

WEST WORD

APRIL 1996

HERE LIES CONTINUES Our April Program

William B. DeBoer, Jr., Supervisor, Evergreen and Fairview Municipal Cemeteries, will present our next program on Friday, April 12, 1996, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street (just west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center).

Nearly 500 entries were submitted but due to space restrictions the 10-member volunteer committee was only able to select 138 of these for the book, **Here Lies Colorado Springs**, edited by Denise R. W. Oldach. Mr. DeBoer will speak to us about some of the people who were not chosen for the book.

Evergreen and Fairview Cemeteries, the oldest continuously operated cemeteries in Colorado Springs, reverently stand in memory of the many people who spent their lives creating the history of this fair city and its surrounding area. The life stories of these people, young and old, famous and not so famous, the wealthy and poor and those in between, paint an interesting and comprehensively revealing portrait of the Pikes Peak Region, from earliest days to modern times.

Here Lies Colorado Springs, was produced by the City of Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department. It captures some of these engaging stories, preserving them in perpetuity for all generations of readers. Three years in the making, this unique publication also represents an innovative and unprecedented fundraising effort to address the many restorations needs at both City cemeteries, which are not tax-supported. The primary goal at the present time is the

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photo by Paul Idleman

OCCHS member Colonel David Hughes presented the opening remarks and history of the Colorado Territorial Militia during a special ceremony at our March 8th General Meeting. Dave is also a member of this historic unit formed during the Civil War and was instrumental in having their artifacts donated to the Old Colorado City History Center. See full story on page 6.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE
INCREASED AS HISTORY CENTER
PREPARES TO OPEN**

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15th DAY OF EACH MONTH.

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 West Side 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.....\$20
Family.....\$25
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 Kay Arnold at 633-2592 by the Wednesday prior to the meeting. If you find you cannot attend, be sure to cancel before 5:00 PM Wednesday or send someone in your place, as you will be charged for the reservation.

MEETING THIS MONTH

APRIL 12, 1996 - 11:00 a.m.

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

NEXT MEETING May 10, 1996



ROLL CALL

GENERAL MEETING 3/8/1996
51 members and 11 visitors signed in

Betty Baker	Elaine B. Mellott
Cindy Batey	Helen Michelson
Edwin Bathke	Lavonne Musick
Nancy Bathke	Dan Paddock
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Visitors Attending

Orrin R. Haynes	Esther Anderson
Jeanne T. Heidler	Marla Barrett
Bob Heinich	Tony Beyer
Chris Heinich	Phyllis Butcher
Catherine Henderson	Fred Gydesen
Audralee Holland	Ursula Karszo
Dave Hughes	Enid Kennis
Jane R. Hutchins	Leslie Shaffer
Paul Idleman	John Tarbert
Madeline Keas	Mitchell C. VanVorhees
Jan Knox	Deborah Young

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A VERY SPECIAL EVENT!**

Dorothy Aldridge

will be signing copies of her new book

HISTORIC COLORADO CITY

At the first public showing of the History Center
(renovation just completed)

Grand Opening of the Center's
NEW BOOK SHOP
Refreshments

THE COLORADO CITY HISTORY CENTER

1 South 24th Street
March 30, 1996
2:00-4:00 p.m.

From The President's Desk

Building Report

As this letter goes to press the interior of the History Center at 1 South 24th Street is being finished. The carpet and linoleum are being installed. The restroom fixtures are being installed. The floors are being worked on. It is quite a sight to see the workmen scurrying around to get all the various jobs done. You should be very pleased with the decisions the building committee has made.

As the Building Opens

Much help is needed to make the History Center become a true History Center. Shortly we will have a list of jobs that we will need volunteers for. We appreciate the help you can give us.

From the Pioneers Museum

David Ryan, Registrar, and **Billy McClure**, Exhibit Designer, from the Pioneer Museum, met with us to help organize and plan our space areas. Thank you, gentlemen. Your help is appreciated.

Henderson Donation to Building Fund

Many thanks to **Catherine Henderson** for donating \$1,000.00 to the Building Fund. It came just in time to help finish the floor of the History Center. I'm sure you will be pleased with the appearance of the floor. Thanks again, Catherine.

