

# WEST WORD

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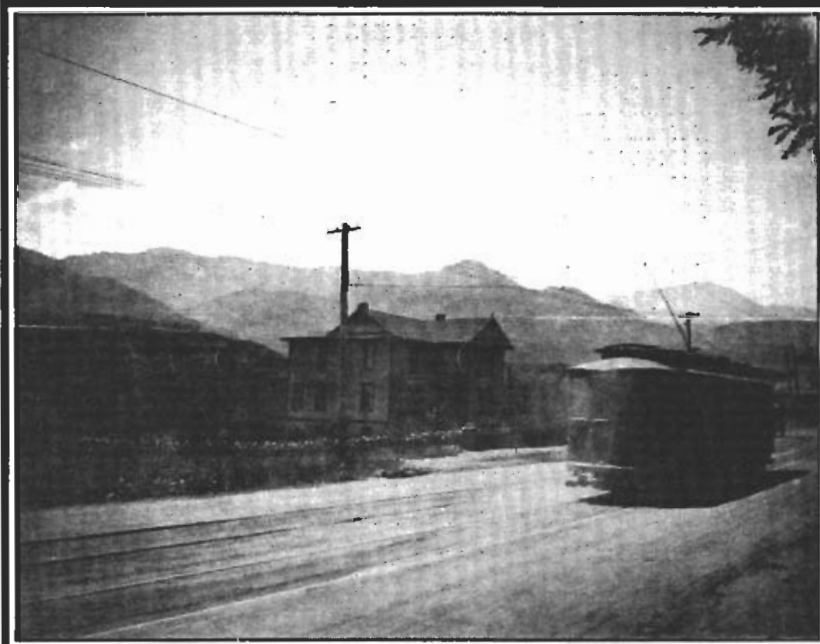
## HERMITS IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION

OCCHS member and local historian, George White, will present the program at our next General Meeting on Friday, April 10th at Trinity Methodist Church at 11:00 A.M. George's program will be "*Hermits of the Pikes Peak Region*". He will talk about many of the reclusive and eccentric people who have lived in this area since the 1870's.

Lunch will be served following the program for \$5 per person. All lunch reservations must be received at the OCC History Center before 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 8th. You can now call 636-1225 to make your reservations.

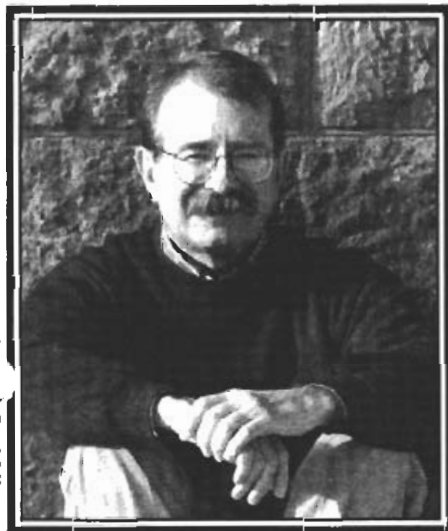
**Special note:** You no longer need to call Margaret Gould to make your lunch reservations. Call the History Center at 636-1225 to leave your reservation with our Book & Gift Shop volunteer or on the History Center answering machine.

### The Trolley — See Page 9



The Colorado Springs & Interurban Railway Company trolley passes the home of C.L Ebersole on West Colorado Avenue in the early 1930's.

photo courtesy of LaRue Ebersole - OCCHS Collections



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Paul Idicman

### MEET OCCHS MEMBER DON KALLAUS

It's probably no accident that Don Kallaus ended up settling in Colorado Springs with a deep love of history. Not unlike the Lawrence Party, Don also hails from Kansas; born and raised in a small farming community on the Colorado border. During his high school years in the 60's, Don spent his summer vacations working on the summit of Pikes Peak serving tourists those famous donuts. Like the other workers, Don lived on the summit in dormitories and came down the mountain only one day a week. Unable to resist the tremendous pull of the region, he settled in Colorado Springs soon after college and purchased his first home in the 2200 block of West Kiowa in 1967.

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# Old Colorado City Historical Society

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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, discounts, 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.

Reservations ARE required for the luncheon following the meeting. Luncheon cost is usually \$5 per person.

Please phone the Old Colorado City History Center at 636-1225 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. We will have to charge you for luncheon reservations if cancelled after the deadline..

**NEXT MEETING - April 10, 1998**  
at Trinity Methodist Church  
11:00 a.m.

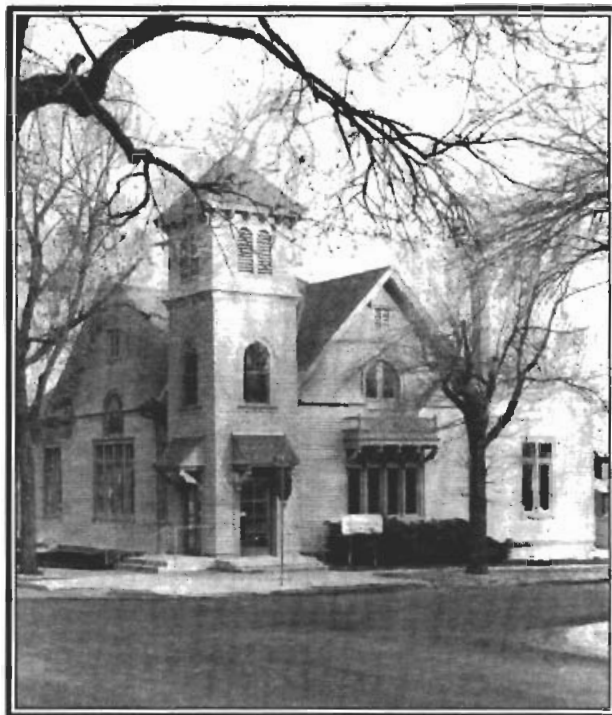


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# OCCHS MAILBOX

Dear OCCHS,

I want to thank everyone who helped to make my birthday a success. Thank you for all the good letters and cards.

I didn't plan to get to be 90 years old, but it crept up on me day by day. I've never taken an airplane ride, but I'm looking forward to a ride with Jesus in the clouds. And I surely didn't plan to get blind. I had planned to do a lot of sewing for needy people and also do a lot of reading; but that has changed. I have especially enjoyed sewing for little girls. In Pritchett, CO, I got acquainted with a family who had a lot of little girls. I asked them if they like to go to Sunday School, but the mother said they didn't have any clothes to go to church in. So I bought some material and mother and I sewed each of the girls a dress and one for the mother, and so they started to come to Sunday School.

I want to live as long as the Lord wants me to live. Sometimes, I wonder why others have gone and I have stayed when it seems I can do so little. Perhaps someone needs my prayers! If you don't hear from me it's because I'm not able to write, but I do think of you. When I get letters, I get someone to read them to me.

Thank you again for everything. I wish you a healthy and happy year.

Laura Stockman  
Colorado Springs, CO

*Our thanks to Miss Stockman for inviting us to her 90th birthday celebration on December 20th. She is our wonderful neighbor and has thought of us many times with donations of historical items. Miss Stockman was a member of the Immanuel Missionary Church when it was housed in our building and taught in the Immanuel Missionary College when it was located in what is now Michael Garman's. If you'd like to write to Laura Stockman, you can send it us and we will deliver it to her for you.*

Dear OCCHS,

After vacationing in Manitou for three summers (1939-1941), we moved out to live in Manitou in June of 1942 after my father accepted a draftsman position with the Army Corp of Engineers to assist in the building of Camp Carson. I was 13 years old. The following spring, and all the springs from 1943 to 1945, I, along with most of the young guys in Manitou, got early summer vacation jobs on the Cog Road. The first job of the year was to clear the tracks of whatever (but mostly snow and ice) that had accumulated over the winter. Our 'Boss' was a man by the name of "Bruff" Taggart. He was a relatively small, wiry type of guy about 55 or 60 years of age I'd guess, although it never came up at the time. He was a great boss.

