

JUNE/JULY 1996

## HISTORY CENTER'S FUTURE IN CYBERSPACE

### THANK YOU, LUCILLE!



photo by Paul Idleman

The Old Colorado City Historical Society is indeed fortunate to have had Lucille Cunningham as our President. Our Society has enjoyed the good fortune of having the right person as President during each stage of development. Lucille, with her knowledge of building construction and renovation, gave so much of her time, energy and expertise to successfully complete the major task of transforming our old church into the beautifully elegant and inspiring History Center we now have. As if this wasn't enough of an accomplishment, Lucille involved herself in every aspect of our organization. Participating

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David R. Hughes, a founding member of O.C.C.H.S. and once again the Society's President for the summer, gave a brief but informative and entertaining program at our May annual meeting on the subject of the World Wide Web and its potential benefits for our History Center. He was aided in setting up his equipment by **Janet Fanning**. We were fortunate that his program was aided, also, with the loan of an expensive digital projector by **Peter Blaney**, local manager of Proline. Using this projector enabled us to see Dave's computer monitor screen on a movie screen. The audience could watch the process as Dave entered the Internet.

Dave also explained why the Society needs to use computers so that we can efficiently manage the business affairs of the Historical Society plus that of our own small business, the History Center.

Dave demonstrated some of the things we might show on our own World Wide Web page, including pictures taken with his digital camera — some of them made at the Dorothy Aldridge Book Signing held at the Center on March 30th — that went right into the computer. The camera does use film. The photographs are saved directly to a computer disk within the camera which can then go into the computer.

Some of the things a Web page would do for us includes giving the Internet users information about the Society and its activities, do electronic merchandising of items from our Book-Gift Shop, and tell stories of Colorado City's colorful past. Using a wireless modem, Dave connected to the Web — 10,000,000 computers in over 100 countries.

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# Old Colorado City Historical Society

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## WEST WORD

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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 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. Renewal Memberships are due on the anniversary date of the initial Membership. Members receive the West Word newsletter, local meetings and programs.

Annual memberships classifications are as follows:

Individual .....	\$20	Business .....	\$50
Family .....	\$25	Corporate .....	\$250
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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	Robert Heinich .....	448-9001
	Mel McFarland .....	533-1311
	Leon Young.....	633-2621

### 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.

**NEXT MEETING September 13, 1996**

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



## ROLL CALL

**GENERAL MEETING 5/10/1996**  
**42 members and 7 visitors signed in**

Kay Arnold	Jan Knox
Betty Baker	Ken Kramer
Ed Bathke	Mel McFarland
Nancy Bathke	Helen Michelson
Beulah Butler	Albert Moberly
Ray Campbell	Katherine Moberly
Donald Colvin	Don Paddock
Virginia E. Cox	Jim Rogers
Lucille Cunningham	Virginia Rogers
Martha Curry	Rose Slusher
Beverly Disch	Marion Steavenson
Jack Ekstrom	Mary Jo Wallace
Leland Feitz	Shirley Waller
Liz Geiss	Rhoda Wilcox
Kim Gould	Doris Wolfe
Margaret Gould	Wilbur Wolfe
Max Gould	
Flora Bell Hall	<u>VISITORS</u>
Orrin R. Haynes	Peter Blaney
Bob Heinich	Janet Fanning
Christine Heinich	Ken Kolstad
Catherine Henderson	Mid Kolstad
David Hughes	Tom McWharton
Paul Idleman	Vivian McWharton
Enid Kennis	Bonnie Woolsey
Orville Kenelly	

## WEST WORD

The Old Colorado City Historical Society's  
Official Newsletter

is published monthly except during  
January, June, and August.

Please note that this issue is the  
June/July combined issue. Our next  
issue is the August/September issue  
which should arrive around  
September 1st.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

# MAIL BOX

Dear OCCHS,

Please add my name to your OCCHS membership and accept my dues. I'll be anxiously awaiting the newsletter, and hopefully attending meetings.

My family came to Colorado Springs in 1891 and have lived here ever since. Wow, what stories we can tell! I have many photos that you may be interested in, also. My grandfather, C. B. Myles, worked for the Midland R. R. in the 1890's until a train accident caused the loss of an arm. Then he became Street Commissioner in Old Colorado City ("Old Town," he called it). One of your members, Eileen Graham, is my cousin.

It will be fun learning more about the old ways of Colorado Springs because it appears that growth and change are on a roll and out of control.

Good luck in your endeavors. I look forward to joining your group.

Carol Hannasch  
Colorado Springs, CO

*Welcome, Carol. We would love to see your photographs. Our History Center Archives is growing because of the generosity of our members sharing their memories and treasures. There are so many items relating to this area's history that the public has not yet seen because they exist in private family collections. Our History Center's goal is to have the most complete reference center for Colorado City we can build and, to achieve that, we are beginning to actively search for these special items. If you don't want to donate your items to our Research Center, perhaps you may allow us to photograph them. Our Archive Committee will be anxious to see your photographs. Thank you for joining.*

Dear OCCHS,

Please find enclosed my renewal form. I would also like to put out a request for information from your readers.

I learned that my great-great grandparents moved to Colorado City in 1879. Their name was Friskey and they owned a freight business. My great-great grandfather, Charlie

Friskey, died in 1879 of typhoid. Somehow they lost the business and moved, homesteading near Buena Vista. My great-great grandmother would spend her winters here. She suffered from asthma. She also sold herbs. Her name was Johanna Friskey.

