WEST Old Colorado City Historical Society WORD

MARCH/APRIL 1995

MUSIC ON THE SANTA FE

Mark L. Gardner presented the program at our general meeting. Gardner received a Bachelor of Science degree in History and Journalism in 1983 from Northwest Missouri State University and a Master of Arts degree in American Studies in 1985 from the University of Wyoming.

Mr. Gardner has been a freelance historian and writer since 1991 and is an accomplished musician. Previously, he was Site Administrator for the Colorado Historical Society's Baca and Bloom House in Trinidad, Colorado; a seasonal interpreter at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia, Arrow Rock State Historic Site in Missouri, and Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site.

A few of his many magazine articles and books are: **Brothers on the Santa Fe and Chihuahua Trails: Edward James Glasgow and William Henry Glasgow, 1846-1848**. **Elbert County: Window to the Past**. **The Mexican Road: Trade, Travel and Confrontation on the Santa Fe Trail**. **"We're Bound Away: Popular Music and Instruments of the Fur Trade Era."** **"Fort Scott: Where Reenactors and Park Service Meet"**.

Currently he and Dr. Marc Simmons are co-editing a work on the correspondence of a soldier in General Stephen Watts Kearny's Army of the West during the Mexican War, to be published by the University of Nebraska Press. He is also under contract with the National Park Service to produce a study on

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THE DITCH THAT BUILT A CITY

OUR APRIL PROGRAM

Dr. Curt Poulton, will present the program at the next OCCHS meeting to be held at Trinity Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street (just west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 1995.

He will present a program on the old El Paso Canal, an 11 1/2 mile ditch whose headgate was Fountain Creek in Old Colorado City and whose terminus was, appropriately, Evergreen Cemetery.

General Palmer had the Canal dug to provide water for the irrigation ditches that ran along the home lots he was trying to sell in what is now downtown Colorado Springs and the Colorado College area. The Canal began operating on November 28, 1872.

Dr. Poulton came to Colorado Springs in late 1973 from St. Paul, Minn. He was recruited by Enresco Inc. as a design engineer for irrigation equipment. He became interested in western water rights and feels very strongly that we cannot take our water resources for granted. He has always been interested in history

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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:

Individual.....$10
Family.....$15
Lifetime.....$150

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

APRIL 14, 1995

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

NEXT MEETING - MAY 12, 1995

Treasury Report

INCOME	1 Year Memberships	2,500.00
	Lifetime Memberships	600.00
	Checking Account Interest	75.00
	Contributions - Endowment	1,000.00
	Contributions - Building Fund	5,000.00
	Fund Raisers	14,584.00
	Sales of Foods	7,000.00
EXPENSE	Accounting/Corporate Report	225.00
	Building - Architect	900.00
	- Insurance	3,500.00
	- Maintenance & Repairs	500.00
	- Utilities	1,800.00
	Fund Raising - Advertising	900.00
	- Taxes, License, Fees	215.00
	- Displays, Supplies	200.00
	- Wagon Driver	650.00
	- Cookies, etc.	3,500.00
	Grant Applications	100.00
	Meetings - Guest meals	90.00
	- Speaking Fees	300.00
	Museum - Supplies, copier, etc.	1,250.00
	- Computer	2,000.00
	Newsletter - (print/postage)	1,800.00
	Bulk Mailing Permit	150.00
	Other Postage	300.00
	Office supplies/phone	400.00
	Brochure/printing	200.00
	Promotional expense	300.00
	Invest Donated Endowment	6,600.00

APPROVED BY THE BOARD 2/17/95 - MJW

LET'S TALK ABOUT MONEY

by Mary Jo Wallace

Can we talk?

Oh, oh ...YOO HOO! Come on back ...it's **your** money we're talking about here, and your continuing interest in our Society.

I want to call your attention to our proposed budget for 1995 printed above, and particularly to the cost of printing and mailing our popular ***West Word***. For several years it has cost more than the membership fees received and, of course, postage has gone up (you can see what's coming, can't you?) as well as printing costs. The bulk mailing permit helps, but not enough.