The story I remember was as follows: "Bruff's" father had either been the Foreman of or had worked on the crew that built the Cog R.R., but he did become the Foreman of the crew later at least. "Bruff" also had two other distinctions:

Being the only person whose family had just lived at "Windy Point" (the first water stop above timberline and just over the crest of left hand ridge above timberline) from early summer to mid-fall during those early days of construction and maintenance.

To really top it off, "Bruff" was born in that little rock house that is still there and I vividly remembered playing outside around the house. The days were fantastic when

there was no wind and the nights could be awesome. He also told how the train passengers would get off during the stop for water and roam far and wide picking 'Forget-me-not' flowers. They picked them almost to the point of extinction as there were still so few of them there in the early forties.

Dick Lundh  
Springfield, MO

*Dick Lundh wrote to us in response to one of our photographs published in the Journal Publications. He identified "Bruff" and his father for us. Our thanks to Dick and to Phil Carson, Editor of the Journal, for publishing our photos and asking their readers to help us identify them. The response has been great.*

*The following message were sent to us via e-mail to the History Center. You can e-mail us at: [history@oldcolo.com](mailto:history@oldcolo.com).*

Dear OCCHS,

The article in the paper certainly was eye-catching (*Colorado Springs Gazette* - December 3, 1997) and the web site really does look good. Great job.

Mark Cunningham  
Colorado Springs, CO

Dear OCCHS,

Great site! Actually, it's the best site I've seen in quite a while! One thing I'd really like to see in here though is a biography of Martin Drake, Jr. He was one of the great men in Colorado Springs and Old Colorado City.

I more than want a Martin Drake, Jr. biography on the net... I need one. You guys even probably have old pictures of him, his wife and his HOUSE.

Thank you, and remember, once it's digital...it's immortal.

John Sondericker  
Colorado Springs, CO

Dear OCCHS,

My grandparents were married in Colorado Springs in 1899... Oscar A. Diltz (captain, Colorado Springs Fire Department, 1895) and Sarah (Evertson) Diltz. Great-grandfather, Lyman Diltz, worked on the Colorado Midland Railway. He worked on some large section of a railway trestle as I have photos of him and his crew. I would like to find out the exact date and location of the photos. Also, I'm seeking to find when Diltz and Evertson families arrived in Colorado Springs. Census checks prior to 1900 have not been fruitful. Great-grandfather Oscar G. Evertson moved from Kentucky around 1890. He was a Confederate veteran. Lyman Diltz was a Union veteran. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

I have photos of Oscar Diltz's fire crew, horses, pumper, etc. Also (have them pictured) with flowers on them for what I believe is the Sunflower Parade as I learned from corresponding with Dr. Lester Williams.

We may be related to Arthur B. Love. His Kentucky origins point to him being related to Arthur Love, the husband of Harriet Haynes, my great-great grandmother's sister. Great to see that you are developing a page on the history of Colorado City/Colorado Springs. Thank you.

Ray Diltz  
Marysville, CA

# FOR YOUR INTEREST

## ABOUT WEST WORD

Finally, a newsletter! The History Center has become a very busy place. That is something that pleases all of us. As you will read in this issue of *West Word*, a lot of planning and hard work by many of our members have enabled us to meet our goals and more. It wasn't intended that our *West Word* should suffer in the process, but it has been late several times and a couple of issues were reduced to a single page announcement of our monthly program sent only to our El Paso County members. We are making progress with correcting these delays and it looks like the *West Word* may be getting back on schedule.

The progress we've accomplished opening our Center and getting it operating smoothly in this short period of time is phenomenal. The History Center has only been open to the public for less than ten months. All aspects of our Master Plan have been initiated and are in operation.

This could not have happened without the hiring of a Director. The Board of Directors contracted Paul Idleman to handle the affairs of the History Center. Paul also puts each issue of the *West Word* together. He was contracted for 20 hours per week and it's not unusual for him to donate another 20 or more hours a week on top of that. He certainly doesn't do all the necessary work himself, but he is the catalyst in guiding and coordinating all of our volunteers to achieve this success. His hours spent with our History Center and its activities have unfortunately made the production of *West Word* difficult, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

The hard part isn't over yet, but the History Center and its programs are now running smoothly. The History Center is now getting a computer that can handle the desktop publishing software used to produce *West Word*. The problem with completing each newsletter is not in writing the stories. Jan Knox and many other members contribute to its content. The delays come in putting it all together.

The *West Word* has grown into a very attractive and informative newsletter. It takes Paul about 15 to 20 hours to put each issue together. He has had to do all graphics work at his home and feels that the computer at the History Center will help meet the newsletter's deadlines. We also now have three members willing to donate a few hours each week to help layout each issue. Work has already begun on our next issue, so *West Word* should be back on schedule and arriving nine times per year.

Nobody said starting a museum and research center would be easy. It has been a difficult task, but it's also been very fulfilling and whole lot of fun. We truly apologize to all of our members (especially our out-of-state members) for the delays it has caused to *West Word*. Thank you very much for everyone's patience.

## OCCHS READING CLUB

Many OCCHS members have expressed interest in forming a History Reading Club. Each member will choose

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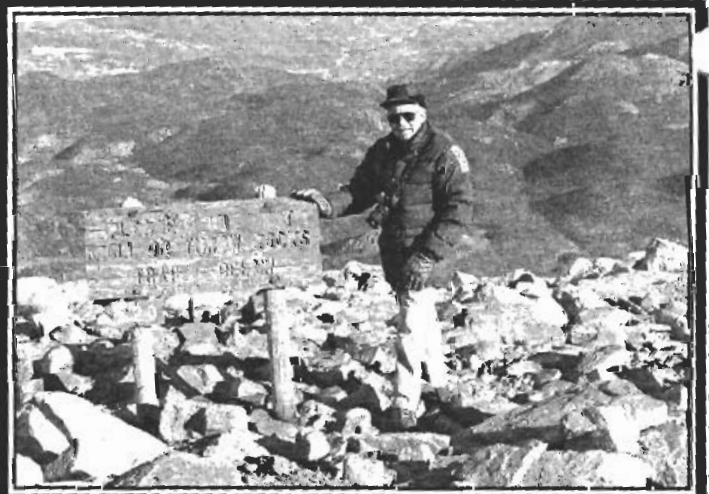


Photo by Don Kallaus

**Jim Bates on the summit for the 1997 AdAmAn climb up Pikes Peak.**

## JIM BATES DONATION

To describe Jim Bates in a few words is an exercise in futility. Photographer, film maker, mountaineer, historian, soldier, citizen; all appropriate words, yet still not adequate to sum up the life of this remarkable man. Boulder, Colorado born and a lifetime resident of Colorado Springs, Jim began his career with Alexander Film Company. By the time World War II came along, his expertise as a film maker was in high demand. Jim joined the ranks along with many photographers, mostly Hollywood film makers, in documenting the front line action of the war in Europe. Many war photographers did not return to American soil alive. Fortunately, Jim Bates did. His war footage is legendary.

Hollywood beckoned after the war, but Jim turned them down. Although flattered by their offers, Colorado was in his heart, and to Colorado he did return to resume his career with Alexander Film Company. They were thrilled to have him back. Jim was a major force at Alexander and stayed with them until their demise in the 1960's. A career that spanned 29 years. Jim next turned his camera to the International Typographical Union and headed their audio-visual department for the next 21 years, retiring in May of 1985.

Over these many years, Jim's activities as a local photographer culminated in the creation of a large body of personal work, plus a collection and documentation of numerous historically significant photos of the Pikes Peak region. Jim has made the Old Colorado City Historical Society the very proud recipient of this body of work. The photos and negatives Jim has donated to us number in the thousands. Jim also has donated his very extensive personal darkroom and sound lab to us as well. This very generous donation greatly enhances our historic photographic archive and will assist the History Center for many years to come in disseminating and making available our wonderful local history to all. Jim, our deepest gratitude.

*by Don Kallaus*

# FOR YOUR INTEREST

a Colorado history book to critique. A monthly meeting will be scheduled at the member's convenience at the History Center to present reports and conduct dialogue on the findings. The club will publish their reports and reviews on our web site and in *West Word*.

