WEST Old Colorado City Historical Society WORD

FEBRUARY 1995

RENOVATION BEGINS

All that activity at 24th Street and Pikes Peak Avenue means that the historic renovation and restoration of the Society's future home is well under way.

At this time, the important work is directed toward making the exterior shell both sound and weather-tight. Fortunately, the weather is being cooperative, so that delays due to winter weather have been minimized.

By the time that you receive this issue, we expect that the walls will be insulated and the new siding completed. Also, the re-roofing is well along, and soon we can expect that this building, which has been altered many times during its life, will again have a 'new look'. Maybe this is back to the future?

Of course, there will be much work yet to be done: windows, doors, balconies and such, before this staid old building will look as it did of yore. If you are curious, drop on by, and have a look at history in the remaking. Better yet, make a contribution - your society can sure use it!

Chuck Geiss

BRIAN LEVINE VISITS OCCHS

Cripple Creek Historian and Author is February Speaker

Brian Levine will present the program at the next OCCHS meeting to be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street (just west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 1995.

Mr. Levine is a third generation Coloradoan. He was born in Denver in 1955, and graduated from the University of Colorado in 1977. He has studied the history of Cripple Creek for 16 years, researched Colorado mining history for over 10 years, and has written 6 books on the Cripple Creek Gold Mining District.

His newly published book *CRIPPLE CREEK: CITY of INFLUENCE* - *"An Excursion into the Historic Heart of Colorado's Greatest Gold Camp"* will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Brian Levine has been the Historic Preservation Director for the City of Cripple Creek for the past three years. Previously he worked for the Cripple Creek District Museum, and the Victor/Lowell Thomas Museum. He has been involved with the preservation of historic artifacts and buildings for the past fifteen years.

Following the program, luncheon will be served at $5.00 per person. Reservations are due by February 7, 1995. Call Lyn Owen at 473-1846. Please give your name and phone number clearly when leaving a message for Lyn.

Jan Knox

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MISSION

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

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are welcome at any time, and are renewed in April. Members receive the *West Word* and local members are phoned prior to the meeting if desired.

Annual memberships classifications are as follows:

Golden(65+).....$5	Family.....$15
Golden Family.....$9	Donor.....$25
Individual..... $10	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 membership. 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 11:00 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except during June, July and August. The public is welcome; reservations are not required.

Reservations are required for the luncheon following the meeting. Luncheon cost is usually $5 per person.

Please phone **Lyn Owen** at **473-1846** by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. You may leave a message at any time. If you find you cannot attend, please call to cancel.

MEETING THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY 10, 1995

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
701 NORTH 20th STREET
(JUST WEST OF UINTAH GARDENS)

NEXT MEETING - MARCH 10, 1995

ROLL CALL

MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING 1/13/1995
45 members and 5 visitors signed in at our last meeting.

Kay Arnold
Doris Baab
Betty Baker
Ed Bathke
Nancy Bathke
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Bud Walker
Jo Walker
Marty Walker
Hazel Wright

VISITORS

David S. Heidler
Jeanne T. Heidler
Fumi Mugishima
Doris Morland
Lois Sullivan

Treasury Report

DISBURSEMENTS & RECEIPTS 1/1/94 - 12/31/94

Building Project	6,247.68
Endowment Fund	1,340.00
Memberships	1,348.00
PPNB Interest	83.23
Fund Raising	9,989.09
T-shirts, Johns	390.00
Refund, Band Charges	25.83
Accounting/Legal	325.00
Bank Charges	104.48
Events	1,421.19
Taxes/licenses	315.16
Guest Lunches	50.00
Grant Applications	175.51
Museum expenses	377.23
Office supplies	521.92
Postage - routine	131.33
- newsletter	544.11
P.O. Box & permit	167.50
Printing - Annuals	1,090.00
- Brochures	170.00
- Newsletter	855.26
Computer Printer	301.87
Building - Architect	1,638.89
- Insurance	2,264.99
- Maintenence/repairs	354.29
Invest (World/Fitters FCU)	4,185.16

MAIL BOX

Dear West Word,

A change that out-of-town members will notice when they re-visit Old Colorado City is the disappearance of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad tracks which paralleled Highway 24 and Cucharras Street.

