

MAY 1996

COLORADO CITY TO REACH THE WORLD

— OUR MAY PROGRAM —

OCCHS member, Colonel (Retired) David R. Hughes will present our next program on Friday, May 10, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street (just west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center). He will show our members what computer technology can do for our Society.

Dave Hughes has been involved with the revival of Old Colorado City for over 20 years. He has been a member of the Old Colorado City Historical Society since its founding and served as our President from 1982-86. Dave's interest in Old Colorado City is evident. He chaired the City Centennial-Bicentennial organization, has tape recorded Westside pioneer's recollections, ran the Westside's business organization, and he continues to tell stories about the region over the world wide computer network.

Dave is a native of Colorado. his grandparents homesteading on a ranch east of Kiowa, in Elbert county, in the 1880's. He graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1950 following a full career through two wars, concluding as a senior commander and staff officer at Fort Carson in 1973.

He has operated his own firm, Old Colorado City Communications, since 1984. It specializes in linking up remote and rural schools and communities to global communications. Dave has gained a world-wide reputation and many awards for using small computer bulletin-boards for 'electronic democracy' bringing the global press to Old Colorado City. Most recently German Deutsche-Welle TV produced a segment on Dave's work.

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DOROTHY ALDRIDGE BOOK SIGNING A HUGE SUCCESS

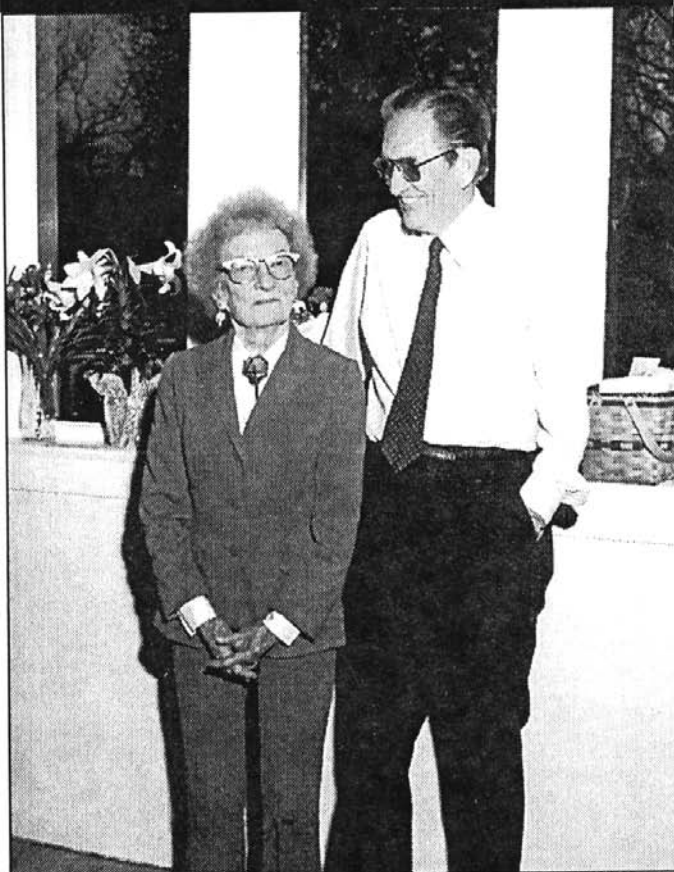


photo by Paul Idleman

The Old Colorado City History Center held its first public showing on March 30th with a book signing for historian and OCCHS member Dorothy Aldridge's newest work, "HISTORIC COLORADO CITY". It was a wonderful day with hundreds of visitors touring our center and 125 people buying Dorothy's book for her to sign. Dorothy was all smiles at the end of the day with no signs of writer's cramp standing here with her Little London Press publisher and OCCHS member, Leland Feitz. Thank you to Dorothy, Leland and all the volunteers who work so very hard to make this event successful. More photos on back page.

Old Colorado City Historical Society

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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	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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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

MAY 10, 1996 - 11:00 a.m.

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

NEXT MEETING September 13, 1996



ROLL CALL

GENERAL MEETING 4/12/1996
51 members and 6 visitors signed in

Kay Arnold	Katherine Moberly
Wilma Bradshaw	Doris Morland
Ray Campbell	Dan Paddock
Lois A. Carr	Maloa Read
Jean V. Christopher	Jim Rogers
Donald Colvin	Virginia Rogers
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Bob Heinich	Jo Walker
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Dave Hughes	Bessie Wreath
Paul Idleman	
Peggy Johnson	
Patty Joy	
Madeline Keas	
Enid N. Kennis	
Jan Knox	
Dorothy McGlasson	
Helen Michelson	
Al Moberly	

Visitors

Will DeBoer
Len Froisland
Fred Gydesen
Janet M. Heald
Jay Lowery
Marcia Mensing

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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."

** 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.

MAIL BOX

Dear OCCHS,

\$20.00 enclosed. It's worth the money to read items in the "West Side Memories". Being a ways past 90 to 92, and, I was in Colorado City in 1914 and quite often thereafter.