Interested members feel the outcome for a Reading Club would be gratifying and the possibilities unending. **Dr. Jerry Jekel** will coordinate the formation of the OCCHS Reading Club. A Saturday afternoon get-together is scheduled on April 11th at 1:00 P.M. for interested members to plan and form the group. All OCCHS members interested in joining the history Reading Club should contact the History Center at 636-1225 or by mail with a area of interest. This endeavor will not only be self-satisfying, but will benefit the History Center and all its members as well.

## VICTORIAN LADY

Judi Brandow is again coming to the Old Colorado City History Center for a return engagement as Abigail Bradshaw, the Victorian Lady. Judi's one-woman performances are proving to be a popular event for our membership.

In celebration of the Easter season, Abigail will entertain and educate us with 19th Century customs and fashions in "*The Easter Parade*". Her performance will begin at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 4th at the Old Colorado City History Center. Ticket price is \$5.<sup>00</sup> for advanced sales and \$6.<sup>00</sup> on the day of the show. OCCHS members receive an additional 10% discount.

Abigail Bradshaw, steps out of the late 1800's to enlighten her audience by recreating the past with dramatic presentation. Abigail is a fictitious but authentic 19th Century character created by Judi after years of study and research into Victorian style, culture and sociology. Years of public speaking experience convinced her that incorporating drama into her programs could add much more dimension and understanding to her subject. Her background in music and drama provide her with the ability to include poetry and songs of the Victorian era into her presentations.

Abigail's previous visits have introduced us to the "*Beauty Secrets of the 1800's*" and the "*Secrets of Wooing a Victorian Man*", recently presented to help us celebrate Valentine's Day.

Members can call ahead to make reservations and pay at the door if they wish. We ask that you please call also if you need to cancel your reservations. Book & Gift Shop volunteers will take reservations at 636-1225 during business



Abigail Bradshaw

hours. After hours, you may leave your reservation on our answer machine at 636-1225. Please leave your name, daytime phone number and the total number of people who will be attending. This promises to be a wonderful program.

## THANK YOU, LUCILLE CUNNINGHAM

We are honored to receive a donation from **Lucille Cunningham** on behalf of the Friendship/Crescent Neighbors in honor of their dear friend, **Colonel Sam Jordon**. Lucille also presented us with a donation in memory of her friend and fellow OCCHS member, **Bessie Martin**, who recently passed away. Not long ago, Bessie had donated a wonderful quilt to the History Center archives. These kind memorial donations have been placed into our Endowment Fund. Thank you so much to Lucille and her neighbors for thinking of us in honoring their beloved friends.

## BONNIE JORGASON

Anyone involved with historical research has had their quests lead them to the LDS Family History Center and **Bonnie Jorgason**. As Director of the Center for 30 years, Bonnie has helped most of us search out our answers and provided us with new directions to think about. Somehow, she even instilled in us the reasons to love the whole investigative process.

Bonnie retired from the LDS Family History Center in January. Many of her friends and co-workers honored her at her retirement party held on January 16, 1998. Our warmest congratulations to Bonnie.

## ED CHONKA DONATION

A wonderful collection of items have been donated to the History Center archives by OCCHS member Ed Chonka. A fare collection box from the Westside trolley is a beautiful piece. We'll try to photograph it for a future newsletter. There are several Midland Railway items including ID tags for the General Manager (made of leather and worn on the belt), a switchlock & key, spike bar and spike hammer, and some wood from a Midland box car. Also included are several items from West Junior High where Ed attended in 1928; a WJHS Deputy Hall Watch pin, a Gold 'W' pin and a page from a 1920's *West Junior Citizen* student newspaper. Photographs given to us by Ed include Camp Carson, school photos, the Midland Railway and the Short Line bridge in Bear Creek. Thank you very much, Ed. Your donation is an important part of the History Center's documentation of Old Colorado City and the Pikes Peak region.

## LELAND FEITZ HELPS OUR BOOK & GIFT SHOP

OCCHS member Leland Feitz is a wonderful friend to our Book & Gift Shop. Leland, owner and publisher of Little London Press, has donated over \$3500 worth of books to our inventory. The highly popular Little London Press history books are some of our best sellers. Leland's gracious

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# THE HISTORY CENTER MASTER PLAN

## *How Are We Doing?*

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*"What are the History Center's goals?" "Exactly what are we doing?"* These are the questions we've been asked by some members stopping by the History Center that caused us to realize that we haven't really explained our Master Plan to our members. We present our plan now (in regular text) with comments (*in italics*) about our progress in each area. First, a little history about our Master Plan.

The plan was originally drafted by Paul Idleman late in the summer of 1996. Paul has been involved with many aspects of our society since joining in 1994. He talked with many of our members to get their ideas about what they expected our History Center to be when it opened. From these ideas, Paul worked on a first draft of the Master Plan and presented it to our Board of Directors. The Board appointed Lucille Cunningham, Leon Young, Jim Ciletti and Paul Idleman to form the Master Plan Committee to work out the details and complete a final draft to vote on. The Board of Directors voted to approve this Master Plan at the end of 1996 and it's the "blueprint" we have been following since we opened last May.

The Master Plan begins with defining the various job titles and offices for the purpose of clarity which we will omit here. The details of each section have been simplified here, too. The entire Master Plan is ten pages. Any member can stop by the History Center office if they would like to read it in its entirety. Section Two of the plan outlines the various ways the History Center can generate the funds for its operation, projects and goals. The plan budget called for the initiation of all of these sources of income as soon as possible after the Center was open to determine their potential.

### Section 2 - Sources of Income

#### **Membership**

A membership committee should be formed to maintain our membership data base which has already been established. This data base will soon be located on computer in the History Center Computer Center.

*Our membership data base is now at the History Center. Our Membership Committee was recently formed with Joanne Karlson, Betty Baker, Beverley Disch and Doris Morland. They are doing a wonderful job of maintaining our memberships. Bev Disch also works with our membership to schedule the Book & Gift Shop volunteers for the 30 hours a week that the museum is open.*

#### **General Admission**

A low admission price is recommended to insure repeat, frequent and impulse visitation. \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students and children 6 to 12 years old, and free admission for children under 6 years old and OCCHS members.

*During our first few months of operation, we looked at the results of charging admission verses free admission. We found that a surprisingly low percentage of visitors were going into the Main*

*Exhibit Room if they had to pay the admission price. By adopting the free admission policy, we have increased our donations and the sales in our Book & Gift Shop. Our attendance also increased. We had over 2200 visitors to the History Center during the six and a half months we were open in 1997. Since the first of this year, we usually have 10 to 20 visitors on most days.*

#### **Special Programs Admission**

The History Center should build a schedule of special programs to present to the public such as; lectures, films, seminars, workshops, classes, entertainment and special exhibits. *Many successful programs have already sponsored for our benefit. We've brought in the popular Victorian Lady, Judi Brandow, and Esther McVey will present a photograph preservation workshop in May. Jan Knox has booked our previous programs and they've been wonderful. She continues to plan more for the summer.*

#### **Book & Gift Shop**

Our Book & Gift Shop has already given us a good indication of its potential success even before we have officially opened. When opened for regular hours with a scheduled staff and complete inventory, our Book and Gift Shop will be a regular, reliable source of revenue for the History Center.

*Our Book & Gift Shop had a successful first 10 months. We've recently made some major changes to our Book & Gift Shop. Thelma Williams, Jan Knox and Sue Idleman have formed the new committee and they're getting everything ready for our next summer season.*

#### **Grants**

As long as the History Center remains heavily involved with community education and involvement, eligibility should remain high for the opportunity to receive grants for equipment, operations, programs and special projects.