Increase in Dues

As much as the Board of the Old Colorado City Historical Society has tried to work with and within the confines of the present dues structure, it is no longer possible. With the Center now opening it will take some financial help from the OCCHS members. Details concerning the increase will appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

Mary Heltenes

We were sad to learn of the recent death of OCCHS member **Mary Heltenes**. Our heartfelt sympathy to her brother, **Jack Patterson**, and to all of Mary's family.

Your Busy President

It has been very trying to keep up with all the demands of the Society at this time. It has not been unusual to put in very long days to get everything accomplished. Thanks to our Vice

President, **Betty Baker**, and **Jan Knox** for the assistance they give. It is much appreciated! The Membership Chairman, **Clint Waller**, has been most helpful also. Thanks, Clint.

Book Signing Party

Don't forget to attend the book signing party being given for **Dorothy Aldridge** on **March 30th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Her book about the west side is very informative. You will want to buy one! (The cost is \$6.31 with tax.) You'll be pleased when you see the interior of the new History Center. Do come.

Lucille Cunningham

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 10, 1996

O.C.C.H.S. Annual Meeting, Board of Directors election. Program: David R. Hughes: "Online at the History Center—A Few of the Items That Will Be Available in Our Computer Room."

May 25, 26, 27, 1996

Territory Days **

"Treasure Sale" — dates to be announced **

July 26 through August 11, 1996

One-Man Art Show for Jack Eckstrom. **

August 11, 1996

Founder's Day, Bancroft Park. **

September 13, 1996

Program: Lois Jackson, "Three Generations of Family Quilts."

October 11, 1996

Program: Darlene Weir Godat, "100th Anniversary of the Leadville Ice Palace."

November 8, 1996

Program: Mary Jane Rust "Faith in High Places."

December 1, 1996

Second Annual Victorian Bed & Breakfast Tour. **

** Volunteers are needed for these events. Call Betty Baker, 633-2350, if you can help at any of these events or have items to donate to the "Treasure" Sales.

CIVIL WAR'S GETTYSBURG

The Battle of Glorieta Pass

NOTE: The following is a shortened version taken directly from the transcript of Dr. Heidler's talk at our General Meeting on March 8th. There were many, many favorable comments afterwards and I'm sure everyone is as envious as I am of her Air Force Academy cadet students!

- Jan Knox

For many in the audience at our last meeting, all we knew of the Battle of Glorieta Pass was that it had occurred and that its location was somewhere on the Colorado-New Mexico border.

Thanks to Dr. Jeanne Heidler, (with some additional data supplied by our own Col. David R. Hughes during the ceremony prior to her talk), we now know of its importance at that time to the Confederacy and of how their losing the battle may have affected United States history.

The Territory of Colorado at secession was a divided Territory. There were both Confederate and Union sympathizers in the Territory. Those who had come here during the initial gold rush of the late 1850's came from all parts of the eastern United States. This caused Governor Gilpin, a staunch Unionist, much concern about the security of the Territory, both from within and from the close Confederate state of Texas. During the first year of the War, many of his dispatches to Washington expressed these fears. He was also afraid the Confederates might stir up the Indians and felt that the Mormons in Utah, who had a number of disputes with the Federal government in the late 1850's, might take the Confederate side.

All of these concerns became embroiled with Governor Gilpin's other political problems. As a result of many problems, he was removed from office and replaced by Governor Evans. Ironically, this happened at the same time one of his fears came true. About 4,000 Confederate forces, under General Henry Sibley, marched out of Texas into New Mexico, and raised the Confederate flag over both Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

The Confederacy saw real value in the southwestern part of the United States. They were constantly in debt so the gold here was very impor-

tant. Additionally, the Pacific coast seaports were of interest because of the tightening Union blockade. And there was the land itself. The Confederacy craved recognition and support of the European nations. They felt that if they could conquer this large southwestern area, the



Dr. Jeanne Heidler

Europeans would be impressed. They thought that the European nations were probably geographically ignorant and would not realize that the southwest at that time was sparsely populated with either Indians or white settlers.