The bad news is that, effective this date, all single memberships will be $10.00, families $15.00. The good news is that lifetime memberships have been reduced to $150.00 as it's obvious that the former $250.00 fee was not well received. The $10-$15 fees will just barely cover projected costs, and it is our sincere hope that this increase won't cause any of our valuable members to leave us. The increase is just a practical matter of dollars ...and sense.

While we're on the subject of budget, one item to note

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MAIL BOX

Dear West Word,

We don't come to the meetings but sure enjoy the *West Word.* I'm enclosing our dues for the next year plus $1.50 for a copy of the membership directory. Keep up the good work.

Retta Atwell
Colorado Springs, CO

Dear West Word,

Catching and gathering up the past 100 or more years takes time and more work than anticipated. Congratulations to all of you for keeping your project moving along.

G.E. Sutton
Wichita, KS

West Word welcomes your comments, complaints, suggestions and memories. Articles, stories and photographs are also encouraged.

Please mail to:

Paul Idleman
1939 Giltshire Drive
Colorado Springs, CO
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OCCHS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Old Colorado City Historical Society 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 or need further information.

Marty Walker
630-3901

LET'S TALK ABOUT MONEY

OCCHS is growing rapidly

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is the fact that much is hoped for from our area merchants perhaps as much as $5,000.00. This is based on a mailing of 1000 requests. (Could use some help on this project!)

As mentioned several times, El Pomar and other grant people cannot understand why we have not had more support with money for our restoration project from our members. Although we have had some success with grants, and we will be working with local merchants and banks, can it be that our members are holding back in case grants, etc. will pay for the whole kit and kaboodle? By November we must meet a challenge grant with $22,000.00 or lose the grant. That works out to $86.27 for each adult member, admittedly a lot of money for a number of people.

Perhaps you could help us out on our fund-raising efforts. The IRS looks kindly on donations to projects such as ours, but donors can also pat themselves on the back for preserving our history for future generations as well as becoming part of our on-going history.

Fundraising success may be holding some of you back, but please note that this year's profits were needed to meet on-going expenses in connection with the Society as well as the History Center. Some people have been critical of 'Fund Raisers' as being "undignified" or some such. Look where we would be, or rather, **not** be, without that money. Try to think of fund raisers as "start-up" expenses any new business might incur on its way to success. Hopefully, fund raisers will be a rarity in a few years. (Did you know that 10 Board members, 3 husbands, and a handful of loyalists spent more that 4,000 hours in 1994 on various OCCHS projects? Sure was fun, though, to see the success of everyone's efforts!)

That's it in a nutshell, friends. We are on a roll, the pace of efforts is accelerating, our goal is on the horizon. Not only that, our many-headed ...er, hatted vice-president, **Jan Knox**, has planned some spiffy membership meeting programs for us this year. And we gained nine new members just last month. WOW!!!

Finally, as always, your Board welcomes any and all new suggestions regarding programs, fund raising, membership drives, community education, more member participation in more areas, ***West Word*** articles, whatever...

The soapbox is all yours.

VOLUNTEER

From The President's Desk

by Lucille Cunningham

Many duties lie before us as we continue to progress with the History Center. The exterior should be completed early this spring; the final planning of interior details being done. Plans are being made for Territory Days. May is also the time for election of officers to your board. Persons wishing to serve on the board should make their intent known to me.

Dorothy Myers donated to the Historical Society several items belonging to the late **Mrs. Inestine Roberts.** Mrs. Roberts is the lady who died several years ago on the peak she loved so well. Items donated were several pictures of Mrs. Roberts at the Nature Study Camp sponsored by the Huerfano Group of the Colorado Mountain Club, a 1936 program for the *Pikes Peak or Bust* Celebration and a book by Robert Ormes, **Guide To Colorado Mountains**. Thank you so much, Dorothy.

Owen Knox has written another, applying to Hewlett-Packard for items which would help automate some of the society's functions. Thanks so much, Owen, for all the grant writing you do. It appears you are an expert at the task.