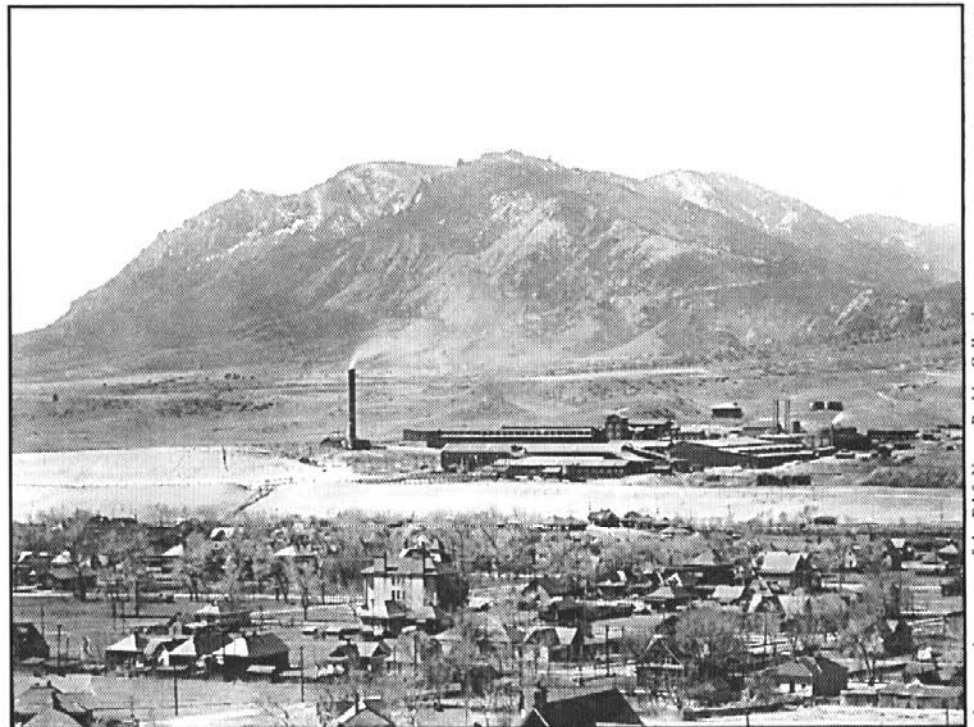
I have been unable to locate my great-great grandfather's grave or evidence of it. If anyone has information it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Dianne Hartshorn  
Colorado Springs, CO

the tailing to our house on 32nd Street. This fine sand would penetrate the space around the window sills, and Mother used to put wet towels on them to try to keep the sand out.

I have enclosed a map copied from part of a Geological Survey Map of 1909. I have added a few legends. It shows the locations of all four of the old mills.

Sincerely,  
Ira Current  
Rochester, New York



photograph courtesy of the Ed & Nancy Bathke Collection

*Thank you to the Hartshorns for their renewal. Anyone with information to help Dianne with her search can contact her through her home address in our Membership Directory or through **West Word**, 1 S. 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319.*

Dear **West Word**:

I presume someone else has already advised you as to the identity of the mill shown in the lower photograph in **West Word** from Ed and Nancy Bathke, but in case they have not it is the Golden Cycle Mill. That is the Whittier School in the foreground.

When the wind was from a certain south-east compass point, it brought

*We're going to have to give Ira a writer's credit on our masthead. He's writing more for **West Word** than the editor. Hearing from Ira and seeing his photographs is always appreciated.*

*Ed and Nancy did hear from several people concerning the mill photos. The photograph on this page, certainly the most published photo in our newsletter, is indeed the Golden Cycle Mill. The two photos of the mill under construction in our last issue are, most likely, the Portland. I wish we could have reproduced the map Ira sent in this issue, but there wasn't enough space. I will forward it to our History Center's Archives.*

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I am flattered that the new Board of Directors elected me President of our organization. Lucille Cunningham has done a tremendous job as our President during the strenuous period of readying our wonderful Center to display the fascinating history of Colorado City to the world. The members and, yeah, the whole community can't thank her enough. It will be hard to fill her energetic shoes.

Having been actively involved with revitalization of Old Colorado City and the origins of our Historical Society 20 years ago, I know the great potential our Society now has to meet the long existing need for a permanent public presentation of our exiting and unique history.

It will be work requiring new talents, new programs in addition to continuing the best of the old ones. We will need a renewed spirit of volunteerism. We have to be able to pay our monthly bills - we are landlords now - which will require our Board and members to develop and implement reliable sources of regular income so that we all can concentrate on our historical and local culture interests.

We will be able to meet monthly in our new

space. I think we can even start a series of 'mini-meetings' at nights or on weekends convenient for more of our members, where a handful of members interested in one historical topic can gather informally to share their historical interests and knowledge over tea and coffee.

When I chaired the 2-year long local county-wide Centennial-Bicentennial organization 20 years ago which sponsored over 250 events, involved thousands of people, and handled over \$300,000, my philosophy was for our organization to be 'inclusive' of all interests, people, and needs, rather than preside too narrowly in judgement of ideas or initiatives. It worked then; it can work now.

I will be calling each and every one of you over the next several months, to ask what you would like from your Society, and what you are willing to do for the Society. So think about it and don't be shy about telling me what you think - good or bad, for I am used to listening to all points of view, and acting on what appears to be a consensus.

*Dave Hughes*  
President

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## SOCIETY NEWS

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### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As required by our by-laws, the annual meeting with election of members to the O.C.C.H.S. Board of Directors was held on May 10, 1996. Re-elected to the Board were **Leon Young** and **Jan Knox**. The newly elected members are **Bev Disch**, **Mel McFarland**, and **Christine** and **Robert Heinich**. Board Members still serving their terms are **Betty Baker**, **Jim Ciletti**, **Dave Hughes** and **Paul Idleman**. Due to the busy summer schedules of the Board members, the following were elected to serve as officers temporarily until the September

Board meeting: **Dave Hughes**, President; **Betty Baker**, Vice President; **Jan Knox**, Secretary; and **Paul Idleman**, Treasurer.

Our deep gratitude to departing Board Members **Ralph Conner**, **Jean Christopher**, **Shirley Waller** and **Mary Jo Wallace**. Thank you especially to Shirley for her excellent work as Board Secretary and Mary Jo who kept the Society finances in order as our Board's Treasurer.

