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## ***Ice Colossus in the COLORADO ROCKIES***



photo courtesy of Darlene Weir Godat

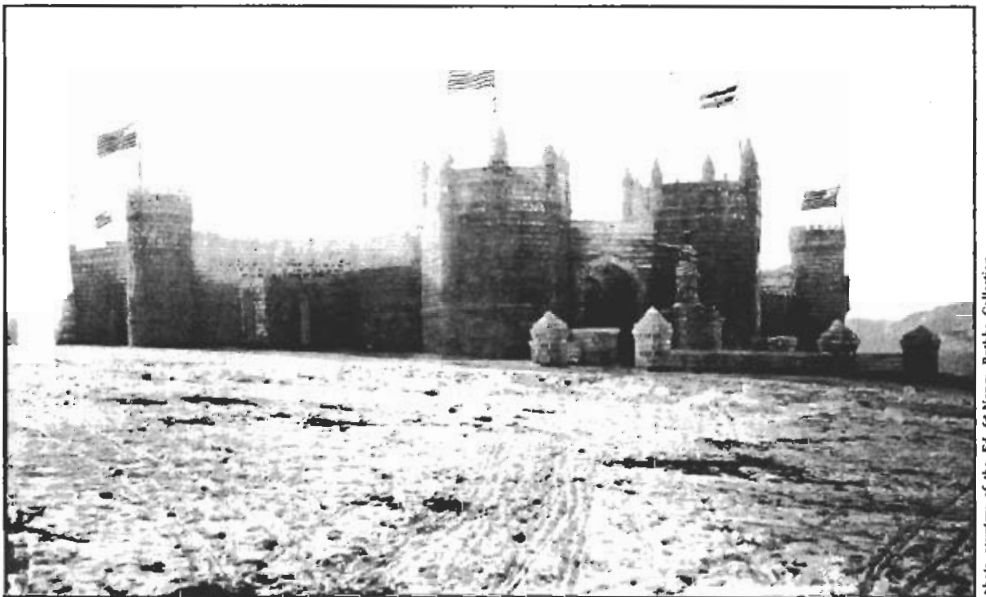


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Darlene Weir Godat captivated the audience at our General Meeting on October 11th. Attired in full Victorian dress, Darlene presented slides, anecdotes and little known facts with her program on Leadville's Ice Palace. This is the 100th Anniversary of the largest ice palace ever built on the North American Continent. Darlene's well-researched presentation with her outstanding speaking talents made this a very excellent program.

## **HISTORIC COLORADO CHURCHES**

— Our November Program —

Our next program on Friday, November 8, 1996, at 11:00 a.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 N. 20th Street, will be a slide/narration by Mary Jane Rust, co-author and photographer of the book *Faith in High Places*, published in 1995.

Mary Jane Rust was born in Pearl River, New York, but now lives in Manitou Springs, Colorado. She has a Bachelor of Music from

Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York, and did graduate studies at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

She became the Orchestra Manager for the Colorado Springs Symphony in 1975, and later became the Cultural Affairs Supervisor and then the Community Relations Supervisor for the

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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.

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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 Margaret Gould at 390-8960 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 luncheon reservation.

## MEETING THIS MONTH

NOVEMBER 8, 1996 - 11:00 a.m.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 701 N. 20th Street  
 (JUST WEST OF UINTAH GARDENS)

BED & BREAKFAST TOUR - December 1st



# ROLL CALL

**GENERAL MEETING 10/11/96**  
**42 members and 6 visitors signed in**

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Kay Arnold          | Olive Langston            |
| Edwin Bathke        | Betty Magninie            |
| Nancy Bathke        | Elaine Mellott            |
| Beulah Butler       | Al Moberly                |
| Ray Campbell        | Katherine Moberly         |
| Barbara Cole        | Doris Morland             |
| Ed Cole             | Don Paddock               |
| Donald Colvin       | Maloa Read                |
| Virginia Cox        | Jim Rogers                |
| Georgia Croff       | Virginia Rogers           |
| Martha Curry        | Martha Simons             |
| Bev Disch           | Rose Slusher              |
| Jeannene Elliott    | Marion Steavenson         |
| Liz Geiss           | Wilma Stephens            |
| Margaret Gould      | B. E. Tillotson           |
| Max Gould           | Jean Tillotson            |
| Orrin R. Haynes     | Mary Weiss                |
| Christine Heinich   |                           |
| Robert Heinich      | <b>Visitors Attending</b> |
| Catherine Henderson | Winnie Barnes             |
| Dave Hughes         | Grace Bragonier           |
| Pat Joy             | Darlene Godat             |
| Madeline Keas       | Jim Laushine              |
| Enid N. Kennis      | Jane Merrett              |
| Jan Knox            | Sharon Ruske              |

# HARVEST FAIR

## Craft and Bake Sale

A GOOD WAY TO START YOUR  
 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

**November 8, 9, & 10, 1996**

at  
**The Old Colorado City  
 History Center  
 1 S. 24th Street**

**Friday & Saturday - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday - 11:00 Am to 4 PM**

**Volunteers Needed - call Bev Disch at 634-5023**  
**Bake Sale Items Needed - call Kay Arnold at 633-2592**

# MAIL BOX

Dear West Word,

It was a sad day when I picked up the August/September issue of *West Word* to find that Dorothy Aldridge had gone off to the big newsroom. I would like to have known her better. She certainly lived a life and will be missed by everyone.

Lola (Cooper) Crane Stone has me on the identity of the school in the June/July photograph of the mill. My triangulation on the map of Old Colorado City verifies that she is right. I had been a bit hasty in assessing the picture. The buildings in the area seemed so much like those around Whittier school.

Enjoyed Maloa's poem in the last issue.

Sincerely,  
Ira Current  
Rochester, NY

*We're glad that you wrote when you did, Ira. The photograph in question was from the collection of Ed and Nancy Bathke. The response we received answered all of the questions Ed was wondering about.*

*West Word will also continue to publish photographs from the OCCHS Archives when we need more information about them. There are a good number of pictures in our collection that are not identified and it will be up to all of us to get them properly cataloged. Hopefully West Word can be the vehicle to develop the dialogue we need to properly document the history of the West Side.*

*Very few items from our archives have been included in our newsletter lately, but that will soon change. Originally our collections were stored and being assessed at a warehouse site donated by founding OCCHS member, Ralph Conner. To qualify for grants and insurance, it was necessary for us to move the collections to the History Center while construction was still in*

*progress. All access to the collections basically had ceased until now. The Assessment Committee has now been reformed to continue the excellent job begun by Ralph, Joyce Johns, Liliane Ross, Dorothy McGlasson and Virginia Cox. I have seen a good number of the photographs, negatives and magic lantern slides we have and there are many images that I've never seen before. We have a remarkable collection! More donations are expected now that we have our security system scheduled to be installed. It's a big job as we near our goal of opening the Center for research and interpretation. Questions will come as the Committee begins its work and we will look to our members to help answer them.*