The following directors are up for election: **Paul Idleman**, **Betty Baker**, **Orrin Haynes**, and **Joyce Johns**. They have either served their two year term or are finishing a term for a director who has resigned. Several vacancies will need to be filled at election time. We welcome anyone wanting to serve to notify the election chairman, **Bud Walker** (633-6098). We need people to serve who have skills they feel will benefit the organization. Our membership is increasing at a tremendous rate.

The accession room and storage room are being readied at the History Center. Moving the artifacts and setting up the accession area should be completed by the 15th of April. The work on this project is being done by **Owen Knox** with help from **Chuck Geiss**, **Don Paddock** and **Mark Cunningham**. Pryor Floors did the sanding and finishing of the oak floors.

The Board is working on developing policy on the various aspects of the organization. Good policy helps to make for good governing and does help to expedite business. Job descriptions are necessary now that there are so many committees being established. Job descriptions help to promote a good relationship between people.

Recipes are beginning to arrive at my office for the Cookbook Committee. Keep them coming. **Kay Arnold** heads up this committee and is an expert at putting something like this together.

Many Fundraising Events Planned

by Jan Knox

As you can see by the budget that the OCCHS Board passed on February 17, 1995, we need to raise $15,000 + in 1995 to support the Society's expenses mostly connected with our History Center. We also need to raise over $25,000 to finish paying for the interior renovation.

Events in the planning stages: 1.) **Territory Days** May 27, 28, 29 (Memorial weekend), contact **Bud Walker** at 633-6098 if you can help, in addition to "workers", Bud is looking for someone willing to oversee the entire event. We have added pretzels, pop and "buffalo chips" to the items we're "selling" this year, so if you can "work" a two hour shift or more please contact Bud. 2.) **Victorian Tea and Fashion Show at Briarhurst Manor** on Sunday afternoon June 11, **Rita Wilhelm**, owner of Seasons Past, a made-to-order vintage clothing business who also happens to be President of one of our sister organizations, the Pikes Peak Historical Society will put on the Fashion Show for us (12 models are needed); 3.) **"Treasure" Sale** - to be held one or two Saturdays, probably July 1 and 8 in conjunction with the Farmer's Market, (this event date depends on the availability of the History Center as a storage site and work center, but save your household miscellaneous, furniture and books for us, if you MUST get rid of items before June, please contact **Kay Arnold** at 633-2592 or **Jan Knox** at 689-2355. Magazines, shoes and clothes will NOT be accepted for this year's "Treasure" Sale.

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Brian Levine Entertains and Educates Large Audience

Brian Levine was our guest speaker on Friday, February 10th, at our general meeting. We were very fortunate to have him share his research on Cripple Creek and Colorado mining history with us. The program began and ended in a question and answer session.

Mr. Levine is not observing from the outside. He has studied Cripple Creek history for 16 years and has been the Historic Preservation Director for the City of Cripple Creek for three years. In addition, Brian has spent ten years researching Colorado mining history. He has written six books on Cripple Creek and the Gold Mining District.

The author of **Cripple Creek: City of Influence**, published by the Historic Preservation Department of the City of Cripple Creek. The book covers the history of the area and shows the history that is available and tangible today in this National Historic Landmark area. His work is commendable and the work is engaging from introduction to bibliography. Wonderful photographs throughout make this work a valuable addition to any book collection. The photography was done by Joe Vanderwalker.

As the introduction of the book states, "*This... publication is meant to put on display the history behind the architectural detail, give meaning and substance to the importance of preserving the historic fabric of Cripple Creek. By connecting the actual facts and stories of Cripple Creek's historic characters with existing historic buildings, new life and intrigue are breathed into all that old brick, stone and wood.*"

Included in the 150-page book is a walking/driving tour that does so much to encourage appreciation of the history of Cripple Creek, not to mention to entertain the simply curious who pass by the Queen Anne homes, miners' shacks, or find themselves at the Midland Terminal Depot (which is now the Cripple Creek District Museum).