### O.C.C.H.S. BY-LAWS

Our by-laws have existed in their present form since 1981, when the Society was much

smaller and we were not the owners of a small business. A committee has been formed for the summer to meet and revise the by-laws and present them to the membership for their approval at the September 13, 1996 meeting. Call **Betty Baker**, 633-2350, if you would like to help with this project.

### HISTORY CENTER BOOK-GIFT SHOP

**Leland Feitz**, **Paul Idleman** and **Jan Knox** are the committee in charge of the Book-Gift Shop. They are busy selecting titles to

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# FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

## Goodbye Bob Gaarder

Friends and history lovers will miss OCCHS member and former Board member, **Bob Gaarder**, who passed away recently after a lengthy illness. He was also a member and past Sheriff of The Westerners. Bob's congenial manner and amazing appreciation of history has been an inspiration to many of us. Bob had been confined to his home for some time with his illness, but still managed to keep active with his hobbies. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to Bob's loving and caring wife, Loretta.

## Patio Committee

Bids are being obtained to start the patio on the east side of the History Center. We have enough money now to do the job properly, thanks again to an anonymous donor who is making the completion possible. We are very lucky to have such dedicated people who see our needs and do something about making our wishes a reality.

## Grants

Two more grants have been received. Both grants are from the State Historical Society. One is a mini-grant to start preservation of the pictures the society has acquired and the other is replace the choir balcony if it is deemed expedient to do so. We are extremely lucky to have an expert grant writer in the person of **Owen Knox**. He has donated many, many hours properly preparing the difficult grant applications for us. We're proud of you, Owen. You should be aware that every cent given for a specific purpose by grant benefactors has to be accounted for in a very diligent manner. Not one cent can go for anything else.

## Phase One At Completion

I want to especially thank the building committee for completing Phase 1 of the Society's mission statement. (This involved the two contracts for restoring the exterior and renovating the interior of the History Center.) Our building committee consisted of experts: **Mr. Chuck Geiss**, **Mr. Owen Knox**, **Mark Cunningham** and yours truly. Our mission is to establish a History Center and to collect and preserve the historical artifacts of the

Westside. This has been going on for ten years through the endeavors of **Ralph Connor**, **Joyce Johns**, **Liliane Ross**, **Dorothy McGlasson** and **Virginia Cox**, and we now have a place to store and display the items. This should be challenging and fun! We will need your help.

## Membership Dues

Some of you have asked why the membership has jumped to \$20.00. It takes approximately \$12.00 per member to do the wonderful newsletter each year. Utilities and insurance for the Center have to be paid for. Money is raised but not enough to cover the many other expenses involved in opening the Center. No grant money, whatsoever, can be used for any purpose other than what it was given for.

## Has Your Membership Expired?

Many members may have expired memberships and not know it. Please check the date that is on your address mailing label on this newsletter. This date shows when your membership has expired or is due to expire. **1996 / 6**, for example, means your membership expires June 1996. If your membership runs to December 1997, your mailing label code would read **1997 / 12**. Our policy must be that we discontinue sending *West Word* to members with memberships expired more than two months. We no longer send out reminder notices, so please check your mailing label.

## Spelling Bee

The Mountainview Nursing Home held a Spelling Bee on May 16th. Various retirement homes in the area participated. Your former president, **Lucille Cunningham**, served as moderator and **Ralph Connor** served as one of the four judges. What a delightful time we had!

## Thanks, Thanks To All Of You!

I do want to thank the many people who helped me during the three years I was president. A helping hand means so much. I thank you for all the kindnesses you bestowed upon me. Your praise and support meant so much.

*Lucille Cunningham*

# READING OF LAW

by Ira Current

Could a hike to  
Glen Eyrie in 1924  
lead to  
embarrassment?  
Judge for yourself.

Randolph and George Riley were fellow members of Ralph Hubbard's Troop 12 of Boy Scouts in Colorado Springs. We often joined the Riley brothers and a few other fellow scouts for hikes in the vicinity. These were generally in the canyons and plateaus south of the western part of the city where we lived, but occasionally we would head north past the Garden of the Gods.

Our treks in this direction were limited by the boundary between the city-owned part of the park and the Glen Eyrie Estate that had been established many years before at the entrance to Queen's Canyon by General Palmer. The locals knew the estate was private property, but for the uninformed and forgetful there were signs every one hundred feet or so proclaiming, "*Private Property-Positively No Trespassing.*"

The estate property was well developed from the point of view of both architecture and landscaping, with a main building, the Tudor style "castle," supplemented by several other structures, including a power plant and living quarters for the maintenance staff and servants. To be sure, even in those days there was a security organization for protection of the property, especially important when the owners were absent.

One sunny, crisp fall afternoon in 1924, "Judge" Randolph Rutledge Riley, Randy "junior" and George's lawyer father, joined our small hiking party. Our trek led us past Little and Big Chambers Reservoirs where we often swam, past the gray and red sandstone formations of the Garden of the Gods, on to the foothill separating the two areas. The senior Riley noted the barbed wire fence hung with warning signs, and said, "This is as far as we can go in this direction."

The four scouts presented a torrent of rationalization to the judge. "We have gone through Glen Eyrie many times before, without any notice. After all, the signs have been here as long as we can remember, and nobody pays



photo by Ira Current

This 1930 photograph of Glen Eyrie by Ira Current is very similar to the view Ira and his hiking partners saw when they climbed down into the estate in 1924. Luckily, there's no security guard visible in the picture.

any attention to them. The owners haven't been here in a long time. The castle grounds are like a park, and well worth seeing."

Reluctantly, Mr. Riley squatted through the barbed wire with us, and we were soon sliding down the juniper covered hillside into the castle grounds. As we walked between buildings, a man who was obviously a security guard suddenly appeared.

"Why, Judge Riley! You are the last person I would ever expect to see here!" Our old friend, who had never treated the law capriciously, appeared stunned and embarrassed. After stammered apologies and illogical explanations, we were all packed into a station wagon and driven to the main entrance of the estate, some distance away from the Garden of the Gods and a long

way from home. We trudged wordlessly along the graveled road—sweaty, tired, thirsty and repentant.