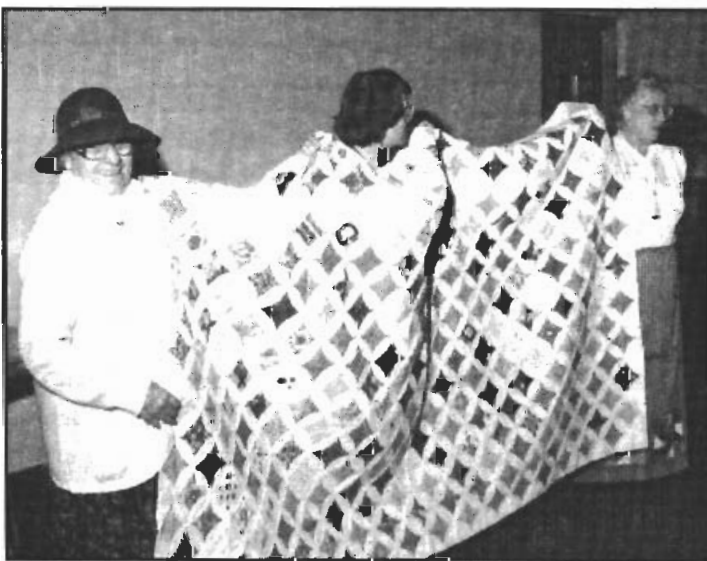
Dear Friends,

I'm glad to read in *West Word* that someone is completing Dorothy McGlasson's historical project. I still can't quite get used to the idea that she is no longer with us. We had been friends for close to 30 years.

I read *West Word* "cover-to-cover" each month. I especially enjoy the "Memories" pages.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Fry  
Pueblo, CO

*Dorothy Aldridge McGlasson was a very special and unique lady as many of us know and she is greatly missed. She will always be a part of the Pikes Peak Region history that she loved. Thank you to Dorothy's many friends who sent donations in her memory to the Old Colorado City Historical Society. Thank you, Eleanor, for writing and for renewing your membership with OCCHS. We'll do our best to keep West Word enjoyable for you.*



photos by Paul Tideman

Lois Clark and her program, "Three Generations of Family Quilts", received the enthusiastic attention of the large audience at our General Meeting on September 13th. Lois' presentation, rich in lore and detail, was illustrated with many quilts from her personal collection. Virginia Cox (standing left in left photo) and Jan Knox (middle) helped Lois (right) by taking each quilt around to all the audience members for a closer look. Thank you, Lois, for a wonderful program.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Photo courtesy of the Heinichs

Christine and Robert Heinich were elected to our Board of Directors last May. At our October Board of Directors meeting, Bob was elected as President of our Society.

Greetings from your new President! Although Chris and I may be new to most of you, we aren't new to Old Colorado City.

After receiving our degrees from Colorado State College of Education (University of Northern Colorado) in 1949, we moved to Colorado Springs when I was appointed the Audio-Visual Director for School District 11. While I was first creating, then building the A-V Department, Chris was teaching at North, South, and East Junior High Schools (somehow she

missed West), and Wasson High School.

We were both active in the community during that time. Chris was a member of the Board of the YWCA and, through that connection, taught English to wives of servicemen, immigrants, and Latin-American doctors doing residency at Penrose. Somewhere in the middle 50's, Margaret Reid (Penrose head librarian) and I formed the Friends of the Library and I became its first president. I was also the second president of the School District 11 Credit Union.

We reluctantly left our home on Columbia Court (off Columbia Road) for the University of Southern California in Los Angeles where I earned a doctorate. While there, Chris taught at Fremont High School in the Watts district of LA. Then, after a brief stay in New York City and a long one in Bloomington, Indiana, we decided to move back to Colorado Springs - and the West Side.

My thanks to Dave Hughes for the fine job he did as our President during the summer months and for helping to make my transition into that position a smooth one.

I have much to learn about the many activities undertaken by the members of the Old Colorado City Historical Society and much to consider in regard to how I can contribute to the mission and goals of our organization. Certainly the operation of the History Center is the top priority.

*Bob Heinich  
President*

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the October meeting of the Old Colorado City Historical Society Board of Directors, **Robert Heinich** was elected as our President and **Beverly Disch** was elected as our Treasurer to complete the terms until our May election. Because of the summer schedules of the Board members, **David Hughes** temporarily filled the President's duties and **Paul Idleman** served as our Treasurer until these positions could be permanently filled.

Our deepest thanks to Dave for all the hard work during what turned out to be a very busy summer for us. Dave's own business kept him very busy in the Four Corners area and, most

recently, in Mongolia. We are very fortunate to have Dave's expertise and devotion to the Society.

Paul also had a very busy summer starting his own book publishing company, Old Town Publishing. In spite of that, he was able to get our finances and member mailing list on computer and make the transition of turning our bookkeeping chores over to **Judy Kasten's** Accounting Service. Thank you, Dave and Paul for jobs well done.

**Mel McFarland** was appointed to select members for our Exhibits Committee. We hope to have some displays set up for the December 1st

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## Old Colorado City History in Cyberspace

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded the Old Colorado City Historical Society \$15,000 to connect our new Center, its displays, its pictures, our local history, and even the voices of its past residents, to the global Internet. This means at least 60 million people in 140 nations will be able to 'visit' our history and center electronically by text, graphics and sound. And even buy from our bookstore. Tens of thousands of local residents who use computers from home, work, or school will also be able to access us 24 hours-a-day to get announcements about our location, activities, operating hours, and even sign up as new members. It will help promote walk-in visitors to the center, too.

In particular, this NSF grant permits us to do all these things using the very advanced communications technology of free digital wireless communications. We will have minimal expenses since we will not have to pay US West for special data lines. We'll transmit radio signals

instead. We will really be 'cruising cyberspace.'

Coupling the powerful new computer I will get for the History Center with the two older computers and printers we already have, we will fully automate our internal administration and keep full records on all our holdings, in addition to communicating our history to the entire world as well as for those who walk in and visit us.

Now that I have stepped down as temporary Society president, I will have more time to organize the efforts of our computer-savvy volunteers and perhaps recruit young college and school students for our efforts to research and disseminate our exciting history.

For those technically inclined, we will have a Pentium SCSI system, with 32Mbs RAM, 1.3 Gig Disk, SCSI, 3.5/5.25 drives, NT 4.0 Server, MS Web Server, RealAudio Server, and Win95 software, 115Kbs spread spectrum no-license radios, a laptop computer with wireless LAN and digital video camera, and a pair of roaming wireless modems.

Why did the prestigious NSF award us this grant? Because they have faith that we can help develop a technological 'model' for other small museums in the country. But then Old Colorado City always has been pioneering, hasn't it?