To oppose General Sibley and his forces, there was only the small force of the Department of New Mexico, under General Edward Canby. He had troops at three small forts, Fort Union, New Mexico and Forts Garland and Wise (later renamed), Colorado. Canby sent out the call to Colorado, which resulted in the formation of the First Colorado, which consisted of 1342 volunteers, recruited from frontier mining towns. They marched down the Front Range, camping just outside Colorado City, where a spring blizzard

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immobilized them for several days in early March. They almost turned back, but the weather lifted and they moved south, marching 92 miles in 36 hours to reach Fort Union on the same day that General Sibley arrived in Santa Fe.

The Union forces set out from Fort Union in the third week of March. The lead elements, a small cavalry unit with about 400 men under the command of Major John Chivington (who gained greater fame in 1864 with the Sand Creek Massacre), reached Glorietta Pass on March 26, 1862. The Union forces had the advantage by going down the Pass while the Confederates were coming up and they were also used to the altitude. The Texans unaccustomed to an altitude more than one thousand feet above sea level and they had to stop to rest quite often. The Texans were mainly on foot, with only a small cavalry unit.

The first day's battle ended pretty much in a draw with the Union ground lost being regained when Major Chivington initiated the charge to drive the Confederates back. On the 27th, both armies just stared at one another and made plans. General Sibley's plan was to use his numerical superiority and push the Union forces up hill out of the Pass. The Union forces, however, decided to split their much smaller force, leaving the larger infantry group to block the Confederates while the cavalry circled around to the east to squeeze Sibley's forces.

Though Major Chivington had traveled over a great deal of Colorado as a Methodist "parson" trying to convert the miners, he had always used marked paths and roads. As Dr. Heidler said, "if it was 'easy' to circle around a pass, you wouldn't need the pass! She asked us to imagine trying to go around Ute Pass. The cavalry got "lost". They finally decided to head west and they had to detour quite often. Eventually they came to a cliff where they couldn't go any further. Much to their surprise, when they looked over the edge, they were looking down at the Confederate base camp, with all of the baggage wagons, supplies and extra horses, with only the wounded, teamsters

and cooks guarding it. They were about 1,000 feet above the camp, so a decision was made to take their ropes and scale down the cliff. The cooks and teamsters ran away leaving the wounded and Chivington's forces easily took the camp. They couldn't take the supplies with them with the Confederate forces in the Pass in front of them and the route they had taken to arrive too great an obstacle, so they killed **all** the horses and burned the wagons and supplies. A bit of Civil War trivia is just how they killed the horses. One report says they shot them, others say they bayoneted them (noted Civil War historian Shelby Foote stated that they bayoneted nearly 600 horses). It was a grizzly task however it was done.

The Battle of Glorietta Pass ended on March 28, 1862. The Union had all of the Confederate's spare horses and burned of all their supplies. General Sibley slowly retreated all the way back to Texas with the First Colorado harassing them for part of the way. Sibley gave up the vast territory that he had conquered, but he never admitted defeat. The Confederacy recognized that the forces opposing attempts to take not just Colorado, but the entire Southwest, were more formidable than they had imagined and they would never try it again.

Whether the Battle of Glorietta Pass was the most decisive battle of the war, we can't say, but some historians do consider it as important as Gettysburg. They argue that if the Confederacy had been successful in claiming the southwest all the way to the Pacific and had the gold to buy all the supplies they needed, the ports available to them and probably recognition from Europe, they might have been able to achieve a negotiated peace with the North. It is well documented that during the last two years of the war, there was a great deal of war weariness in the North. In spite of the fact that only a few were involved in this battle at a place that most people could never have found on a map, this was an extremely important event in Civil War history that warrants more serious study.

COLORADO TERRITORIAL MILITIA Entrusts Their History To Our Center

In the wake of the death of its Commanding Officer, Leo F. Butcher, the Colorado Territorial Militia has disbanded. In a formal ceremony held at our March 8th meeting, Butcher's son officially donated the holdings of their Unit to the Old Colorado City History Center. Artifacts from the Colorado Territorial Militia will be placed on permanent display in our new History Center. Printed here is the transcript of Jan "Dude" Butcher's dedication speech.