In a couple of days there were notes waiting for us at our classes at Bancroft School. We were asked to stop at Riley's Law offices, located on the second floor at 2430 West Colorado Avenue, across Court Street from Bancroft Park. We responded to this strange invitation at the appointed hour. There on the office conference table were piles of legal tomes with markers hanging out of them. The judge asked us to sit down for a long session of reading tracts pertaining to the subject of trespass.

Ever since, we have tended to observe "no trespassing" signs when they appear.

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add to the book selections we presently have, plus other items such as historical videos and posters, etc. They are also looking for quality craft items to stock on consignment. If you have suggestions for this committee, call **Jan** at 689-2355. The book shop is presently open by appointment only and for special events, such as the tours, the upcoming intake days of items for the Treasure Sales and the days of the Sales. Opening during the hours of the Farmer's Market, on Saturday mornings in July, August, September and into October, is under consideration. If you can donate some time to help in our Book Shop, call **Bev Disch**, 634-5023, or **Jan** at the above number.

### OLD COLORADO CITY TOURS

**Jean Christopher** and **Bev Disch** are available to conduct walking tours of the historic area for

groups of five or more people. The tours begin at the History Center with the book shop open for purchases. If you belong to other organizations, please pass the word along. Also, if you have out of town guests you're entertaining, call **Jean** at 634-1803 or **Bev** at 634-5023. The cost for the tour is \$5.00 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, and lasts approximately two hours. Rates can be negotiated for very large groups. The Board has also approved organizations having short meetings and refreshments at the History Center prior to their tour. Arrangements can be made for handicapped members to stay behind and listen to a short talk about the History Center and Colorado City, provided by the Book Shop volunteer. All the money earned by Jean and Bev is donated to the History Center Fund. They are very knowledgeable about our historic, colorful

area, so give them a call!

### BOOK SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to the following people who volunteered their time during Territory Days to help in the book shop: **Virginia Rogers**, **Hilda Huber**, **Isabelle Peterson**, **Laura Bandeko**, **Cyndy Estes**, **Amy Lee**, **Max** and **Margaret Gould**, **Leland Feitz** and special thanks to **Bev Disch**, who not only helped by calling and finding volunteers (her friends from other organizations and her daughter—she's so persuasive that several are now Society members, too) but she also worked three shifts on Saturday and Sunday.

### ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

**Sharron Uhler**, Archivist at the Pioneer Museum, will hold a training workshop for Society volunteers, on a date to be

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## MAIL BOX - con't from page 3

Be sure to read Ira's story, *Reading of Law*, on page 6. We enjoyed it so much that we made it this issue's feature story. Thank you so much, Ira, and with your permission, I'll forward your Glen Eyrie photograph to our archives.

Dear Lucille,

The Merry Matrons wish to thank you again for the wonderful program, enjoyed by all.

We wish to donate our coffee maker to the historical society in your honor. We were informed that they could use one.

Thank you again.

Isla May Sokol  
The Merry Matrons

Lucille Cunningham presented her program on pioneer women to the Merry Matron's Home Extension on June 20th. About 25 people attended the program.

Thank you, Merry Matrons for the wonderful gift. We already have a spot picked out for the coffee maker in our kitchen which, as it turns out, is also the perfect place for our office.

Dear OCCHS,

I located this 1912 article reprinted in the April 25, 1946 *Colorado Springs Independent*. No author was credited.

The writer unearthed an interesting book, a relic of the old days in Colorado City, a candy recipe book gotten out by the G. A. R. Ladies of William J. Palmer Circle No. 29 in 1912-34 years ago.

The officers of the circle were: Mrs. Mattie Maxwell, president; Mrs. Anna C. Hardwick, senior vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Green, junior vice-president; Mrs. Alice Lane, treasurer; Mrs. Nellie J. Franklin, secretary; Luella Langstaff, chaplain; Mrs. Bertha Starr, conductor; Mrs. Lena Kaler, assistant conductor; Mrs. Bina Taws, inner guard; Mrs. Glenn, assistant guard.

Among the Colorado City businessmen with advertisements in the book are: Grand View Greenhouses, E. R. Ripley; D. F. Burson & Sons, cement contractors; Boone Undertaking company, J. D. Boone; J. D. Faulkner, notary public, Justice of Peace; Jesse W. Jackson, Grocer; Mack's Candy and Ice Cream, J. J. McCorkell; Frank Priess, The Honest Plumber; Borst Meat Market, Borst Brothers; Avenue Meat Market, A. L. Perry; Wagner-Stockbridge Mercantile company, C. P. Stockbridge; Geiger Mercantile Company, Geo. F. Geiger; W. W. Ward, Grocer, 1431 West Colorado avenue; Miles Cook, Real Estate, 1429 West Colorado avenue; Ingveldstad's Pharmacy, 1504 West Colorado avenue; Pikes Peak Mineral Water Company, C. L. Smith, 1202 West Lincoln avenue.

Among the Colorado Springs advertisers were the following: Fairley Undertaking Company; Deal Shoe Company.

Manitou advertisers: Pikes Peak Cog Road, C. W. Sells, President and General Manager; Lennon Drug Company, William Lennon; Mt. Manitou Scenic Incline Railroad, N. M. Brumback; Mansions Hotel, C. R. C. Dye and R. E. L. Gile, managers; Manitou Mineral Springs Company; Cave of the Winds.

If anyone knows where a copy of this candy recipe book can be located or if you have any information on any of the above women or Colorado City businesses, please contact me at 689-2355 or write me in care of *West Word*, Old Colorado City Historical Society, 1 South 2th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319.

Thank you,  
Jan Knox

Please write to *West Word's* Mail Box. Share your memories, photographs and stories. Send to *West Word*, 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319.

## 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 small microwave oven is needed for our 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.

Funding for drinking fountain - approx. \$500.