*Dave Hughes*  
*dave@oldcolo.com*

## FOR YOUR INTEREST

**MARK NOVEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1996** on your calendar! Stop by the History Center, 1 S. 24th Street, and start your Christmas shopping! The talented crafters will be selling their wares from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. We have set aside one table for our own members' items. The Society is also having a Bake Sale. Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, breads, etc. are needed. **Kay Arnold** will be at the History Center on Thursday afternoon, November 7, 1996, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. to accept your goodies. If you can make something, but have no transportation, please let Kay know and your items will be picked up.

Volunteers are needed for the Bake Sale, to man the members' crafts table and to help with

the Fair. Please call **Jan Knox, 689-2355** if you know a crafter who needs an application or if you would like to have your items at the O.C.C.H.S. members' table; **Bev Disch, 634-5023**, if you can volunteer a few hours, or **Kay Arnold, 633-2592**, if you have items to donate to the Bake Sale.

**Bertha Chilcott will be missed.** OCCHS member Bertha (Crawford) Chilcott died September 10, 1996 in Colorado Springs. She was born May 11, 1911, in Ruffin, NC to John and Zenia Faucette. Bertha had lived in Colorado Springs since 1921, teaching school for School District 11. She was also a member the El Paso Pioneers Association, Colorado Springs Women's Club and Trinity Methodist Church. Our heartfelt

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# ASSIGNMENT -

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The following essays were read at an entertainment given by the Colorado Immigration Bureau at Miller Hall in November 1896. The authors were all pupils at Bancroft school when they entered the Immigration Bureau's competition. Carrie Sweet received First Prize, Nellie Rusk received Second and Neva Sanner, third. The essay by Miss Sweet was published in "**Colorado by 500 Authors**". The essays are printed in full as abstracted from *The Colorado City Iris*, November 21, 1896 by Jan Knox.

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In the west central part of the United States is the State of Colorado. In this beautiful State near the central part is a small town called Colorado City.

Colorado City was once the capital of the State. The capitol was removed from here to Golden City and thence to Denver, which is the capital at the present time.

The first building erected in Colorado City is the little log home now used as a Chinese laundry on Colorado avenue. It was then one of the government buildings. The capitol building at that time stood where the Hoffman Hotel now stands. It also took in about five feet of the Hoffman saloon. The court house stood on the present site of the Bancroft school building now and the school house of that period on the opposite side of the street from the Bancroft school.

The climate of Colorado City is temperate. It is very healthful and invigorating. Many people come here mainly for their health, and those especially who have any kind of lung trouble.

Colorado City is 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, and, on account of its being so high a person living here has to breathe deeper and thus take more air into the lungs. This is the reason why Colorado City is more healthful than many places in lower altitudes.

The scenery around Colorado City is very beautiful. It seems to hide or seclude the city from the outside world. About twelve miles due west of the city is the celebrated Pike's Peak. This wonderful mountain was discovered by General Pike in honor of whom it was named. The Peak lifts its lofty head fourteen thousand one hundred and forty-seven feet above the level of the sea. A person descending from the lofty Peak about six thousand feet to the south east-ward discovers the beautiful Garden of the Gods, which consists of three massive rocks and numerous smaller ones, all of which are formed into different shapes by the action of wind, rain and frost. To the east-ward of these rocks is a view of a far extending series of undulating plains.

Colorado City has the finest red sand stone quarries in the United States. It is also rich in fire clay and cement.

In 1892, the large glass works of the city were burned, and in 1892, the paint works were also burned. The company that owned the glass works decided to build a new glass works, but owing to the panic of 1893, their plan was abandoned.

A little west of the city is being erected the largest chlorination plant in the world. It consists of thirteen large buildings and covers ten acres of ground. It has all the modern appliances and latest improved machinery for the treatment of all grades of gold ore. It is one of the most substantial reduction plants in the United States. When finished, it will furnish employment to over one hundred men. The schools of Colorado City are excellent. There is an enrollment of over five hundred pupils and the schools employ eleven teachers.

— Carrie Sweet

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Colorado City was once the capital and commercial center of the state. It has now a population of four thousand. It has an ideal location. It is the center one of a group of three cities; on the East is the proud and beautiful city of Colorado Springs, on the west, Manitou, famous for her mineral springs. Colorado City lies just at the foot of the mountains. Grand old Pike's Peak, with its snowy summit, sun kissed or cloud capped, every varying in appearance but always wonderfully interesting, is in full view.

The famous Garden of the Gods is only one mile west of the city. The Grand Cheyenne Canyon, Cave of the Winds, Rainbow Falls and many other places of world-wide interest are reached by the fine electric street cars.

The city has many beautiful homes occupied by intelligent and refined families. There are few homes, however unpretentious, that are not brightened and beautified by well kept lawns and lovely flowers.

It might almost be said of Colorado City, "There's no night there," for it is so well lighted, every street has its electric lights.

The city schools are the pride and boast of its people. They are as nearly perfect as money and

talent can make them. There are five hundred pupils enrolled, and the corps of eleven teachers have been selected with special reference to their fitness for the work. A free library and reading room is well patronized. There are one thousand five hundred volumes in this library. The magazines and books are composed of reference, periodicals, fiction and travels.

The various religious denominations are well represented, and the pulpits are supplied with a higher order of talent than is usually found in so small a city. The temperance, charitable and fraternal societies are working for the city's welfare. The professions are represented by men of talent and education and the various trades can boast of many skilled workmen. The merchants are wide awake and progressive, and do a lively business. The fine, modern hotels are deservedly popular. The two great railroads, Colorado Midland, Denver and Rio Grande and connecting lines, leads to all points of interest. The Colorado Midland shops with their extensive train service give employment to many men. The great chlorination works, now nearly completed, will furnish work for hundreds of men, for much of the Cripple Creek ore will be brought here for treatment. It is down grade all the way from the great mining camp to Colorado City, making the transportation of ore easy and much cheaper than any other point in the State. Colorado City has every advantage to attract men of capital. An almost limitless quantity of wood, coal, rock and water can be easily obtained.

Rich men, men of moderate means, and poor men can find no better location than Colorado City. Real estate, and cost of living are all moderate.

The city has a fine system of water works, and the water could hardly be purer as it comes direct from the mountain streams. This pure water, pure air, beautiful sunshine, delightful climate, and lovely scenery have given new life, and years to many invalids who have made Colorado City their home for awhile.

The people are social, every ready to extend a friendly and welcoming hand to the stranger, who comes to dwell with them. Intelligence and morality, not wealth, are the passports of good society.

— Nellie Rusk  
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Colorado City is a small town of about four or five thousand inhabitants and is situated upon the Fountain Qui Bouille Creek, about half way between Manitou and Colorado Springs.

It is surrounded by the most picturesque scenery. To the north are some low foot hills, rarely covered with snow, while on the west and south it is surrounded by high peaks and rugged mountains. Towering above all is the snow capped summit of Pike's Peak. The scenery in the winter is almost as grand as it is in the summer.