My name is "Dude" Butcher and I am here today to make a presentation of a rifle in the name of the Colorado Territorial Militia and in honor of my father, its Commanding Officer, Leo F. Butcher. The Colorado Territorial Militia was based on an actual Civil War organization charged with defending Colorado Territory's gold mining industries from the subjugation of the Confederacy's Southern Armies. They did this deed with honor, and fought so fiercely that the opposing army called the Union forces, "*Regular Demons*". Under my father's, Leo Butcher's, guidance, the Militia went into public and private school systems and taught groups of children, sometimes numbering as many as 300, the importance of Colorado history and its importance in preserving the United States during its darkest hours of the Civil War. He also involved the Militia in countless parades, grand openings and other civic duties. Every Memorial and Veterans Day our organization was out in full force to honor our ancestors and American heroes of all the wars. He helped honor the opening of the Pioneer Museum and welcome the English ancestors of General William Palmer to Colorado Springs. He even took part in the recreation of Zebulon Pike's expedition into Colorado and his first sighting of the Rocky Mountain Region's Pikes Peak. His later years were dedicated to the preservation of the Mountain Man eras of

Colorado history during the early 1800's, and the teachings of the Native American peoples.

This rifle is dedicated in Leo F. Butcher's name and honor today, as Leo passed away in February, 1995. This rifle was used in all the activities that the Colorado Territorial Militia was involved with during its reign. It is a copy of an



OCCHS President, Lucille Cunningham, accepts the rifle presented to our History Center in the name of Leo Butcher by the Colorado Territorial Militia. Standing next to Lucille are Jan "Dude" Butcher, Blue Infantry Sgt., and Mitchell C. VanVorhees, Red Artillery Sgt. The rifle will be permanently displayed in our History Center.

original 1862 Remington Percussion Contract Rifle issued during the Civil War. The rifle was better known by its field name of "*Zouave*" and was acknowledged to be the most accurate military rifle of its day. In the hands of many a Civil War veteran, it helped to open the West and furnished necessary food and protection. Production numbers were around 12,500 rifles, during the years of 1862 through 1865. It is a single shot .58 caliber muzzle-loading firearm weighing approximately 9-1/2 pounds. It has the brass butt plate and patch box identical to the model 1855, with a lock based on the 1861 Springfield design. It is my hope that the new museum will display it with the pride with which it was used, and in honor of the man that it represents. Thank you!

More Biographies from HERE LIES COLORADO SPRINGS

Our April Program

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restoration of Evergreen Cemetery's historic chapel.

William B. DeBoer was born in Okinawa. His father was a career Air Force man, so Will has lived in many parts of the United States. Will considers Colorado Springs home as he has now spent two-thirds of his life here, beginning with the nine years his father was stationed here before retiring in Colorado Springs.

Will attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, where he received a B.S. in Biology and Chemistry. In 1988, he began working for the Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department as an entry level maintenance worker and by 1995, he was promoted to Cemetery Supervisor and now oversees both cemeteries which encompass over 255 acres, 80,000 internments and a million dollar budget.

Things that have been accomplished during Will's tenure at the city cemeteries include: National Register of Historic Places nomination, two grants from the Colorado Historic Fund for chapel restoration, an SBA Tree Grant, the publication of *Here Lies Colorado Springs*, the planting of over 600 trees on cemetery grounds, and the formation of the Cemetery Advisory Committee: a group from the community and from industry involved in cemetery activities and the future of our graveyards.

The focal point of his work for the city cemeteries was the resolving of the issue of the sale and/or privatization of the cemeteries. After a long and drawn out political process, it was concluded the city can never sell the cemeteries without a vote of the people, and that since they are run as enterprise operations, not supported by tax-payer revenues, they should be allowed to compete competitively with the local funeral industry in order to remain self-supporting.