The Midland Railroad and the Shortline were still running and the Standard mill was operating. The Red Mountain Incline had quit business so we walked to the top.

I mailed you a 1922 copy of the *Pikes Peak Gazette* published the night when I walked up the peak to the summit for sunrise. Walkers, as well as Cog Road riders, registered at the printer's station. We usually camped at Stonewall Campground. I don't know when the printer's station quit.

From 1914 to 1923, I walked more places in the Colorado City and Manitou area than most of the natives. I have visited with a lot of people that never got beyond the Iron Springs and souvenir shops or a sight-seeing trip. I have more stories and saw more interesting territory and history than those who just rode around or stayed with the crowd.

G.E. Hutton
Wichita, KS

Thank you, Mr. Hutton, for sharing your memories with us and for your membership renewal. I think the newspaper you're referring to is actually the Pike's Peak Daily News which was published during the summer season from 1891 to 1940. We did receive the 1922 issue you sent to us. Thank you for considering the OCCHS with your donations. You have been very kind by sending us many items and we thank you.

We would love to hear more stories and history from you when you get the chance to write to us again.

Dear OCCHS,

I notice as I read the *West Word* that you folks have some write-ups on some of the old timers that used to work and live in Old Colorado City over years now gone on by. So now I will try to send you folks a name or two of old timers yet living up there.

As I send to you folks their names and addresses I hope that you would try to go and see these people in person. I am sure they will give you a lot of information about Old Colorado City and also of their time of working up there back in 1920 on up to, oh say, 1940.

Here is an old timer's name who is living up in Old Colorado City as of now, Mrs. Opal Griffen. Her father was the steam boiler fireman at the old Sanitary Laundry of then, and is now laid away in the old Fairview Cemetery itself. Mrs. Griffen's husband is of now deceased and she is now on retirement herself.

Mr. Eddie Crow is another old timer now living up there in Old Colorado City, by himself as he has never been married. He is part Indian, himself a Crow Indian, and he used to go to the old Midland school over on the south side. He knows of some history of Old Colorado City of years back. He knows Mel McFarland, as both of them belong to the same Railroad Club.

Mr. Houston Sullivan is another one, he and his family now living in Old Colorado City. Hoot Sullivan himself used to work on the old M.T.R.Y. back in 1930 on up to 1949 when the Midland itself closed down. He has a lot of history to talk about if you will just go to see him in person.

You folks should try for yourselves to get to see these old timers in person as I know that they are some of the kind of people that don't get out to mix much with the public, but they will talk when they are approached in person.

Woodrow Ralston
Pueblo, CO

This is valuable information that Woodrow Ralston has sent to us. The Old Colorado City Historical Society has formed an Interview Committee to seek out long-time residents and tape record their recollections. These tapes will then be kept at our History Center for all generations to hear. Thank you, Woodrow. All members are encouraged to recommend interview candidates to include in our archives. You can mail your suggestions to June Mindock, c/o OCCHS, 1 South 24th

Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319.

Dear OCCHS,

Enclosed is my renewal of individual membership for the period ending in April 1997. I have included an additional \$5 to cover the new directory. If it is more than that please let me know.

I enjoyed reading the autobiography of Lowell J. Mills. When I was in his manual training class at Bancroft School he once grabbed a hammer from a fellow student who was going to hit me over the head with it.

I would be interested in obtaining a copy of Dorothy Aldridge's book, *Historic Colorado City*, when it is published. Do you have the information as to availability and cost?

Many thanks,
Ira Current
Rochester, New York

It's good to hear from you again, Ira, and thank you for your renewal. As you probably know from this issue of West Word, Dorothy's much anticipated book is now available and it has certainly been worth the wait. Historic Colorado City - The Town With a Future is a wonderful and concise history. You can order Dorothy's book through the Society by sending a check for \$8.95 payable to O.C.C.H.S. (\$5.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling) to OCCHS, Attn: Jan Knox, 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319. (Colorado residents must add 3% sales tax).

Hello OCCHS!

Thank you for having my book signing in the new History Center. The event was a resounding success! A big thanks to everyone who worked like a beaver to get the show on the road in time, including those cookie bakers!

Sincerely,
Dorothy Aldridge

West Word welcomes letters. Send them to: West Word Editor, OCCHS, 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319. Please include your name and address. Letters may be edited because of limited space.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

ELECTION THIS MONTH

Be certain to vote. We need a secretary, treasurer and president this year to serve in the best interests of the Old Colorado City Historical Society. I have enjoyed being your president for the past three years. Thanks for giving me the opportunity. I cannot serve as president next year, but certainly hope to serve in other areas where I can. I will continue my task of seeing the History Center renovation to completion to assist our new President. I have health problems which must be taken care of. In other words, my doctor strongly suggests that I take a rest.

GRANT NOTICE

We were recently notified that the Old Colorado City Historical Society is the recipient of another grant made by the State Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000.00, to help preserve the photos that we have acquired. Paul Idleman will do the work. Again the grant was written by Mr. Owen Knox. How privileged we are to have Mr. Knox do the grant writing for the Society. Thanks, thanks, thanks Owen.