Until last month, the tracks crossed 21st Street just south of Cucharras, and ended in a lot between 22nd and 23rd Streets. Originally, the D&RG Colorado City depot (see last month's *West Word*) was at the southwest corner of 22nd and Cucharras, and the tracks proceeded on to Manitou Springs along Cucharras.

The late Luther McKnight called the Society's attention late in 1985 to the fact that the D&RG had parked a tank car on the tracks west of 21st with a label calling for delivery of denatured alcohol to the Conoco bulk plant in "Old Colorado City, Colorado." The railroad made no use of the tracks in more recent years.

Ralph Conner
Colorado City

Write West Word with your comments, suggestions and memories. Please mail to:

Paul Idleman
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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

West Word **welcomes your involvement.** We need volunteers to work events and serve on committees. There are many projects and activities to choose from. OCCHS is growing rapidly and accomplishing many wonderful things. Please call if you can help.

Marty Walker
630-3901

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

On October 13, 1913 at 7:50 A.M., W.C. Dotterer, O.W. Stewart and O.E. Hart left Colorado Springs on an automobile excursion to Glenwood Springs and return. The local newspaper wrote of their journey after their return on October 18th. They reported the mountain roads to be in excellent condition and the scenery unsurpassed. The actual traveling time was less than two days each way and they made many stops to take photographs. With a 30-minute delay for tire trouble and a few delays after turning on the wrong roads, they had perfect weather except for some cold wind and rain returning from Canon City to home. Many of their exquisite photographs documenting their trip are now part of the OCCHS Collections, including this photograph of one of the men setting up his camera at the Glenwood Hot Springs. Glenwood Canon, Eagle River Canon, Leadville, Clear Creek and Twin Lakes are documented in this collection of finely-crafted photos. After filling the gas tank in Colorado Springs, they purchased a total of $1.20 worth of gas in four locations to complete their journey.

OCCHS RECEIVES EL POMAR GRANT

The Old Colorado City Historical Society is well on its way to renovating its History Center thanks to the El Pomar Foundation. El Pomar has given us a $20,000 grant for our interior renovation. President Lucille Cunninham received the grant check on January 30th. Thank you, El Pomar. This certainly gets us much closer to our budgeted goal. We still have great interest in matching grants from several sources. Even with the assistance from generous sources, we still have the formidle task of raising an additional $22,000. The OCCHS has always welcomed challenges head on and succeeded. This will be no exception.

Clashing Cultures Led to Chehaw and Sand Creek Massacres

Our program at our general meeting on January 13th was presented by Dr. David Stephen Heidler, who is currently editing an encyclopedia on the War of 1812, scheduled for publication in 1996. He is also working with his wife, Jeanne, also a historian, on a study of the First Seminole War to complete a draft for a book to be published by Stackpole in 1996.

Dr. Heidler tied his case study of the 1818 Chehaw Incident in the First Seminole War, which occurred in Georgia, to the Sand Creek massacre on November 29, 1864, near the borders of Kansas and Colorado, by Fort Lyon. The tie is that both battles were against Indians under an American flag. Eastern perception at that time formulated future attitudes about the Western frontier, via dime novels and by Hollywood westerns — good Cowboys and bad Indians. The trend of the last few years has been reversed, again, by books and movies.

Sand Creek was a milepost of the West, Dr. Heidler continued, and was the most infamous massacre of White assault on the Indians. It was a frontier event of clashing culture. The 1858-59 gold rush in the Pikes Peak region was like that in California ten years earlier. Whites collided with Indians because of land use. In the early 1860s, this was an untamed frontier. In 1861, regular soldiers were pulled for other duties and there was not much law and order. In 1863-64, the Indians were starving, and being short of food, they stole cattle.