Following the program, lunch will be served at \$5 per person. Reservations for lunch are due by 5:00 p.m., April 10, 1996. Call Kay Arnold, 633-2592, if you wish a luncheon reservation.

Jan Knox

Wish List

Some of you have been wondering what we need at the new History Center. A "Wish List" will appear in the newsletter from time to time. (No firm amount is listed for all costs since prices vary so much.)

A coffee pot and a small microwave oven are needed in the break area.

Window coverings are needed for all office windows. Six insulated — approx. \$40 each.

Book display shelves or slat board will be needed in the Book Shop. Six are needed — \$135 each section.

File Cabinets — approx. \$100 each.

Tables (Archive Room) — \$35 used.

Security System — cost depends on type and kind purchased.

Money for blank pavers in the courtyard.

Folding chairs— may be "used", certainly, but in good condition.

Drinking fountain— approx. \$500.

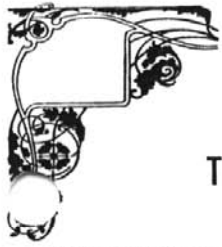
Dress forms to display period clothing.

Call Betty Baker at 633-2350 for additional information.

OCCHS BOOKSTORE ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE

The profits from the items listed below go to the O.C.C. History Center Fund to pay for various things connected with the Center that are not covered by the grants we have received. S. & H. is the mailing cost. Please add 3 % tax if you are a Colorado resident. Any overage sent due to ordering more than one book will be refunded, or donated to the Fund if you so direct. Make your checks payable to **O.C.C.H.S.** and send your order to: **O.C.C.H.S., Attn: Jan Knox, One S. 24th St., Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319**

			<u>Total Due</u>
1.	Unique map of Old Colorado City Historic District by artist Jack Ekstrom 11" x 15"	\$.75 s&h \$0.50	\$1.25
2.	Historic Old Colorado City by David R. Hughes. Includes map, (Item #1), a short history of Colorado City from its beginnings through the Colorado avenue revitalization efforts..12 pp.	\$.250 s&h \$.75	\$3.25
3.	A History of the Colorado Springs Schools District 11 by Harriet Seibel Starts with Colorado City's District 1 schools, an informative history with many historic b&w photographs...107 pp.	\$.350 s&h \$2.00	\$5.50
4.	Man in the Garden of the Gods by Richard and Mary Ann Gehling, a short history of the Garden from the Indians to the new Visitor's Center with many historic b&w photos plus gorgeous color photos of the rock formations, 30pp.	\$3.95 s&h \$1.00	\$4.95
5.	Historic Colorado City—The Town With a Future by Dorothy Aldridge, a Colorado Springs native and retired reporter for the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph, who delighted readers for 25 years with her historic writings, more than 25 rare b&w photographs, it traces the history of Colorado City from its 1859 beginnings as a gateway to the mining regions to its recent revival and emergence as Colorado Springs' most historically interesting, colorful and lively area, 80 pp.	\$5.95 s&h \$3.00	\$8.95
6.	Reproduction on parchment paper, November 28,1861 issue of the Colorado City Journal, 4 pp. (sent in mailing tube)	\$6.00 s&h \$3.00	\$9.00
7.	Cripple Creek—City of Influence, An Excursion into the Historic Heart of Colorado's Greatest Gold Camp by Brian Levine, Historic Preservation Director of the City of Cripple Creek (signed by author), contains many historic b&w photos,150 pp.	\$6.95 s&h \$4.00	\$10.00
8.	Among the Eternal Snows—The First Recorded Ascent of Pikes Peak, July 13-15, 1820 by Phil Carson, a Colorado journalist and historical writer, this is the dramatic story of Edwin James' daring first ascent of Pikes Peak while on Major Stephen Long's expedition to the Rockies in 1820, 47 pp.	\$7.95 s&h \$1.50	\$9.45
9.	Sarah Elizabeth—A Tale of Old Colorado City by J. G. Masters, writer, teacher and business woman. This is the story of a 43 year old woman, left behind by her wagon train in the wilds of Nebraska while on her way to the Colorado gold fields with her husband. How she gets to Colorado City and her life thereafter, a story of struggle and conflict with great warmth and humor with historically accurate settings and a parade of memorable characters - some real and some imagined...hardcover, 210 pp.	\$13.95 s&h \$4.00	\$17.95
10.	Daily Life in a Covered Wagon by Paul Erickson, join the Larkin family as they set out from Indiana on the 2,000-mile trip to their new farmstead in Oregon. A children's book with beautiful illustrations that will be enjoyed by adults as well, as they journey back to 1853 - .hardcover, 48 pp..	\$16.95 s&h \$4.00	\$20.95
11.	Saddle Strings by Don Bailey, Simla, Colorado rancher and school teacher with his own private museum, a barn filled with Western memorabilia, including recreations of an old-fashioned saddle shop and a cowcamp shack. Of all the gear a cowboy used, the saddle was the most valuable. Colorado was the saddle capital of the world for about 60 years. This chronicle of Colorado saddle makers fills the void left by their omission in the history, 200pp.	\$20.00 s&h \$4.00	\$24.00
12.	Here Lies Colorado Springs—Historical Figures Buried in Evergreen and Fairview Cemeteries , edited by Denise R. W. Oldach, published by the City of Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation Department, a cornucopia of 138 memorable stories about a variety of "former" residents, rich and poor, prominent and not so prominent, who spent their lives creating the history of the Pikes Peak Region,hardcover, 182 pp.	\$26.95 s&h \$4.00	\$30.95