*The Grants Committee has been formed to coordinate and write our various grant requests. Mark Lewis, Bob Heinich, Sandy Knox, LaDonna Gunn, Paul Idleman and Don Kallaus will serve on the committee. The History Center's existence and operations have greatly benefited from the grants we've received in the past and our reliance on applying for them will continue in the future. With this new committee, we stand a better chance of being awarded the grants for which we qualify. The committee will match our eligible needs with the grant givers and underwriters.*

#### **Fundraising**

Volunteer coordinated events to raise funds for the History Center will continue as a primary source of revenue. Founders' Day, the Bed & Breakfast Tours and the Treasure Sales have great potential. Promotion and practice will make these events more popular and successful each year. Other fundraising possibilities will occur

throughout the year and should always be encouraged. *We're currently in the planning stages on several new fundraising events for this year such as a "Cemetery Crawl" during Founder's Day weekend. This event will have our members in costume and character as some of the citizens of Old Colorado City who now rest in Fairview Cemetery. Groups of visitors come by each resting place and hear the history of that person the member is portraying. We also are working on our first Annual OCCHS Banquet to be held this summer. More ideas are welcome.*

### **Space Rental at the History Center**

The rental of the History Center to organizations, businesses, and individuals can be promoted to keep the Center booked on a regular basis. Fees for the rental of the Center for meetings, conferences and programs should be based on the purpose, duration and number of attendees. Visits to these groups to present the details of our building and its capabilities will be necessary on a continuous basis to educate and entice potential use.

*Of course, the Moberly's 50th Anniversary celebration was one memorable event our facilities were rented for. The Aroma Therapy group feels that our History Center is the perfect location for their study groups and workshops. They have been conducting three or more meetings every month at our Center. We continue to receive requests from other groups and organizations to use our building. With the purchase of our hydraulic forklift, we can arrange our main room in about 20 minutes to hold a seated audiences of about 80 people. Smaller groups have been meeting in our Research Library.*

### **Walking Tours**

The popularity of our walking tours is growing. With additional promotion, these tours can be developed into a consistent and lucrative service to the public. More tour guides need to be trained. Research needs to continue to add to the historical information presented to the public. Additional efforts should be made to promote the tours with advertising and presentations.

*Our Walking Tours with Jean Christopher and Bev Disch will resume again this spring when the good weather returns. This summer, we will present a scheduled live Walking Tour of the Old Colorado City Historic District on the Internet, viewable to anyone in the world.*

### **Donations and Underwriting**

Opportunities for individuals and businesses to donate to the OCCHS should be everywhere. History Center donation advertising pieces should be placed throughout the community. Donations and sponsoring projects and events account for a very large part of the History Center's existence and success.

*The Honors Committee is now working on producing our Wall of Honor and Honor Plaques to thank the many benefactors who have helped us reach our goals. Lucille Cunningham, Betsy Evans and Bev Disch serve on the Honors Committee to insure that our deep appreciation of these many people and organizations is visible in our History Center for all to see and remember.*

### **Research Services**

The History Center will make itself available to perform research services for public inquiries. The prices for these services should be nominal and based on the amount of time and materials necessary to complete the project.

*The number of researchers utilizing our Research Library and Photograph Archives grows each month. We've had every researcher from students working on papers to authors working on books. Without the diligent work done by our Library Committee (Betsy Evans, Annette Stith and Agnes Johnson) and our Photograph Accessioning Committee (Ray Campbell, Dave Bennett, Karen Anderson, Harriett Seibel, Cindi Estes and Enid Kennis) in a very short period of time, we would not have been ready for the dozens of research inquiries we've already assisted. Currently, we charge only for the materials purchased and welcome donations for the use of our Research Center.*

### **Products**

As the budget permits, OCCHS can produce its own products for sale in the History Center Book Store and other interested retail outlets. Several ideas have been suggested that have the potential to generate steady returns, such as: posters, educational audio and video tapes, postcards, books and calendars.

*Thanks to the donations we've received from Bob & Chris Heinich and Jim Bates, we're well on our way to being able to produce our own line of merchandise. The Darkroom Committee will produce the prints from our photo archive for our own exhibits for a fraction of the cost. They will also produce prints for us to sell to researchers, authors and the public. Their first plans will include producing post cards from some of the unique items in our collections to sell in our Book & Gift Shop.*

### **The Computer Center**

The Computer Center has the potential to become the central hub of our History Center operations. We will increase our customer base at an incalculable rate when we place our History Center on our own web page with enough memory to carry thumbnail photos of our visual collections, transmit live video of exhibits and activities, provide a data base of our research materials, offer historical education with stories, photos, maps and audio interviews, plus allow our web site browser to see and read about our Book & Gift Shop inventory. The idea to put paid sponsor sites on our web page is an extremely valid one. With diligent promotion and advertising on our part, this will prove itself very rewarding. *Our Computer Center is already proving itself. Our business members get a listing on our site and our corporate members get a web page. Both are available with a link to their website or email. The web site is drawing many visitors to our history from all over the country. Students visiting the Center on school field trips have been learning that our site is both educational and fun. We have been planning several "web events" that should give us some good exposure. Our "Colorado History Cyberchat Conference" will be held May 9th-17th. Many authors and historians will answer questions and comments during each of*

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## MEET DON KALLAUS - con't from page 1

Don's first career was as a barber at 3126 W. Colorado Avenue, across from where Red Rocks Shopping Center now sits. He worked for Les Wilkinson, a Cripple Creek native and, Don says, a fine barber and grand fellow. Les' father was the Cripple Creek postmaster and owner of Mount Pisgah. Thus, a large portion of the clientele at the barbershop were miners and gold millers. Especially in a barbershop, the incredible stories would flow. Don listened and soon realized that he loved the history of this area.

After twenty years of barbering which included starting his own business, Hombre Hair Design, Don switched paths and, in 1984, sold Hombre and began his financial career with A.G. Edwards in downtown Colorado Springs. Although quite enjoyable, the platform for stories of local history was not the same as it was in the barbershop. His experience there, however, has proved to be a major benefit to the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

Don was elected to our Board of Directors and the job of Treasurer last May. His expertise and the many, many dedicated hours he's donated have organized our record-keeping and helped to guide us through our first successful year open as a museum and research center.

Don is also instrumental in our photography and darkroom project and he takes many of the photos for our *West Word* newsletter. For many years, he has been heavily involved with the Pike's Peak or Bust Rodeo Parade taking their photographs and the AdAmAn Club. His work has also appeared on the music cd releases for many of the cowboy musicians like Don Edwards. He is

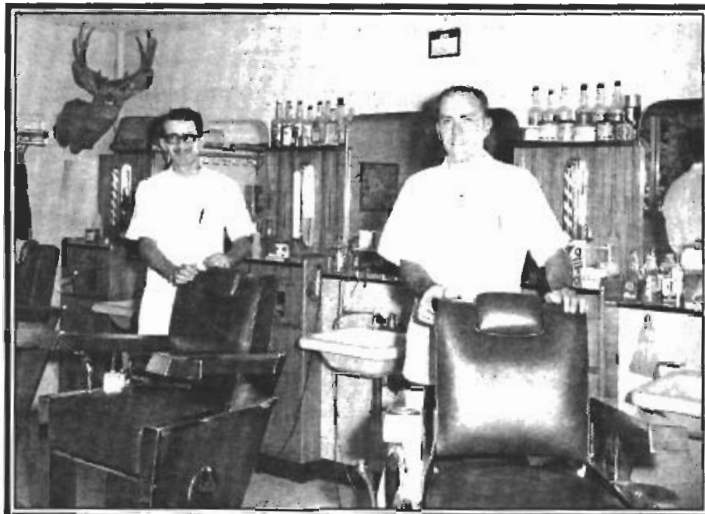


photo courtesy of Don Kallaus

Don Kallaus and Les Wilkinson at the L&D Barbershop at 3126 West Colorado Avenue in the 1960's.

currently photographing Alex DeGrassi for his new cd.

Now Don is working on his retirement. He recently purchased a house and property near his hometown in Kansas and plans to periodically go back to remodel and build his dream darkroom until he's ready to move there permanently. Until then, his roots are still here in Colorado Springs and, now, with the Old Colorado City History Center. His belief in the Center's potential to become a tremendous community resource is one of the driving forces guiding us to that reality.

by Paul Idleman

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*these nine days. The text of these conferences will be accessible on our website during the conversation and for some time afterward. More about this in our next newsletter.*

### **Increase of the Endowment Fund**

As Life Memberships, memorial gifts and other sources of revenue for our Endowment Fund increase, our financial security will increase with the availability of the interest to help pay our general operating expenses. The principle amount of our fund cannot be touched and will continue to grow.