Black Kettle and his Cheyenne camp thought they were in a time of peace with, and protection under, the Whites, but Colonel John M. Chivington, the Fighting Parson, thought otherwise. Black Kettle had both a white flag and a Stars and Stripes over his lodge to indicate his peaceable nature, but Chivington raided the camp and killed everyone. Chivington had given the order that there were to be no prisoners. *"Nothing lives long except the earth and the mountains,"* were Black Kettle's words as he was shot where he knelt. Following the massacre of about 125, the soldiers mutilated the bodies of the men, women and children.

To Chivington's surprise, the general public was outraged by Sand Creek after the revelry died down, regardless of the conflicting reports of fewer deaths. Congressional hearings were held later which condemned Chivington's actions. He was allowed to resign his commission without being punished. The month and a half trial in the Colorado Territory had hundreds of witnesses and was even accented by a murder. Later, he went back to Denver to serve as a Deputy Sheriff and was hailed by some citizens as one known to "understand the Cheyennes".

In Georgia, in April of 1818, the same thing had happened. Andrew Jackson had invaded Florida. The Chehaw Indians had even supplied Jackson's campaign and kept them from starving. Orders had been given to Captain Obed Wright of the Georgia militia to control the Creek Indians. Wright went into the Chehaw village and stopped. There were no Creeks there, but he solicited trouble and shot, scalped and burned houses for two hours. Ten Chehaws were actually killed, but Wright claimed that sixty-five were killed.

The early frontier was no Eden. The Indians were no savages, but actually a diverse group. As Dr. Heidler continued, these were not isolated incidents, but part of frontier life. In conclusion, he said that some questions are better left unanswered.

Marty Walker

Kay Arnold, Jeanne Heidler, David Heidler, Marty Walker and Jan Knox visited after Dr. Heidler spoke at our January luncheon. David and Jeanne became members of the Old Colorado City Historical Society after their visit.

WESTSIDE MEMORIES

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

One Hundred Years Ago
FEBRUARY 1895

. For the portion of the fiscal year ending December 31, 1894, the Town of Colorado City had expenditures of $10,400 and a balance on hand of about $2,000, as reported at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.

. Mr. E. Harris Jewett has sold the Midland Hardware company stock of goods to Mr. John Gray of this city. Mr. Gray is well known and has been in charge of the tin shop of the Midland Hardware for the past 2 years. We wish him success in his new business venture.

. S. F. Snoddy has taken out a license for a job and garbage wagon and proposes to do work of this kind, promptly and at a reasonable price. See him when you have work of this kind to attend to.

. Colorado Springs people "point with pride" to the stream sent skyward from the broken water main near the Monument bridge and inform tourists that it is one of the great mineral springs after which their town is named. But they will fix it up next spring and perpetuate the imposition.

. It was 18 degrees below zero Tuesday (2/12) morning at daylight.

. Marshal Dana has a strike on his hands. The members of the chain gang have refused to work. The food provided for this is not fit to eat. The city pays 14 1/2 cents for each meal but the men complain that there is not half enough for them. Some of the meat was referred to the meat inspector and he will investigate the whole matter.

. A broken trolley cable delayed the street cars on the Colorado City line four hours Tuesday morning. Zero temperatures stretched the wire until it snapped.

. School opened Monday morning after being closed two weeks on account of scarlet fever. No new cases have been reported for several days.

. The boys in the Midland train service are enjoying an enforced vacation caused by a lack of business.

. The Mineral Springs Hotel located a short distance above the Soda Springs at Manitou on the street leading to Ute Pass was burned to the ground early Tuesday morning. Loss: $18,000; insured: $1800. The property belong to Dr. A. G. Lewis. The hydrants near the hotel were frozen.

. A big team belonging to the Artificial Ice company of Colorado Springs ran away up Colorado avenue Thursday. They were stopped near Stockbridge's corner.

. The College Volunteer Missionary club will conduct services at the Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

. Colorado City wants a common sense business administration. She has had her fill of "reform" that in reality was the worst form of corruption. It was stated at the "law and order" meeting the other night that the town had a balance in the treasury. How much would the Town have if the judgement against it was paid?