Dress forms to display period clothing.

Call Betty Baker at 633-2350 for additional information.

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decided upon, in July. This is required by the conditions of the \$5,000.00 grant we have received from the State Historical Fund to start the processing of our very large photo collection. Please call Paul Idleman, 633-7803 or Jan Knox, 689-2355 if you are interested in taking this workshop. Please call also, if you are interested in this project even if you are not available for the July workshop, as you can be trained "on-the-job".

Jan Knox



## PAST EVENTS

### LET'S HOPE SHE WAS SUITED AFTER SHE REACHED MANITOU

*This 1914 letter from an Illinois visitor to the Pikes Peak Region is reprinted in celebration of the 1996 tourist season which is now underway. Only a motel or bed & breakfast owner could tell us if things have changed over the years. For apparent reasons, this tourist seems to be looking for a husband.*

*Colorado Springs Gazette, May 13, 1921*

A manager of a local hotel has been showing his friends a letter written seven years ago by a woman who desired rates at his place in Manitou. Though the prices she mentions in her letter are said to be somewhat low for even 1914, yet they are breath-taking in comparison with present day hotel schedules.

Dear Manager at Sunnyside,

I am a widow with three children, and am thinking of bringing them with me to Manitou when I come next week. The oldest is 9 years of age and his name is Johnnie. Mr. Manager, he is a good boy and only broke seven windows where we stayed last summer. Eddie is 6 and likes to play with water. Have you a convenient hose that little Eddie could play with when he gets tired? Beatrice is really the best child that I have. Sometimes she gets cross and whines a little, but if you will kindly humor her, I think she will be all right at your hotel. Of course you have no objection to her making mud pies on the front porch as the dear little thing finds much enjoyment in the pastime.

Now as to rates. Eddie does not eat much. Neither does my little daughter. Johnnie always wants a lunch two or three times each day, but you could instruct the cook to look after his few desires. I think that \$7.50 for myself and \$5 per week for the three children would be plenty. This would make \$12.50 for the four of us, or \$50 per month. If you make this kind of a rate, we will stay until you close in the fall. I am sure that we will be able to get along all right, and we would have stayed in Wisconsin if the woman who operated the hotel where we boarded was not such a cat. She even kicked because Eddie hammered on the piano keys with a little toy mallet. By the way, have you any nice young men at your place?

Respectfully,  
"MRS. T."

(abstracted by Jan Knox)

## FUTURE EVENTS

**July 13, 20 & 27** - "Treasure" Sales - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.\*\*

**August 10, 11, 1996** - One woman two hour performance "**Baby Doe**", by Melva Touchette Saturday matinee: starts 1:30 p.m.; Saturday evening: starts 7:00 p.m.; Sunday afternoon: starts 2:00 p.m. Tickets sold only at the door: \$5.00 each.

**August 11, 1996** - Founders' Day—Bancroft Park—11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Join us for an Old-fashioned Sunday Afternoon in the Park" \*\*\*\*

**September 13, 1996** - Program: Lois Jackson, "**Three Generations of Family Quilts**".

"**Treasure**" Sale - Fall dates to be announced.

**October 11, 1996** - Program: Darlene Weir Godat, "**100th Anniversary of the Leadville Ice Palace**".

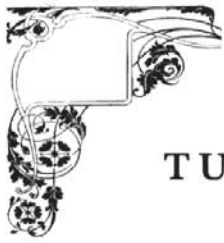
**November 8, 1996** - Program: Mary Jane Rust "**Faith in High Places**".

**December 1, 1996** - Second Annual Victorian Bed & Breakfast Tour & Possible Grand Opening of Old Colorado City History Center.

\*\* Volunteers needed for these events, call Betty Baker at 633-2350.

\*\*\*\* Volunteers needed for this event, call Jan Knox at 689-2355.

**TREASURE SALES** - The History Center will be open by appointment for receiving items to sell at our Treasure Sales this summer. This has always been a successful fundraiser for the History Center because of the great items donated by our members. Our Treasure Sales dates for the summer are July 13th, 20th and 27th. You can drop your items off at the History Center by calling Betty Baker at 633-2350 to schedule an appointment for someone to meet you there. Household miscellaneous, furniture items, books, and records will be accepted. Please do not donate clothes, shoes, or magazines. If you can help with receiving, pricing or selling items, please call Betty at 633-2350.



# WEST SIDE MEMORIES

## TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

June/July 1896

\* The big chlorination mill of the Colorado-Philadelphia Reduction company is slowly but surely rising from the ground. Already hundreds of tons of red sand stone have been put in the foundations, which are three feet thick. Two large derricks are used to handle the large blocks of stone which are brought from the Kenmuir quarries in Red Rock canyon. The mill will be the largest of its kind in the United States and will directly and indirectly give employment to more than 100 men. Were it not for the fact that money is so scarce among the people, a boom of huge dimensions would be raging in Colorado City real estate.

\* Miss Reynolds, one of the teachers in the Bancroft school, is suffering from an attack of measles.

\* The electric light located near Kinch's store in Bott's addition was wrecked by lightning during the thunder storm yesterday afternoon.

\* George R. Buckman, secretary of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce is out in a card saying that unless \$500 is forthcoming by this evening the Broadmoor Casino will not be opened this season. It seems strange that George should appeal to the public for this small amount. Why doesn't he put it up out of his own pocket?

\* Dell Ash, one of the quill pushers on *The Daily Iris*, rode down from his father's ranch in Douglas county yesterday, horseback. The result of the trip has laid Dell out and he hasn't been able to do anything since.

\* Dr. Shaw of the Chicago Dental Parlors, had his left arm broken near the elbow last Saturday evening while coming from Manitou. The doctor was riding a wheel and was traveling at a high speed when he ran into a bad place in the road and was thrown. It

will be some time before the doctor will have use of the broken member.

