 1, 1993

Board Restructures Our Members' Fees

Among other business, the O. C.C.H.S. board on November 19th revised the schedule of memberships, assuming that some members or prospects would be willing pay a greater amount for membership. But the board was careful not to create a hardship on those who would have a problem meeting higher fees.

Those 65 or over will pay the same \$5 for a year's membership when renewals come in April. But the board established a \$10 fee for other individual memberships. For those able to give more generous support, a \$25 "donor" category was established. The fee for a life membership was raised to \$250. Family memberships for those over 65 was reduced to \$9, and for others was set at \$15.

The increases should result in slightly more income from memberships to reflect our rising costs and greater opportunities within the organization and would put us more in line with other, similar organizations.

Briefly:

We acknowledge with thanks more than \$100 from donations made to **Bill Crowley** as he drew caricatures at the Old Colorado City Associates' booth at the Chamber of Commerce Fall Business Exposition. **Lee Michels** also appeared as **Laura Bell McDaniel**.

Lucille Cunningham, **Lee Michels**, and **Lance Michels** represented O.C.C.H.S. at the ceremony in Bancroft Park sponsored by the Westside merchants to light the trees along Colorado Avenue. They braved cold weather in costume, and appeared in TV coverage of the event.

New address for **Geraldine Iverson** now living in Littleton.

A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

Three new members were added to the roster of the Old Colorado City Historical Society during November.

Reg Simpich is associated with **Simpich Dolls**, 2413 W. Colorado Avenue. He is a native of Colorado Springs who attended Whittier elementary school, West Junior High School, and graduated from Coronado High School.

He and his wife **Cora**, a fellow Westsider, live at 417 N. 31st St., site of the old **Finley Ranch**. Part of their home was built in the 1860's and another part in 1873. This is why **Reg** got interested in the history of Old Colorado City. He contributes historic vignettes to a monthly publication of the Old Colorado City Associates.

Other new members are **Bill** and **Judy Crowley**. Interested in learning as much as they can about the region's history, they are originally from New Jersey and Virginia respectively. They came here in March, 1991, and live on the Westside with son **Ben**. **Bill** has been a professional cartoonist for more than 20 years and is a member of the National Cartoonists' Society. **Judy** is a professional artist specializing in landscapes and animal portraits.

For more than two years they have had their shop, **Baggy Pants Gallery**, at 2501 W. Colorado Ave., where the main attraction is **Daisy**, the doggy in the window, a poodle mix, that goes to work with them each day.

We trust she'll keep in touch.

Jan Knox plans a trip to **Cripple Creek** in June—a month we don't ordinarily meet—for gambling or sight-seeing as you wish. Much of the cost will be underwritten by the casinos.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

We Visit the Union Printers' Institution

A hundred-year-old enterprise rooted in our area's history as a health resort will be our destination Dec. 10 as we hold our "away from home" meeting at the Union Printers Home, 101 S. Union.

It remains a retirement home, but is no longer limited to members of the International Typographic Union which established it slightly over a century ago.

We will tour the premises at 11:00, including its museum, and will eat at noon (\$5.00 charge). Please make reservations with **Lyn Owen** (473-1846) as usual.

Don't enter at the gate, but use the roadway immediately south of the main entrance which will lead you to the parking lot. There will be walking involved in the tour, but there are plenty of places to rest if you wish. Stairs should not be a problem for the Home has elevators.

The Union established the home for retired printers, who in the early days often suffered from tuberculosis from their restrictive work environment. It was a progressive move, supported by fees from members' union dues.

The wrap-up-auction at our November meeting added a little over \$475 to our building fund. We thank **Jim Rogers** for making his debut as an auctioneer.

Jean Christopher is responding to the interest shown in the Old Colorado City Historical Society T-shirts by arranging children's sizes. We'll carry details when they're worked out.

Joyce Johns represented us at a meeting of the Daughters of the Nile when she spoke on the subject of "Pioneer Women."

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

December, 1968

Pieper Drug, 2431 W. Colorado, bought Cooper-Lidke, 2512 W. Colorado. Latter was region's oldest, opened in 1883 by Dr. McIntosh. Gene Maton of Pieper consolidated stores at 2431.

El Pomar and Bemis-Taylor foundations pledged \$300,000 to buy Vrooman property to protect Garden of the Gods from commercial encroachment.

Pastor Daryl Schmidt broke ground for the Rock of Ages Lutheran Church at 31st and West Bijou.

Donald Watts resigned from the police force to operate a service station at 24th and Colorado.