Seventy-five Years Ago
FEBRUARY 1920

. The open winter has made it possible for the El Paso county commissioners to keep nine road gangs at work all winter. In Ute pass the county has a large force of men at work repairing the walls along the canon. They will widen a great part of the road from Manitou to Cascade before the summer season opens. The greatest trouble in the pass now is replacing the rocks in the retaining walls that the tourists seem to get a great deal of pleasure during the summer from rolling the large rocks down into the canon.

. S. E. Williams, 2210 West Bijou street, has been on the sick list the past couple of days. He is about able to take his regular place in the busy world.

. Fred C. Graves, a pioneer west side grocer, died at 1:00 this afternoon (2/4) at his residence, 44 North Eleventh street.

. L. H. Coates, from Milan, Kan., has taken a lease of one year on the McIntosh store building at 2514 Colorado avenue. He announces that he will open a hardware and paint store.

. The Lutz Garment factory, being established in the Smith building at 2611 West Colorado avenue will be operating by the end of the month, making overalls and working garments. Close to 40 girls will be employed.

. Due to the influenza epidemic all Colorado Springs schools will close indefinitely (2/5).

. Mrs. Mary Giesing, 2724 West Pikes Peak avenue, is having her property in Ramona repaired preparatory to occupying it about March 1.

. Mr. and Mrs George McDonald have purchased the Birdsall residence at 2516 Pikes Peak avenue.

. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph R. Riley, 2316 West Pikes Peak avenue, are the parents of a daughter, born last Friday (2/3).

. Fred G. Burkhardt, has purchased the Sommers interest in the Market company at 2502 Colorado avenue and will continue the partnership with Mike Dea.

. Dr. E. B. Fanning is making extensive improvements on the property he recently purchased at 2309 West Bijou.

. One-cent postage for local, or drop letters was approved today by the U. S. Senate Post office committee (2/20).

. A. G. Perry has started work on his new bungalow at the corner of Twenty-third and Pikes Peak avenue.

Fifty Years Ago
FEBRUARY 1945

. West Jr. High's PTA's meeting on Thursday will be dedicated to Founder's day. The girls and boys will display and give interesting talks on their hobbies. Piano selections will be by Charles Day, a former student.

. Rev. H. W. Dahl, home missionary, doing missionary work in and around Meeker, Colo., will fill the pulpit at Bethany Baptist church for morning and evening services Sunday.

. Due to a new fall of snow on Pikes Peak, the highway will not be open to Glen Cove today for skiing enthusiasts. Civilian drivers must use only cars that bear "A" gasoline stickers next Sunday, when the courses are expected to be in good condition.

. Pfc. Julius W. "Jake" Cobb, son of Mrs. Mandell Cobb, 2316 W. Bijou, has been rescued from a Japanese prison

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TRANSITION

Carl T. "Chilly" Chilcott died January 9, 1995, at 84. He was a charter member of the Old Colorado City Historical Society, a past president and honorary member of the El Paso County Pioneers' Association, founding president of the Pikes Peak Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and belonged to other historic, veterans', and honorary organizations.

He was born February 15, 1910 in Miami, Missouri to Thomas J. and Pearl H. (Blackburn) Chilcott. He came here in 1922 and attended local schools and Colorado College.

He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery following services at Trinity United Methodist Church which included a Masonic ceremony and graveside military honors by a VFW chapter. Carl had retired from the U.S. Postal Service, had worked for the County Department of Social Services and served in the army in World War II.

He is survived by OCCHS member Bertha Faucette Chilcott whom he married in 1980; son Thomas of Florence; daughter Roseayrah of Colorado Springs; stepsons John E. Crawford of Tempe, AZ, and Richard Crawford of Santa Fe, NM; stepdaughter Susan Crawford of Colorado Springs; two grandsons and five stepgrandchildren. He married Bertha in 1980 following the death of his first wife, Mildred Middlesworth.

