

WEST WORD

APRIL 1997

History Center Pioneer **HEDY LAMARR**

As we have mentioned in previous issues of *West Word*, we are receiving grants from the National Science Foundation for our History Center to be a test site for wireless internet. The basis for that technology came from the patented ideas of composer, George Antheil, and movie star, Hedy Lamarr. So it was certainly fitting when Dave Hughes, who nominated Miss Lamarr for the National Science Foundation's Electronic Frontier Foundation Award, presented our March program on how the technology that will be used in our History Center was born.

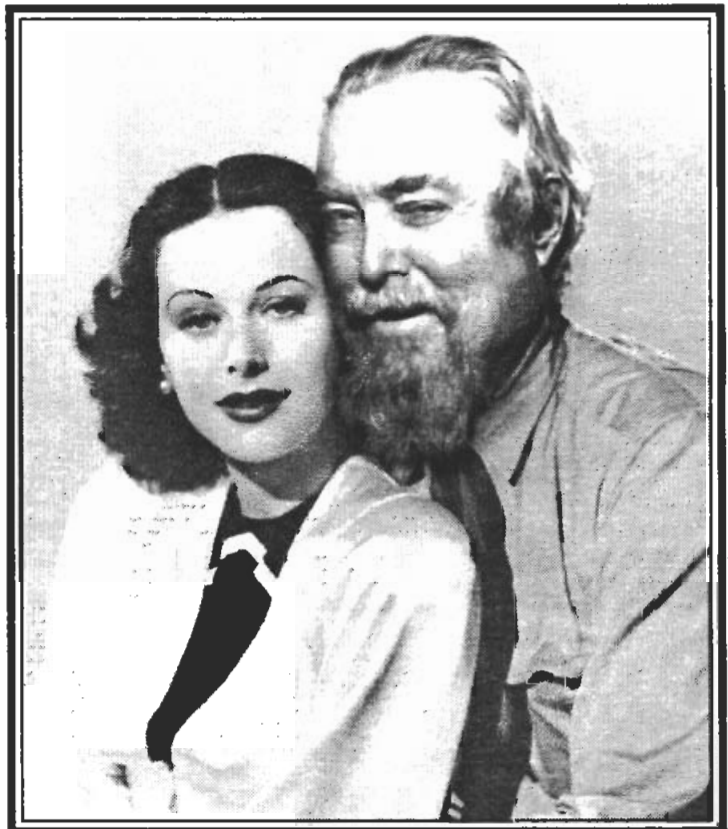
Our scheduled program, "Victorian Lady", with Judi Brandow as Abigail Bradshaw, had to be postponed due to Judi falling ill. Knowing that our Dave Hughes can talk about various aspects of Colorado City at the drop of his Stetson, I called him to see if he could come to our rescue with a program for our meeting.

Dave had just returned from the awards banquet in California. The award to Hedy Lamarr for "blazing new trails on the electronic frontier" was accepted by her son, Anthony Loder. The 84-year-old reclusive actress taped a brief 30 second acceptance "speech", the first time the public had heard her voice in 30 years. Dave made this the subject of his talk and allowed us to hear Hedy, too.

The members who attended the March meeting were fascinated to discover that "the most beautiful girl in the world" had an inquiring intellect and an engineering curiosity.

In 1933, 19-year-old, Hedwig Eva Maria Kiesler, became the wife of Austrian armament

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photography by several people

OCCHS Charter Member, Dave Hughes, presented our March program talking about actress Hedy Lamarr's influence on our History Center. Dave claims to have never met Miss Lamarr, though this photograph seems to prove otherwise. This photograph was taken almost 50 years ago and many of us were amazed to see that Dave has changed very little. In fairness to all of our readers who haven't yet noticed that Dave has never had the body of Clark Gable, this is a computer-generated photograph putting Dave cheek-to-cheek with the Hollywood legend. In truth, Hedy would never go with a guy this old. April Fool!

HISTORY CENTER OPENS

Our May 9th Program

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

Annual memberships classifications are as follows:

Individual	\$20	Business	\$50
Family	\$25	Corporate	\$250
Lifetime	\$150		

Funds from a Lifetime Membership are placed into a Perpetuity/Endowment Fund to be used only for projects which have been approved by two-thirds of the membership. Only the interest will be used for current expenses. We welcome gifts to this fund, which will be credited to the donor or as a memorial.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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	Jan Pettit	684-9300
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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.

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

MAY 9, 1996 - 11:00 a.m.*

(* no luncheon for this meeting)

OLD COLORADO CITY HISTORY CENTER
1 South 24th Street

NEXT MEETING - September 12, 1997



ROLL CALL

GENERAL MEETING 3/14/97 41 members and 5 visitors signed in

Cindy Batey	Jan Knox
Beulah Butler	Betty Magnin
Ray Campbell	Elinor Messerschmidt
Barbara Cole	Albert Moberly
Ed Cole	Katherine Moberly
Donald Colvin	Doris Morland
Virginia Cox	Doug Neely
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Betsy Evans	Beverly Patterson
George Fisher	Maloa Read
Edwina Foreman	Mildred Rex
Wilber Fulker	Claire Ruby
Liz Geiss	Martha Simons
Margaret Gould	Marion Steavenson
Max Gould	Jean Tillotson
Eileen Graham	B. E. Tillotson
Orrin Haynes	
Catherine Henderson	VISITORS
Bob Heinich	Audrey Dunn
David Hughes	Cindi Markman
Joanne Karlson	Doris A. McCraw
Charles Kennis	Jean Powell
Enid Kennis	Rita Wilhelm

GENERAL MEETING 4/11/97 26 members and 7 visitors signed in

Betty Baker	Mid Kolstad
Cindy Batey	Jan Knox
Wilma Bradshaw	Sandy Knox
Ray Campbell	Elinor Messerschmidt
Barbara Cole	Doug Neely
Ed Cole	Pat Neely
Virginia Cox	Marion Steavenson
Jean V. Christopher	Jean Tillotson
Martha Curry	B. E. Tillotson
Beverley B. Disch	VISITORS
Betsy Evans	Ruth Chipman
Wilber Fulker	Celinda Reynolds-Kaelin
Liz Geiss	Harold Kaelin
Bob Heinich	Maurine McGuire
Paul Idleman	Elsie Risk
Joanne Karlson	K.C. Ruske
Ken Kolstad	Sharon E. Ruske

DON'T FORGET!

Our May 9th General Meeting will be held at the
HISTORY CENTER

11:00 A.M.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The choir loft restoration is finished and the effect is everything we wished for. **Leon Chapel**, of Charlie Patterson Construction, did an excellent job of matching the choir loft to the decor of the building. The underside of the loft gave us a place to put track lights that can be used to illuminate hangings of the walls adjacent to the loft. Now we are looking into a playback system for period background music to add to the atmosphere of the museum. We'll try to have photographs of the finished loft in the next *West Word*.