Sometimes in early morning, the dense clouds hang very low shutting off the view as effectively as though a curtain had been hung from the sky, then as the sun comes up the clouds gradually lift themselves revealing great dark forests of pine and immense jagged rocks.

The discovery of gold which came at a very opportune time, just after the financial panic of 1857, brought the first settlers to this part of the country. The reports caused great excitement and the people came swarming to the new El Dorado. There were no railroads west of the Missouri, so that ox and horse teams were the only means of conveyance. About 100,000 people came to this region in the spring and summer of 1860. Colorado City at that time ranked second in the State in size and population. It was founded in 1859. The settlers evidently expected it to become a city of importance for the site extended over the whole of the valley of the Fountaine Creek. In 1860, the town contained almost 300 houses.

The border troubles and the war caused travel which would have come by the way of the Arkansas valley to be diverted to the Platte valley.

From the time the road was built from Denver to the mines, Colorado City steadily declined.

Before 1860, mail was taken to the town by anyone who happened to be coming from Denver through here, but afterwards mail service was established, the cost of postage being 25 cents. The trip was made from Denver here in about two days.

Prior to 1860, little was known of the possibility of agriculture, but a large garden was started about one half mile east of the town. After this a large number of claims were taken up and farming

proved quite successful. After Colorado Springs was founded, the water supply for the city took so much water that agriculture was partially abandoned. During this period, two great mills had been built here which were employed in grinding the wheat raised in El Paso county from which a very fine grade of flour was made. Before 1861, all of this region belonged to Kansas. The seat of government was distant and means of communication limited and uncertain. The territory of Colorado was organized in 1861. Colorado City was voted the capital July 7, 1861 and adjourned to meet in Denver July 11, 1862, thus in four days went out the glory of Colorado City as the Capital of the State. The Addleman House served as the capitol building, which stood near the present site of the Hoffman House. At this time, much attention was given to education. In winter people moved in from their ranches to allow their children the advantages afforded by the schools. Wray Beattle, formerly of Iowa college established an academy here and later Professor Yonley was at the head of a similar school. A little later the people experienced some exciting scenes. The bodies of several men were found who had been mysteriously murdered, among them was Mr. Addlemen. The criminals were two Mexican brothers, who were pursued and captured. The Ute Indians quartered here in the winter and were very friendly to the whites. As spring approached they would

*"Fold their tents like the Arabs  
And silently steal away"*

to the mountains where they would spend the summer in hunting. In 1864, the "plain Indians" went to the South Park and fought with the Utes and then came through the town stealing horses and plundering houses. About ten well armed men followed, surprising and capturing them. War had now begun in earnest and the people soon built a fort around the Amway hotel, which was a large log house standing a block to the north of the present residence of Mr. Stockbridge. Little aid was given the settlers on account of the Civil War.

A band of the so-called "peaceful" Indians made a merciless raid and massacre through here



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in 1868. Charles Everhart was the first victim and Judge Baldwin the next. This was the last trouble with the Indians in this part of the country.

Colorado City has a great many natural advantages. To the north are found large beds of coal. Some gas and petroleum is found. There is some possibility of finding gold in the mountains. A great many people are prospecting in the vicinity of Bear Creek Canon. In the west are fine stone quarries from which much rock is shipped for building purposes. Fine paint is made from the minerals found in abundance about here. Fire clay is also found. The climate is very mild and many and invalid's life has been prolonged by coming here and partaking of the water from the mineral springs.

The rents here are cheap compared with Manitou and Colorado Springs. The smelters and the shops are among the acquired advantages. The smelter employs about one hundred men and its pay roll is about \$7,000 a month. The shops

employ about two hundred and fifty men and the pay roll is \$18,000 a month.

The city library is a great help to the town as it is a place where people who have no pleasant place in which to read many go and enjoy an idle hour. There are about one thousand well selected books, periodicals and newspapers. It also contains many fine reference books.

There are four churches which show that the religious denominations are well represented. The "Bancroft" is the principal school, which is as good as money and labor can make it. The board has employed good teachers who perform their duty to the utmost of their ability. There are about five hundred pupils enrolled. The city is growing steadily in population and prosperity.

We all wish to see the town attain the importance which is was expected to hold by the old settlers who laid the foundations for the city.

— Neva Sanner

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Colorado Springs Park & Recreation Department. She was also the writer/producer/host, from 1974-1991, of *Emphasis on Arts*, a weekly half-hour interview program on KRDO-TV, our ABC affiliate, which often featured nationally-known personalities such as writers Tony Hillerman and John Byrne Cooke, singer Roberta Flack, and musicians Eugene Fodor and Gary Karr.

Since 1990, Ms. Rust has been a freelance video producer and freelance writer/photographer. Her video documentaries include "*Cripple Creek - Mountain of Gold*", "*Images of Southern Colorado*" and the pilot for a PBS series "*Historic Hotels of the Rocky Mountain West*", which received a best program award from the Colorado Broadcasters Association. Work on a follow-up series is in progress. Her documentary "*Welcome Home - the Vietnam Memorial Comes to Colorado Springs*", was selected for the 1992 Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival. Mary Jane also

did the text of an interactive video/computer program "*Social History of the Pikes Peak Region*" for the new Garden of the Gods Visitors Center.

Mary Jane's works in progress include the books **Historic Hotels of the Rocky Mountain West** and **Historic Churches of Colorado Springs**. In addition, she has written articles for regional and national publications.

Following the program, lunch is available for \$5 per person. Reservations for lunch are due by 5:00 p.m., November 7, 1996. **Call Margaret Gould at 390-8960, for lunch reservations only.**

Please **REMEMBER** to call in your luncheon reservations, as we can no longer make extra reservations to take care of those of you who forget to call. We have to pay for every reservation we turn in. Thank you.

Jan Knox

# WEST SIDE MEMORIES

## TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

*Since we did not have a "West Side Memories" last month, Jan Knox has submitted both her October and November research for this month.*

*You will also notice that the "Twenty-five Years Ago" section is no longer included. With the exception of Vietnam news, our newspapers carried very little in the way of community news. It has been very time consuming for Jan to find any local tidbits from that time. If any of our readers have an interesting 1971 or 1972 event to relate, please send it to Jan and we'll reinstate "Twenty-five Years Ago" for any submissions.*

*To soften our blow, Jan is now going to the Rocky Mountain News to find items from 125 and 135 years ago as a replacement. For your information, Jan finds most of the 100-year-old items in the Colorado City Iris, 75 years in the Colorado Springs Gazette and 50 years in the Colorado Springs Independent.*

### ONE HUNDRED & THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

October/November 1861

\* The indications are that the Legislature will very soon act upon the bill for the location of the Capitol. In connection with this subject, we learn that strenuous efforts are being put forth to secure the selection of Colorado City for the seat of Government. Without wishing for one moment to disparage the claims of this promising locality, we nevertheless most respectfully beg to insist that there is but one place in the Territory that should for a moment be thought of as the Capitol; we mean Denver. It is the great commercial emporium of the Territory; it is connected by good roads with every settled portion of the Territory; it is, and will continue to be, the great military headquarters of this region; it will eventually be the great half-way halting place for the overland mail route to the Pacific; the telegraph will soon be at our doors; the Pacific railway must eventually follow; the facilities for extensive hotel accommodations already exist here, and a score more of good reasons could be

adduced why Denver is the **only** place to be thought of for the Capitol. The fact that Colorado City is a few miles nearer the geographical center of the Territory than Denver, is urged as a powerful argument in favor of the former. Of course, this argument is not worth a straw. In several of the thickly settled eastern States, the Capitols are located near the State limits. New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia are instances of this fact, and in Colorado more particularly than in any other commonwealth, is there less reason for the observance of geographical rules, in settling this question.