Mr. Levine was available to sign copies of his book and answer more questions after the close of the meeting.

by Marty Walker

photo by Paul Idleman

Brian Levine, Historic Preservation Director for Cripple Creek, enlightened and entertained our February general meeting. After presenting many wonderful stories from the history of that mining town, Brian autographed copies of his book, **Cripple Creek: City of Influence**, for our members and guests.

Harriet Seibel's History of Schools Again Available

Author Gary Street's New Book on CC Tiger Football

A History of the Colorado Springs Schools, District 11, published in 1975 by OCCHS member, retired teacher, **Harriet Seibel**, is available for sale again. The 104-page booklet begins with early Colorado history and the first school in Colorado City in 1862 (formerly School District 1). It is an authentic history of the old school buildings, many of which have slipped into oblivion. Harriet compiled the information by going through old records, manuscripts and newspapers and by piecing together bits of information given by many of the early-day residents who attended these schools. The book is $3.50 and is available from Jan Knox at 689-2355 and will be available at Territory Days and our future Book & Gift Shop. Harriet is donating a portion of the proceeds from each book sale to the History Center Building Fund.

New on the bookshelves is **A History of Colorado College Tiger Football** by KVOR AM 1300 news

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Music on the Santa Fe

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wagon types used on the Santa Fe Trail, 1821-1880.

Mr. Gardner gave background history of the Santa Fe Trail and its international trade, beginning in 1821. He performed many songs from various time periods, continuing through frontier life, and highlighting the impact music had along the Santa Fe Trail and the Civil War. The songs he performed were mainly those of music that came from the East to the West, however, since the rich culture of the Southwest is, yet, another subject The songs chosen came from part of his research, studying diaries and journals of Missouri traders that went down The Trail.

He played historic tunes on three banjos, each representing a different time period. The most modern banjo was demonstrated first, the Bluegrass style of the 1940s, using rhythmic and "machine-gun" pattern of playing. Next to be demonstrated was the the classic style, simulating guitar playing. Following this was the 1840s stroke style, which is produced by striking down on the strings.

The tunes of the Santa Fe Trail from the homes in Missouri came from influences of not only Virginia and the Carolinas, but also the fiddle tunes and ballads of ancestors from the British Isles, mainly jigs and reels. Mr. Gardner pointed out that the fiddle was the most popular instrument on the frontier. Stories and songs centered on Western trail music, even a minute sample of the bawdy, and battle tunes were presented.

Mr. Gardner also demonstrated the Bones, a percussion instrument which "clacks" together, whose origin dates back to ancient Egypt. Last of all, he demonstrated the juice harp and harmonica, an all-around instrument of the 1860s.

Thanks, Mark, for your entertaining presentation.

by Marty Walker

The Ditch That Built a City

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which continued through college. Dr. Poulton teaches historic geography at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

He came to the academic world late in life as he did not take his first college course until he was 45 years old. He majored in geography at U.C.C.S., receiving his B.A. in 1980 and his M.A. in 1982. His Ph.D. in Historical Geography is from the University of Minnesota, a three year program. He finished his dissertation here during Christmas, 1989. His dissertation looks at the development of older landscapes and the social institutions that caused them. It consists of three case studies: 1.) the Finley Ranch water rights, 2.) the development of water rights in what's now Fountain Valley Regional Park and 3)Bear Creek water rights. It covers why those rights developed, what changed in the law that affected the social institutions and the reverse.

Dr. Poulton is not a paralegal but through his research over the years has picked up a great deal of knowledge of water law.

Following the program, luncheon will be served at $5.00 per person. Reservations are due before APRIL 12, 1995. Call **LYN OWEN** at 473-1846. Please give your name and phone number clearly when leaving a message for Lyn.

MAY MEETING: General membership with elections to the Board of Directors; the program will be Floyd Barnes, a nationally renowned sculptor and artist from Littleton, CO, who will give a presentation on the proposed prospector and burro statue to be erected at the NW corner of 21st street and Highway 24.