The choir loft was finished just in time for the March 15th craft show. **Jan Knox** and the crafters were on pins and needles (no pun intended) as the deadline approached. Thank you to everyone who brought bake sale items and helped work the event. Their hard work paid off netting \$145 from the crafters and \$152 from the Bake Sale for us.

We had money left over from the choir loft, so the Board decided, with the consent of the Colorado Historical Society, to paint the exhibit cases. **Sandra Chastain** did a beautiful job on the cabinets. Our exhibits will look great in them. Everything is shaping up nicely for our May 17th public opening.

Other projects we have in mind include replacing the small, square windows with stained glass; placing ultraviolet light filtering film over the large windows to protect exhibits; installing wall-hanging materials to exhibit quilts, murals and large prints; and paving the parking lot. We are looking for donors who might be interested in helping to finance one (or more) of the above.

Talk about pennies from heaven! **Lockheed Martin** recently began a plan to offer their surplus office furniture to non-profit groups and we were the first ones in line. We now have desks, chairs, tables, bookcases, bulletin boards and even waste baskets for the History Center. Our biggest prize is our own ten-drawer map case for keeping our large collection of maps and other items flat. Thanks to **Chuck Cobb**, **Sandy Knox** and **Paul Idleman** for helping with loading everything up and moving it to our Center. It took us two days and many truckloads to get it all. A special thank you to **Bob Wilson**, Supervisor of Material Services at Lockheed Martin, who coordinated everything.

Colorado Springs Mayor, **Leon Young**, recently presented an Award of Appreciation to **Owen 'Sandy' Knox** at a City Council meeting for his tireless work with our History Center. In addition to his fund-raising ability, we are also grateful for all the other projects he has undertaken, such as the patio. Without Sandy's efforts, we would be nowhere near where we are today.



Mayor Young congratulates Sandy Knox at City Council.

I was encouraged by the response at our March meeting to my request for volunteers. Thanks to all of you who signed up. We will be in touch. We still need more so call me at 448-9001 or **Paul Idleman** at 633-7803 or 636-1225 if you can contribute a couple of hours a week to help staff the History Center. Paul has been engaged by the Board to oversee the operations of the History Center as our part-time History Center Director.

Thank you to **Jan Pettit** for filling **Lucille Cunningham's** vacancy on the Board this year. Lucille found it necessary to take a hiatus to look after her own business and health after her miraculous job of restoring our building. Jan is also Director for the Pikes Peak Hill Climb Museum and we are fortunate to have her expertise. Lucille was very active with us even during her rest period and, with **Betty Baker's** help, researched and rewrote our By-laws for Board approval. Thank you Jan, Lucille and Betty.

by Robert Heinich

ELECTION TO THE OCCHS BOARD NOTICE —

About the Candidates

The Election to the Old Colorado City Historical Society Board of Directors will be held at our General Meeting on May 9th, 1997. This election will fill five seats on our Board. Retaining their seats on the Board for the next year are Robert Heinich, Jan Knox, Beverley Disch, Christine Heinich, Mel McFarland and Leon Young. The nominating committee of Jan Knox, Chairman, Doris Morland, and Paul Idleman present the following candidates for the five expiring positions on the Board of Directors. The term is for two years. The membership may also nominate someone from the floor at the General Meeting with the approval of the person nominated.

Betsy Evans recently retired after eighteen years as a librarian at the westside branch of the Pikes Peak Library District. She has been a member of the Old Colorado City Historical Society for nearly that long and is delighted to have the time now to attend the Society's meetings. She will be helping with accessioning our large collection of books and also in the History Center Book-Gift Shop. Betsy was born in Phoenix, Arizona, and is a graduate of the University of Arizona at Tucson. She has been married to John Evans since 1953. They have two daughters and two sons. John's work for national land developers required many moves, so the family saw a great deal of the United States from one coast to the other. They came to Colorado when John was hired by a company hoping to reclaim the gold in the Gold Hill Mesa. When that project was dropped, he worked with the development of Glen Eagle until his retirement.

David Hughes has been involved with Old Colorado City history since Luther McKnight and a committee of Old Colorado City residents met with him in 1975 to ask if he, as Chairman of the

Colorado Springs Centennial-BiCentennial Committee would include "Old Town" in their plans. Learning the colorful history of Old Colorado City from Luther led to Dave's later efforts to get the old town business area revitalized and to the organizing of the Old Colorado City Historical Society in 1980. Dave is one of the founding members of the Society and a past-President (twice). He is a Colorado native, a 1950 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and since 1973, a retired Army Colonel. Dave published a short history of Old Colorado City in 1978. He is the Chairman of the Historical Society's Technology Committee. Dave has been an Old Colorado City and the West story-teller on the Internet since 1979. His company, Old Colorado City Communications, is presently field testing wireless computer communications in the San Luis Valley schools and in Mongolia through grants from the National Science Foundation. The National Science Foundation has awarded Dave and the Old Colorado City Historical Society a \$15,000 grant to install wireless computer communications in the History Center, with an additional \$5,000 grant to pay an intern to work on our data base.

Patricia Joy is the co-owner of Crazy for Quilts, located at 2 S. 25th St., in the historic Henry Templeton house built in 1892. Patty considers herself a fourth generation Coloradan, even though she was born in Panama where her father was an engineer on the Panama Canal. She grew up in Albuquerque, spending the summers with her grandmother in Meeker, Colorado. Her great-grandparents settled in that area after it was opened to homesteading after the Meeker Massacre. After marrying Jay Joy, who grew up in the Meeker area, Patty moved to Colorado.

The family then moved to Alaska for 12 years, but are now back in Colorado to stay. Patty received her B.A. in Art and Anthropology at the University of Alaska in 1991 and is now working on her Master's degree in American Studies with an emphasis on Colorado History at CU-Colorado Springs. Patty is Chairman of the History Society's Artifacts Accessions' Committee which will soon continue archiving the many items that have been given to the Society as well as adding these items to the computer inventory of the Society's collections.

Don Kallaus is a long-time Colorado Springs resident and businessman and has long maintained a very active community involvement. He spent a good portion of his youth working on the summit of Pikes Peak and that fired his insatiable interest in local and Colorado history. Don is a westsider and purchased his first home in Old Colorado City in the 1960's. From 1969 to 1984 he was owner and manager of Hombre Hair Design, supervising 15 employees. From 1984 to 1991, Don was an investment broker with A.G. Edwards and Sons. Since 1991, he has handled financial and retirement planning, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and insurance with the Peak Financial Group. Don's interest in photography and old time photo processes, photo restoration and conservation has been the catalyst to facilitate his love for local history. He is currently handling the dark-

room work for our first History Center photo exhibit. He has been the official photographer for the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade for many years. Don's other affiliations and memberships include the AdAmAn Club, Colorado Springs Fine Art Center, El Paso County County Pioneers' Association, Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District and IlfoPro Photographer's Association.