\* Horace Matthews of Cripple Creek, is stopping in the city for a few days in the hope of escaping a threatened attack of pneumonia. Mr. Matthews lived in this city with his parents many years ago, his father having been at that time principal of the Colorado City schools. His parents now reside in Salt Lake City.

\* Members of the hose company can be found practicing every evening now, preparing for the races on the Fourth.

\* Under the auspices of the Christian church, a tent meeting, conducted by the Rev. T. J. Head, evangelist from Oklahoma, will begin tomorrow evening, opposite the Bancroft school building.

\* Oscar Madel's fine two-story residence on Jefferson avenue is nearing completion.

\* This evening, at the First Baptist church in this city, a grand musical concert will be given by colored talent of Colorado Springs. The program consists of instrumental, solo and chorus music. The price of admission is 25 cents. The entertainment is given under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church.

\* C.W. Kinsman, the street commissioner, is grading and putting East Third street in passable condition.

\* About 1:30 yesterday afternoon, the belfry on the Bancroft school building in this city, was struck by lightning. With the exception of a few shingles being torn off, no damage was done.

\* Ernest, Wallace, the young man who was run over by the hose cart while practicing a couple of weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be able to sit up.

\* "Gypsy", one of the queens of Cripple Creek, of questionable reputa-

tion, got some man's money mixed up with her own Monday night and immediately sought a lower altitude. The sheriff was notified and also Marshal Clark, who on Friday spied their victim mounting a street car for Colorado Springs. Upon her return to this city, she was arrested and the sheriff notified, who came over and got "Gypsy" and landed her in the county jail for further development.

\* The attention of parents is called to the kindergarten in the basement of the Bancroft school. Mrs. Augusta Holt Kelly has charge of this work and should receive the hearty support of the people of Colorado City.

\* Colorado Springs and Manitou joined in celebrating the glorious 4th with Colorado City. Five thousand people attended the many events which included a parade with patriotic floats, on West Colorado avenue, ending at the big iron pavilion. The day started with booming cannons, ringing bells and screeching whistles and included a basket dinner in the grove; speeches; band concerts; hose, horse, bicycle and foot races; dancing in the pavilion and fireworks. Colorado City is planning a two days blow out with a fireman's tournament and a barbecue when the chlorination mill is finished.

\* The Anheuser-Busch Brewing company has awarded a contract to John Deutsch to load all machinery and parts of machinery now at the old glass works, on cars for shipment to St. Louis. After being thoroughly overhauled, the machinery will be used in a glass plant at Belvidere, Illinois.

\* Charles Stockbridge did the handsome thing by the Colorado City hose boys, Saturday, in giving them a banquet. The tables were spread on the beautiful lawn and provided with all the choice edibles which the market afforded. Acts like this do much to promote the efficiency of the fire department. Young men especially,

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like to know that their efforts are appreciated and there is no better way to show appreciation than by stuffing a man with good things.

\* Rev. C. M. Reid, of the Baptist church, is entertaining his niece in this city, who arrived yesterday morning from Denver.

\* The Colorado City band and a platoon of Colorado City police took part in the Elk's parade at Colorado Springs this afternoon. The Elks repeat their minstrel show at the opera house tonight for the benefit of the family of Policeman Bish who was recently murdered in that city.

\* The fire department has lately received a new Eastman nozzle. This appliance will throw water in a solid stream much further than the old nozzles and can be handled by a 6-year old boy.

\* Perhaps fifty people who claim to have the moral condition of Colorado City met at the W.C.T.U. hall to devise ways and means to bring about a reform in the cause of temperance. Rev. Reid, pastor of the Baptist church, called the meeting to order. C. L. Cunningham was chosen secretary. A committee consisting of five gentlemen and five ladies were selected to confer with the mayor in regard to Sunday closing. The next meeting will be July 27.

\* The racket made by the tallyho parties from the Manitou hotels may be a mark of high social position and good breeding, but to old residents it is a gentle reminder of the days when cowboys and border ruffians galloped up and down the streets of Colorado towns.

\* The Colorado Springs irrigation ditch overflowed back of The Iris office this afternoon after the rain, several thousand cubic feet of water flowed down the avenue, but no particular damage was done.

\* The great and only society circus, the only one-ring circus on earth, will exhibit in Manitou on the evenings of

July 31 and August 1. Admission 50 cents. The Colorado Midland band of this city has been engaged to play for both performances.

## SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June/July 1921

\* Workmen are now engaged in constructing a trail between the new Barr trail to the summit of Pikes Peak and Bottomless pit. It is being built by Fred Barr, builder of the other trail, and will make possible a comparatively easy descent into this great pocket of a canyon, which has always been one of the most fascinating features of the Sentinel of the Rockies. Mr. Barr is in the southern part of the state, securing additional burros for use on the trails which he has been leading from the summit of Mt. Manitou. His Pikes Peak trail was completed, except for a short gap high above the timber line, when the snow set in last fall. It will be complete and ready for use this summer. It is a picturesque trail, zigzagging down the face of the mountain overlooking Colorado Springs and passing through an area of above-timber line ground where boulders as large as houses are piled upon each other like children's blocks. The trail is also a comparatively easy one of ascent.

\* At five o'clock last night, the bell on the Manitou fire truck began to clang and its siren to shriek, signaling the completion of the paving of Main Street from Ruxton Avenue to the Station, in record breaking time. The workmen of contractor, Charles N. Wheeler, who numbered nearly 100, laid down their tools for the last time, and collected at a long table which had been set in front of the Columbine cafe, opposite the post office, on some of the pavement which they had laid. It was all a-glitter with glasses and bottles of something good to drink. Waiters served a sumptuous dinner. A big crowd gathered on the side lines to look on, though they could not participate.

\* The new Broadmoor boulevard, the first highway dedication of 1921, was celebrated with a parade of more than

one hundred automobiles, a mounted unit of cowboys and cowgirls, aides and special riders led by Spencer Penrose, the breaking of a bottle of champagne and a speech by Gov. Oliver H. Shoup.