\* The Commissioners appointed to locate the Capitol at Colorado City, met at that place two or three days since to perform the duty assigned them. Owing however to some unexplained cause, they failed to indicate the exact spot upon which the lawmakers of Colorado are henceforth to meet. Whether it was because they concluded upon looking at it, that the Pike's Peak City was an unfit location; that their labor and trouble would be thrown away in view of the fact that the next Legislature would undoubtedly move it back to Denver; or whether for local reasons the location could not be made to suit the property holders in the City of lofty pretensions; we are left to guess. At any rate, after spending some time in traversing its flourishing streets, the Commissioners postponed the matter indefinitely, and adjourned to their several homes. Thus, we presume, rests the Capitol question until the meeting of the next Legislature. It now behooves the **PEOPLE** to say in their election of new representatives; where they want the Capitol. Do not vote for a man unless he is pledged to carry out your will. If you want the Capitol moved back to Denver, say so. If you want it to go anywhere else, say so. Do not leave it for your representatives to buy and sell you; trade votes on the Capitol question for votes on a Bank charter or Railroad bill. A little instruction to old members may not be amiss. We are firmly of the

opinion that but few of the people of the Territory were in favor of the Capitol location as it was made, and we hope to see them pledge every candidate who now comes before them for election in such a way that there can be no mistake. "Be sure you are right; then go ahead."

\* As we go to press, the Council is taking action upon the "Bill for an Act to Locate the Seat of Government of Colorado." The result of that action is regarded as a fore-gone conclusion. There are at least six of the nine Councilmen, who conscientiously believe that Denver is the only proper place for the Capitol; but two or three of this number have had more **substantial** arguments in favor of Colorado City, presented them, than Denver could bring forward, and in defiance of the known wishes of their constituents, they are persuaded to yield to the influences of an itching palm. Of course these Councilmen are not green enough to hope for any further political support from their constituents. They have counted the cost, and the purchase money on one side is more desirable than the approval of those who elected them as Representatives. In the settlement of this Capitol matter, there has been a good deal of trading and bargaining. The passage of that gigantic swindle, the "New Mexico Gold, Silver and Copper Mining Company," and of the "Colorado Wagon, Telegraph and Railroad Company," are the prominent wires which have been pulled by those in the Colorado City interest. How far all these appliances will prove effective, a few days more will determine.

\* A meeting of the citizens of El Paso county was held on the 15th instant, in Colorado City, for the purpose of organizing a "Claim Club," for the protection of the rights of squatters on public lands; the jurisdiction of said club to be co-extensive with the boundary of El Paso County. Judge Wagoner was elected chairman, and W. P. McClure Secretary. After the adoption of a liberal Constitution, a permanent

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organization was effected by the election of M. S. Beach, President; Lewis N. Tappan, Secretary and Recorder; H. M. Fosdick, Justice of the Peace; and C. Pursall, Constable. Seven Directors were elected, two of them being the President and Recorder; the others are Messrs. Fosdick, Wagoner, Persall, McClure and Clark.

## ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

October/November 1871

\* The telegrams, this morning, are of sad and startling interest. The great conflagration in Chicago, destroying, as it has, the best portion of the city, cannot but be regarded a national calamity. It will take days, if not weeks, to truly ascertain the extent of the loss, and to arrive at a proper appreciation of the damage done. Smitten as she has been by the fire king, burned and almost destroyed, she will have the sympathy of the country, which we trust will be given freely and generously. Here is work for the charitable and humane. Let substantial aid be extended to the homeless and hapless sufferers of this unfortunate event.

\* The completion of seventy-six miles of the Denver and Rio Grande railway, and the opening for business to Colorado Springs, is an event of more than usual significance in our history. It marks an era in the progress of the Rocky mountain country, and in the railway annals of the nation.

\* For the second time within two weeks, this section of the country has been visited by a heavy snow storm. At Colorado Springs, the storm was very severe, and about one foot of snow fell. A very heavy gale sprang up about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the above point, and at 5:15 the storm had abated somewhat, but the wind had blown the snow "where the woodbine" etc.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

October/November 1896

\* Several feet of the big steel smoke stack at the chlorination mill is completed.

The stack rests on a foundation of stone, is eight feet in diameter and will be one hundred and twenty feet high.

\* The Colorado Midland Band, winner of the \$300 grand prize, at the Festival of Mountain and Plain, in Denver, was given a midnight reception when they arrived back in Colorado City. They competed against twenty-two bands from the Rocky Mountain region and adjoining states and won by 30 points. The festivities were put together after receiving the wire at 6 o'clock Thursday evening. There was a large banquet at the Hotel Hoffman, the streets were illuminated, bells rang, and cannons went off. Event though the rain was pouring down, a large group of people met them at the station. The Band consists entirely of Colorado Midland employees and has only been organized and practicing for eight months.

\* The pile driver was placed in position at the West First street bridge Wednesday morning and as soon as the piles are put in, the bridge will be rapidly completed and put in condition for traffic.

\* An immense water tank will soon be completed at the Midland shops. The apex of the tank is 56 feet above the railroad track.

\* The Manitou post office was burglarized last night. The safe was blown open with powder. No arrests.

\* Died at his home in this city on Sunday morning, October 18, at 7:15 o'clock, of membranous croup, Chester, the only son of Mrs. Flora Janes, aged 9 years and 9 months. Chester was a bright lad, a perfect little gentleman, and was a general favorite among his schoolmates. He was sick but six days and his condition was not considered dangerous until a few minutes before death claimed him. The boy was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Sheldon, pioneers in El Paso county. The funeral was from the family residence on Monday, conducted by Rev. Reid of the First Baptist church, the remains were laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery.

\* I. S. Nichols, local agent for the

Western Union Telegraph company, realizing the fact that the ladies of this city are greatly interested in hearing the election returns at the earliest possible moment, has arranged for a private wire in the W.C.T.U. hall, where the returns will be received on the evening of November 3. All ladies are invited to be present. No admission charge.

\* It will be welcome news to every loyal citizen of this vicinity, and especially to the many who are interested in Cripple Creek mining, to learn that the initial consignment of Cripple Creek ore has arrived at the Philadelphia and Colorado City Reduction company's new huge chlorination works. The five broad-gauge cars of gold ore will carry values of \$20 to \$30 a ton.