WEST SIDE MEMORIES

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS



compiled by Jan Knox

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO April 1896

* F. Beyle, an old time resident of this city, has purchased the old Vantyle property, just west of THE IRIS office, and will open a furniture and undertaking establishment.

* Martin Drake, an old and honored citizen of this city, died at his home on Jefferson ave on April 2nd. He was 78. He united with the Baptist Church at the age of 23 and has been a member since. Interment at Evergreen cemetery.

* Water was run in the city ditch for the first time this year on Wednesday. Our tenderfoot printer thought a creek had broke its banks somewhere up the street.

* The Colorado Midland Band, consisting of twenty-four pieces, is now ready to negotiate its services for all public occasions. Terms reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed. Communicate with W. Snider, business manager, Colorado City, Colo.

* The Midland Terminal railroad has voluntarily raised the wages of all train men in its service. It seems to be getting quite fashionable just now, and is certainly an indication of great prosperity. The wages of engineers are raised from \$4 to \$4.80 a day and firemen from \$3.65 to \$3.90; brakemen get a raise from \$2.65 to \$2.90. The wages of the conductors have not been raised in cash but the time of labor of all train employees has been cut and this gives the conductors practically a raise. The hours of labor have been reduced two hours a day.

* Among the items considered by the Town Board at their April 20th meeting were: a recommendation from John B. Stephen, president of the Wood Library, to increase the salary of the librarian to \$35 per month; W. D. Nye's bid to furnish meals for prisoners at 14

cents per meal was accepted; a bill from Hassel-Talcott Foundry Co. for \$507.38 for cemetery fence was referred to the committee on public grounds and a report from Marshal Clark that the town jail was in bad condition with a suggestion that the cells be moved and the place cleaned was referred to the committee on public buildings.

* The people of Colorado City will be pleased to learn that J. B. Wheeler, of Manitou, has again struck it rich, this time in a California gold mine. Mr. Wheeler has done much for Colorado City and her people rejoice at his good fortune.

* William A. Brady's company, headed by the prince of comedians, Eddie Foy, will present "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," at the opera house next week.

* Adelbert Ash is taking the District 1 school census this week. There is a large increase in the school population.

* The Cliff house, at Manitou, narrowly escaped destruction by fire recently. The employees subdued the flames before the firemen arrived.

* A four room cottage in the best part of town for sale. Price \$1,500. One half cash, balance at 10 percent. Three hundred dollars will buy a nice residence lot in the best part of town. Two hundred dollars will buy a nice residence lot on the Boulevard. Call at The Iris office.