\* In the torrential rain belt, which stretched from Pueblo north to Denver and northeast to Nebraska, Sand creek, Fountain creek, Monument creek and Cheyenne creek ran wild all night. Shooks run became a river, as did Ruxton creek in Manitou Springs, causing serious flooding. There were no deaths in the Colorado Springs area. The most serious flooding was in Pueblo, where the rampaging Arkansas River caused several hundred deaths, damage estimated to be over \$10,000,000 and devastated the area for blocks on either side of its banks.

\* Fire believed caused by the explosion of the gasoline tank of an automobile, early this morning, totally destroyed the machine, wood and blacksmith shop at the old Portland mill, with a loss estimated at \$50,000, mainly consisting of plans, patents and machinery stored in the building.

\* Dr. William A. Bell, who lived many years at his beautiful estate, Briarhurst, in Manitou, and who with Gen. William J. Palmer built the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, died Monday (6/6) at his home, Pendell court, Bletebingley, Surrey, England. Dr. Bell is survived by his wife, three daughters, a son (W. A. J. Bell of Denver), 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

\* The West Side Commercial club has decided to finance its tourists' auto camp at Bott with subscriptions from the community. The city council decided that there would be no new municipal auto camping grounds, due to the heavy expense involved with repairing the city property damaged by the recent floods.

\* Rufus W. Turpin, 62, died at his home, 2815 West Pikes Peak avenue, yesterday (6/7). He is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons. He

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had been a resident of Colorado Springs for 26 years. Funeral at Pilgrim Congregational church with burial in Fairview cemetery.

\* Percy Hagerman, who served in the Red Cross during the World War has been placed in charge of all funds to be spent in relief of the stricken city of Pueblo by the American Red Cross.

\* A tunnel was dug yesterday from the door of the Cog road summit house on Pikes Peak into the open. The snow is level with the eaves. The Cog line which had been plowed open after it was supposed the last heavy snow of the spring had fallen, will probably require a week's work to open again as there was also track damage cause by the recent flooding of Ruxton creek.

\* The first Rodeo ever seen in this section of Colorado will be held today on the Broadmoor golf course. Cowboys and cowgirls will bring back again something of the history of the days when pioneers of Colorado Springs, and all of Colorado, braved the hardships of the seasons and paid the toll of hunger, of wind and weather, until they had established a community of law and order where hundreds of thousands now come each year to enjoy its scenic lures.

\* One of the lovely weddings of the month was that of Miss Ruby Jeanette Gress and Frank Eugene Baker, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gress, 3433 West Colorado avenue, on Wednesday evening, June 1. Arthur Hibbard was the best man, Miss Nola Price, the maid of honor. Miss Madalyn Tucker sang "O Promise Me" accompanied by Miss Irene Baker, sister of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are graduates of the local High school of the class of '19. They will be at home after June 10 at 1913 West Cucharras street.

\* Miss Martha Julia Kinsman and Henry M. Blaise, were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kinsman, 3419 W. Colorado avenue.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fisher and children, Elizabeth and Dick; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Boyd, and children, Guy and Linnie; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Drake and daughter, Delma; Miss Eunice Witten, Miss Esther Kinsman, Miss Gladys Kinsman, and Allen Kinsman. (*Martha Julia was the granddaughter of Henry Templeton -jk*)

\* A real honest-to-goodness wild west show, complete with bucking broncos, will be held in the 500 block of West Colorado avenue on July 4. The management plans to give regular performances through the summer months.

\* Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, whose successful revival meetings in Denver, where she is said to have cured hundreds of sick and crippled persons, announced yesterday, after returning from a day spent on Pikes Peak, that she will be unable to accept the invitation to hold meetings here due to previously scheduled bookings.

\* Funeral services for Lieutenant Marion L. Willis, were conducted by American Legion Post No. 5, at Evergreen Cemetery. The Post is named for Lieutenant Willis, the son of Mrs. Ella Willis Smith, 1401 West Colorado avenue. Lieutenant Willis was assigned to the 356th infantry, attached to the 89th division. He fought through all the battles that famous organization participated in, escaping injury until late in the struggle, when he was gassed. He died December 5, 1918 at Nice, of tuberculosis, which developed in his gassed lungs.

\* Pioneers plan to gather at Pikes Peak and Cascade avenues on July 31 to celebrate the driving of the first stake in Colorado Springs on July 31, 1971. The Pioneer society, with Mrs. Dixon as president, is planning a big picnic and fiftieth birthday party.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO

June/July 1946

\* The Pikes Peak highway will not be open to general traffic before next

week, and if bad weather continues, it may be longer. The highway is now open from U. S. 24 in Cascade to Glen Cove.

\* The Colorado City Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Humphrey, 1304 W. Cucharras. Mrs. Violet Peterson will assist the hostess, Miss Eva Thompson will lead the devotion.

\* The long time efforts of the West Side Commercial club to have a picture show opened in Old Town have collapsed. The man who had planned to open one did not get the lease on a room in the 2400 block of West Colorado avenue even though the city council had given him a license to operate. In the old days there were three picture shows in Colorado City at the same time—where are now located McDonald & Huff, the West End Furniture company and Bailey's garage.

\* Around 35 years ago, the Crystal Park road was one of the popular thoroughfares of the region. W. C. Dotterer operated a bus line, using six big White steamers, built like fat geese, the cab being in front and the seats in the rear. After being idle for many years, the Crystal Park road has been widened and modernized and will be operated by B. F. Snider, member of a pioneer Manitou Springs family.

\* The remaining Camp Carson German prisoners of war, 3,170, left on four different trains. They had been working in the Colorado beet fields until June 15. In 1945, \$1,750,000 was paid to the treasury by farmers for work done by Carson POWs. This was after food and transportation had been deducted.

\* Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lofquist, 1619 W. Cucharras, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 24. They have been residents at their present address since 1909. They are active members of Trinity Methodist Church.