\* A few days ago a party of old-timers were talking about the county seat fight between Colorado Springs and Colorado City which took place a long time ago. The Iris man was present and heard something about the way "honest" Matt France, candidate for county commissioner on the various hybrid tickets, was mixed up in the deal. We remember their saying something about stuffing a ballot box out about Eastonville, and indictments by the grand jury. The matter was hushed up in some manner, but old residents remember the incident if not the details. Yet the people are asked to vote for Mr. France for the sake of reform.

\* Remember the All Hallows Eve Social under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd takes place tonight at the old city hall. There will be lots of fun for the children. Doughnuts and coffee will be served and games appropriate to the evening will be enjoyed. Admission is 15 cents. All are invited.

\* Arrangements have been made with the Colorado Immigration and Development company to extensively advertise El Paso county in the Eastern States. This company is a State organization promoted and backed by the Chamber of Commerce of Denver and

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is made up of prominent men all over the State. Dr. William F. Slocum, president of Colorado College will look after the interests of El Paso county. Among the practical work which will be done by this company, to attract attention to the State, will be a continuous series of stereopticon educational lectures in all the leading schools throughout the East, using slides representing views taken from all parts of the State. Specimens of mineral from the various mines throughout the State will be presented to schools and colleges that have mineral cabinets. The Chamber of Commerce of Colorado Springs is giving it their hearty support and have furnished the views of this county.

\* **LOST** - A black ostrich feather boa. Return to this office for reward.

\* C. H. Frowine has purchased Charles Schudie's interest in the Manitou Journal and is now the sole owner of that paper. The gentlemen have been in partnership for several years. The Journal has long been noted for its superior job printing.

\* The Colorado Springs Gazette newspaper was sold on Monday. The sale was made by the Gazette Printing company to Messrs. C. Vanderbilt Barton, of New York, Thomas C. Parrish and Henry Russell Wray, of Colorado Springs. The price paid is in the neighborhood of \$30,000 cash. The purchasers secure the newspaper with its subscription lists, good will and the United Press franchise. They will take hold of the paper on the first of January, upon the expiration of the lease now held by Mr. W. A. Platt. The paper will remain in its present quarters, as the purchasers secured a lease for five years.

**SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
October/November 1921

\* One reason why the gentle art of bootlegging does not flourish in the Pikes Peak region is the fact that hundreds of gallons of "booze" inevitably find their way, sooner or later, to the

storeroom in the county jail, as the direct result of a drive against the satellites of the "Moonshine" tribe conducted by Sheriff John Weir and his deputies with unflagging zeal. Conditions are better here today than in scores of other districts, for the reason that much of the booze is either stored away, for evidence, or has since disappeared down the sewer, destroyed on court order, while booze vendors are reaping the harvest—in jail. On the second floor of the county jail, in the keeping of Jim Stewart, are mementoes of the chase, comprising hundreds of gallons of near liquor, new fangled stills, bottles of amber colored booze, coils, pipes, kegs, barrels, and all the other accessories of the business of bootlegging.

\* Father J. H. Brinker, for 16 years pastor of St. Mary's church in West Colorado Springs, and the oldest secular priest in the state, has retired. He will leave shortly on a trip to Cuba. Father Brinker is 73 years old. A big banquet was held in honor of Father Brinker last week at the Community club in West Colorado Springs, at which there were numerous gift presentations. Father Brinker will be succeeded by Father Darley, former assistant pastor of St. Mary's church in Colorado Springs.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
October/November 1946

\* That bombardment you heard out toward the Garden of the Gods Tuesday afternoon wasn't somebody testing atomic bombs. It was the Hard Rock Poet blasting a ditch in the sandstone for Glenn L. Cox, so he could lay a water line to his new homesite in Lennon Park. They had to go clear to Cripple Creek to get dynamite.

\* The Post Office department has announced that Colorado Springs is eligible for a new West End station, at the cost of \$100,000. The new location has not been announced. The West End branch office has been located for a long time in a rental property at 2512 W. Colorado Ave.

\* Pearl Hughes, attendant at the

West Side branch library, has reported the theft from the library of a reading glass and \$1.32 in cash. It is surmised the thief might have been hidden in the building when it was locked up for the night.

\* Due to a plot last year on the part of Halloween pranksters to upset the balanced rock with a dynamite charge, Washington Pastorius, president of the city park commission, has announced all city parks will be patrolled Halloween night.

\* The recent move on the part of members of the El Paso County Pioneer Association to place a marker in the old Colorado City cemetery on the Mesa road east of the Garden of the Gods, is the third similar act on the part of the Pioneer association. In 1936, a tablet was erected in front of the property at 2818 West Pikes Peak Ave., containing the following: *"This tablet is the property of the State of Colorado. This marks the site of the old fort and stockade built by pioneers of Colorado City. Used in defense against the Indians in 1864 and 1868. Constructed of logs, set on end. Erected by the State Historical Society of Colorado from the Mrs. J. N. Hall Foundation and by the El Paso County Pioneers Association and the city of Colorado Springs. 1936."* There was erected in Bancroft park in 1940 by the same organizations, a tablet containing the following in addition to the introductory: *"Colorado City. Founded here in 1859. Then in El Paso County, Kansas. So named because at the gateway to mines thought to be on the Colorado river. Incorporated with Colorado Springs on June 11, 1917. So designated by first territorial legislature, 1861."*

\* John G. Bock, of 3165 West Colorado Ave., has announced the purchase of a right-of-way into the Red Rock Canyon from Mrs. Martha McLaughlin, of 3435 West Colorado Ave., thus ending a litigation over entrance into the area. Mr. Bock also announced the purchase and reorganization of the Earth Products corporation for purpose of development of some 700 acres of Red Rock Canyon. He states this area is rich in gypsum,

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clay, sand and other building materials, much in demand at this time.

\* Snow ranging from two to four feet on the level was dumped on the Pikes Peak Region over the weekend in the area's worst snowstorm in 33 years. Traffic was virtually paralyzed Sunday with hundreds of cars reported stalled and off the road on highways leading to and from the city.

\* Right in the midst of the record-breaking snowstorm, the Colorado Springs fire department was called out to fight the worst fire in many years. The entire second floor of the Midland building, 110-116 East Pikes Peak Ave., was totally destroyed. The premises were occupied by the A. H. Vogel Co, manufacturers of cake decorations, and the Miller Music Co., where the blaze originated, suffered almost a total loss of their large stock of musical instruments and other merchandise. Other stores suffering damage were the Pikes Peak Optical Co., the Stainsky Fur and Taxidermy Co., Colorado Leather Goods Co., and the Pikes Peak Book and Stationery Co. The Wigwam Curio shop, adjoining the Midland building on the west, suffered considerable water damage, as did the Arrow hotel, adjoining on the east. Seven pieces of Colorado Springs fire equipment were in use, as well as apparatus from Camp Carson and Peterson field. The company located at 2830 West Colorado Ave., was stationed at headquarters to cover any emergency calls. The blaze raged for almost three hours before being brought under control.