*We currently have about 40 Lifetime members in OCCHS. The History Center has been honored by many memorial gifts to honor and preserve the memory of loved ones, fellow members and history lovers we have lost.*

### **Section 3 - Operation of the History Center**

The History Center shall be a multi-faceted cultural center. Its operation shall include the following divisions:

#### **Main Exhibit Room**

To insure repeat and regular public attendance, the exhibits must professionally present a visual and, whenever possible, a hands-on participation. This should include a permanent presentation of the history of Colorado City and short-term

exhibits of varying subjects related to this area's history. The permanent exhibit should also include displays for the Colorado Militia and the First Baptist Church. The short-term exhibits should change every 4 to 6 weeks to insure repeat visitation. This would allow a constant interest in the Center with opening ceremonies, receptions and publicity. Docents shall be regularly scheduled to guide visitors through the exhibits and answer any questions.

#### **Book & Gift Shop**

The Book & Gift Shop will be open on a regular daily schedule. Scheduled volunteers will operate the store under the direction of the Book Store Committee Chairperson and the History Center Director. The Book & Gift Shop will also coordinate all visitors to the Main Exhibit Room insuring sign-in registration and assistance *We've set the Book & Gift Shop up as its own entity with it's own checkbook and budget. The Shop Committee has already attended one of the nation's largest gift and book shows in Denver to get new inventory and they're planning on more buying trips during the season. Our newer items are selling almost as fast as we get them. They're plans are to stock our shop with unique gift items and to continue with the best selection of Colorado history books*

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# WESTSIDE BED & BREAKFAST TOUR

The Third Annual Old Colorado City Bed & Breakfast Tour, held December 7th was a wonderful and successful event. Thank you to the Westside Innkeepers for donating the proceeds from this popular Christmastime event to the Old Colorado City History Center. This year's tour netted \$2000.00 that the B&B Innkeepers would like us to use to buy our much needed History Center sign for the west side of our building and to begin our UV window tinting project. So many visitors on the tour stopped by the History Center to let us know how especially beautiful and entertaining this tour was. Seven of Old Colorado City's Bed & Breakfast Inns opened the doors to their beautifully decorated homes to the public for the Christmas season. This year, **The Awarenest Victorian B&B Inn, Holden House - 1902 B&B Inn, Our Heart's Inn Old Colorado City, The Painted Lady B&B and Wedgewood Cottage B&B** were joined by the newly completed **Old Town Guesthouse and Monaco's Lodge B&B**. After touring the B&B's, the visitors stopped by for refreshments at the beautifully decorated History Center. **Kathy Hruban** and the creative people at **Kris Kringle** donated the Christmas trees, decorations and many hours of their time to make our History Center and the B&B Inns especially festive. The entertainment was excellent and the refreshments were wonderful. We were especially happy and fortunate to have popular Denver talk radio personality, **Gus Mircos**, and his son-in-law **Gennaro DeSantis**, at the History Center to sign copies of their new low-fat cookbook, *Gus's Cabin Kitchen*. Thanks to their Filter Press publisher, OCCHS member **Doris Baker**, for

arranging their trip down here. Autographed copies of *Gus's Cabin Kitchen* are still available in our **Book & Gift Shop**. Special thanks to our own **Joanne Karlson** for coordi-



An admitted fan of Gus Mircos, Dave Hughes, gets his autographed copy of *Gus's Cabin Kitchen* from co-authors Gus Mircos (center) and son-in-law, Gennaro DeSantis

photo by Paul Idleman

nating this event for us and to all the volunteers who made the refreshments and served as hosts and hostesses at the B&B Inns and the History Center. There were so many people involved with the success of this year's tour. Everyone should be very proud.

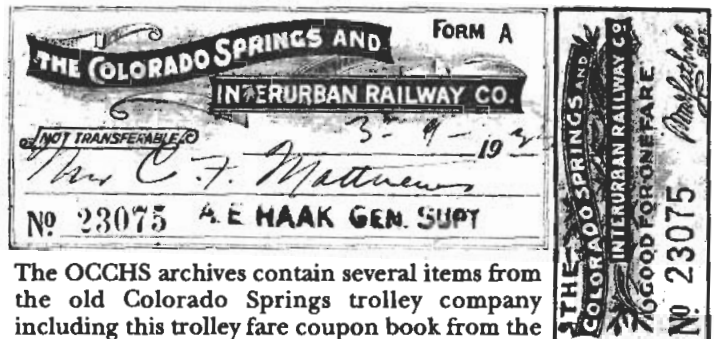
Our History Center sign is nearly completed. The sign design was created by **Chi Leary** and is now being hand constructed by **de Sign Broker**.

# JANUARY PROGRAM RENEWS INTEREST IN TROLLEY



photo by Don Kallaus

Our Photo Accessioning crew, **Ray Campbell** (top), **Karen Anderson** and **Dave Bennett** (left) went with **Paul Idleman** (right) and **Don Kallaus** to tour the **Pikes Peak Historic Street Railway Foundation's Roswell Yards** with **Phil Rector** and **Howard Noble** just before our January Meeting and Program. The work by the foundation to restore the trolley system has been impressive. **John Haney** and **Howard Nobel** presented our January 9th program with a history of the **Colorado Springs and Interurban Railway Company** and a detailed look at their current plans to begin operations again.



The OCCHS archives contain several items from the old Colorado Springs trolley company including this trolley fare coupon book from the **Lucille Ellis Collection**.

## RENEWALS

The following memberships are due for renewal in March 1998.

- Ted Alsup
- G.E. Hutton
- Jay & Patricia Joy
- Jack & Bev Patterson
- Thelma R. Stody

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## TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

compiled by Jan Knox

### ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January-March 1873

☞ The first story walls of the new Court House are about completed, work on the same having been retarded by unfavorable weather. With a few weeks of good working days, the building can be put under roof, and in the early Spring furnish suitable quarters for the County officials. (1/25 *Colorado Springs Gazette*)

☞ What has become of the horse railway project agitated last fall for the convenience of passengers between the depot and the Soda Springs? By all means, hurry up the enterprise, for the local demand will of itself warrant the outlay. (1/18 *Colorado Springs Gazette*)

☞ The Trustees and people of Colorado City will soon arrange for tree-planting on the main thoroughfare of the town, and also leveling the roadway. This in connection with projected improvement in the way of building between the two towns, will greatly add to the appearance of things. (1/18 *Colorado Springs Gazette*)

☞ The convicts manufactured at the last term of the District Court for this County, were sent on Saturday last to Pueblo County Jail, under an arrangement made by the County Commissioners for their more economical keeping. The party, numbering four, would have long since been sent to the Penitentiary at Canon City, but that institution is over-crowded, and the County therefore has, for the present at least, to bear the expense of their boarding and care. (1/25 *Colorado Springs Gazette*)

☞ Another Flouring Mill has been established at Colorado City, under the direction of Jacobs & Co., late of Denver. This, with the similar establishment of Mr. James Riordan, gives this locality, as well as the surrounding country, increased facilities for obtaining ample supplies of breadstuffs. Another year, and we may confidently expect, through

the advantages of immigration and settlement, still further introduction of mechanical capital on the Fountain. (2/8 *Colorado Springs Gazette*)