\* Ollie Oaks, who was injured last

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week as he was leaving a bus in the 1300 block on S. Tejon street, is one of the oldest employees in the transit business in this city, having come along from the old street railway company, owned and operated by the Stratton estate. After the one-man street cars came into use, Ollie was driving one east on West Colorado avenue, when a motorist was hit in front of the then Standard mill club, now the West Side fire station, at 2832 West Colorado avenue. His friends joshed him, saying the street cars would have to be made so they could turn out and thus dodge some reckless motorists. Now the buses can be dodged about the same as cars.

\* The Bancroft park summer band concerts begin tonight at 8:15 under the direction of George L. Miller, who has directed concerts for 25 years, 14 years in Manitou Springs and 11 years in this city.

\* Mrs. Mary C. Heid, 58, wife of Louis A. Heid, 3111 West Pikes Peak avenue died Saturday (7/10). She was a resident of this city for 45 years. She married her husband here in 1907. Besides her husband, she leaves four sons, one daughter and two sisters. Burial in Evergreen cemetery.

\* The large catalpa tree in front of the Ripley greenhouses on West Colorado avenue is a pretty sight, being full of white blossoms. The tree is at least 20 feet in diameter and higher than that. It is the only tree of its kind known on the West Side, and is perhaps 35 years old.

\* The West Colorado Springs Council of the Inter-church Temperance Movement of Colorado will hold a rally at 3:00 p.m., July 21, at Bancroft park. Principal speaker will be the Rev. H. H. Donnenworth, state superintendent of the organization. The choir of Bethany Baptist church will present an anthem.

\* Henry Schmidt, son of pioneer residents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, Schmidt, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Louise Huff, 216 N. Cascade avenue, calling

on old friends and viewing the scenes of by-gone days. The family home was at 2932 West Colorado avenue. The two-story modern brick building on the south side in the 2600 block of West Colorado avenue was erected by Jacob Schmidt about 35 years ago. Henry Schmidt has been a resident of Santa Monica, California for some years.

\* The wildflower season is nearing in the region, and will be fully enjoyed by home folks and visitors. Many years ago, when the Colorado Midland railroad was at its zenith, daily wildflower excursions were run during July and August, the last trip being Colorado City day, when places of business were closed—it was a real holiday in Old Town. The excursions were to Idlewild, a little over 50 miles, where a splendid free dinner was served by the business interests of Colorado City. On Colorado City day, the excursion train often had three engines and up to 13 coaches.

\* Herbert E. Webb, a former resident of Colorado City, now of E. Manitou avenue, left yesterday for New York, where he will sail on the Queen Mary on a visit to his old home in England. He expects to be gone about two months. Bert came to Colorado City in 1898. His first work was in the Colorado Midland railroad shops. Years later he was constable and after that a member of the Colorado City police force.

\* Monday morning, a West Side male mailman was told, while on his daily rounds, by a home-owner, that supposing the carrier had had an over-Sunday bath, the lawn spray would not be turned on until after his departure. The postman opined that some residents were not so thoughtful. Uncle Sam's deliverymen often get drenched by lawn sprays.

\* Pierce Munsey, who in 1920 was publisher of **The Argus**, a forerunner of **The Independent** (this paper), left for his home in Portales, New Mexico, after visiting friends here for 10 days. He is

now associated with the **Daily News** at Portales. Mr. Munsey was active in West Side business matters. He was one of the organizers of the West Side Commercial club and its first secretary.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June/July 1971

\* A spectacular fire damaged the grain elevator and feed milling operations of Simpson & Co., 201 W. Colorado ave., early Saturday, causing an estimated \$300,000 damage.

\* Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker, 1911 W. Cucharras St., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, with a reception at the home of their son, Robert Baker, on June 6. They were married here, June 1, 1921. Mr. Baker has worked at United Auto Parts, Inc. for 40 years.

\* This week, more than fifty of the Colorado Springs High School class of 1921, with their spouses and friends, gathered at the Dublin House for a nostalgic golden class reunion. Among their reminiscences was the commencement exercise in the Burns Theater during which Henry McAllister advised 212 graduates to make their own future.

\* Castle Concrete proved that "*we intend to be good neighbors with Colorado Springs*" by signing an agreement Monday to restore the areas known as the "scar on the mountain."

\* Manitou Springs Historical Society's museum will have its grand opening Saturday. It will occupy the second floor of the old Dr. Bell mansion, Briarhurst, at 404 Manitou avenue.

\* While digging in her backyard garden, Mrs. Fern Wright, 2912 W. Cucharras St., found a memento of the past—a dog tag that was issued in 1915. The Gazette-Telegraph tried to find out who the canine was that owned the all copper bell-shaped license, but no luck. There was no humane society then, and the city keeps license records only two years. All that's left for Mrs. Wright is her token—and a "dog gone" friend.

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Dave showed us street scenes in Paris on the Web page of a Parisian artist, and then tapped into the Web page of the Will Rogers Museum in Oklahoma and showed some of the items on their Web page. He stated that it's highly likely that a large number of the many people who would tap into our Web page would add us to their vacation itineraries. We could also use our Web page as a fund raiser, by letting our business members use our Web page also.

Eventually, Dave plans for the History Center Computer Room also include being able to use a touch tone phone to dial the History Center and listen to digitized excerpts from the collection of over 100 hours of

taped interviews of Colorado City residents that Dave and his daughter started doing in the 1970's. (This interviewing project is being continued by the Society's Interview Committee.)

The Society is fortunate to have access to Dave's computer expertise. We hope the members in attendance left feeling a little more "computer literate" than they were when they arrived.

Anyone wishing to get involved with helping Dave with the "bits and the bytes" of the History Center can call him at 636-2340.

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in all committees, meeting with businesses and business people and making herself available above and beyond the call of duty, she is amazing. None of this could have been accomplish without the hard work and assistance from Lucille's son and West One partner, **Mark Cunningham**. Their devotion has enabled us to reach our dreams.



Mark Cunningham photographed by Paul Idleman

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