

January 1, 1993

Purchase of Church Likely by Year's End; Press Conference 30th Will Confirm Details

Dec. 30th our officers will close deals to give us ownership of the church at 1 S. 24th (across from Bancroft Park) to house our proposed Westside History Center, beginning realization of a long-recognized need to preserve the story of a unique and remarkable community and to make it accessible to citizens and to tourists.

A press conference scheduled for 1:30 that day at the church will give details of the purchase and, with media help, acquaint the public with the building. Dorothy McGlasson initiated the conference and is organizing it.

Mark Cunningham is the real estate agent who worked with the board to line up the purchase. If proposals are completed as planned, we will—in simultaneous transactions—buy a building at 2500 Busch Ave. and exchange it for the church at 1 S. 24th. The Immanuel Missionary Holiness congregation, now owners of the 24th St. property, will deed it to us and take over the Busch Ave. church. Neither deal will be concluded unless the other is.

Once the purchase is made, the Old Colorado City Historical Society will launch these steps:

- Move artifacts and archives and reorganize them in the larger building.
- Plan adaptation of the building to our use and to meet codes.
- Seek foundation support for preserving the building and establishing a history center.
- Match foundation awards with contributions from local organizations and individuals.

Meanwhile, we'll marshal talents of our members to define and work towards our goals. (Note "Opportunities" in column three.)

A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We greet three members, each with special interests in Westside.

Orrin Haynes moved here in 1958 and settled by choice on the Westside. Four sons attended West Junior as Mr. Haynes worked at the Air Force Academy and—for 22 years—City Utilities. He is a semi-retired engineer and widower after 46 years of marriage. He sampled our meetings and is already acquainted with a number of our members.

Larry Borchert joins after a life-time of interest in Westside. He arrived in 1929 and attended West Junior and Colorado Springs high school in the '30's. He married his late wife in 1936 and boasts a family of 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren, who still live here. He learned the cleaning business, operating Westside's Lightning Cleaners and DeLuxe. He stayed active even after he "retired", especially this time of year: for 28 years he has portrayed Santa Claus. He has a collection of sleighs which he believes would be useful in our History Center.

G. E. Hutton joins in. Wichita, KS. He is a frequent visitor and has a long-term interest in the Colorado Midland. He contacted us through Betsy Evans about a former resident and sent us school and church records of Fred W. Patton, a Colorado City native from a railroading family. He moved from rails to the Beechcraft aircraft factory and died in Wichita at 94. We appreciate Mr. Hutton's kindness in getting Mr. Patton's records "back home", and respect the sense of history that led him to make that extra effort.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Historic Preservation Board Ready to Report

Since it was established in 1987, the Historic Preservation Board has studied how best to preserve historic buildings. The board will make its recommendations to the Council January 12th.

Thus, it's timely that we hear of the board's progress from member Joan Frederick on Jan. 8th. It's even more relevant to us now because of our purchase of a historic building.

Ms. Frederick and Tim Scanlon of the City's Comprehensive Planning Division will show slides and give details of the city's first complete preservation plan, which proposes 26 projects in five years.

We resume meetings at Trinity United Methodist Church, which now has its elevator. Phone Lyn Owen if you will stay for lunch.

OPPORTUNITIES

To help preserve Old Colorado City, let us know of your willingness to serve on a committee:

- Grant writers: prepare applications to foundations.
- Fund raising: plan other ways to raise money.
- Gift shop: create a store with Jan Knox and Sandi Hoewisch.
- Historic Register: explore steps to put our History Center on the national register.
- Publicity: work with Dorothy McGlasson spreading the word.
- Audit: our bylaws call for an annual audit.
- Acquisition: establish policies about what to save.
- Colorado Ave. Awards: honor those preserving Westside.
- Territory Days: plan our new role in this annual event.

Contact President Joyce Johns at 635-4649 or any board member.

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

Twenty-five Years Ago

January, 1968

As the month ended, a ban against trash burning went into effect.

Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Pikes Peak National, J. Waldo Dyck, announced attorney Blake-more McCarty was a new director.

Clyde H. Prosser, 2122 W. Colorado, died. A retired Midland Terminal engineer, he lived here since 1910.

Ronald Beck, 312 N. 15th, became a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

W. D. Butler, 1427 Cedar, honored for 7 years with Junior Achievement.

John Colbert retired as a Fine Arts Center guard, planned to use 5 years of painting lessons from Zola Zaugg.

Fifty Years Ago

January, 1943

Eight Westside filling stations had closed, leaving the area with only 3 stations still operating.

Henry Graves was (as usual) the first to pay his taxes. His father owned a hardware store at 2430 W. Colorado; they lived at 3406 W. Colorado.