THE PAINTING OF THE BASEMENT

Mr. Ted Alsup has offered to paint the rest of the History Center basement for OCCHS. Not only did Ted offer to paint the basement but to sand down the ceiling, undercoat the areas that need it, and then paint the entire area. How can we ever thank you, Ted. You are appreciated!

PAINT FOR THE HISTORY CENTER

Mark Haney from the Kwal Howells Paint and Wallcovering Store has given us 25 gallons of white paint to use for the basement of the History Center. Thanks to a special person! How clean that will make our basement look. This is not the first time that Mark has been a contributor to OCCHS. Several times before he has been a benefactor. Thanks, again.

DOROTHY ALDRIDGE'S BOOK

Dorothy Aldridge's book, *Historic Colorado City*, has been selling right along. There seems to be a lot of interest in the history of our area. Dave

Hughes' book sales have been brisk, too. Dorothy Aldridge will be at the cabin during Territory Days. She will sign her book for you. Watch to see what hours she will be at the cabin, so you might meet her if you haven't yet done so.

NEWSLETTER IS ENJOYED

Many of you are telling me that you enjoy the newsletter because of the amount of history you find within. Several of you have said that you save your copies for future reference. Thanks for a job well done, Paul. Thank you, also, to Julie Pilant for transcribing the articles and Ed Bathke for scanning the photographs. We appreciate the *many* hours of work it takes for *West Word*.

THANKS TO THE PIONEERS MUSEUM

We are so pleased that the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum has been of such great help to us. They have offered us wonderful display cases and folding chairs. Thanks to Mr. William Howells, David Ryan and Billie McClure. We are so appreciative! Many, many thanks. Getting started is a great challenge.

JIM CILETTI'S TABLE

We especially thank Jim Ciletti for providing a table free of charge for the Book Fair held at the City Auditorium on April 19th and 20th. Jim, your help and kindness are appreciated.

COLLECTION TEAM

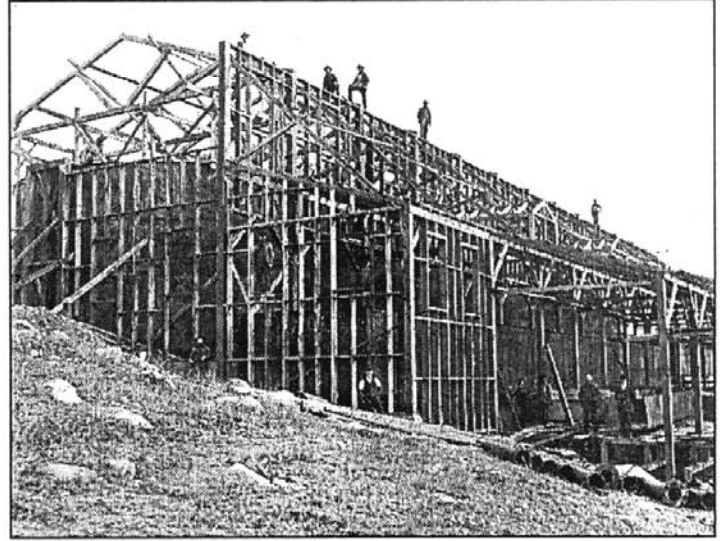
As soon as the basement is painted the collection team, made up of Ed Bathke, Jim Ciletti and Liz Geiss, will be accepting the many, many items you are offering us. We need the rooms being painted to put items in, so we might clear a place to work in the rooms currently finished. We are hoping that we can have a burglar alarm installed before long. The team has been working on the collection policy.

ON THE MEND

Two of our Board members, Jean Christopher and Mary Jo Wallace, have been hospitalized lately. We wish both of them a speedy recovery. Our for-

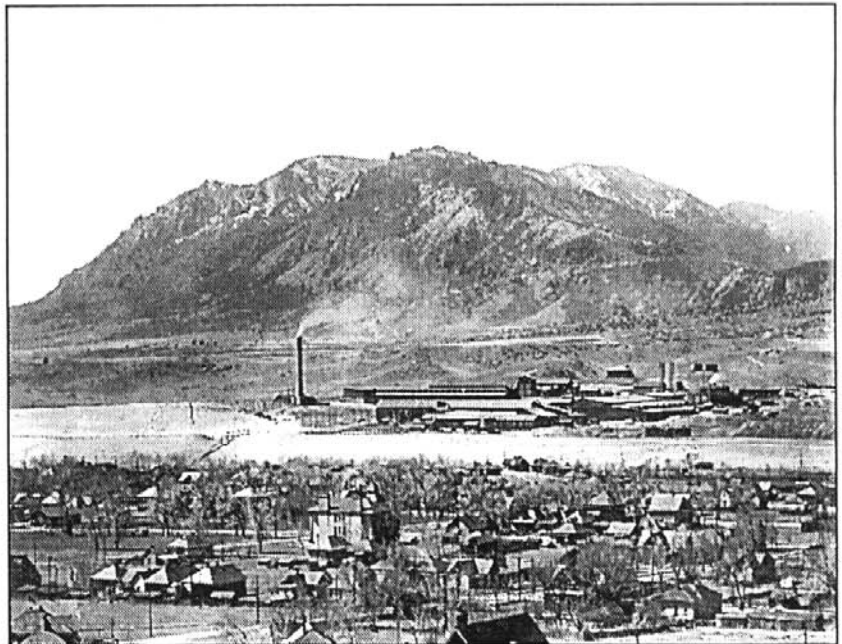
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FROM THE ARCHIVES



These Old Colorado City smelter photographs are provided courtesy of Ed & Nancy Bathke from their collections. We will not be able to reach the OCCHS collections until the History Center renovation is completed, so thanks to Ed and Nancy for helping us see some historical photos in this issue.