* The city has taken charge of sprinkling the streets in this burg. Colorado avenue will be wet down from one end of town each day. It is argued that it is cheaper to haul water than gravel.

* Mike Spankowsky has a blooming tobacco plant in his store window.

* H. B. Quinby has a force at work remodeling the second story of his liv-

ery stable building. As soon as he returns from Cripple Creek he will open an office for the purpose of selling a portion of his real estate in and about this city.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 1921

* Martin Drake, 2316 West Kiowa street, president of the City National Bank, and a resident for the last 43 years is a candidate for a 4-year term on the City Council.

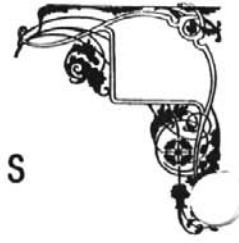
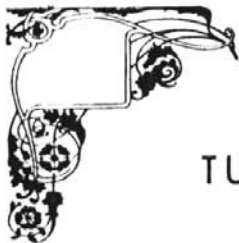
* At an organization meeting of the Buena Vista Parent-Teachers association, the following officers were elected: Mrs Guy Pryor, president; Mrs. O. W. Eard, vice-president; Mrs John Carde, secretary; Mrs. Frank Tracey, treasurer; Miss Leah Taylor, Mrs. Henry Schmitt and Mrs Kistler, program committee.

* Colorado is spending more money for schools than heretofore. The cost per pupil in the 1920 report was \$9.39 per pupil compared to \$8.12 at the end of fiscal year 1918.

* A pair of yeggs tried to hold up Mrs. Mary Rumsey, 2419 West Cucharas street. She saved more than \$1,000 worth of jewelry she was wearing when she knocked the pistol from one robber's hand and screamed so that her neighbors came in time to see the fleeing hold-up men escape in their auto.

* The Heidleberg Inn, amusement center of the one-time bibulous town of Ramona, will soon be a memory. It is to be sold, razed at once and the material hauled away. The Inn, along with other Ramona resorts, was built when Colorado City went dry in the election of 1914. For a couple of years, or until the state was voted dry, the inn was a wild, wild place. After the citizens of the state gave J. Barleycorn the hook, the place lapsed into a state of innocuous desuetude, with the exception of

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WEST SIDE MEMORIES

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

one summer when it was used by a motion picture company. A number of wild west thrillers were made with the old barroom as the centerpiece of the wild and woolly action.

* At the April 4th meeting of the Women's Study Club, Mrs. Ford Woodard, was elected president; Mrs. J. W. Clark, first vice-pres.; Mrs. Walter D. Lewis, second vice-pres.; Miss Pearl Brenniche, recording secretary; Mrs. Duncan Lamont, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Frank A. Drew, treasurer.

* The worst spring blizzard in its history raged for over 24 hours over Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region. Commissioner W. H. Bartell warned motorists to "Stay out of Ute pass as it is not only impassable but positively dangerous as well." Some of the drifts are over 20 feet deep. He has three separate gangs working to open the road.

* Mr. David Speilman, 133 N. 13th, celebrated his 87th birthday on April 16. He was born in Alsace-Lorraine, and came to Colorado City from Des Moines, Iowa in June, 1859 and has lived here since. He fought Indians in the early days and fought for three years in the Civil War, serving with the Second Colorado cavalry in Kansas and Missouri. He married Miss Clementine Girton here, October 8, 1861. She died December 11, 1911.

* Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Epperson, 118 Osage avenue, Manitou, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on April 20th. They came west in a train of 40 covered wagons from Missouri in 1873. For many years Mr. Epperson was engaged in the cattle business in South Park. They have lived in the Pikes Peak region for 20 years.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

April 1946

* Horace L. DeMoss, 73, 508 N. 24th street, died Saturday (4/1). Forty years

ago he conducted the Brown Palace restaurant at what is now 2601 W. Colorado Ave. Mrs. DeMoss died in 1908. Burial will be in Fairview cemetery.

* When the old Standard mill went out of action around 30 years ago, the dump was quite well covered in several ways to prevent the dust from blowing. However with the late windy days, the long-abandoned mounds of ore dust seem to have come to life and have been a considerable annoyance. The dust problem is under consideration by the City Council.