Nikola Tesla died in New York. Ben H. Stewart, 55, died at 1404 N. Nevada (his home for 14 years) leaving a wife, 3 daughters and a son. He served 14 years on Colorado City's council; he and late brother Orrie began Stewart's Photo after growing up on Westside.

Dr. David Winternitz, 2212 W. Colorado, was elected chief of staff at Beth El hospital.

Heavy winds wrecked billboards, destroyed a Midland shed, blew out Safeway window at 2304 W. Colorado, hurt Templeton Bldg. and store at 2407 W. Colorado, and knocked out power for 5 hours. Mrs. Ivy Carter, 1423 W. Kiowa, leaped under a table when a wall and the roof collapsed at Hikers' Food Products, 200 S. Chestnut. Three Westside fires were put out, but fires destroyed 23 Fort Carson buildings.

F. E. Hathaway bought Gamble's at 2508 W. Colorado from E. A. Hoff—former part owner of West Side Furniture. Hathaway moved his dry goods stock here from Cripple Creek, had furniture store at 1008 W. Colorado.

Julia Adams, 528 W. Kiowa, was the sixth local woman to enlist in the Women's Army Auxilliary Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Drake returned after visiting daughter, Mrs. Russell Schreiber, in Binghamton, New York.



Harry Lauder, Scots entertainer, made his "farewell appearance" at Burns theater Jan. 16th, 1918.

Seventy-five Years Ago

January, 1918

Grocers would no longer solicit orders, deliver only once a day (50¢ minimum). No meat on Tuesday or wheat on Monday or Wednesday.

Former Colorado City high school students in service: George Joseph, Perry Jackson, Frederick Erickson, John Brewer, Edward Borst, Jesse Courtright, Lionel Michels, Lloyd Schnitzius, Raymond Cross, Charles Erickson, Joe Edell, Stanley Hemenway, Lawrence Wolfe, Lee Jamison.

Petition from 60 Westsiders led Park Department to restore the pond in Thorndale Park for ice-skating.

Car overturned south of Castle Rock and killed former resident Laura Pierson and Laura Belle McDaniels, 2612 W. Grant. R. W. McCarty, 2423 W. Grant, being taken to Denver for eye treatment, was injured.

Three died, two injured when Midland struck Cripple Creek auto stage near Green Mountain Falls.

James D. Faulkner, 79, died at 2532 W. Colorado. A Civil War vet, he was 3-term mayor, 10-term justice of the peace, held many other local offices. Survived by 3 daughters and 2 sons.

State Highway Engineer predicted that Denver-Colorado Springs road would be paved within 5 or 6 years.

Local men—officers and 25 enlisted men—of Battery C, 148th Artillery, were due to arrive in France.

Herbert Sommers purchased store, slaughter house and packing plant of Borst Brothers. Emil Borst retired after 25 years as a butcher. Store at 25th and Colorado was to be enlarged and a bakery added.

W. F. Hart named superintendent of West Side postal station, Duncan Lamont transferred to directory department. C. G. Axter and W. A. Patterson became Westside carriers.

Arthur Peterson recovering from injuries endured as his motorcycle and auto collided at 24th and Pikes Peak.

One Hundred Years Ago

January, 1892

Manitou Bottling Works could get bottles for a fraction of what Glass-works could make them for, so Glass-works closed for at least nine months, might never open again. Workers went east at company expense to find jobs. Company said plant was in a bad location; considered offers from Denver, said if it opened again in Colorado City it would be at a new site more convenient to town.

Fourth-grader got scarlet fever, so students went home while classroom was disinfected. Deaf and Blind Institute was quarantined.

Street cars began running over Colorado Avenue viaduct as construction was almost completed.

El Paso Electric began year serving 10,000 incandescent and 139 arc lights.

Colorado House passed municipal woman suffrage bill.

Plan to carve Rhyolite county out of El Paso, with county seat at Cripple Creek, stirred sharp controversy.

Grading was completed on Midland Terminal route between Divide and Midland; 25,000 ties were on the way and track-laying would begin soon.

James Catron and Mollie Higgins were quietly wed. They'd been living together for 3 years, had 2 children. Authorities said they'd drop charges if the couple was formally married.

Officer Buster found man asleep on tracks, his foot in a switch; freed him 3 minutes before a train came along.

Gazette noted instructions which came with a nursing bottle: "When baby is done drinking it must be unscrewed and laid in a cool place under a tap. If the baby does not thrive on fresh milk, it should be boiled."

125 Years Ago

January, 1868

Said a letterwriter, Colorado City's central location and supply of firewood and lumber, coal and stone, made it a logical place for the state penitentiary, and town would donate 25 acres. Canon City's "only resource" was mud!

Denver planned to build capitol on bluffs between F and G streets. Work began on a horse railroad. U.S. Senate was to consider Colorado statehood.