SPECIAL SUMMER NIGHT MEETINGS: We realize that a large number of our members are unable to attend our daytime meetings for various reasons. The Board of Directors on March 17, 1995 approved a "test" of night programs to be held on June 9, July 14 and August 11. The location will hopefully be our History Center at 1 S. 24th Street unless interior renovation prevents its use. The time will probably be 7:00-8:00 p.m. Programs are being worked on, suggestions are welcome. Confirmed information will be in the May newsletter. If attendance is good, we will try to have some night meetings during the September 1995-May 1996 period.

by Jan Knox

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

photo from the Luc[illegible]s Collection of the OCCHS

History From Local Authors

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reporter **Gary Street**. This 115-page book is rich with photographs and stories as it presents the colorful history of CC's Tigers. Colorado College was eight years old when representatives of the school met some volunteer firefighter's at 3:00 P.M. on Christmas Day in 1882 to play a game of football. The Daily Gazette reported, "*A friendly game according to rugby rules was played between the Sigafus Hose Company and the college boys. There were only nine men to a side, and the college team at that had two outsiders. The weather was too cold for either players or spectators, but still an interesting game was played.*" Gary Street takes the reader from this first game (CC beat the Sigafus team 10-8) through to the Tiger's 1993 season. You can find this CC history at Chinook, McKinzey-White and the Colorado College Bookstore.

1995 OCCHS Events

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(If our building is not usable we will have the Sale in September) 4.) **Old Colorado City History Center Craft Fair** -Saturdays during July, August and September, in conjunction with the Farmer's Market (**Kay Arnold**, 633-2592 and **Jo Walker**, 633-6098 are Co-Chairman). This will be a juried craft fair. One table will be reserved for sale of OCCHS members' crafts. 5.) **"Della's Letters"**, a play about an early Colorado family based on the letters of **Colleen Cassell**'s grandmother (Colleen did our entertaining, informative "Hats n' History" program in September, 1994). Two performances - Saturday afternoon and evening - November 11, 1995 at West Jr. High Auditorium. 6.) **Saturday Afternoon Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides** around the historic district starting November 25 and going through the holiday season, other dates are being investigated for summer and Halloween 7.) **Tour of Historic Westside Homes**, Sunday afternoon, December 3rd.

"WESTSIDE RECIPE XCHANGE" - Recipes are starting to arrive for our cookbook scheduled for fall publication. Send yours in with your family information (remember if you **Jan Knox** at 689-2355) to our address - Attn: **Kay Arnold - Recipes**. Non-westsider OCCHS members are encouraged to send favorite recipes also. Remember that we would like a little background on the recipes you send.

If you have some time and can serve on the Fundraising committee, are willing to take over as Chairman or are willing to help with one of the Fundraisers listed, please call **Jan Knox**, 689-2355. Fund-raising suggestions are welcome, also.

WESTSIDE MEMORIES
TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

One Hundred Years Ago
MARCH 1895

• John Deutsch, the plumber is still busy fixing hydrants and water pipes bursted by the last cold snap a couple of weeks ago.

• At a church meeting at the First Baptist church it was decided that Rev. A. A. Williamson would not be recalled.

• The Masquerade party given by the engineer's wives, mother, sisters and sweethearts, Monday night was a most enjoyable affair. The masks were something unique and comical. Just ask Bob Moore why he masked and if he enjoyed the novelly of being the only masked "man" in the house.

• Notice is hereby given to the property owners in the town of Colorado City that they must, at once, cleanse their premises thoroughly and remove all filth from the alleys and streets on which their property abuts. Cess pools must be cleansed and the sewer and privy vaults disinfected. By order of the Board of Health of the town of Colorado City. John Neiswinter.

• Two tickets for town officers have been placed in the field for the spring election. At the W.C.T.U., the Law and Order people nominated Squire Pond for mayor and John McPherson, Wilmer Kinsman and Howard Greenough for trustees. At the Templeton Building the Republicans nominated Charles Stockbridge for mayor and R. T. Godfrey, Frank Smith and William Walker for trustees.