Ed has been researching these images to try and determine which mill(s) is pictured. After showing them to historians George White and Les Williams, Ed feels that the construction photos are of the Portland Mill. According to Dorothy Aldridge book, *Historic Colorado City*, the Portland Mill was built in 1900 north of Bear Creek. The bottom photograph may or may not be the Portland as it appears to be quite a ways north of Bear Creek. It does resemble the Standard Mill built in 1901. If any of our readers can offer clues to positively identify these mills, please contact Ed through our membership directory or through *West Word*.



photographs courtesy of the Ed & Nancy Bathke Collection

OCCHS RECEIVES HISTORIC COLLECTION FROM J. MYRON REID

The OCCHS collection has been enriched by J. Myron Reid's donation to our archives of a hundred photographs and a dozen or so flyers, dance programs and pamphlets.

Andrew Reid, Myron's grandfather, settled in Colorado City from Scotland. Mr. Reid's mother was Emma Faulkner, daughter of the prominent merchant and city official, James D. Faulker, Colorado City's first mayor. Photographs from both families gravitated to Mr. Reid and he now is passing them to the History Center.

Among the rare pictures are an interior shot of

the Colorado City post office before 1907 when it was in the National Hotel building, the Greenlee Quarry and its crew of almost 50 men, and the machine shop of the street railway. There are pictures of school and lodge groups starting in the 1880's, flower excursions, parades and workmen groups. A member of the Reid family appears in many of the old photos.

Mr. Reid has made the collection even more useful by including identification of most views, and often attaching an approximate date.

by Ralph Conner

MORE STORIES FROM HERE LIES COLORADO SPRINGS

WILL DeBOER VISITS OUR
APRIL GENERAL MEETING
TO TELL US THE STORIES OF
SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO
DID NOT MAKE THE CITY
CEMETERY BOOK!

by Jan Knox

We added to our knowledge of some of the people buried in Fairview Cemetery at our April meeting. Some were early day inhabitants, some later, and some did not live in Colorado City at all. Will DeBoer, Superintendent of Evergreen and Fairview Cemeteries, read some of the submissions for the book, *Here Lies Colorado Springs*, that did not appear in the book for various editorial reasons. They ranged from the prominent to those known only by their friends. As Mr. DeBoer stated, they were "*a mirror of the civilization that came through this area*".

Surprisingly, Anthony Bott, a co-founder of Colorado City in 1859, who donated the land to start Fairview Cemetery and has the largest monument in the cemetery, did not make the book. More research was needed on the entry that was submitted and no one could be found to do it. Mr. Bott developed four subdivisions in south Colorado City (on the south side of Fountain Creek), was the builder and owner of the Bott and

Chambers Ditch and the Beckers Ditch, later to become part of the old Colorado City and Colorado Springs water rights holdings.

Following are a few of the other 21 entries that didn't "*make the book*". We have copies of the entire submission sheets for our History Center Archives thanks to Mr. DeBoer. All of the original, nearly 500, submissions

can be found in the Starsmore Archives of the Pioneers Museum.

James Elihu Polley was submitted by his daughter, Cora Simpich. Jim Polley came to Colorado to climb Pikes Peak. After his arrival in Denver, he found that Pikes Peak was in Colorado Springs. He became a mining engineer student at Colorado College. Jim mined in Cripple Creek during the 1930's and panned for gold one summer near Nathrop, Colorado, panning enough gold to pay for his food. One summer, he also build a miner's shack at Quartzville, Colorado. The winter snows were so heavy that year that it was flattened by the weight of the snow. Jim delivered wood and coal in the Colorado Springs area, including 20 tons per month to the Cliff House in Manitou Springs. He lived in the old Standard Mill office building which was located at 530 South 30th (now 32nd). Jim invented rigid steering and showed it to engineers at Ford Motor Company. Ford later traded the idea to another company for the wing window (draft free ventilation).