Counterfeit 25¢ script was easy to spot because of the misspelling of "custum" on the back.

P. D. Miller of the Fountain valley went east to purchase blooded stock.

We're Acquainted with Great Potential at Intergenerational Center

We were introduced to the resources of the West Center for Intergenerational Learning at our Dec. 11th meeting—a "return" for many of us to familiar haunts of West Junior High. What's more, we met in the Teen Center!

Our visit was guided by member **Lucille Cunningham**, active in guiding establishment of, and as a participant in, the Center; by **Katie Williams**, coordinating the Center for School Dist. 11; **Laura Pine** who supervises the Golden Circle Nutrition Program which serves meals to 60+ citizens; and members of West Junior Student Council.

The Center faces 20th St., and most is new construction added specifically for the Billie Spielman Center and the City of Colorado Springs. Some rooms are shared by the Center and West Junior.

West Junior enrollment was dropping and there was danger the school would be closed. At the same time, there was a need for facilities to serve Westsiders, newcomers and senior citizens alike.

The already-established Billie Spielman center wanted permanent facilities to carry on its emergency-help program. With support from grants, corporations, individuals, and funds from the City and School District 11, 7,000 square feet was added to West Junior. Existing band and choir areas, the stage and auditorium, and an arts room were remodeled and modernized, sometimes with new wiring or plumbing; and an elevator was installed. Cost of the project was \$700,000.

Sacred Heart and Central Christian churches cooperated in allowing nearby parking. Requests are being made to route the Manitou bus north a block or two to make the center more accessible to those who rely on public transportation.

Ms. Cunningham outlined the variety of activities found at the Center. For example: special events during the Spring break for West Junior students; a licensed pre-school; health and wellness classes; screenings at the clinic; classes centered on careers, vocations, and computers; special lectures on a variety of topics; adult recreation programs; and counseling and emergency help for families facing crises.

Classes which have been offered include art, ballet, tap, computer, languages, ceramics, composting, bridge, crafts, GED preparations, pinochle, budgeting, knitting, mythology, massage, parenting, dollmaking, career advancement, small business skills, woodcarving, and a variety of exercise programs. Classes are open to those from 3 years old to infinity!

Each noon, lunches are served to those 60 or over (and their guests) regardless of income. Special diets are accommodated. The 60+ group is encouraged to donate \$1.50 for their meal. An

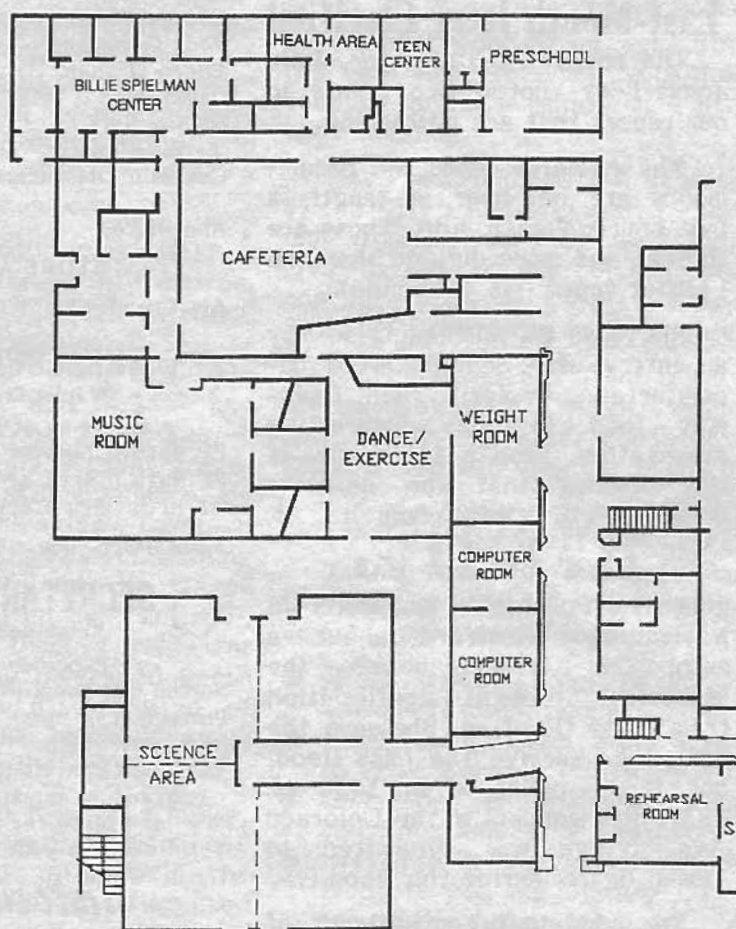
Visit Shows Us Opportunities for Classes, Exercise, Crafts and Fellowship for All Ages

identification card is issued free, and those planning to eat at the Center are asked to make reservations in advance.