Fifty Years Ago

December, 1943

Mrs. Louise Huff remodeled 2611 W. Colorado into 12 apartments.

Jimnie Good, Jr., 312 N. 16th, topped the Tempe, AZ air base record by doing 2,005 situps.

On anniversary of Pearl Harbor, every West Jr. student bought at least one defense stamp, totaling \$1,859.15. Wayne Trobridge was honored for bringing 3,040 pounds of metal or paper; runners-up were Richard Wikoff and Joe Day. Each student who brought at least 25 lbs. saw a free movie.

West Junior continued sending Christmas cards to former students in the service. 557 cards were addressed.

El Paso county surpassed its scrap metal quota. Among collections: auto bodies from the Fountain, washed into the creek in the 1935 flood.

Lt. G. W. Wimsatt, husband of Ann Mary Stewart, formerly of 2550 Wheeler, was killed in a plane crash.

Cpl. C. A. Nolan, 27, died in action in Italy; attended Midland and West Jr., delivered papers before enlisting. News of his death came a few weeks after the death of his mother, Mrs. Frances Nolan, but he was survived by five brothers and two sisters.

World War I injuries made it impossible for Glen Pelling to play Santa Claus. In past, he would ride around to attract kids, hitch in front of Cross & Son's store and entertain youngsters.

Local businesses and cottage camps felt a decline from the shipment of the 89th Division from Camp Carson.

Independent moved from its office of 35 years, 10 S. 25th, to 2526 W. Colorado. It began publication in 1883.



Templeton Bldg. and Mrs. Everhart's 1894 building

Seventy-five Years Ago

December, 1918

In November, 1,336 influenza cases reported; 54 deaths during the month.

Influenza patients had to be quarantined, at home or at the YWCA. Y residents were shifted to a dormitory in the Acacia hotel.

Mrs. Barbara Black and Mrs. Fisher faced charges they gave a party at 3132 W. Pikes Peak despite restrictions because of the flu.

Mr. Henderson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, voluntarily went into quarantine at his home, 713 W. Cucharas, when his wife and 3 children were infected with the flu. A week later he died from pneumonia.

Thomas Mitchell returned home from military service to 202 S. 18th to find his family in mourning. Sisters Mrs. Edna Patton and Mrs. Ada Hawthorn had died a week earlier; brother Floyd Mitchell died the day Thomas returned; Floyd's 2-year-old daughter died hours before her father.

Still, conditions improved. Public meetings were okay except for dances and funerals for flu victims. Theaters had to leave alternate rows vacant.

Lt. Marion Willis, 16-year fireman and four-year-captain of the Westside fire station, died in France as a consequence of a war-time gas attack.

Kistler grocery advertised its "basket" innovation as a success, said, "It will be worth while to pay cash and carry your groceries home with you."

Name "City of Colorado Springs" was chosen for a merchant ship to be launched in a few months, recognizing Colorado Springs' generous subscription to the Fourth Liberty Loan.

J. B. Wheeler, 77, died from pneumonia. He once owned Macy's, gold mines, local banks; helped establish Manitou Mineral Water Company. He first came to Manitou in 1839.

"Bone dry" law created total prohibition Dec. 16th. The Ramona Townsite company was dissolved.

Work began to extend Cheyenne Boulevard all the way to Stratton Park.

All 37 Springs' firemen, threatening a strike for higher pay, resigned. City put new firemen into all stations.

Colorado College (in the only local football game all season) defeated University of Colorado 8 to 7, to bring its victories against CU to 9, to CU's 12.

One Hundred Years Ago

December, 1893

Brighter prospects for 1894? Iris said Ute Pass Paint was to be taken out of receivership. Rumor was the Colbran glassworks would be erected after Jan. 1. Mrs. Everhart began a 50 x 80 ft., 3-story building opposite the Templeton block. Machinery for an electric company arrived, to power 500 incandescent lights by January.

In Cripple Creek, too: telephone service was established with Colorado Springs Water reached a fire hydrant on Bennett Ave. Midland Terminal railroad began operating between Divide and Midland, reducing distance for wagon freighting from 18 to 9 miles. The Humane Society crusaded against girls under 15 taking part in dancing.

Mrs. Harriett Campbell, wife of the district judge, was the first El Paso county woman to register to vote.

Byron Hames bought the Adams block, site of the old Wheeler Bank, to be occupied by the Colorado State bank. Thomas Matthews purchased the Templeton block and planned to move in the Oxford bar and club rooms as soon as Sherman's Stationery and the post office could be moved out.