Carl participated actively in historic affairs, mobilizing opposition, for example, when efforts were made to change the name of the Colorado Springs' Pioneers Museum.

He was the grand-nephew of George M. Chilcott, who came to Colorado in 1859 and was heavily involved in early territorial and state politics. He served as representative from the electorial district of El Paso, Pueblo and Fremont counties. He campaigned aggressively for statehood and other needs as territorial representaive to the national legislature. (See *West Word*, May 1, 1991.)

Ralph Conner

NEXT MEETING
March 10, 1995

Welcome New Members

The OCCHS membership is increasing every month. We welcome our newest members and would like to introduce them to you.

Colleen Cassell of Colorado Springs is "The Hat Lady" and the great-granddaughter of Joel Estes. Estes Park was named after her great-grandfather and he was the Editor for the *Rocky Mountain News*. Writer Beverly Diehl has joined our group. Beverly has authored books, screenplays and historical biography. Welcome to Suzanne and Christopher Kall of Colorado Springs. Cindy Keffe came to Colorado in 1979 from southern Illinois. She works at the Gazette Telegraph in real estate news.

Welcome to Doris and Wilbur Wolf. Doris and Wilbur are very active with the Pikes Peak Posse of the Westerners. Doris is current Past President of that historical organization. The couple have a wheat farm near Fountain. Doris, a native of Colorado Springs, has taught music, is volunteer for the BLM, and has written two books, Phantom Canyon and Gold Camp Road.

We also welcome many new members from places far away. Hello to Mrs. Margaret Edwards of Henderson, KY; Howard B. Goff of Salida; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helmuth, Buena Vista; Frances Stark-Cripe from Riverside, CA; and Pat Stark-Jacobs, Tigard, OR. Many Society members enjoyed our visit from Baby Doe Tabor last October. Baby Doe enjoyed visiting us, too, and Melva Touchette has joined the OCCHS.

Kay Arnold

NOTES FROM THE BAG LADY

Let's hear it for Ken Lovell, M.D., Dooley Arts and Tangles Hair Salon! They all have made a contributions to our building fund.

To "do" is to act. "Due" tells us what is owed. Scooby-dooby-do is ....oh, never mind. What's important is that your mailing label on West Word tells you when you last paid dues, kind of like a magazine subscription label. If that stirs you to action without my sending out notices, it would be great. Thaveth me licking all thoth thampth.

Mary Jo Wallace

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camp in the Philippines by daring American Ranger and Filipino guerrillas. He enlisted in the Air Corps in October, 1940 and landed in Manila, November 25, 1941. Mrs. Cobb has four other sons in the service.

- The Midland improvement society will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gemmill, 602 25th St. Tuesday.

- Sgt. Waldo Dyck, of 1811 W. Colorado Ave., is now serving in France. Sgt. Dyck and W. R. Weeden are owners of the West End Furniture company

Twenty Five Years Ago
FEBRUARY 1970

- Charles M. Kurtz, 72, 2928 W. Pikes Peak Ave., died (2/13). He was born in Denver in 1898 and had been a resident of the area for 40 years. He was a retired pool hall owner and operator and was affiliated with the Westside Commercial club.

- Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schmidt, 3019 W. Bijou, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 28th.

Miramont Castle Museum & Conference Center

Red Herring Productions **Present..**

Murder at Miramont Castle

A dinner theater Benefit for the Old Colorado City History Center.

1 S. 24th St., Old Colorado City

March 24th 7:00 P.M.

Tickets $33 ($15 tax deductable donation to the Old Colorado City Historical Society.)
Available at:
The Book Sleuth
2513 W. Colorado Ave
Colorado Springs CO 80904
By Mail, O.C.C.H.S.
1 S. 24th St
Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319
Attention: TICKETS
Make checks payable to O.C.C.H.S.
Tel: (719) 689-2355 or (719) 630-7578
Space Limited to 50 Guests

MURDER AT MIRAMONT CASTLE

A benefit dinner theater production by Miramont Castle Museum and Conference Center and Red Herring Productions will be held on Friday, March 24, 1995 at Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs. The murder mystery requires the audience members to participate in the staged events and determine who-done-it.