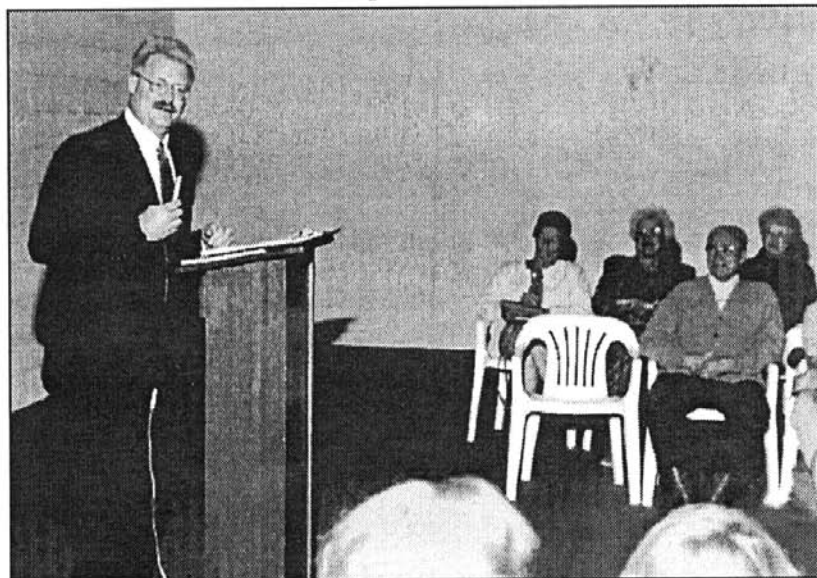
The story of John Clay Brown was submitted by his great-granddaughter, Edna Mary Bernard. John was the first attorney in Colorado City. He arrived in a convoy from Iowa in 1864 by way of Denver with his wife, Alvira. Her brother, T. T. Young, had helped them drive their mule team from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa to Denver. They filed on a homestead near Fountain. At that time, he was Prosecuting Attorney for the District, (El Paso and other counties including Heurifano). John rode a

big sorrel horse to Walsenburg to hold court. John belonged to the 3rd Regiment of the Colorado Cavalry 100-Day Volunteers and fought in the Battle of Sand Creek. He died of tuberculosis on April 6, 1870 leaving Alvira and her two small children alone to prove up their homestead. He was buried in the cemetery on the Mesa and is listed on the commemorative marker in Pioneer Park. Alvira married Robert Finley on June 19, 1877 in Colorado City. John did not make the book because of his burial place. Alvira is featured

furnished teams of horses to the Gold Mill at Colorado City. He also spent time working in the gold mines in the Cripple Creek-Victor area, sometimes commuting from the mines to his home in Colorado City on foot. He and Mary raised six children. Their son, Lee, also buried in Fairview, ran Huff Brother's Dairy until the late 1940's. He then established a metal salvage business which he operated until the late 1970's.

Auntie Durham, submitted by a friend, Claire Ruby. When Claire came to Colorado Springs in 1934, her aunt and uncle, Elmer and Jennie Edmiston, had a very colorful friend. "Auntie" Durham was a squatter, who lived at the mouth of Red Rock Canyon in a shack that was not sealed inside. She lived at the poverty level. Elmer and Jennie felt concern for her and whenever she came, which was often, they fed her and sent food home with her. "Auntie" walked everywhere. She is buried in Potter's Field at the west end of the cemetery. Mr. Blunt, of Blunt's Mortuary, buried her without charge.

Mr. DeBoer told us that he is in the "memory business", that cemeteries are for the living not the dead. He is very proud that Evergreen is one of only two cemeteries in Colorado to make the National Register of Historic Places. The book, *Here Lies Colorado Springs*, was published to raise funds to aid in the restoration of the historic Evergreen Chapel. The Chapel was inspired by the death of Colorado Springs' founder, General William Palmer. His death took place on a dark, dreary, damp day. Some of the ladies were appalled that there was no place to get in out of the weather. They formed the Ladies Cemetery Aid Association and petitioned the City Council for money. The chapel was built in nine months. A grant received from the State Historic Preservation Fund aided preliminary repairs to the chapel and the stained glass windows have been restored to their former glory. Much work is still needed. Copies of the book are available at the Evergreen Cemetery office or through the OCCHS Book committee (Jan Knox - 689-2355). OCCHS sells it as a good will gesture as all money received goes towards the chapel restoration.



in the book.

Emil Henry Borst, submitted by his grandson, Lewis H. Borst. Emil and his family came to Colorado City in the late 1800's. He raised a large family, living at 2925 West Colorado avenue. Emil and his brother had a meat market on the corner of what is now 25th and W. Colorado. The Borst Brothers had a slaughter house and feed lot where G & C Packing Company is now located on south 21st street. They sold a lot of meat to the miners in Cripple Creek. The brothers sold their market and slaughter house in 1918. Emil ran for Alderman from Ward #2 in 1909.

Charles E. Huff, submitted by his grandson, David C. Huff. Charles was born in Illinois to a farm family. He migrated to Colorado during the Gold Rush Days. He met his bride to be, Mary Adams, in Gunnison, Colorado in 1887. Mary was one of the first white children born in Trinidad, Colorado. She is also buried in Fairview. Charles located in Colorado City on W. St. Vrain in 1890 and started a livery service. He

FROM THE PRESIDENT CON'T FROM PAGE 4

mer president, Joyce Johns, is still on the recovery list after suffering a stroke earlier this year. May you soon be back to full strength, Joyce.