Orville Kenelly, Esquire previously served on the O.C.C.H.S. Board from 1986-1990, and as Treasurer from 1986-88. He has been a resident of Colorado Springs since 1958. He received his J.D. from Tulane University in New Orleans, but is now semi-retired from the private practice of law in Colorado Springs. Orville has served on the boards of several fraternal and social organizations in Colorado Springs, such as Civitan International, the Izaak Walton League and Goodwill Industries. He is a member of the El Paso County and the Colorado Bar Associations. Orville is a life member of our Society and has served the Society in many capacities over the years. When Paul Idleman resigned his term on the Board a month early to assume his position as part-time Director for the History Center. Orville was selected and appointed by the Board to fill that vacancy until our election.

by Jan Knox

FOR YOUR INTEREST

We've really been kicking up the dust at the History Center. As our President mentions in his article, the choir loft is finished and the displayed cases have been painted. We have many new furniture items courtesy of Lockheed Martin and several strong backs. **Betty Baker** and **Jan Knox** have ordered the custom furniture for our Research Room with the wonderful donation from the Westside Innkeepers Association courtesy of their Bed & Breakfast Tour last December. Betty and Jan selected three matching, seven foot high oak book cabinets, matching oak file cabinets and oak student desk. The book cabinets will have locking glass doors. The furniture is now being made for us and should be installed in a few weeks. **Sandy Knox** had been working on acquiring the wrought iron fence and gate for the north side of our patio area. He informs us that it will be ready for our May 17th opening.

We are purchasing a hydraulic fork lift for the History Center. Because we will be offer the history

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JAMES P. BECKWOURTH DIES IN 1867

Certainly he was not worse than any of us would likely have been with such a beginning, and such surroundings through a long and eventful life.

Abstracted from the February 5, 1887 Rocky Mountain News for the OCCHS by Jan Knox.

This venerable and celebrated mountaineer, who was as famous in the peculiar life he had chosen as any man who ever lived, is no more. He has gone to the happy hunting grounds of the savage race whose customs of life he had, to such a great degree, adopted. Of the exact time, place or manner of his death we have yet no particulars, but it is reported as having occurred in the North Platte country, where he has been trapping and trading during the greater portion of the last two years. It is probable that his death was occasioned by old age, and the gradual wearing out of his

once remarkable constitution and powerful physical frame. His age was probably about seventy years though, we believe, he claimed to be ten or twelve years older.

According to his own account, Captain Beckwourth was born in Virginia near Alexandria. His mother was a slave and his father an Irish overseer on her master's plantation. Not relishing a life of servitude he migrated, of his own accord, at an early age, and took up his residence north of Mason & Dixon's line. Soon afterward he drifted out toward the wild and distant west, and learned his first lessons in backwoods life in the wilderness of Missouri, when that was the hunting ground of Boone and the old generation of Kentucky hunters who had been crowded beyond the great river. Westport was the frontier post and the point from which daring adventurers took their departure for the mythical solitudes of the great plains and greater mountains beyond. At that time, and for many years after, this South Platte country had never been trodden by the foot of white man. The most daring adventurers had ventured only in the direction of New Mexico; for a limited distance up the main Platte, and along the valley of the Missouri.

We think it was in 1817 that young Beckwourth found himself at Westport, and attached to one of the caravans of traders and hunters which made its way out upon the "Great American Desert." Since that time his life has been a constant round of adventure; its scenes spread out over the vast region bordered east by the Mississippi, west by the Pacific, north by

British America, and south by Old Mexico. For half a century he was a prominent actor in the real life drama of the border and the wilderness. He was one of old Louis Vasquez's party when he discovered and explored this magnificent valley of the South Platte, and was a pioneer in many other similar explorations. Subsequently he became an Indian by adoption, or naturalization according to their customs, and won renown as a warrior and leader. For many years he was principal war chief of the Crows and, by his skill and tact, established for that nation's prestige in the arts of savage warfare which it still retains.

In later years, when Government began exploring this western country, Beckwourth cut loose from his Indian friends and became a guide, interpreter and hunter for various expeditions. In this capacity he served almost every one of the early explorers of any celebrity. At length California was discovered; or rather its wealth became known. Beckwourth took up his home there in a valley deeply hidden in the Sierra Nevadas, which took his name. he remained there for several years—the first settled home he seems ever to have had. At length he fell under the ban of the Regulators of that country, who charged that he was implicated with a band of horse thieves. Whether justly or unjustly we know not. At any rate he was permitted to leave the country of his own accord, and at his own time. From California; he traveled eastward; stopped awhile about the New Mexico and Texas border, and in 1853 again found himself at his old starting point — Westport, Missouri.

In '59 he came to Denver, and for some time kept a store on Ferry street. Old Louis Vasquez and "Pike" Vasquez, a nephew of the former, were partners in this enterprise. Subsequently, the Captain married, and engaged for two or three years in farming about three miles up the Platte from this city. Frequently during that time he was, for limited periods, in the employ of the Government, as guide, interpreter or scout. His marriage venture proving unfortunate, he abandoned his farm and gradually relapsed into his old mode of life. Far away from settlements and every trace of civilization, its last two years were mainly spent, and amid

such wild scenes his days grew to a close, and were finally numbered. What a history there was in that life! Almost from the Declaration of Independence, by the thirteen feeble colonies, down to the present day. In wild western life and adventure, he was the compeer of the Choteaus, the Bents, the Sarpys, the Vasquezes, the Meeks, Bridger, Jack Hays, Kit Carson, Bill Williams, and a host of others who have become famous in their way, and among whom none excelled him in wild and daring adventure, or peculiar characteristics in mode of life. We know that many looked upon him as a bad man. We have heard since his death such words as these: "No loss to the country." "It was time," and other similar remarks. He doubtless had his faults, and who has not? Certainly he was not worse than any of us would likely have been with such a beginning, and such surroundings through a long and eventful life. If any one can point to a felony of his we have yet to know it. At any rate, now that he is dead, let us spread the mantle of charity over his faults, and remember him only as one who marched in the vanguard of the great army which moves toward the setting Sun; one of that heroic and devoted band of pioneers, who blazed the pathway to the giant West, whose exhaustless wealth and unexampled prosperity we now enjoy.

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If you feel your membership expiration date is incorrect, please contact Paul Idleman at 636-1225 or 633-7803.

The Historic Saga of the Peaks' West Slope

Celinda Reynolds Kaelin, poet, philosopher, and historian presented our program on Friday, April 11, 1997, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 701 North 20th Street.

Celinda is the granddaughter of New Mexico pioneer and homesteader, John Allen Reynolds. She resides at her historic Twin Creek Ranch, located just a short distance west of Florissant, Colorado with her husband, Harold Kaelin. They have three children and four grandchildren.

In her slide/lecture presentation, she talked about the Ute Indians, homesteaders, gold seekers and the Colorado Midland Railroad. They all used the rugged, winding trail along the northern edge of Pikes Peak, chiseled by buffalo migrating to the other side of the Peak. Mrs. Kaelin covered the area between Cascade and Fairplay from the 1800s to the early 1900s.