\* Frank Ferris, the old Cog road conductor, sits on the front porch at his home, 2320 West Pikes Peak Ave., enjoys the sunshine and looks at old Pikes Peak, reminiscing the thousands of trips he made to the summit, first as a conductor and later with a sight-seeing car. After coming here from New England, Frank was a Colorado Midland railway employee, later going to the Manitou and Pikes Peak cog road.

\* The election a week ago of W. J.

Graham, publisher of the Pikes Peak Journal of Manitou Springs as Republican county treasurer, is the first time a newspaper man has been an El Paso county candidate in some years. He has resided here almost 30 years and has always been active in public affairs and civic matters.

\* G. S. Hatton, 2408 West Platte Ave., reported to the police department that someone had entered his residence and obtained some candy, a magnifying glass, \$4 in dimes and a loaf of bread.

\* The old Horace Quinby home at 2519 West Pikes Peak Ave., recently changed ownership, being purchased by D. E. Vorak, a retired business man from Kansas. Horace Quinby was a pioneer business man of Colorado City, who died on his ranch in the Fountain valley a few years ago. He built the above mentioned home about 50 years ago. It is an attractive place built of brick and facing the north. The original Quinby home is the large frame dwelling at the northeast corner of Pikes Peak Ave., and Twenty-fourth street.

\* November 10th was the 64th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fisher, who observed the occasion quietly with a dinner at their home, 2108 West Pikes Peak Ave., for the members of their family. They came to Colorado Springs in 1920. Sunday was also the 86th birthday of Mr. Fisher and November 11th was the 84th birthday of Mrs. Fisher. They have three daughters living.

\* Forty to fifty years ago, the Hoffman block, 2501-3-5-7 West Colorado avenue was owned and operated by the late Byron Hames. It is now owned by the Chamberlain Realty company, George McDonald and associates, and the rooming house in the second story, where Mr. and Mrs. Hames lived, is operated by Mrs Annie Myers, who came here from Iowa some years ago, and is known as Myers Rooms. The second story contains 37 rooms, which have recently been remodeled and refinished at a cost of nearly \$1,000.

\* Daniel Lincoln Shireman, 63, died last Saturday. Coming here from Kansas with his parents in 1908, he was soon in the employ of the old Colorado Springs and Interurban Street Railway company. He had been one of the few old-time transit employees still driving the buses. In the early day, the Shireman family was the iron house in the 3100 block on West Colorado Ave., which is a long block. The street car conductors, in calling the stops, would say "Iron House." It is still a bus stop.

\* Some new windows have been put in and other improvements made in the Osborne building at 2431 West Colorado Ave., including plans for an attractive Christmas display. As usual, the Christmas music from the large bell at the intersection of Colorado avenue and 24th St., will be cared for at the Osborne drug store.

\* Mr. Lewis' coal strike is being felt at the Cycle mill and in Cripple Creek and Victor. The Midland Terminal R.R. is now making only two or three trips a week to bring down the ore. All shipments of dump ore has been discontinued, the flotation plant at the mill had to shut down for the "duration", and it is a question how long the rest of the mill can operate unless the coal miners go back to work soon.

\* Three youths were in district court Friday on the charge of robbery of a West Side filling station. When the mother of one of the boys was called to the witness stand by an attorney, Judge Meikle said to her: "The case is recessed until 10 o'clock tomorrow, and don't come back into the court room dresses as you are now." She was wearing a tight-fitting white sweater and red slacks. Judge Meikle was quoted as saying that he considered the woman who he thus reproved to be unsuitably dressed to appear in court. The woman wore a blue and white dotted dress Saturday. The boy was granted probation.

# THE HISTORY CENTER BOOK STORE

The inventory for our History Center Book Store is always growing. We hope to be open with regular hours soon. Until then our members can purchase books, posters, maps and videos via mail order. The profit from these items go to the O.C.C. History Center Fund to pay for various things connected with the Center that are not covered by grants. S & H is the shipping and handling cost. Please add 3% tax if you are a Colorado resident. Any overage sent due to ordering more than one book will be refunded or donated to the Fund if you so direct. Make your checks payable to O.C.C.H.S. and send your order to:

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**1997 Calendars by Todd Caudle.** One of Colorado's best landscape photographers, Todd Caudle, has published three calendars for 1997. Spectacular color photographs of this state's remote beauty for each month can be found in Todd's popular *Colorado Magnificent Landscapes* calendar. His *Pikes Peak Country* calendar contains twelve breathtaking images of Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods. Todd and David G. Smith capture the spirit of pioneer Colorado with their images in the *Historic Colorado* calendar.

**Historic Colorado - \$12.95 each**

**Pikes Peak Country - \$12.95 each**

**Magnificent Landscapes - \$13.95 each**

includes \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

**Kind Nature's Scenery To Portray - the life and work of William E. Hook.** 29 minute video documentary (VHS only) written and produced by OCCHS member Paul Idleman for the Pikes Peak Library District. The story of this prolific 19th Century "viewist" is documented with Hook's own photographs. *Video Librarian Magazine* rated this excellent production with a 4-Star, Editor's Choice saying it's "a must for all libraries."

19.95 each s&h 3.00 **TOTAL \$22.95**

**COG RAILWAY CENTENNIAL PRINT**

with 1891 photograph by William E. Hook of Cog at the Halfway House.

8.00 each s&h 3.00 **TOTAL \$11.00**

**Unique map** of Old Colorado City Historic District by artist Jack Ekstrom 11" x 15".

.75 each s&h .50 **TOTAL \$1.25**

**A History of the Colorado Springs Schools District 11** by Harriet Seibel. From Colorado City's District 1 to the present, an informative history with

many historic b&w photographs. 107 pp.  
3.50 each s&h 2.00 **TOTAL \$5.50**

**Historic Colorado City—The Town With a Future** by Dorothy Aldridge. Excellent writing and more than 25 rare b&w photographs trace the history of Colorado City from 1859 as a gateway to the mining regions to its recent revival and emergence as Colorado Springs' most historically interesting, colorful and lively area, 80 pp.

5.95 each s&h \$3.00 **TOTAL \$8.95**

**Historic Old Colorado City** by David R. Hughes. Includes Ekstrom map. A short history of Colorado City from its beginnings through the Colorado Avenue revitalization efforts. 12 pp.

2.50 each s&h .1.00 **TOTAL \$3.50**

**Here Lies Colorado Springs—Historical Figures Buried in Evergreen and Fairview Cemeteries**, published by the City of Colorado Springs Parks Recreation Department, edited by Denise R. W. Oldach. With 200 photos and 138 memorable stories submitted by family, friends and historians about a variety of residents who spent their lives creating the history of the Pikes Peak Region, hardcover, 182 pp.