* Players chosen from West Junior to participate in a girls' basketball tournament made up of representatives from Colorado Springs junior and senior high school classes are: Wilma Wright, Barbara Morgan, Marcille James, June Rupp, Joan Decker, Norma Jean Hostetler, Lorraine Sandison, Darlene Cross, Beverly Sanderson and Helen Scroggs. The four teams were named Eggs, Chickens, Rabbits and Green Bonnets.

* Fairview Cemetery is nicely kept by S. V. (Ves) Cruts, sexton for many years, following Cornelius (Corn) Starr, who now rests where he labored. He was a member of a pioneer family, as is Ves, whose father, John Cruts, served as a Colorado City constable. The nice evergreen trees on the street front at Fairview were placed there by the late E. R. Ripley, who was buried there some years ago, along with many hundreds of former residents.

* Mrs. Harry M. Jones of the Finley Ranch, N. 30th, and her father, E. A. Brown, 3022 W. Bijou, have enjoyed an extensive trip of about five weeks into Arizona, California and other western points.

* Old Town tonsorial artist, Emil Fritsch, celebrated his 84th birthday Tuesday (4/18). He came here from the Show Me state over 40 years ago and bought the Charlie Evans barber

shop in what is now the 2600 block on West Colorado avenue. He retired from the business some years ago.

* A request of Bethany Baptist church, Pikes Peak and 24th, to extend the main auditorium and build a religious education building was granted by the zoning board.

* An estimated crowd of 30,000, the largest in its history, attended the Garden of the Gods Easter Sunrise service, along with an Easter bunny. About 10 minutes before the service started, a bunny bounded out of the brush, and ran onto the platform. Bewildered by the crowd, the animal ran back and forth for several minutes while newsreel cameramen and news photographers did their best to take its picture. The rabbit finally found an avenue of escape and hopped away.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

April 1971

* Mrs. Florence Warner Donnelly, 89, 2516 W. Vermijo Avenue, died Thursday (4/1) She came here in 1888. She was married here February 20, 1912, to the late James J. Donnelly. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and the Colorado Springs Pioneer Society.

* Charles Benjamin Stevens, 2310 Hagerman St., a resident since 1901, died Tuesday (4/6) He was a retired railroad worker and is survived by seven sons, two daughters, 31 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

* A little bit of history rode out of town on Train 191-200 Friday (4/30). The last train to carry passengers through Colorado Springs, which at one time had eight trains a day, was the Santa Fe's Denver to La Junta train, pulling three cars instead of the usual one to accommodate all the people who wanted to be on the historic trip.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

On March 15, 1996, members of the Board for the Old Colorado City Historical Society voted to have the annual membership dues increase, effective immediately. A study performed earlier in the year determined that the costs to publish and mail the newsletter amounted to more than the annual membership fee. Publishing of the newsletter turned out to be the single most expensive item when an audit of the books was performed in early March. Each month approximately 325 newsletters are printed, sorted and mailed to the membership.

The new annual membership fees are: Individual \$20, Family \$25. The Life Membership remains the same, \$150. New categories include Business at \$150 and Corporate at \$250.

You can determine your membership status by looking at the upper right corner of your mailing label on this newsletter. This code translates to the expiration date of your membership. The first two characters represent the year and the last two characters represent the month. If your code is 9605, your membership is due in May of 1996.

Clint Waller, Membership Director



Photo courtesy of the Ed & Nancy Bathke Collection

Thanks to Ed Bathke for sharing this rare photograph of the construction of one of the mills in Colorado City from his collection. Ed is still researching to determine which mill this is. More in our next issue of *West Word*.

West Word welcomes your correspondence, stories and photographs. You can write *West Word* in care of Paul Idleman, 1939 Giltshire Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Please call (719)633-7803 for further information or questions.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

The new 1996 Membership Directory has been published and is now available.

Directories will be on sale for \$2.00 per copy at the next General Meeting. If you are unable to attend, just fill out the coupon and mail it in.

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