Celinda's excellently researched presentation began with many of the Ute tribal legends and traditions surrounding their history in this area and along the trail that began at Ute Pass. She

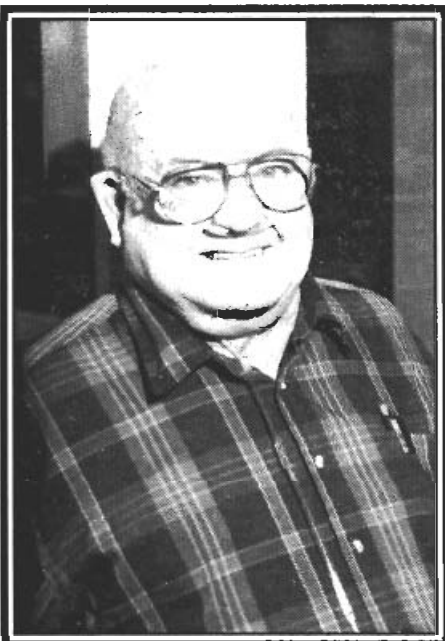
spoke about many of the settlers and the development of communities like Cascade, Woodland Park and Divide. She especially focused on the interesting characters in the Florissant area, like founder Judge James Castello and Adeline Hornbeck. Judge Castello started a trading post on the banks of Twin Creek. He established a post office there in 1872 and named it Florissant after his hometown in Missouri. Widow and mother, Adeline Hornbeck, homesteaded in that area after she was abandoned by her second husband. The Hornbeck homestead, located just south of Florissant, is preserved for public tours.

Celinda's poetry has been published in several magazines and books, including **Treasured Poems of America and Poetry: An American Heritage**. Her historic articles have been published in the *Divide Dispatch*, the *Colorado Springs Business Journal*, and have been accepted for 1997 publication in *Roundup Magazine* and *American Quarter Horse Association Magazine*.

Celinda Kaelin's recently published book **Pikes Peak Back Country: The Historic Saga of the Peak's West Slope** will be available for purchase at the History Center's Book-Gift Shop for \$12.95, with 40% of the purchase price going to the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

Thank you, Celinda, for a wonderful and informative program.

by Jan Knox



MEET OCCHS MEMBER RAY CAMPBELL

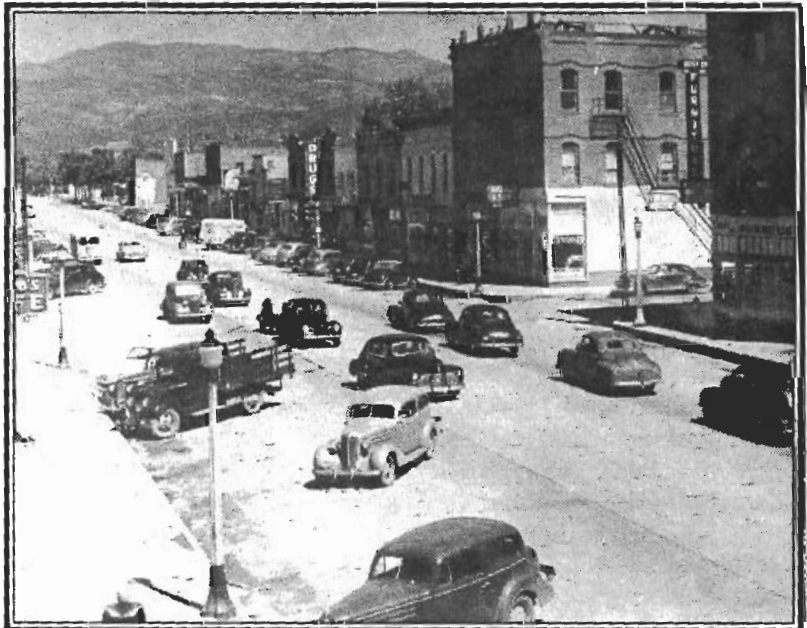
It took a move to Colorado Springs to get OCCHS member Ray Campbell back to history. A native New Yorker, Ray originally had intended on becoming a history teacher. It was his expertise in safety and loss control and seven kids that led his life to a successful career in the airline industry. He had twenty years with TWA at JFK airport and seven years with Hudson General Corporation.

Ray and his ever tolerant wife, Barbara, fell in love with Colorado even before retirement. It was their daughter who convinced Ray to go on vacation with her to a spot she had picked out after much research into great places to visit. She had picked Manitou Springs.

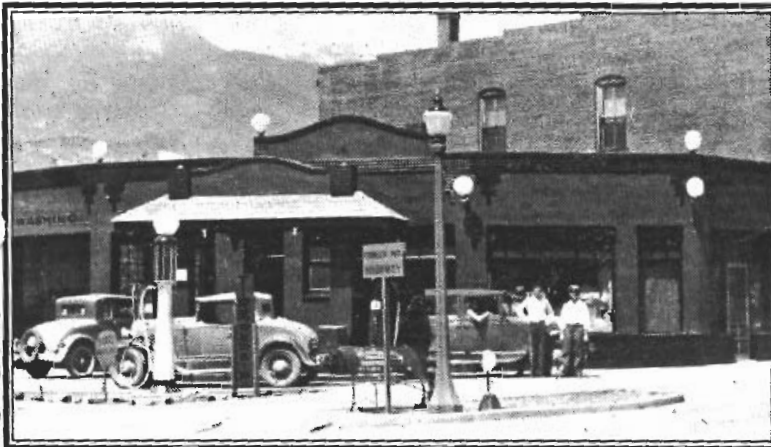
Ray has been working 6 hours a week on cataloging our photograph collection and he's ready to help where he can. With that New York sense of humor, it's great having Ray at the History Center.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We move ahead in time to when Colorado City has become the west end of Colorado Springs. The OCCHS Archives holds many photographs from the the 1920's and 30's in the Luther McKnight and Lucille Ellis Collections. (right photo) Colorado Avenue at 25th Street. (below) The little gas station at 26th and Colorado shows the way to Corley Mountain Highway and Bear Creek. You may recognize this building that now is home to the Bon Ton Cafe.



OCCHS Photo Archives



Copy of Bob Ton Cafe



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This building at Colbrunn Court and Colorado Avenue, across from Bancroft Park, is now Michael Garman Productions. When the building was home for the Immanuel Missionary College, it still had its east entrance as it did when it was the First National Bank of Colorado City.

THE 'FLAPPER' IS DOOMED HERE MOTHERS TO TAKE HAND

*So much has been said of the flapper
It seems that her faults are galore -
Her manner, her style, her handpainted smile,
All are told - so why recite more.*

*Instead it is time for the mothers
To answer a question or two
Do you sit calmly down, with a self-righteous frown,
And wail, "What are we coming to?"*

*Have you no little twinge of conscience
For the things you might have done?
Do you simply say, "It's the fault of the day,
Of course, girls must have some fun!"*

*Are you mothers entirely blameless?
Why an age of the flapper allow?
No solution we find, someone has been blind -
It's up to the mothers now.*

Much has been written of the "flapper" in Colorado Springs and elsewhere; while some of the criticism has been adverse, and part of it favorable, it is generally admitted that the young girl of today is flapping her ingenue wings with unwise rapidity, with the result that the Y.W.C.A. has opened a bombardment of the mothers of the city with questionnaires, urging them to take a hand in the situation with a view to developing a parental control which it would seem has been lacking of late.