☞ No little interest is being manifested in the approaching election of Town Trustees and Town Company Officers for Colorado City, owing, no doubt to the great pecuniary advantage of the several positions! And the peculiar honors conferred upon the fortunate ones selected to fill the various trusts. Already, the multiform schemes of candidates are being set afloat, and pledges made, to secure nominations, and the dear people, who modestly abide the developments to accrue in return for their ballots, are confidently predicting the peculiar improvements that will take place on this and that street, if so-and-so are elected. Well, there is ample room for adornment, practically and otherwise, and it is to be hoped that, whoever is credited with guiding the future twelve months of municipal government of the old town, the matter of ditches, trees, sidewalks, and grades, may receive the degree of attention due to a place of its age and the spirit of the times. With all respect for those who have contended with adverse elements in building up a habitation which they advocate as a County Seat, we urge that something be done this Spring and Summer that will commend the town to the thousands who annually visit it and the surrounding points of interest; let them see a disposition to make attractive even the humblest residences, for it cannot be long ere the whole roadway between the depot and Manitou, will be occupied on either side by permanent dwellers drawn hither from the East, and the labor thus invested will not have been thrown away, but tend to enhance the value of every building site within a range of at least six miles square. Plant trees and flowers; and in every way beautify the grounds, and you will never regret the outlay. (2/15 *Colorado Springs Gazette*)

☞ Continued trips to Loma and the San Juan country attest the fact the near-

est and most preferable route for parties north of the Divide destined for the new mines is via Colorado Springs, Colorado City, and the Ute Pass Road to Hartsell's and the Poncha Pass. Loaded teams readily make the trip in five days, and, with facilities for outfitting here, we may reasonably look for a large business this Spring in the line of mining emigration. (3/15 *Colorado Springs Gazette*)

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO January - March 1898

☞ Chas. T. Walker, of Colorado Springs, proprietor of the El Paso stables, was cited to appear in police court of that city this morning and answer to the charge of conducting a gambling house. Marshal Gathright surprised seven votaries of the green cloth, at a game of draw poker, in a room over the stable yesterday afternoon. The players were held as witnesses and the paraphernalia confiscated. (1/22 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ One of the most exciting cases contested in the justice courts of this city for a long time recently occupied the entire afternoon in Justice Faulkner's court. The contention was over a very small dog, which was claimed by two women, Mrs. Battey and Francis Kreps. After a lively trial, in which five attorneys took part, the justice took the case under advisement and on Saturday evening after looking over a great number of decisions and examining the law, the dog was given to Francis Kreps. It is said the case will be appealed. (1/22 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ N. B. Hames and Henry Templeton refused very tempting offers for the purchase of their brick business blocks on Thursday. It is no trouble to sell choice business property at this time. (1/29 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ Mrs. Shankapaul returned to town the first of the week after an absence of about a month. Shortly after her arrival, she got in jail, as is usual with her. On

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Thursday, while confined in the city prison, she got in one of her religious moods and after delivering what may be termed a sermon or lecture, proceeded to break up everything within her reach. She was released and allowed to go to Denver Friday. (1/29 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ H. W. Gibson has moved his stock of dry goods down from Manitou and has opened a store in the corner room of the new Davie block at the corner of 6th street and Colorado avenue. Mr. Gibson opened his store today and invited the ladies of Colorado City to call and inspect his stock. He has a complete assortment of goods in every line and will meet or go below Colorado Springs prices. (1/29 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ F. H. Borst attended the Stockman's convention at Denver this week and took in all the features from the barbeque to the ball. He purchased a carload of fine steers at the Denver stock yards, which will in due time ornament the interior of his fine market. (1/29 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ Alf Johnson has purchased the barn which stood on the rear of Mayor Morse's property on Jefferson avenue and moved it to his place on Jackson avenue. Mayor Morse will build a new barn, and an addition to the house which he will occupy as soon as completed. (1/22 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ The Anheuser Busch beer vault is being filled with ice sixteen inches thick. (2/5 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ Glen Eyrie Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, installed the following officers at the last regular session: Margaret Kissell, worth matron; Lina Neiswinter, associate matron; Hattie Stephens, conductress; May Reed, secretary; Jennie George, treasurer; Emma Craig, Ada; J. Delaney, Ruth; J. Sherwood, Esther; Carrie Irwin, Martha; Grace Bates, Electa; Katherine Kelly, marshal; Gertrude Sack, warder; Susie Greenough, organist; Mrs. John Carlisle, the installing officer; Mrs. Fannie George, marshal. The session was

attended by a large number from Colorado Springs and Manitou. After the ceremonies, refreshments were served. (1/22 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ Murray & Snyder report the sale of lots 1 and 2, block 61, West Colorado Springs, to Mr. F. J. Macke of Leadville, who has plans drawn for an eight-room house to be erected on them at once. (1/22 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ Duck shooting on the South Park. Take the Colorado Midland to Hartsel. Cheap fares to hunters. Call at city ticket office. (1/22 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ Adam Geiger's new residence at the corner of Lincoln avenue and 4th street is one of the neatest in the city. The house contains four suits of rooms each provided with bath and closets. (1/29 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ Girls who are addicted to slang may reap some benefit from the following item: "I just think it's shameful the way that girl slings slang," said a Colorado Springs girl to her friend. "My, if I twirled my talk the way she does, my dad would tan my duds until the dust was thicker than fleas in fly time." "You betcher brass, and serve you right," replied the other girl. My parents are sunflowers of the same hue, and if I should make a raw crack in my conversation they'd thrash the rosy cussedness out of my angelic anatomy quicker than chain lightning." (2/19 *Colorado City Iris*)

## SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO January-March 1923

☞ Health report for El Paso county for the year 1922 shows 701 births and 740 deaths. (1/5 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

☞ C. A. Spofford is busy as a bee this week fitting a suite of six rooms on the second floor at 2432 Colorado avenue for use as a studio and for portrait painting, to be used in conjunction with the Kodokraft Shop, which is to be operated at the old stand at 2409 Colorado avenue, and which is to be under the personal

supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Beach, lately from Portland, Maine. (1/5 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

☞ The Sanitary Market was a busy place on New Year's day, when customers rounded in with their trading stamps and tickets for the award of prizes. The following were the winners: D. J. Marsh, rug; G. W. Light, 100-piece dinner set; Frank Malone, pressure cooker; John Hildrich, rocking chair; Mrs. A. Halmes, 42-piece dinner set; Mrs. H. R. Williams, Van Briggie vase; Mrs. Ollie Perry, thermos bottle and four cups; Mrs. Tim Baker, cut glass fruit dish; J. C. Dillingham, thermos bottle and two cups; Ed Patton, case of Swift's Premium toilet soap. (1/5 *Colorado City Iris*)

☞ A. W. VanBoskirk, 1908 Pikes Peak, resumed his duties of carrier on city route No. 24 yesterday, after an absence of several weeks on account of a broken arm. John Connell substituted for him. (1/5 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

☞ Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Blair entertained the following relatives at their home, 2506 West Williamette avenue, Ramona, during the holiday season, it being their first family reunion since 1910—none were missing: Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bandy and their three daughters, Beulah, Helen and Mary Ellen, of Glen Rock, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Myron G. Blair and daughter, Betty, of Denver; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Neely and their two baby boys, Douglas and Jack, of Yoder, Colorado. (1/5 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

☞ Jerry McCarthy, an old resident of this part of the city, died last night at his home at 2921 West Platte, of pneumonia. (1/5 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

☞ A. W. Clark, of 2222 West Bijou, picked up Drake hotel, Chicago, over his radio Saturday evening. The duck at the Drake announced that the first person to report from each state would receive a set of headphones free. A. W. Wired the duck at the Drake that he had received the message. Sunday night, he heard the same operator at the Drake announce