NEW HISTORY PUBLISHING COMPANY

Our *West Word* editor, Paul Idleman, has informed us that he will launch his new Old Town Publishing Company with the publication of two of Dorothy Aldridge's books. Dorothy's *A Peek Into The Past* has been out of print for several years now. Old Town Publishing will reprint this much asked for book with additional stories added and publish Dorothy's new *A Peek Into The Past - Volume Two*. They hope to have both books out this summer. We'll keep you posted.

NEEDS, NEEDS, NEEDS

On this page you will find a list of some of the needs for your History Center. If you can provide any of them, please let us know.

SHOPLIFTING SEMINAR

All OCCHS members who are interested in working at our new History Center are encouraged to attend a Shoplifting Seminar being conducted at the Pikes Peak National Band at Colorado and 24th Street on Thursday, May 9th, at 8:30 a.m. Shoplifting is a common nuisance these days and a very serious and costly problem that we cannot allow at our History Center. This seminar will teach us what to look for and how to handle it. The knowledge gained here could help us avoid losing any of our hard-earned funds. Our History Center and Book Store will be staffed by our volunteers and the skills gained by this seminar will prove invaluable. All interested members need to make reservations for Shoplifting Seminar by calling 577-4112.

PLEASE VOTE

Again, please take a moment to read the background information for the Board of Directors candidates on the flyer inserted with the ballot in this newsletter. The candidates will be introduced and voted on at our May 10th General Meeting. The enclosed ballot is provided for our out-of-town members and all members who cannot attend this meeting to mail in to us. Those who can attend our meeting will vote there. Please vote! With the renovation of our History Center nearing completion and opening day drawing near, the OCCHS is embarking on a new and crucial phase that will require all our dedication and talents. Thank you to ALL our members. You're great!

Your President,
Lucille Cunningham

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.

Funding for drinking fountain — approx. \$500.

Dress forms to display period clothing.

Call Betty Baker at 633-2350 for additional information.

OUR MAY PROGRAM

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Dave has known for a long time that the history of Colorado City in story, images, and sounds can be made accessible to the whole world via computer networks, which can also help the Society earn funds by selling its books, maps, and historical gifts, electronically. He will demonstrate this capability, with a live connection to the Internet and the World Wide Web.

Following the program, lunch is available for \$5 per person. Reservations for lunch are due by 5:00 P.M., MAY 8, 1996. Call Kay Arnold, 633-2592, if you wish a luncheon reservation.

by Jan Knox

WEST SIDE MEMORIES

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO May 1896

* After the second fire in Cripple Creek in a week, residents of Colorado City collected 2,000 pounds of provisions in one hour and forty minutes consisting of: 9 cases of crackers, 4 sacks of potatoes, 1 sack groceries, 1 cheese, 2 barrels of bread, 1 box of bread, 1 box of doughnuts, 1 sack of bedding, 1 sack of hams, 3 cases of canned goods, 3 barrels and 16 boxes of mixed provisions. The Midland Railroad provided the train to carry the donations free of charge.

* Dog tags for 1896-97 are on hand. See that your dog is licensed before the shot guns commence to crack.

* F. J. Higgs has been awarded the contract of sprinkling the streets of the town. He has purchased a new Studebaker sprinkling wagon of 700 gallons capacity equipped with the latest improved sprinkling valves. The wagon cost \$500.

* "Sport", D. Minium's bird dog, killed a huge muskrat in the cellar under Minium's furniture store, Tuesday night. About two years ago, "Sport" killed a muskrat in the same place.

* Through the stubbornness of some official, the train of provisions, sent from Colorado Springs and this city, for the relief of Cripple Creek people, was held at Divide several hours. The gentlemen in charge of the supplies were rather warm over the matter.

* "Jerry the Gasoline Stove Wizzard" is here in Colorado City, where he will be for a limited space of time for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding old gasoline stoves and make them as good as new. Parties having something to do in this line will please leave orders at Stewart & Fogg, 505 Colorado Ave., Colorado City.

* Charles Stockbridge has got the lawn and grounds adjoining his residence in fine shape. He has the finest grounds in the city. His residence is being renovated.

* Robert Finley has removed his family to his farm just north of town. They resided in Colorado Springs during the winter.

* The Kickapoo Indian medicine company had to skip this town for the reason that hotel accommodations could not be secured.

* A. E. Hyde, superintendent of the Colorado Springs Gas company, was seriously injured while coming down the hill below the Iron Springs at Manitou, yesterday, on a bicycle. The machine went over the bank into Ruxton Creek and was a total wreck.

* John Fox, proprietor of the White Front barber shop, has a fine collection of photographs of the Battle of Wounded Knee on exhibition for the benefit of his customers. They are interesting to see as they give some valuable information.

* Robert Finley, made a survey Saturday for a sewer, which is proposed to connect the town hall with the creek.

* A crowded excursion consisting of twelve coaches went through the city yesterday over the Midland on its return to Denver after Sundaying in Cripple Creek.

* Anthony Bott has recently signed a deed for the city cemetery and \$1000 paid for the same.