*Colorado Springs Gazette, March 17, 1922
abstracted by Jan Knox.*

WEST SIDE MEMORIES

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO — April 1872

☞ NOTICE: THE STOCK OWNERS OF EL PASO COUNTY are hereby notified that the general round-up of stock for said county, as provided by law of the last Legislature, will commence at William Saunderson's in Chico Basin on, Monday, April 15, A.D. 1871, and continue from day to day at such places throughout the county as will be most convenient for the stock owners: said round-ups being under the supervision of the commissioners, El Paso County. David McShane, Chairman.

☞ The election at Colorado City on Monday last resulted as follows: For Trustees: A. Bott, E. Gehrung, Adam Hill, James Riordan, C. J. Auchinvole. For Town Constable: R. Smith. For Town Clerk: Irving Howbert. For Supervisor of Streets: J. Laws.

☞ FOUNTAIN COLONY, COLORADO SPRINGS, SPECIAL REQUESTS: All parties are requested not to throw any straw, paper, shavings, or other litter into yards and streets, which, when blown away by the winds, lodge in the Acequias, and render them filthy. To make Colorado Springs a place of beauty par excellence, the running water must be kept clean and sweet. All parties are requested to rake up and burn all straw, shavings, and other litter now on their premises, or on the streets fronting their property, and in future to cast it into a pit prepared for the purpose, and burn the same when calm enough not to hazard buildings or their property. All tin fruit-cans and other rubbish should also be thrown in said pit, and the pit covered up with earth and a new one dug as often as required. All persons are requested not to allow swine to run at large in the streets, or to hitch horse to the trees being set out on the line of the street or in the Public Parks. All persons are requested not to cut the water ditches, (Acequias) running through the town

or the Colony lands for the purposed of irrigation, without leaving word at the office of the Colony, that instructions may be given how to do so without damage to canals or land. Persons will not be allowed to tamper with the gates and flumes, without permission, and persons who do so will be held responsible for all damage which may occur from such unauthorized meddling or interference. Particular request is made, that where any damage is being done to canals, dams, or Acequias, by breaches, or to land by reason of excessive flow of water, immediate notice be given at the office of the Engineer. These request being made for the health and appearance of the place, it is hoped that they will be heeded by all. R. A. CAMERON, Superintendent, Fountain Colony and Colorado Springs Company.

☞ DR. SUTHERLAND, DENTIST, COLORADO CITY, COLORADO A large Stock of ARTIFICIAL TEETH on hand from which to Select. TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN BY THE USE OF NITROUS OXIDE. Special attention given to filling Teeth with Gold.

☞ The fashion among the Utes this spring in Denver is, a plug hat, a blanket, and a pair of moccasins. These people buy more plug hats than the whites, for the reason that the women wear them.

☞ Homes in Colorado. THE FOUNTAIN COLONY AT COLORADO SPRINGS, Offers a Business lot for \$100, a Resident lot for \$50, Small Farm for \$250: the largest part of the money received being invested in Irrigating Canals, Public Buildings, Bridges, Roads, and Parks. Soil, rich and productive. Extensive mines of silver and gold giver permanent high prices, averaging as follows: per acres, Wheat, 28 bus, price \$1.50. Oats, 35 bus, \$1. Barley, 35 bus \$1.50. Potatoes, 125 bus, \$1. Garden vegetables grow in abun-

dance and bring high prices. There are a Railroad, Hotel, Depot, Telegraph Office, Newspaper, Stores, and Sixty Buildings. One Canal ten miles long, finished, another nearly done. Within five miles we have water power, coal, timber, limestone, brick, clay, a flouring mill, the wild, beautiful Rocky Mountain scenery, rich and healing Mineral Springs. Within 25 miles there are ten saw mills and pasture on which cattle and sheep are kept Winter and Summer without hay or grain. Climate mild as Italy, and the healthiest in the world. Asthmatics recover rapidly. Consumptives in the early stages generally get well. Ague and its kindred diseases are unknown. Full information sent free. WM. E. PABOR, Secretary, Colorado Springs, Colorado

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO April 1897

☞ The public schools will celebrate Arbor day Friday, April 16, by a program rendered at the grounds of the Bancroft School. The program will be characterized by singing by the pupils of the schools, by flag drills and recitations. Mr. Dipp, the genial and popular director of the Midland band, is arranging a musical number. Messrs. Jackson and Humphrey have consented to deliver short addresses, after which each grade will plant a tree.

☞ Ott's cash grocery and market is making a specialty of Jersey creamery butter. Mr. Ott has secured the exclusive product of a noted Kansas Jersey dairy and gets in absolutely fresh. He guarantees it to be the best butter in this market.

☞ Dr. Briscoe reports the general health of the town as very good. The doctor is particularly enthusiastic concerning the sewer system, which will be put in during the year and he predicts a general and marked improvement in the bealth of the community when the system is completed.

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☞ Manitou is a "dry" town and will probably so remain until the new board, elected last Tuesday, is sworn into office. The outgoing administration was defeated at the polls and shut up the saloons as a parting kick before retiring from office.

☞ Colorado Springs received a street-car sprinkler this week. The new contrivance uses water to lay the dust, not electricity.

☞ William Michie has sold his interest in the billiard hall and tobacco store located in the Hoffman block to George Riter, his former partner.

☞ M. Douglas has rented the west room in H. B. Quinby's new building and will move his plumbing establishment to that place the first of the week. Mr. Douglas is now located in the building opposite the town hall.

☞ W. F. Kempshall, of Glass Town, expects to have his horseless carriage completed before the summer tourists arrive, and will coin money this season transporting sightseers to and from the Garden of the Gods, Pike's Peak, Bear Creek and other points of interest.

☞ Colorado City has added a third to her population during 1896 and the town now has over 3,000 inhabitants.

☞ Don't fail to hear the Gramophone at the Baptist church next Wednesday evening. The Gramophone will whistle, sing, play the piano, cornet and banjo. It is a wonder. Admission twenty cents. Children ten cents. This entertainment is sponsored by the ladies' aid society.

☞ The saloon squabble at Manitou, growing out of the result of the late election, has reached the courts. In the meantime, the resort is dry.

☞ I. V. Ferris has moved his barber shop to the room adjoining C. D. Taylor & Co.'s clothing store and has fitted the place up in a luxuriant manner. New bath tubs, a cabinet bath, an electric bath, and other anatomy cleansing

devices have been added. The place is one of the finest in the county. Drop in and see the improvements.

☞ The Newton Lumber company reports an immense trade in wall paper.

☞ The Midland ran a special excursion to Puma City, Thursday, when a large number of Colorado Cityites took advantage and viewed the new mining camp.