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that he (Clark) was the winner in this state, it being the station farthest west reporting. (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ In the game of pool for city championship, being played at the Paul Jones parlors, B. F. Symonds has 380 points and Ernest Dukes has 338 points. They are playing for 500 points, and will close the match Friday night. (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ The West Junior High basketball team was scared stiff last Friday when it went up against Columbia, and saw the 250 pound post-graduate specimen on the opposing team, and lost the first half 12 to 0. After finding out that there was nothing to the proposition except avoirdupois, our boys took the second half by a score of 12 to 4. (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ Mr. and Mrs. William F. Marker are moving into their elegant new bungalow at 1916 Colorado avenue this week. New homes like this one help to build up "A Greater West Side." (1/19 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National bank, held on Tuesday, the following officers were elected: Martin Drake, president; W. N. Armstrong, cashier; Martin Drake, W. N. Armstrong, W. B. Armstrong, John B. Stephen and W. L. Fisher, directors. (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ Many West Side people were pained to hear of the death of their good friend, Miss Eleanor Amalser, who for so many years served them so faithfully as the librarian of the West Side library. She died Monday Night. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery. (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ R. R. Chamberlain, proprietor of the Isis theater, has secured the lease on the business room at 2432 Colorado avenue, and will get possession about February 15. He expects to make all necessary improvements, so that he will be able to move his picture show to the new location about March 1. A new front will

be put in, the floor lowered, a correct ventilating system installed, stage built, and other modern improvements made. This is the location of the once popular Idle Hour theater, which was operated by Adolph Kohn, the large electric sign still being in position, and which may be made use of again. (1/26 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ Rev. H. V. Darley of Sacred Heart church has plans well under way for the presentation of the Passion Play, to be staged at the Burns on March 1, 2, 3, which he would make an annual event, and which is to be participated in by all the churches of the city. (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ Commercial Club President Lamont fills the office well. Had a stranger been present at the club banquet, he might have asked, "What does that man Lamont do?" Answer, "He was formerly a Baptist preacher." Stranger, "He must have been and old-time 'Hard-Shell,' he is so long-winded." (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ John Nolan has started to build an addition to the property lately purchased at 420 South Twenty-sixth. (1/12 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ The avenue was dangerously slippery during the recent snow. Several horses hitched to coal wagons were unable to make the trips without going to the mat; and they all had to be helped back onto their feet (2/9 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ The first week in the 12-week trial of the transferable pass system inaugurated by the Street Railway company last Monday morning is proving quite popular. (3/23 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ Mrs. Joe McNulty, 2420 West Platte, invited a company of the young friends of her little daughter, Edith, Friday afternoon to help her celebrate her seventh birthday anniversary. Those present were: Francis Vogler, Anna Peterson, Helen Borst, Bertha Borst, Ruth Borst, Louis McGuire, Evelyn Jarvis, Lucille

Jarvis, Ruth Jarvis, Byron Bogler and Frank Vogler. (3/30 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

## FIFTY YEARS AGO January-March 1948

¶ Old Town residents of long ago received Christmas remembrances from Mrs. Charline Sherman Sheldon of Oakland, California, who spent many years of her early life in Colorado City, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sherman, who passed away here many years ago. Before the National Bank block was erected in 1904, the Colorado City postoffice was in the Templeton building, and C. M. Sherman owned the postoffice store. John F. Morgan was postmaster. Both moved to the back building on the west side of which the C. M. Sherman sign still remains. (1/1 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ Plans were completed late Monday for the AdAmAn salute to 1948 from the top of the world-famous Pikes Peak to be broadcast through facilities of radio station KVOR, and KLZ in Denver. Training units of the 15th Air Force Communications Unit will cooperate with KVOR in presenting a "blaze by blaze" broadcast of the 25th annual fireworks display. The show will be aired from a B-17 circling the top of the peak. The description of the pyrotechnic display will be given by Max Morath, son of Fred Morath, who with his brother was the originator of the AdAmAn club and the annual New Years climb. Fred Morath, now a resident of California, is in Colorado Springs for this year's climb and one of the features of the broadcast will be comments from Max in the plane to his father atop the peak helping with the display. Another new feature this year will be the lighting of a 1,000,000 candlepower flare, symbolizing the rededication of the people of the world to the cause of liberty. (1/1 *Colorado Springs Independent*)

¶ Three and four engine Midland Terminal railroad trains to the Cripple Creek Mining district are daily occur-

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rences, but a five-engine one is unusual, and that is what happened last Sunday forenoon. No doubt there were 50 or more cars in the train. Motorists in the Ute Pass do enjoy seeing the long freight trains chugging up the hills and around the curves to the land of gold. (1/1 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ In the passing last Saturday of Vantyle Carson Harris, aged 70 years, at his home, 2930 West Kiowa street, another of the Midland Terminal engineers end earth's span of life. Besides the widow, he is survived by a son in California and three grandchildren. Smoky Harris, as he was called was born in North Platte, Nebraska, in 1877, coming here with his parents in 1887. For some years he was engineer at the Union Printers Home. (1/1 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ Residents of the South Side had a reminder Monday afternoon of 40 years ago, when the old Standard Mill was a 24-hour a day Colorado City business enterprise. There was quite a wind in the mill dump vicinity about 2 p.m. Monday and clouds of dust moved east, as in the old days. After the Standard Mill ceased operations about 30 years ago, the dump was covered with silt which kept the dust from blowing. A few times in later years some of the dump was worked over for gold, though no big returns resulted. (1/1 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ Word has been received from California that Mrs. Lura Sheetz, wife of Carson A. Sheetz, died in Sacramento recently. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, two sons and two grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Sheetz went to California to live about 35 years ago. They resides here a long time, in what is now the 2300 block on West Platte Ave. For many year, C. A. Sheetz was in charge of the office at the Standard Mill, when it was one of the big industries of the Pikes Peak region. He also served as a member of the city council of Colorado City. (1/22 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ Last week's Journal, published at

Cuba, Ill., by J. W. Nelson contains a report of the death in Oregon of J. H. Nebergale, 96, father of D. E. Nebergale of Albany, Oregon, former Colorado City meat market owner. Over 35 years ago, Don Nebergale came here from Cuba and conducted a meat market where the Independent office is now. After about two years, he sold out and returned to Cuba, later going to Oregon, where he has since lived. In 1904, Jim Nelson came to Colorado City from Lamar, Mo., where he worked for J. C. McCreary, and helped print the Colorado City Iris and Manitou Journal, both then published by the writer. About 40 years ago, he bought the Cuba Journal, which he has since published. (1/22 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ Funeral services were held Thursday in Waurika, Okla. For Arthur W. Allen, one-time chief of police in Colorado City. Allen, 90, who died in Oklahoma City Tuesday, also was engaged in the mercantile business before he left here. Surviving him are three daughters, Mrs. Ethel M. Kelley and Mrs. Perry Smith, both of Colorado Springs, and Mrs. R. D. Neasmith of Waurika; and two sons, A. D. Allen, Waurika, and Arthur L. Allen, Fort Collins (1/22 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ Opening Sunday in a new location, 2430 West Colorado Ave., the Colorado Springs Sputnut Co., owned and operated by Dean F. Egbert, formerly was located at 2921 North Nevada Ave. One of 128 such stores in 28 states, Egbert controls the franchise on the product, the "pastry sensation of the nation" for the state of Colorado. Housed in a newly decorated home in the West Side business area, the doors were thrown open Sunday to business in both local consumption (as coffee and Spudnuts) or orders for taking home. A trade in catering to parties and gatherings was developed by Egbert in his former location and he plans to carry on this specialty. (2/12 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ One of the oldest residences in the region changed hands yesterday under the name of the Amarillo Motel, 2801-2811 West Colorado Ave. It was

formerly the Charles Stockbridge home which was built in the late 1880's and as one of the show places of Colorado Springs. Sale of the imposing stone landmark plus six duplex cottages for \$68,000 was revealed by a warranty deed filed in the office of the county clerk. Mrs Cecil Wright, formerly of Portales, N. M. Purchased the property from C. A. Reilly. Mrs. Wright will take over active management of the motel February 25. She plans extensive improvements. Reilly will leave soon for Amarillo, Tex., where he operates a storage company. Mrs. M. R. Britton, sister of Reilly and manager of the motel, will leave for her former home in Dallas. Stockbridge came here from England in the 1870's and was engaged in the drug, liquor and tobacco business in old Colorado City. He built a frame house on the present site of the Amarillo Motel, but two fires caused him to build the imposing Stockbridge home out of heavy walls of stone. The yard directly west of the house was beautifully landscaped and for years remained a showplace to residents and tourists alike. (2/19 Colorado Springs Independent)