• The work of laying rails has been started on the Manitou streetcar line and the track was yesterday connected with the Colorado Springs Rapid Transit company's track. It is thought that the line will be completed about April 25.

• Mrs. E. H. Jewett has made several donations in the shape of books to the Midland library for which the school is very thankful.

• The police force is out of luck. Jim Buster is confined to his room by an attack of La Grippe and is at the same time suffering from his thumb which was chewed a couple of weeks ago by a belligerent coal miner. Ed Maulding is working in his place. On Thursday Mr. Wallace the day policeman had his treat toe badly mashed by the hind wheel of a coal wagon and is off duty. E. T. Love is wearing his star.

• It is time for the town marshal to see that the team used on the Colorado Springs ice wagon is kept off our streets. This team ran away for the third time this morning. It is a dangerous team and will probably kill someone in one of their mad dashes.

• The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church gave a social last night at the residence of Mrs. C. D. Taylor. There was a good attendance and a most delightful evening was enjoyed.

Seventy-five Years Ago
MARCH 1920

• Recent guests at the Broadmoor were Sergei V. Rachmaninoff, the noted composer and pianist and violinist, Jascha Heifetz, his mother, and Samuel Chatzinoff, his accompanist. Mr. Heifetz plans to spend next summer in the region, he was so impressed with the area as a vacation spot.

• Permits to change the four-inch gas mains on the west side to eight-inch mains were granted yesterday afternoon by the city to the Colorado Springs Light, Heat & Power company. The new mains will be laid on Colorado avenue from Seventh street to Twentyfirst street and will cost $17,000.

• A community center, equal to any in the state, will soon be established on the west side at the Standard club building. The old building was purchased by the city for a fire station and in the plans for remodeling the building for this purpose, it is proposed to utilize the second floor for club rooms where civic bodies may gather.

• Wrecking crews will start next week on the razing of the old Portland mill property in West Colorado Springs. It is expected that the job will take from six months to a year.

• W. Arthur Perkins, president of the Perkins-Shearer Clothing company, was the first person arrested under Colorado Springs new "Jaywalking" law. He was fined $5 and costs, the fine being suspended by Judge Manning. He was on his way to a Broadmoor board of directors meeting and had just missed the car bound for there. He started to run across the street in order to catch the car at its next stop when the policeman seized him. He had to take a taxi to the meeting.

• The Colorado Springs City Council authorized Commissioner Edgar Payton, to sell to A. L. Stark all the horses, wagons and harness used in the street department for a sum of $2,150. They will be replaced by motor driven equipment.

• Eddie Foy and the Little Foys will give three shows at the Burns. He promises Colorado Springs theatergoers more than their share of laughs.

• The formation of a permanent West End Community club is now before the people of West Colorado Springs. P. J. Hamble was elected temporary chairman and Mrs. W. F. Bradley temporary secretary. A constitution and by-laws are being formulated by a committee of the following: Mrs Duncan Lamont, Mrs. Bradley R. Bingham, O. L. Bates and D. I. Flatt.

• Blowing a gale which reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour at 11:30 yesterday morning, damage to the extent of $15,000 was done by wind in the city. Among the many incidents of broken glass was a window in the second story of the house at 1912 West Colorado avenue was broken when a large cottonwood tree was blown down and crashed through it. The small one-man street cars had difficulty at times in making progress against the wind. Some cars were nearly blown from the tracks.

• More of the rolling stock of the Colorado Midland Railroad company has been sold. The system still has about 1,000 freight cars of 1,200 but have sold all but 10 of their 65 engines.

Fifty Years Ago
MARCH 1945

• Sgt. Joseph K. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Edwards of 2005 W. Colorado Ave., was killed in action over Holland on February 14. He entered the Air Corps on June 7, 1943 and was a veteran of many missions over Germany.

• The ninth grade at West Junior High will give two performances of "Goodnight, Uncle George," a comedy of high school days.