After selling his building, Henry Templeton considered a trip around the world next spring, to visit his home in Scotland and relatives in New Zealand.

Robert Willis visited Anthony Bott. Willis was a member of the first town company, lived here 40 years earlier. He was a member of the first territorial legislature in Colorado City.

Mrs. Charles Adams settled her disputes with the Rapid Transit Company. She had a claim about right-of-way through her property, and a long-standing suit for injuries received when her buggy and a streetcar collided.

Hilligos was an easy victor in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match in the Palace theater against McReynolds of Colorado Springs.

There were 167 men employed at the Midland shops. Alfred Brown, a pattern-maker, joined the crew.

An entertainment and curio exhibit was to be put on in Colorado City, featuring Confederate relics and those of importance to English history.

The Insurance Industry Allows Us to "Read" History

Sanborn Fire Maps Do More than Help Adjusters;
They Give Historic Views of Properties and Towns

WESTSIDE IS ONE SPOKE of Colorado Springs extending from the downtown hub, said Bev Diehl as she spoke to us at the West Intergenerational Center on November 12th. And Westside's unique culture is one of thirteen to sixteen different communities.

She shared her insight to the town's history which grew from a videotape program developed by the Colorado Springs' Pioneers' Museum and Penrose Library.

We need a framework to hang the facts and stories on, she said, and suggested that after the Frontier era represented by Colorado City, our town's history can be conveniently divided into four periods. From 1871 to about 1896 was the Founding era of Colorado Springs; from 1896 until World War I, the town lived the Patrons' period of formal elegance when things became permanent; the Independence segment was between the two World Wars; and we currently live in the Expansive time—when population doubled three decades in a row.

Population tells in brief of our remarkable growth. Colorado Springs' population of 978 at its founding expanded to 1,500 a year later. From 23,000 in 1900, it grew to a 300,000 metropolitan area.

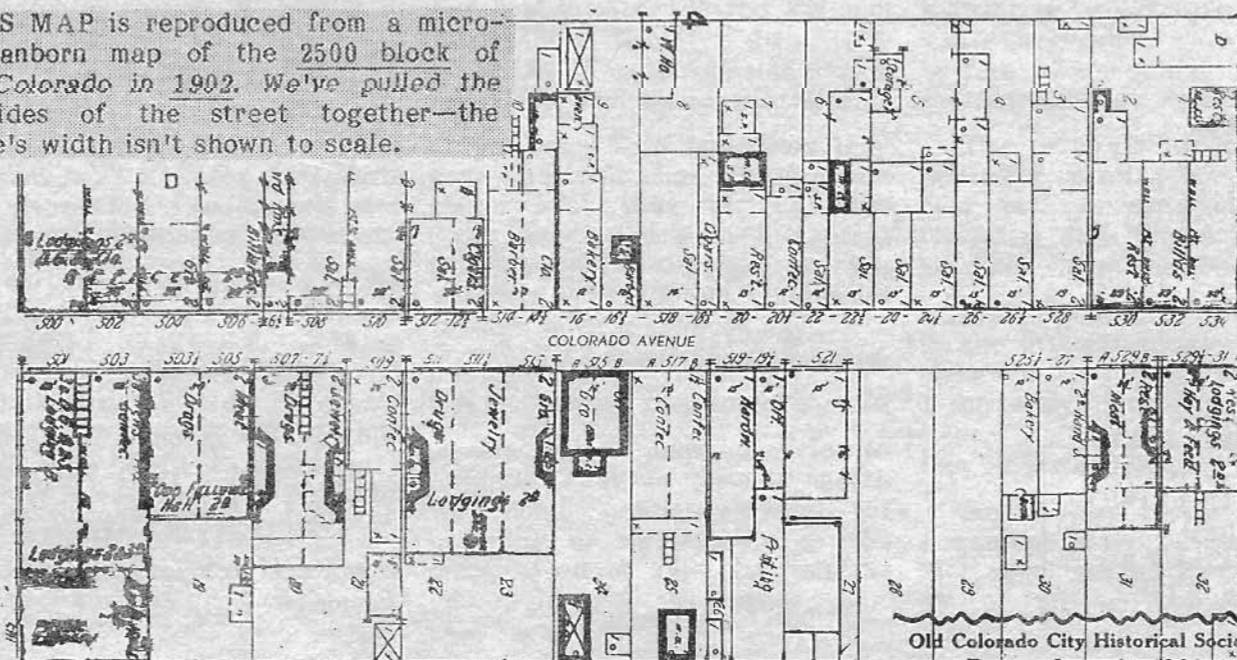
The television program shows four historic eras with 800 photos, many of which reflect the heart of the downtown and its changes.