Proceeds will go to the Old Colorado City History Center Building Fund. Tickets are $33.00 each, $15.00 of which is a tax deductible donation. There are only fifty tickets available. They may be purchased at The Book Sleuth (the mystery book store at 2513 W. Colorado Ave.); by mail:

O.C.C.H.S.
1. S. 24th Street
Colorado Springs, 80904
Attn: Tickets

or by calling Lucille at 630-7578 or Jan at 689-2355. Please make checks payable to O.C.C.H.S.);

OCCHS NEWS

WEST SIDE RECIPE XCHANGE

Recipes are being collected for a cookbook, publication date tentatively set for Fall, 1995. It is hoped that members and west side residents will contribute family history information and the history behind the recipes they contribute. We think the cookbook will be of particular interest as an item "For Sale" in the History Center's future "Book/Gift Shop". Send your recipes and family data to:

O.C.C.H.S
1 S. 24th Street
Colorado Springs, 80904
Attn: Kay Arnold
Recipe Xchange Chairman

The above title is tentative, suggestions for a title are welcome. If assistance is needed with family research to go with your recipe, please call Jan Knox at 689-2355. For recipe information, call Kay Arnold at 633-2592.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 11th marks the day of the Old Colorado City St. Patrick's Day Parade. It will begin at noon. Our position is not yet known. We will be using the trolley again this year.

We will need volunteers in Victorian costume to march or ride in the parade. In addition, Lance will need help with the assembly and dismantling of the float. If you can help, please call Lance or Lee Michaels at 632-7548.

START LOOKING FOR TREASURES

Save up your donations 'til two weeks before the sale date. These should be true treasures, clean, attractive, practical), and in working order. You could also put a non-permanent suggested price on it. Vintage clothing ok — also museum-quality items (which may or may not be sold — request your preference). Sign up to volunteer time to assist with pricing, making signs, table-sitting, setup and takedown. Plan to bring your lunch or snack. Beverages and desserts will be in the sunny kitchen! Fundraisers Co-Chairs - Kay Arnold & Jan Knox.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We were greatly saddened by the death of several people recently. Beloved member, Carl Chilcott, passed away recently as did William Viekman of the Pikes Peak Historical Street Railway Foundation. Our condolences to both families. They will be missed.

The Old Colorado City Historical Society currently has 250 members. Thanks for joining. We are working on a current roster of members and hope to have that to everyone soon.

A special thanks to the following: Ed Bathke for serving as chairman of the Technology Committee. Other members serving on the committee were David Hughes, Owen Knox and Paul Idleman.

Betty Baker has our gratitude for role as Chair of the Mailing Committee. Jessie King, Virginia Cox, Rose Slusher and Mary Jo Walker serve as committee members. They assemble our mailings, including the *West Word,* and prepare everything for bulk mailing. No easy task. Thank you so much.

Kay Arnold deserves our thanks for serving in a variety of ways. She will serve as Cookbook Chairperson and will also interview new members so that we can introduce them to the Society in our *West Word* newsletter.

Lee and Lance Michels will Chair our St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Thank you very much.

One of the largest responsibilities of our Society in the accessioning of our collections. We are very fortunate to have the talents and dedication of Lilliane Ross, Joyce Johns, Dorothy McGlasson, Virginia Cox, Ralph Conner and (sometimes) Paul Idleman in getting this overwhelming task accomplished. Ralph Conner donates his 21st Street warehouse space free of charge to the Historical Society in order that we can collect the artifacts, accession and store them. Thank you all so much.

At the Board Meeting of the Old Colorado City Historical Society held Friday, January 20th, two people were elected to fill the unexpired term of Vera Chambon and John Croff. Four resumes were presented for consideration. Both terms expire this coming May. We congratulate Paul Idleman and Betty Baker on their election to the Board.

Lucille Cunningham

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