☞ Anheuser-Busch company on Thursday, purchased from Sydney Davis, lot 14, in block 106. A building 25x30 will be erected upon the lot to be used as a storage room.

☞ Water was turned into the Sheldon ditch Thursday evening. Street commissioner Kinsman commenced cleaning the ditch Tuesday and completed the job in the time mentioned. Good work.

☞ Paul Jewett got off from what might have been a serious accident, very lightly, Tuesday. He was riding his wheel at a point near the Adams homestead, west of town, when he came in a head on collision with a four-horse team. Paul and his wheel got under the horses' feet, but, strange to say, neither Paul or the wheel were at all seriously injured. Dust and dirt filled that air at the time and neither Jewett or the teamster could see a rod away.

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 1922

☞ Mrs. Marmaduke Green of "Jimmy's camp," for 60 years a resident of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region, will leave here tomorrow morning for a brief visit in Denver to visit pioneer friends. Mrs. Green came here in '67 with her husband in a prairie schooner drawn by mules.

☞ The body of A. D. Snodgrass, 74, missing from his home, 2110 West Cucharras street, since the afternoon of March 30, was found lying at the base of a small cliff in a gully leading west from the Bear Creek canon road, yesterday

afternoon (4/9). He was discovered by E. W. Brandenburg, 1107 South Twenty-fifth street, H. E. Hudson, 1209 South Twenty-fifth street, and Ralph Axel, 2108 West Kiowa street, while they were hiking over a short cut from the Crystal Park road. His disappearance led to an extended search in the hills. He is survived by his wife, a son, Walter, and a daughter, Mr. B. E. Ritchey, of 1912 1/2 West Colorado avenue.

☞ Fritz Kreisler, famous violinist, will appear in recital at the Burns Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Colorado Springs Musical club.

☞ When the Colorado Springs Municipal band opens its summer season, residents here will see more familiar faces in the personnel than in many years, according to Director Lou Fink. Last year the concerts drew larger crowds than ever in the history of park concerts, and old residents recalled the days of Harry T. Irvine, under whose baton the Midland band gained national fame. Never since the days when the organization was composed of men from the Midland shops, however, have there been as many local men in the lineup as this year. The season starts June 18 and ends September 3. There will be an average of eight concerts a week, given in Monument Valley, Acacia and Alamo parks, at the Bancroft school grounds and in Manitou.

☞ A fractured pelvic bone was found to be the disastrous result of a fall sustained by James J. Fox, a mechanic at the Golden Cycle mill, Monday. He will be confined at St. Francis hospital for several weeks. He resides at 1643 West Colorado avenue.

☞ To pay or not to pay—that is the question in the Goerke-Garden of the Gods controversy. At least, it is one which has been asked by Curt Goerke for years without satisfaction to the park board, Manitou and county officials, and particularly the visitors who have at times been faced with either paying Goerke for the privilege of

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going through the Mushroom park and seeing the "Balanced Rock," or passing by the rock, half fenced up—an eyesore to the landscape. Now the park board and county commissioners propose to end the controversy by eliminating the present road at the west entrance through the property of Curt Goerke. The road, if present plans are carried out, will extend from the Grand View hill directly south to Manitou boulevard, where it will connect with the main highway, completing the circle trip for tourists. The road would cut through the Lennon park addition now owned by William Lennon, rather than through the Goerke property.

☞ E. H. Harlan, 72, of 324 Cheyenne boulevard died yesterday. Mr. Harlan came into the Pikes Peak region with his father, C. S. Harlan and two brothers, Stephen and James, in 1865, and had lived here the greater part of the time since then. He is survived by the two brothers and a sister, Mrs. Mary E. Wolfe, all of Colorado Springs.

☞ The West Side W.C.T.U. will give a public health demonstration of physical culture with one of B. McFadden's patients taking the principal part. There will be demonstrations of correct breathing by Edward Lankow's pupil and "How to give yourself an Osteopathic treatment," by the secretary of the union. Dr. Spiers of Alaska will speak on "Construction of the Igloo and What it Means to the Cure of Tuberculosis." The public is invited.

☞ "The United One Cent to One Dollar Stores" company have announced they will open a new site on the west side in about two weeks. It will be located at Twenty-sixth street and Colorado avenue under the management of Finlay Morrison.

☞ The Kempton Komedie Kompany will pitch their tent in this city next week and make a three nights stand. Popular prices and a good show.

☞ Another pioneer was summoned by death when Mrs. Mary E. McIntosh

Johnson, 77, a resident of Colorado Springs since the incorporation of the town in 1871, died at her home in the Gladstone apartment Thursday night. Mrs. Johnson and her husband, who died 25 years ago, were members of the El Paso County Pioneer society. They came here in the early days before a railroad touched the springs, and when buffalo sipped iron water from the Manitou springs. Three sons, Wilbur E., Frank E. and Verney L., and one daughter, Mrs. Maude Fowler of Colorado Springs, survive.

FIFTY YEARS AGO April 1947

☞ The free parking lot for the West Side business district has been given a spring cleaning, which is a decided improvement. The free parking lot is sponsored by the West Side Commercial club, and it is a handy and convenient place to put cars.

☞ Work on the first floor of the Willard building at 2524 West Colorado Ave., which will soon be occupied by the Daily Free Press, is progressing satisfactorily, and should soon be ready for occupancy. Because of the heavy weight of printing equipment, a cement floor was put in the room. The Free Press is moving right along, and when the new plant is in working order, the issuing of the daily morning paper can be handled more satisfactorily. Starting with eight pages, it is now 10 or 12 pages most days.

☞ The Hobby Stationers have rented the Faulkner building at 2401-2403 West Colorado Ave. and are opening a wholesale department. They are now located in the Colorado Savings Bank building, while new headquarters are being erected over town. The original plant of the company is in Kansas City, where very interesting varieties of hobby stationery are made. Truckloads of equipment and stock are being brought to the West Side location.

☞ Twenty-five thousand worshippers gathered at sunrise Easter morn-

ing in the Garden of the Gods for the 27th annual Easter Sunrise service. The service was broadcast throughout the nation via CBS, originating from station KVOR in Colorado Springs. The service was sponsored by the Colorado Springs Ministerial Alliance, whose veteran member, the aged Rev. A. W. Luce, conceived the services in 1921. It was held in a spot where the Ute Indians held their ceremonies generations before the coming of the white man.

☞ Members of Pikes Peak Aerie No. 143, Fraternal Order of Eagles, observed their forty-sixth anniversary Monday evening, when a class of 40 were initiated, which brought the local membership to a total of 900, a number of whom have been members over 40 years. Aerie No. 143 was organized in Colorado City on April 7, 1901, and was always an active lodge. One angle that caused it to thrive was that no attention was given occupations of members, and in those days there was considerable moisture in Old Town. There are said to be no charter members of No. 143 here now.