A dramatic way to see the growth and changes is through Sanborn maps. These were produced for use by fire insurance adjusters, and show each building with specifics about location, construction, roof, and type of business it contained.

An 1892 map of Tejon street revealed the mix of businesses and gave architectural details needed to visualize the town. One surprise was that downtown boasted nine museums. The map also reveals a scattering of tents and locates each privy.

A 1907 map brings back a forgotten angle about our past as a health resort, showing a branch of the Battle Creek Sanitarium at Bijou and Cascade.

THIS MAP is reproduced from a microfilm Sanborn map of the 2500 block of West Colorado in 1902. We've pulled the two sides of the street together—the Avenue's width isn't shown to scale.



West Intergenerational Center Attracts National Attention

Director Darryl Reese, says the West Intergenerational Center attracts national attention with its multipurpose programs.

When West Junior was threatened with closing, the new Dist. 11 "middle school" was combined with city functions and the Pikes Peak Community Action Agency (the Billie Spielman Center).

There are programs for all ages, from pre-school to dance and craft classes and balanced meals for seniors. The Spielman Center will give a helping hand to disadvantaged families, both materially and with guidance, and the schools will assist those who need a high school graduation equivalency.

The Sanborn maps, on microfilm in the local history section of Penrose library, reflect the changing business mix. They're a happy example of a commercial effort which supports our heritage.

ALAS, COMMERCIAL ASPECTS eventually overwhelmed the cultural. Instead of fresh maps every few years, reflecting a particular era, publishers began printing "corrections" to be pasted over older maps, so earlier layouts were lost.

She suggested that historians should be looking ahead as well as back, and should be collecting historical evidence of the 20th Century.

MEETING DEC
THIS
MONTH 10

11:00 am, Union Printers Home, 101 S. Union
to make or cancel luncheon reservations, please phone
LYN OWEN, 473-1846 You may leave a message
at any time.

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NEXT
MONTH 14

ROLL ☒ CALL

from our last meeting:

We feasted on roast chicken at the West Intergenerational Center November 12th, with a good turnout of 49.

Members who registered were:

Margery Adams	Ann Hiskey
Kay Arnold	Joyce Johns
Doris Baab	Jan Knox
Sally Brawner	D. McGlasson
Chuck Brown	Lee Michels
Ed Chonka	Helen Michelson
Jean Christopher	Doug Neely
Ralph Conner	Pay Neely
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Art Crawford	Louise Parker
John Croff	Maloa Read
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Lucille Cunningham	Martha Simons
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Martha Curry	David Swearingen
George Fisher	Gene Tarbert
Margaret Golden	Bud Walker
Eileen Graham	Jo Walker
Marjorie Harris	Mrs. Marty Walker
Orrin Haynes	Clint Waller
Mary Heltemes	Bessie Wreath

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Daryl Reese Mildred Spaeth
Edna Francisco Pooler Bill Weskel

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES

Ralph Conner, Secretary

Postage (thanks & courtesy) \$50.75
Misc. postage .52
Negs and plates for Dec. NL 12.10
TOTAL due Sec'y as of 11/30/93 63.37

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TREASURER'S REPORT

John Croff, Treasurer

Postmaster, box rent	\$-17.50
T-shirt supply	-250.00
Utilities	-43.25
Secretary's expenses	-296.40
Architect's fees	-188.40
10/8 dep (anonymous contr.)	+5,000.00
Deps memberships	+25.00
Deps (Auction/concert)	+962.64
PPNG int on checking acct	+7.09
Bal, PP Nat'l check, 10/31	6,479.91
PPNB CD	13,140.19
Wrld Savings, 2 CDs	68,548.87
TOTAL ASSETS 8/31/93	88,168.90

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The Old Colorado City Historical Society was formed to maintain the memory of Colorado City (1859-1917), encourage research, preserve pictures, and keep alive the unique culture and spirit of Westside Colorado Springs, through education of children and the community and the eventual establishment of a history center at 1 S. 24th.

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, west of Uintah Garden Shopping Center. The public is welcome and no reservation is needed.

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, by the Tuesday before the meeting. Leave a message at any time. Please call to cancel if you find you cannot attend.

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.

Memberships are available in the following annual classifications:

Golden Age (65 or older)	\$5
Golden Age Family	\$9
Individual	\$10
Family	\$15
Donor	\$25
Lifetime	\$250

Funds from a Lifetime Membership are 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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