Ms. Cunningham and several members commented on the friendly spirit, often directly fulfilling the "intergenerational" title; students are cordial to adult visitors. The setting is enhanced by recent improvement of the grounds north of the school.

The Center responds to needs and interests of the community. It might expand across 20th if Central Christian Church property becomes available.

The concept is new and is being closely watched. Efforts at combining school, emergency services, seniors' facilities and education and fellowship may work in other communities as well.



(Above) West portion of West Junior, including the new Intergenerational Center at the top. Old-timers won't see much they recognize, but rooms labelled Weight and Computer Rooms were the original west face of the school. The Science area was added many years ago. Music and Dance/Exercise areas were already established but were refurbished as part of Center construction. The doorway at the end of the hallway opened onto Pikes Peak Ave. when the school was built in the '20's.

Memorial Contributions

Those who made memorial contributions honoring A. C. Johns, late husband of our president, Joyce Johns, were:

Ralph Conner
John Croff
Vera Chambon
Virginia Cox
Lucille Cunningham
Lucile Ellis
Rosemary Hetzler
Jan Knox
Sandi Hoewisch
Dorothy McGlasson
Pat Patton
Liliane Ross
Leon Young

Last-Month Item Clarified

Our speaker in December, Julie Jones-Eddy, noted two points in our report that are misleading.

The cassette tapes she recommends are one-hour in length—a half hour on each side. These are thicker and more durable than the 1½-hour tapes (:45 each side).

She says its misleading to say an interviewer should "avoid uncomfortable topics;" such topics may lead to very interesting information. Drop a topic only if it's obvious that the narrator doesn't want to talk about it.

Briefly:

Larry Borchert's comments in November's *WestWord* about a suspension bridge across the Monument brought confirmation from Veda Goosman. She says the bridge did survive the 1935 flood, but it disappeared in 1936 or 1937. She wonders if the Colorado Ave. bridge was dynamited to loosen debris during the flood.(?)

She adds that her abstract of title for 1707 W. Bijou carried the name of A. Z. Sheldon, subject of our October meeting. He proved up 160 acres, granted to him by the Federal government.

We have more confirmation of the cable bridge from Westside Memories, which noted how many pedestrians and bicyclists used the bridge one day in Oct., 1916.

MEETING JAN
THIS
MONTH 8

11 am at Trinity U. M. Church, 1920 North 20th
Located just west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center
To make or cancel luncheon reservations, please phone
LYN OWEN, 473-1846 You may leave a message
at any time.

MEETING FEB
NEXT
MONTH 12

ROLL ☒ CALL

from our last meeting:

We had one of our best December turnouts with 36 present at the Westside Intergenerational Center.

Members who signed in were:

Jo Alden	Scott Hogg
Kay Arnold	Joyce Johns
Sally Brawner	Madeline Keas
Vera Chambon	Jan Knox
Ralph Conner	Dorothy McGlasson
Virginia Cox	Helen Michelson
John Croff	Lyn Owen
Lucille Cunningham	Pat Patton
Lucile Ellis	Jim Rogers
George Fisher	Virginia Rogers
Veda Goosman	Harriet Seibel
Eileen Graham	B. E. Tillotson
David Harr	Jean Tillotson
Shirley Harr	Bud Walker
Marjorie Harris	Jo Walker
Catherine Henderson	

Ann Hiskey

Pat Bonser Walters
Bessie Wreath

VISITORS AND GUESTS

Art Crawford

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TREASURER'S REPORT

John Croff, Treasurer

Assets as of Dec. 10, 1992

PP Nat'l (Checking acct)	102,770.25
PP Nat'l (Certif of Dep)	12,856.40
World Savings (Cert of Dep)	41,183.57

Total assets Dec. 10, 1992 156,810.18

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES

Ralph Conner, Secretary

Expenses to 1/1/93

Norton Off Supplies (152 envs)	21.81
Postage: 151 NL's+ 2 at 23¢	44.25
Add'l envs	.18
Misc. postage: visitor NL's, response to inquiries, etc.	4.01
Negs and plate for Jan NL	22.04
Total due Sec'y as of 1/1/93	92.29

Historic Trivia

Were they really the "good old days"? Some recollections from Luther McKnight, shared with Ralph Conner.

There were no restrooms in Bancroft school or the High School annex beside it; toilet facilities were in a shed on Pikes Peak Ave. There were a drinking fountain and basin in the high school lobby.

When First Methodist Church was at 22nd and Pikes Peak, it also lacked sanitary facilities. Bathroom was available in the parsonage across the alley to the north.

WESTWORD

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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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