26.95 each s&h 4.00 **TOTAL \$30.95**

**Man in the Garden of the Gods** by Richard and Mary Ann Gehling. A short history of the Garden from the Indians to the new Visitor's Center with many historic b&w photos plus color photos of the rock formations, 30pp.

3.95 each s&h 1.00 **TOTAL \$4.95**

**Among the Eternal Snows—The First Recorded Ascent of Pikes Peak, July 13-15, 1820** by Phil Carson, Colorado journalist and historical writer. This is the dramatic story of

Edwin James' daring first ascent of Pikes Peak in 1820, 47 pp.

7.95 each s&h 1.50 **TOTAL \$9.45**

**Colorado City Journal**, November 28, 1861 reproduction on parchment paper, 4 pp. (sent in mailing tube)

6.00 each s&h \$3.00 **TOTAL \$9.00**

**Cripple Creek—City of Influence, An Excursion into the Historic Heart of Colorado's Greatest Gold Camp** by Brian Levine, Historic Preservation Director of the City of Cripple Creek and signed by the author, contains many historic b&w photos, 150 pp.

6.95 each s&h 4.00 **TOTAL \$10.00**

**Sarah Elizabeth—A Tale of Old Colorado City** by J. G. Masters. The story of a woman lost to her traveling party in the wilds of Nebraska while on her way to the Colorado gold fields with her husband. How she gets to Colorado City and her life thereafter is a story of struggle, conflict, warmth and humor with historically accurate settings and a parade of memorable characters - hardcover, 210 pp.

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**Daily Life in a Covered Wagon** by Paul Erickson, join the Larkin family as they set out from Indiana in 1853 on a 2,000-mile trip to their new farmstead in Oregon. A children's book with beautiful illustrations that will be enjoyed by adults as well - hardcover, 48 pp.

16.95 each s&h 4.00 **TOTAL \$20.95**

**Saddle Strings** by Don Bailey. Of all the gear a cowboy used, the saddle was the most valuable and Colorado was the saddle capital of the world for 60 years. This chronicle of Colorado saddle makers fills the void left by their omission in the history, 200pp

20.00 each s&h 4.00 **TOTAL \$24.00**

**Bed & Breakfast Tour.** If you are interested in serving on this committee, call Mel at 533-1311.

**Wish List**

- steel shelving for archival storage
- metal file cabinets
- telephones (with 'Hold' button)
- dark room equipment
- copier
- fax machine
- computer scanner
- display cases

Our thanks to Owen □Sandy□ Knox (pictured below) for his guidance and hard work on our History Center Courtyard. The Commemorative Bricks will be inscribed soon and Rick's Nursery will soon begin landscaping. Sandy and Jim Rogers did an excellent job and our patio is beautiful!



Photograph by Paul Idleman



Photograph by Jan Knox

**Timberline Questers Donate To Help With Our Choir Loft**  
Early last Spring, the Timberline Questers contacted then OCCHS President, **Lucille Cunningham**, informing her that they would write a grant to help finance the interior renovation of our History Center.

Through the efforts of Timberline Questers member **Jane Mellot**, the grant was written. Last summer, the results were made known. The Timberline Questers were awarded a \$500 grant to help us restore the choir loft in the Center's Main Room. In the photo above, Jane Mellot presents the check to then Treasurer, Paul Idleman at the History Center last October.

We especially want to thank the Timberline Questers for this contribution. It is most appreciated.

*Lucille Cunningham*

sympathies to Bertha's children, Susan Crawford, John Crawford, Richard Crawford and the rest of her family.

**YARD SALES** - The sales held on October 5th and 12th in the parking lot at the History Center added over \$400 to the History Center Fund. We also sold nearly \$60 worth of books because our book shop was open, too. Start setting aside items for our sales in 1997. We will have one in the spring and one in the fall. If you have items and absolutely have no space to keep them till spring, call **Kay Arnold, 633-2592**, to make arrangements for them to be picked up. Thanks once again to **Bev Disch** for finding volunteers to work at our Yard Sales and to **Christine Heinich, Doris Morland, Max and Margaret Gould, Don Paddock and Paul Idleman**. A big, big thank you to Kay for the hours she spent at the Center, pricing and waiting for people to bring in items and for devoting two Saturdays



Photograph by Paul Idleman

OCCHS and the Bed & Breakfast owners are doing a wonderful job of preparing for the 1996 Old Colorado City Bed & Breakfast Tour. Tickets should go fast with the great publicity the owners have generated, including a listing in *National Geographic*. The tour begins at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 1st. Tour **The Awareness Victorian Bed & Breakfast, Holden House - 1902 Bed & Breakfast Inn, Our Hearts Inn Old Colorado City, The Painted Lady Bed & Breakfast Inn and Wedgewood Cottage Bed & Breakfast Inn**. The cost is \$8 for tickets purchased before December 1st and \$10 at the door. Contact **Betty Baker** at 633-2350 for tickets or information.

# VICINITY OF PIKES PEAK

*Abstracted from the Rocky Mountain News  
August 27, 1859*

The late discoveries in and near the South Park, and the consequent stampede thither, has brought prominently into notice this celebrated and truly romantic and beautiful locality.

Leaving Auraria, the road now mostly traveled by those going to the Park, follows along the divide between the Platte and Cherry creek; entering the pineries in about twenty miles, pursuing a general S.S.W. course, and reaching the **Fontaine-que-Bouit**, (Fon-tnu-ki-boo-ie) or Boiling Spring river, in about seventy miles, at a point within five miles of the northern foot, and within fifteen miles of the summit, of Pike's Peak. Here is the embryo Colorado city, recently laid out, and already attracting considerable attention. This is the entrance of the Ute pass, by which there is a good wagon road leading northwest to the South Park, forty miles distant. Two miles above are the celebrated boiling springs, from which the little river takes its name. They are of mineral character, and said to resemble very closely the Congress springs, of

Saratoga. A marbly deposit has built up beautifully rounded conical hills, from the summits of which the springs discharge their sparkling fountains.

A little to the northward, on a grassy slope dotted with pines, is the "Cemetery," being a vast array of detached and erect shafts, of a beautiful white columnar sandstone, which the rains and winds of ages have carved into most fantastic shapes, presenting a beautiful and pleasing effect, scattered as they are among the dark pines, and involuntarily calling to mind recollections of some vast and ancient city of the dead—hence the name.

Along the Fontaine-qui-bouit, there is a fine valley, suitable for agriculture, varying from half a mile to two miles in width, and reaching from the foot of the mountains to the Arkansas river, a distance of forty miles.

Excellent pine timber is found near; gypsum abounds, and small quantities of float gold may be obtained along the Fontaine-qui-bouit. With all these advantages, the valley must soon boast a large resident population, whose principal resource will be the cultivation of the soil, for the products of which they will find a market second to none in the world, among the mining settlements of the mountains.

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