* Bills are out announcing a grand double concert and ball on the evening of Friday, May 29, in Odd Fellows hall. The occasion is under the auspices of the Colorado Midland Band, who will furnish the music for both concert and ball. The recently reorganized band

has secured the services of Prof. Dipp, formerly with John Phillip Sousa's Peerless Band, as leader.

* Charles L. Tutt has just purchased one of the most complete steam launches on the Pacific coast. She is 42 feet over all, with 8 1/2 foot beam. The cabin is furnished in mahogany, and has all modern improvements. The passenger capacity is 30 persons. Her estimated speed is 12 to 14 miles per hour. Mr. Tutt will use her on the Columbia river this summer, at his country place near Portland, where he has just finished building one of the most delightful summer residences in the northwest.

* Died, at the county hospital, on Monday, May 18, of lung congestion, Matthew Pennell. Deceased was for many years a resident of this city and leaves a large family to mourn his loss. He had not been well for a long time and was to some extent mentally unbalanced.

* E. G. Schmichel has moved his cigar box factory from Pueblo to this city. Mr. S. does a large business in cigar boxes and ships them all over the Rocky mountain region.

* At the town board meeting Monday evening, a contract for a thousand pound fire bell was closed with a Chicago house. The bell will arrive along with a carload of supplies for the Colorado Springs fire department. The apparatus of the department has been thoroughly overhauled and put in first-class working order and considerable paraphernalia in the shape of axes, coats, boots, gloves and lanterns added. The coats are branded and numbered on the back in such a way that there can be no mistaking where they belong.

* Plans have been perfected in Colorado Springs for the organization of the "El Paso County Pioneer

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Association," to be made up of those who came to his county prior to 1891, and a Colorado Springs Pioneer association, to be composed of those who have resided in Colorado Springs and the county twenty years and over. The societies will have a joint celebration on July 31st. The committees in charge of the organizations' work are: for the County Pioneers, Irving Howbert, A. Z. Sheldon, M. B. Irvine, B. F. Crowell, David McShane and David Spielman. For the Colorado Springs Pioneers, Matt France, W. S. Stratton, R. R. Taylor, J. M. Bolton, T. C. Parrish, John Potter and Major McAllister.

* The city of Cripple Creek will put in a paid fire department similar to that of Colorado Springs.

* The Manitou Mineral Water company has recently received its medals awarded by the World's Fair.

* Anthony Bott is moving several hundred feet of his water main, it being in the way of the new chlorination mill.

* Early this morning, Hugh Higgins, took several shots at a trio of toughs who were following him down Colorado avenue. He opened fire after they threw a brick at him. They were arraigned in police court and charged with fighting and vagrancy.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO May 1921

* Ten thousand people attended the first Colorado Springs May Festival, held at Wasburn Field. It was a veritable "garden of children." The event was intended by the promoters to be a "Festival of Joy and Pleasure" and there was all the spirit of revelry that could be wished for.

* The senior class of Manitou High school, Almon Kempton, Mary Siegfried, Helen Rutterford, and Mac Kesterson, will be graduated May 26.

* During the second annual Pikes Peak motorcycle 100 mile endurance

race, Roy A. Phebus, 35, 3022 West Kiowa street, was fatally injured when his motorcycle skidded on a mud patch near Crystola at over 60 miles an hour. He was catapulted through the air and his head hit a post. Fred Longstaff, 2929 West Kiowa, a passenger in the sidecar, shot forward, fell on rocks and broke an arm and a leg. Mr. Phebus leaves a wife and 11 year old daughter. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

* Superintendent of schools, F. H. Bair, has prepared the first report since 1913 for the board, on the needs of the school system. Of 145 rooms, 32 have more than 40 children in them. He favors razing Bancroft, enlarging Lowell and building junior high schools on the north and west sides.

* John O'Byrne, pioneer tourist driver, has returned from a trip to Mexico and the west coast. He plans to go back to tourist driving and will start all over again to collect material for his book. The material which he had collected for many years was stolen in Mexico City along with a considerable sum of money.

* When the police investigated a report that several boys were playing about the city barn at Twenty-sixth and Cucharas streets, they found eight sticks of dynamite and a large quantity of fuses and caps, enough explosives to wreck the neighborhood. No report of a theft has been received. The identity of the boys is not known though it is believed they live in the immediate vicinity.

* Evangelist G. S. Laughlin will supply the pulpit May 29 and June 5 at Bethany Baptist church, in the absence of Pastor Butler. Friday evening, the 27, a social reception will be given for the new members. Mr. Laughlin will be present.

* A luncheon at the Colonial tea rooms, Monday, May 23, closed the meetings of the Women's Study Club for the year. Mrs. E. E. Fisher served the coffee. Committees elected for the next year were: Mrs. Harriet B. Daniels,

Mrs. Fred Reid and Mrs. F. F. Lyons, courtesy; Mrs. James Swisher, Mrs. D. McManwell, and Mrs. Duncan Lamont, entertainment; Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. D. D. Esher, Mrs. Emma C. Edgar, finance; Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Albert Allen, Mrs. Jansima, home economics; Mrs. Walter D. Lewis, Mrs. Frank Drew, Mrs. Garnier, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Mary Hamilton, membership; Miss Beatrice Rule, Mrs. A. B. Wilson, Mrs. J. Eldredge Waldron, music; Miss Bertha DeShazo, Mrs. Ford Woodward, Mrs. Harriet B. Daniels, printing; and Mrs. D. McManwell, Mrs. Edgar Payton, Mrs. Miles Cook, Miss Laura Ryan, program.