• Colleen Moore's nationally famous doll house, will be exhibited here under auspices of the Colorado Springs

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Shrine club. Made of metal, the miniature castle weighs 6,000 pounds and is valued at nearly a half-million dollars. Everything in the house is made to scale, one inch to the foot.

• Corp. Frank Murphy, son of Mrs. W. M. Mitchell, 817 W. Kiowa St., who was a Japanese prisoner in the Philippine Islands from the time of the fall of Manila, has been transferred to Tokyo camp, Japan according to the War Dept. Mrs. Mitchell never has had any direct word from her son. He enlisted in the Marines in June, 1939.

• W. H. Matheny, 111 S. 11th St., has retired from the Colorado Springs fire department after serving 21 years and nine months.

• Pvt. Nelson K. Brown, husband of Mrs. Clarissa Brown of 3346 W. Kiowa St., is a member of the 348th FA batallion, which has taken an impressive toll of German armor in its 157 days in combat on the 5th Army front in Italy.

Twenty Five Years Ago
MARCH 1970

• Peter Croff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Croff, 3032 W. Platte ave, is slated to hold a one man show at the Miller Stockman Galleries in Denver during the month of March. An artist in oil and acrylics, his work is described as "unrestricted use of color and concept". He attended Rocky Mountain School of Art.

• After 49 years of employment at The Crissey Fowler Lumber Co., Norval Tagart, 917 1/2 W. Colorado avenue, will retire, as the employee with the longest continuous service.

• Mr. and Mrs. Ross C. Amos, 508 N. 24th street, will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary (3/15).

One Hundred Years Ago
APRIL 1895

• Rev. A. A. Williamson returned from a protracted visit to Chicago Monday.

• The fine weather which prevailed the first part of the week was brought to an end by a blizzard yesterday morning.

• At the regular meeting of the Town Board Monday evening the new Board was sworn in, and the following officers appointed for the ensuing year: Clerk, C. E. Trowbridge; Treasurer, Mrs. Augusta Baker; Police Magistrate, O. F. Ingraham; Attorney, John R. Watt; Marshal, J. W. Neiswinter; Physician, Dr. Winternitz; Street Commissioner, James Brophy; Policemen, J. A. Buster, L. C. Curras and C. R. Husted.

• C. H. Frowine, editor of the Manitou Journal, was raised to the rank of Esquire in the Manitou Knights of Pythias lodge Thursday evening. A large delegation from the lodge of this city attended and reported a good time.

• J. O. Chase is opening up an immense stock of dry goods in the building formerly occupied by Hilfiker & Co. The goods are all new and fresh and will be sold at prices corresponding with the times.

• Electric lights have been put in at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

• Three new saloons will be opened within the next few days in this city.

• There will be services at the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Boone Thomas, of the First Baptist church of Colorado Springs will preach.

• P. A. Hardwick went up to Denver yesterday and purchased an outfit of plumbing tools. He ran a plumbing shop in this city previous to the Cripple Creek excitement and is know to be a first-class workman. He will open his shop in the basement of the Templeton building under the post office.

• Miss Everhart, our efficient post mistress, has succeeded in obtaining permission from the postal authorities at Denver to have all mail posted at this office between 1 and 6 o'clock p.m. transmitted to Colorado Springs where it will be put on board "The Gold Bug" special which leaves that city at 1:30 a.m. This arrangement insures the delivery of Denver mail early in the morning, instead of evening as heretofore, and will be greatly appreciated by our businessmen.

• Trees are being set out on the streets in Bott's addition.

• The Manitou street railway has been completed to the Iron Springs and will be built to a point near the cog depot in the near future. Ruxton avenue has been widened in many places.

• The Midland will commence riprapping the new grade next week that was built to protect the shops and yards from the floods that annually come down the Fountaine creek. The track on the grade has been completed.

• The public schools celebrated Arbor Day by planting trees at the Bancroft school. Each tree planted received a name.