☞ The local Carpenters' Union No. 515 now has a regular meeting place on the West Side. Beginning last Monday evening, the Odd Fellows' hall at 2526 1/2 W. Colorado Ave. is the new home of the order. For over a century, the former Godfrey hall has been a regular meeting place of various lodges. The late R. T. Godfrey owned the two-story brick building for many years, conducting a drug store in the east room. The old Borst Meat Market was in the west room. Another early-day Colorado City building where lodges met nightly and some during the days, was the Templeton block. The third floor was entirely used by lodges. The third floor of the Waycott block was the home of the W. O. W. lodge for years. Most of the second floor was an opera house. In the old days Colorado City had more lodges than Colorado Springs, numerous of which were railroad organizations. The Conductors and auxiliary were likely the only ones not meeting

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in Old Town. When the Kluxers were at their zenith in the 1920's they met in the Waycott block. Later they used the third floor of the Templeton building, next to the alley.

☞ The Colorado City W.C.T.U will hold their April meeting on Friday, in the Bethany Baptist church, at 2:15 p.m. The devotional will be lead by Mrs. Mary Cunningham.

☞ The Midland Improvement society met Tuesday, in the home of Mrs. Charles Rogula, 2422 Hagerman St. Roll call, "An Amusing Story I've Read Lately"; Timely topic, Mrs. Mitchel, Mrs. Reifel. Drawing gift brought by Mrs. R. Long. Program was arranged by Mrs. John Sherbak.

☞ The regular meeting of West Junior P.T.A. will be held on Thursday, April 17. After a short business meeting, there will be community singing and a demonstration of school activities will be given. The new officers installed at the last meeting are: Mrs. Ed Cox, president; Mrs. Helen Caldwell, vice president; Mrs. C. H. Borst, secretary; Mrs. Ed Weller, treasurer and Mrs. Ross Berry, historian.

☞ Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Newby are making improvements in Pioneer Lodge cottage camp at 3221 West Colorado Ave. Cottages are being moved and remodeled and other improvements made. The camp has about 30 cottages besides the main building. It is on Fountain Creek and there are many large trees.

☞ If you did not arrange to observe this week as rat-control season, you may regret it, if you have any rodents about your place. It is a semi-annual occasion, and has done much to improve health, as there is nothing more dangerous than rats because of their filthy habits and disease spreading ways. Years ago it was common to see rats running across Colorado Ave. In the business section daytimes, and there were white ones among the gray. Rat-control campaigns have been of great help to the region. Unfortunately, the rat-control

move does not include daily newspapers.

☞ Following a vote to disincorporate Ramona, by a court order last week, at the spring election, the town of Ramona went back into El Paso county territory, so in the future it will be just the village of Ramona. After Colorado City voted dry in 1912, Frank L. Wolff and Clarence Kinsman started the town of Ramona, to satisfy the wet elements of Old Town and Colorado Springs. The town was incorporated in 1913, and thrived until national prohibition in 1918, after which it was a residence section. George F. Geiger was the first mayor of Ramona, and his cousin, L. C. Moats, was marshal. Old Bobby McReynolds was town clerk and police judge. The town jail was a small frame shack, seldom used. The first business place was a small frame building moved in and used as a saloon. Later there were some very good buildings erected, including an athletic club, owned by George Geiger, who also had a saloon. Byron Hames and R. E. Chipman had the first wet place in the new town. Both men were out of business in

Colorado City when the place voted dry. Ramona will continue to be a nice home location because of sunshine and splendid views of the mountains.

☞ Any plumbing firm in town will tell you plumbing fixtures are still scarce, but when reports come in to the police department concerning a stolen bathtub, you know things are tough. M. M. Van Nattan, 327 South 18th St., contacted the police department Friday, stating a bathtub had been stolen from the yard of his home some time between April 7 and 11. Should the culprit be apprehended, it is expected he will come clean.

☞ Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Huffman, of 2318 W. Pikes Peak Ave., will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Friday, April 18. They were united in marriage in the Methodist church, which was originally located south of the railroad in Colorado City, on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1897. After their marriage, they located on a farm in Pawnee, Kansas, and lived there for 32 years, returning to West Colorado Springs in 1929, where they have resided since.

☞ Thirty-seven members of the Borst family picnicked at Austin Bluffs last Sunday. They were George, Harold and Ted, Mrs. Bertha Reid and Mrs. Ruth Mickle and families, all of this city; Eddie and Mrs. Elizabeth Ledgerwood of Craig, Colorado. Other members of the family not present are Mrs. Alma Corporan of Aruba, Panamerica, off the coast of Dutch Guiana, South America; Mrs. Helen Billingsley of White Face, Texas, and Mrs. Margaret Wilson of California. Forty years ago the Borst meat market was a Colorado City business. Fred, Emil and George came here from Indiana. The late Gus Perry and Charlie Schmeiser worked for them before going into business for themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Corporan have lived in South America many years. Fred's father, the late Charles E. Corporan, was a Colorado City merchant in the early days.

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manufacturer, Fritz Mandl, in a marriage arranged by her parents. For the next four years, he kept her by his side as he attended hundreds of dinners and meetings with arms developers, builders and buyers. She listened and learned.

As Fritz Mandl became increasingly involved with the Nazis, the soon-to-be renamed, Hedwig, drugged her maid, crawled through a window and escaped to London. There Louis B. Mayer, of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, saw her and offered her a chance in Hollywood where her name was changed to Hedy Lamarr.

She searched for ways to help the war effort of her adopted country and wanted to work at the newly established National Inventors Council in Washington, D. C., but was told she could do more for the fight against the Nazis by selling war bonds. She was full of ideas, however, and had not forgotten the immersion course she'd been given in advanced weaponry at the side her first husband. One idea was radio control of torpedoes to overcome the enemy's abilities to jam radio transmissions. While playing

the piano with composer, George Antheil, she came up with the idea of hopping from frequency to frequency in split-second intervals. If both the sender and the receiver were hopping in sync, the message would come through loud and clear, but anyone trying to listen or jam would hear only random noise... like a radio dial being spun. George suggested using piano rolls to keep both sides in sync. Their patent for a "Secret Communication System" was granted on August 11, 1942.

The Navy declared their mechanism too cumbersome. It would take another twenty years and the invention of the transistor for their concept to be realized. Three years after the patent expired, the pair's ideas were used in secure military communication systems installed on U.S. ships sent to blockade Cuba in 1962.

Spread spectrum really came into its own with the availability of fast, cheap and tiny computer chips. It is still being used by the military, in many newer cell phones and in wireless Internet transmission, which is Dave's area of expertise. Old Colorado

City Communications, Dave's company, is field testing equipment for educational purposes in the San Luis Valley school systems and in Mongolia for the National Science Foundation. We will soon be installing similar equipment in the Old Colorado City History Center's computer room and display areas to be a test facility for that technology.

Dave's research led him to the patent and the history behind it, causing him to launch a campaign to get Hedy Lamarr and George Antheil honored. The Electronic Frontier Foundation was inundated with a blizzard of e-mail seconds for the nomination. Since the media heard about this, Dave has been interviewed by radio, TV and newspapers from all over the world. We even listened to Dave being interviewed on National Public Radio during our Board meeting, making it part of our minutes.