FIFTY YEARS AGO May 1946

* Thursday evening, the West Junior boys and girls who had been in service were welcomed back to the school for an evening of visiting. After an amusing program, sandwiches, punch and coffee were served. Mr. Fenlon presented musical numbers given by Miss Penny Pappas; the Cimino dancers, Barbara Jean and Melba, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Denton; Mrs. Carter and a group of her accordion pupils and Miss Virginia Gilles in a humorous musical number. The homecoming was a success. It was well-attended and another worthwhile project sponsored by our P.T.A.

* Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Faires, formerly of 2311 W. Pikes Peak, have returned from California after deciding not to move there permanently.

* Richard and John Seay Bock, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Bock, 3165 W. Colorado Ave., have unearthed an interesting iron relic, which they believe to be a prehistoric tool, while working at their property south of West Colorado avenue, between the 3000 and 3100 blocks. The relic, which is about three feet long, somewhat in the shape of an arrow with a deposit of fire clay on one side, is believed by Mr. Bock to have been an attempt by Indians or early pioneers to fashion a tool such as a plowshare, arrow or

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tomahawk. It was found in deposits of red sandstone at the location planned by the Bocks as a trailer camp.

* The new free parking lot on the south side in the 2500 block on Colorado avenue has been completed and is ready for use. The lot has been marked with spaces for 24 cars. The general public is free to use the lot, sponsored by the West Side Commercial club, and made possible by Dinty and W. L. Moore.

* Rev. and Mrs. C. W. McAninch and small son, Clifford, attended the Northern Baptist convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., last week, as delegates from Bethany Baptist church. Other delegates from Bethany were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Guy and Mrs. and Mrs. H. C. Biggers. The McAninch family who made the trip by train were caught in the railroad strike, but fortunately were able to return home in the automobile with the other two couples.

* Albert Loetscher, 39, was killed Sunday (5/27) night when his automo-

bile plunged 310 feet down the mountainside on the Old Stage road. His wife, Mrs. Hettie M. Loetscher, and brother, Casimir J. "Duke" Loetscher, were critically injured. They were among 50 persons who attended a Sunday picnic at the August Warmirth cabin, "Half-way house" on the old stage road. It was believed that one wheel ran off the edge of the road on a slight curve pulling the automobile over. Mr. Loetscher was a co-partner in the White Star Market. His sister, Mrs. Frank E. Lachowsky, lives at 2319 W. Colorado avenue.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO May 1971

* The Two-Mile High Club of Cripple Creek is sponsoring issuance of a commemorative silver coin, about the size of silver dollar, honoring the memory of Bob Womack, the cowboy whose discovery of gold on a January day in 1891, was responsible for the establishment of the "World's Greatest Gold Camp," in the Cripple Creek-Victor district.

* Manitou Springs' present dam and reservoir, built in 1912, is soon to expand to nearly four times its present size. Work on the new dam will start immediately. Theodore Groves, a former Manitou Springs councilman, was present at Saturday's ground breaking ceremonies. He worked on the old dam with a construction crew in 1912. The new dam will impound a reservoir of 180 million gallons.

* The county commissioners Thursday said "yes", "no" and "maybe" to plans to use the old courthouse on Alamo Square as a museum. Mostly they split hairs due to cost factors, an estimated \$715,440, and an old city covenant that nobody seems to understand, which vaguely earmarks the courthouse square as a park site if the county ever gives up its use of the building and land.

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

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HISTORY CENTER OPENS FOR DOROTHY ALDRIDGE'S BOOK SIGNING

Our History Center open its doors to the public for the first time on March 30th to honor OCCHS member Dorothy Aldridge and the publication of her newest book, *Historic Colorado City*. Dorothy's book, a detailed overview of Old Colorado City's history, was published by Little London Press which is owned by OCCHS member, Leland Feitz.

Sales of the book to be signed by Dorothy reached record numbers insuring the success of the day. All the vistors to the History Center were extremely please with the results of our renovations. Pictured below (left) Linda Navarro, Television Editor for the Gazette Telegraph, has her book signed by

Dorothy. (right) We were very pleased to greet Rev. Clifford L. Moser and his wife, Alma, who stopped by to see the church. Rev. Moser was pastor of this First Baptist Church from November 1947 to November 1968. Our Vice-President, Betty Baker, had a nice visit with them. We also had a couple stop by who had been married in this church a few months before Rev. Moser arrived in 1947. Those wishing to contact Rev. and Mrs. Moser to say hello can write them at 900 Saturn Drive, #306, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

Thank you to all who stopped by and helped make this a very special and successful event.



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