Seventy-five Years Ago
APRIL 1920

• John Wallen, 54, 303 West Pikes Peak avenue, forsook lifelong bachelorhood, and took as his bride, Mrs. Mary E. Wilklow, 55, of Cripple Creek, a widow.

• Colorado Springs and the entire Pikes Peak region were completely paralyzed Saturday night and last night and part of today (4/17,18,19) by a blizzard that pioneer residents declare was one of the worst ever seen here. A heavy snow fell, the wind blew at a rate that broke all previous records, railroads operating between Pueblo and Denver were tied up, telephone and telegraph wires were down and roads for motor traffic were simply impassable from the deep drifts that filled all cuts.

• The city council is in a quandary over the problem of getting the required alterations and improvements made to the old Standard club building at Colorado avenue and Twenty-ninth street. No contractors have bid on this job, estimated to cost $3,000. The West End fire station may have to remain in its present inadequate quarters for some time.

• An interesting meeting of the El Paso County Pioneers association was held Wednesday night when Irving Howbert spoke on "Reminiscences of Early Pioneer Days in Colorado Springs."

• Some of the rates established by the City Council in the area affected by the proposed paving program: a 50-foot lot upon Colorado avenue between the viaduct and Twentieth street—$216; a 30 foot inside lot in West Colorado Springs—$125.

• The annual election of officers of the Woman's Study club took place last night at the home of the president, Mrs. Duncan Lamont. They include: Mrs. Albert Allen, president; Mrs. F. Woodard, 1st vice president; Mrs. J. M. Clark, 2nd vice president; Miss Pearl Brennieke, recording secretary; Mrs. W. D. Lewis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frank A. Drew, treasurer; Mrs Duncan Lamont, representative to the City federation; alternate, Mrs. Harriet

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WESTSIDE MEMORIES

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Bott Daniels. A unanimous vote was passed by the members to stop using potatoes until the present price of the vegetable goes down.

Fifty Years Ago
APRIL 1945

• D. Claudius Heath, 2529 Bott Ave., a retired railroad man, died Tuesday (4/4). He had been a resident of this city since 1917.

• Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bailey, 710 N. Walnut St., received word that their son, Corp. Loren L. Bailey, drove President Roosevelt and his party from a plane to the dock on the President's arrival from the Crimea at the Bitter Lakes region of Egypt.

• Merrill E. Shoup, president of the Golden Cycle corporation, is optimistic about the future for the Cripple Creek district, where gold mining has dwindled to about 10 percent of normal because of the intense manpower shortage. Older workers are mining $45-a-ton ore at the Ajax property. Historic Cripple Creek will hum with activity, Shoup indicated, when the war's end releases the young men who were taken from the mines.

• Sgt. James W. Roach, Jr, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Roach, 510 W. Bijou St., has been awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross for service as an aerial radio operator in transport aircraft over the India-China air routes.

• Several hundred men fought a terrific brush and timber fire at the eastern base of Cheyenne mountain and the foothills between the Canon City road and the base of Cheyenne mountain for more than six hours Monday afternoon before the blaze was brought under control. The flames endangered some of the finest homes in the Broadmoor area, and were not halted until the fire reached the south limits of the Broadmoor golf course. It was reported that a careless picnic party left a campfire burning. The wind, blowing at almost gale strength at times, quickly fanned the blaze through the dense timber and brush.

• A throng of 15,000 persons observed the 25th Garden of the Gods Easter sunrise service. They included more than 1,000 battle veterans, convalescent patients at Camp Carson.

Twenty Five Years Ago
APRIL 1970

• Apollo 13 returns and lands safely in the South Pacific after an aborted moon landing due to an oxygen tank rupture.

OCCHS MEMBERS SURVEY

Included in this *West Word* is a survey. I hope you will take a serious look at it as you complete it. As we make short and long-term plans for the future of OCCHS and our new History Center, we are depending on your support. This is a great time and an exciting time to help! Please send in your surveys, as soon as possible. Thanks! See you at the History Center (soon)!

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