I wish to thank Dave once again for informing and entertaining us about Hedy Lamarr. To quote her "*Her beauty wasn't an impediment to her creativity.*"

by Jan Knox

OCCHS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 9 General Meeting and Election of new Board
11 a.m. - 12:00 noon - History Center

May 10 Crafts Fair
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Bancroft Park

May 17 History Center Reception for
Old Colorado City Associates
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
History Center open to the Public
11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

May 22 Historical Program at History Center

May 24, 25, 26 Territory Days

June 26 Historical Program at History Center

July 19 Treasure Sale - History Center Parking Lot
Crafts Fair - Bancroft Park - 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Historical Program at History Center
"A Visit With a Victorian Lady"

July 24 Historical Program at History Center

August 13 Grand Opening of History Center
ribbon cutting, speeches, etc.

August 16, 17 Founders' Day Celebration
Bancroft Park—times TBA

August 28 Historical Program at History Center

September 12 Program meeting with lunch
Trinity United Methodist Church,

September 25 Historical Program at History Center

October 10 Program meeting with lunch
Trinity United Methodist Church

October 11 Treasure Sale
History Center Parking Lot
Crafts Fair - Bancroft Park

October 23 Historical Program at History Center

November 14 Program meeting with lunch
Trinity United Methodist Church

November 14, 15 Harvest Fair—crafts & bake sale
History Center

December 7 Bed & Breakfast Tour

NOTES:

The Historical Society Board has voted to have a historical program relating to Colorado City on the fourth Thursday night of each month (except November) at the History Center. If you know anyone who can present a program on Colorado City topics, please call Jan Knox, 689-2355.

There will be two openings for the History Center. Some exhibits and the Book-Gift Shop will open on May 17 to take advantage of the tour season. The research room and computer room as well as additional exhibits will be ready for the Grand Opening on August 13th, the 138th anniversary of the founding of Colorado City.

Center facilities to groups and organizations for various functions, we need an effective way for one person to move our display cases. This will help with setting up our exhibits, too. **Bob and Christine Heinich** have donated more than enough for us to purchase one. Thank you very much, Bob and Chris. You don't know how many back problems you've help us avoid.

Many, many thanks to **Joanne Karlson** for her hours and expertise in organizing and filing our massive amount of paperwork. She is also helping us develop the forms we need for volunteers and book store inventory. Pretty soon we'll be able to find things in the office in less than twenty minutes - maybe faster. With grant money, we have installed a pull-down stairway and flooring in our attic. This will allow us to easily store our older records. Even with our large building, we are gradually filling up every nook and cranny, so the extra storage space is most welcome. This means, of course, that Joanne will have to refile a lot of things. Lucky for us she seems to enjoy it.

The archive rooms are taking shape. **Sandy Knox** and **Chuck Geiss** are working on constructing wall holders for the fifty-plus artifact drawers donated to us by the **Colorado Springs Fine Art Center**. **Patty Joy** and **Liz Geiss** are working on the accessioning of artifacts. **Cindy Estes** and **Ray Campbell** are doing a wonderful job beginning the accessioning of our photograph collection. When **Enid Kennis** stops by to help, the conversation can get lively. A lot of work still gets accomplished, too.

We've received several new donations to our archives. **Mrs. Jerrold S. Feroe** has donated the marble countertop from the Teller counter of the First National Bank of Colorado City. In 1956 the marble was removed from the bank, located in the Colorado Building, for the remodeling of the building to become the original site of the Pikes Peak National Bank. **Larue Ebersole** has donated about two years of original, early 1930's Independent newspapers, published by his grandfather. He also has allowed us to make negatives of many of his family photos. Thanks to our neighbor, **Miss Laura Stockman**, for donating the baby clothes of **Janet Ascaugh** born in Old Colorado City in 1917. **Catherine Henderson** gave us a wonderful donation which includes many items from Colorado City merchants including bottles (at least one from the Glassworks), wooden steins (including one from Jacob Schmidt's) and items from the Hoffman House. Thank you Catherine.

Mel McFarland and the Exhibits Committee are busy planning the displays for the Exhibit Committee to prepare. One of our first exhibits is almost completed thanks to the photo preservation grant we've received from the State Historical Society of Colorado. The grant allowed us to purchase the archival material we needed to protect and file our collection. **Jan Knox** handled the purchasing. One of the requirements of the grant also required that we prepare a photographic exhibit. With the help of many of our members, we are almost ready to hang the display. Because "*West Side Memories*" is such a popular part of our *West Word*

newsletter, we chose that as the theme for our first exhibit. **Paul Idleman** selected the photographs from our archives. Many of our members have allowed us to copy photographs from their collections for our archives and this exhibit. Thank you to **Ed and Nancy Bathke**, **Larue Ebersole**, **Rosemary Hetzler** and **Dave Hughes** for opening your collections to us. A special thank you **Ira Current** for enlarging two of his own photographs for the exhibit. **Bev Millett** is helping us steam clean our display panels and clean up the glass cases so everything should look great.

Lois Carr is doing a great job putting our scrapbooks together. We've been neglect in keeping up with it and Lois has been working hard to get all of our news items and photographs together for it. Thanks, Lois.

We have many members who are volunteering hours to help run our History Center after we open May 17th. In addition to those members already mentioned, thank you to **Betsy Evans**, **Elinor Messerschmidt**, **Thelma Stody**, **Doug Neely**, **Katherina Moberly**, **Doris Morland**, **Eileen Graham**, **Georgia Croff** and **Betty Magninie** for offering to work in our History Center. We will soon be calling you and other members to help in the research room, book/gift shop and in the main exhibit room as docents. We will be open to the public four hours a day. Any members who can volunteer about two hours a week to work in the History Center, please call **Paul Idleman** at 636-1225 or 633-7803. If you're ready to spend some time at the History Center now, the Accessioning and Exhibits committees are hard at work now and could use some more help. Call Paul if you're interested in working with the collections.

Thank you to our members who have contributed donations in memory dear friends and loved ones. Our hearts goes out to **Lucille Cunningham** for the loss of her friend **Colonel Sam Jordan** and to **Martha Curry**, who recently lost her husband and our friend, **Ed Curry**. We will sure miss him. Your donations are placed into our Endowment Fund.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We will print our current membership roster soon after this newsletter is out. ALL members who have not renewed their lapsed membership dues will have to be removed from our mailing list before we go to print. Until now we have not removed overdue members from the membership roster until they are 60 days or more overdue. If your membership has lapsed, you will receive a notification by mail and a personal phone call from our membership committee to remind you. Please update your membership before we have to spend the postage. It does get costly. If we do not have a response by the time we take the roster to the printers, we will be forced to remove members who have not renewed their dues from our mailing list.

Please check your mailing label to determine when your membership is due to expire. If you are unsure when your membership expires please call us at the History Center at 636.1225 and we'll look it up for you. Thank you.