¶ Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bullington have sold to Carl and George Van Hoesen, the 70-foot frontage in the 2400 block on West Colorado avenue, covering 2426, 2428 and 2430, and lying between the former National Bank building and the three-story corner building now owned and occupied by the West End Furniture company. The one-story building was erected by the late Ernest Waycott, pioneer businessman of Colorado City, in 1904, and is a desirable property. The Van Hoesen brothers came here from Lawrence, Kansas, and recently bought the Masonbrink store at 2426 West Colorado avenue, for many years owned and managed by Luther Ascough. The Bullingtons, who formerly owned an antique at 2430 West Colorado avenue, recently purchased the Faulkner building at 2401-2405 West Colorado avenue, and have their store there. (2/12 Colorado Springs Independent)

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# Reminiscences of the Early Days in Colorado

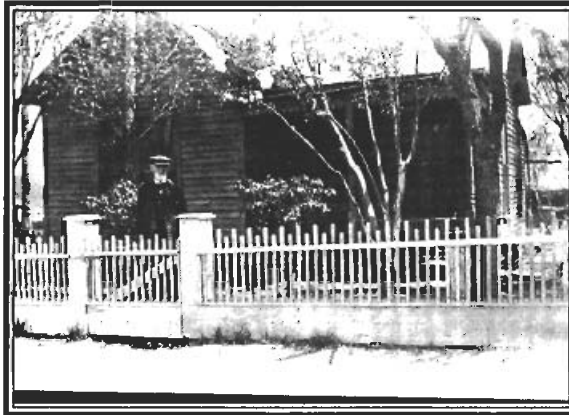
by Hattie L. Hedges Trout

*This transcribed speech was delivered to the El Paso County Pioneer Association by Hattie Trout on Tuesday evening, October 10, 1933. Written from memory, it tells of her early years in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region. It was by sheer coincidence that two copies of this speech were donated to the History Center within weeks of each other. A typewritten, transcribed version, was donated by Elinor Steadman. The copy has been in her possession since she was 11 years old. A handwritten original by Miss Trout was donated to us by OCCHS member Charline Hagerman on behalf of her family, the Rogulas. Charline is a descendent of Hattie Trout. Another original of the speech, also handwritten by Hattie Trout, is housed in the archives of the Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum.*

*Charline also has several photographs relating to Hattie Hedges Trout that she graciously is sharing with our Center.*

I came to Colorado with my parents and sister in September of 1866. We came in a stage coach with four big fine horses which were changed for fresh ones every ten miles all the way. They would have the horses all harnessed ready to hitch on when we stopped then away we would go for another ten miles. Lunches could be obtained at the stage stations but were very high priced. A cup of tea or coffee would be one dollar. We had lovely weather and a nice trip. It took seven days and nights to come from Quincy Illinois where we lived, to Denver. We were quite tired after the long journey. My father was not very well that being one reason for our coming to Denver also he had a brother here who urged him to come and try Colorado climate. He was greatly benefited and lived to be nearly eighty five years old. There was not much of Denver at that time. We lived in a little house near where the Union Station now stands. Everything was very high priced those days. Flour was ten dollars per hundred. Quart cans of fruit or vegetables were fifty cents per can. Soap twenty five cents per bar. And everything else according. Day board was ten dollars per week. And later in the season when snows came they paid one dollar per hour for shoveling snow from walks and streets. We lived in Denver about two years then came to Colorado City in 1868. There were very few houses here at that time and none in Colorado Springs or Manitou just a slab shed over the Soda Spring. We came here in stage coach from Denver and stopped at an old frame hotel that stood on the corner of Colorado Avenue and twenty eight street where the home of the Stockbridges now is located. Those were very exciting days as the Indians were on the war path here. People for miles around came and brought their families for protection from them, and were fortified up in the old Anway house which was located at 2618 West Pikes Peak. As I remember it was a log house with a stairway going up on the outside. It still stands but has been remodeled and

sided up and painted so no one could recognize it now. We were with others in the fort while my Father and other men stood guard on the hill north of town. We were living here when the three boys were killed by the Indians near where



*Hattie Hedges Trout home on 5th Street in Colorado City. Date unknown.*

the Antler's hotel now stands. They were herding cattle when they were watched by the Indians from the hills. The oldest of the boys was young Everhart. I believe he was twenty one years old. The Robbins boys were younger. They were brought here and laid out in the old log building which was the first state house. It was located on the north side on Colorado Avenue between 26th and 27th streets. I can just remember of going with my sister to see the bodies as everyone was flock-

ing there so horrified and grieved over it. Oh they were a terrible sight scalped and speared and they had placed their guns to their eyes and blew them out and faces and necks all powder burnt. Even after all these years I dread to recall the awful sight for at that time I hid behind my sister after a horrified glance at them. Oh those were terrible times for everyone so filled with fear and dread. The Indians also stampeded stock. The trail where they crossed Sand Creel east of Colorado Springs with the stock they drove away was a mile wide. Different tribes of Indians scalp differently. Some just took a very round piece of the scalp others took all over just leaving a few hairs in front of the ears. The Indians at that time attacked an old man by the name of Baldwin but found he had been scalped before so left him to die as they thought but he lived many years after that and finally met death by falling into a vat in an old slaughter house. After some time we moved to Pueblo and later to Wet Mountain Valley three miles south of Rosita. My Father helped dig the first prospect hole there which believe never developed anything to the company who were interested in it. While living there we had another experience with the Indians. My Father was working in a livery stable in Denver as there employment for him at home so mother and we three children were living there on the ranch alone. One day an Indian came galloping up on his horse and stopped and asked mother for biscuit. She gave him all she had. Then he looked at my sister who was fourteen years old at that time. He said nice squaw. You give me squaw. I give you fifty buckskins for squaw. You can imagine the fear of my mother thinking he might take my sister anyway. He said to mother you got man?

She said yes back here. She was afraid to let him know she was alone but after awhile he got on his horse and rode away. What a relief to us but mother lived in fear and dread until my Father came home. After a time we moved to Canon City then to Pueblo for a time then we moved to a

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*we can get. We're already started to change the floorplan of the Book & Gift Shop to make it more efficient with the space we have. The job of coordinating and scheduling all our many volunteers to staff the shop is an enormously important task. We'll never stop singing the praises of Beverley Disch for handling this detailed and time-consuming job. We've also mentioned before and we will continue to mention our wonderful volunteers who work in the Book & Gift Shop.*

### Research Center

The History Center's Research Center will open daily with regularly scheduled hours for the public. Admission will be free to the public. Volunteers should be regularly scheduled to aid the public in locating and acquiring their needed materials. Volunteers need to be knowledgeable of local history and the Society's Collections. No item of the OCCHS collections shall ever leave the Research Center. A fee structure shall be adopted for usage rights of items from the OCCHS Collections for personal use, publication in books, magazines and visual arts presentations such as slide shows, multi-media, film and video documentaries. *We've altered our Research Center's hours to by appointment only to make sure we have a member knowledgeable with our collections present to assist.*

### Computer Room

Our Computer Room could prove to be the most exciting and active aspect of the History Center. Making our archives and research materials available through the Internet and having a computer room available in the Center should prove to be extremely popular. Dave Hughes' efforts to put the History Center on his wireless system as a test case could very well make us eligible for enough grant money and corporate donations to equip the Center with the most up-to-date technology. *Already available as a research tool and promotional source to the general public throughout the world.*

### Archives

Seek and acquire items and collections to add to the Society's Collection in our continual effort to educate the public of our wonderful history. Additional items can be acquired through the purchase or donation of collections, obtaining permission to copy historic photographs, etc. *This service is also available now by appointment. We have continuously received donations of items and photographs since opening. In the next few weeks, we will resume our interview program beginning with OCCHS member George White to add to our historical archives.*

*Section 4 of our Master Plans details the importance and necessity of our volunteers to make this plan work. No explanation is necessary here. The fact that our History Center is open and thriving with every aspect of our Master Plan begun and operating is testament to all of our wonderful volunteers who have dedicated their time, planning and expertise to insure our success.*

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ranch on the Divide fifteen miles northeast of Palmer Lake where I met and was married to Mr. Trout January 1st 1880. After a few years there we went to Denver on a farm six miles west of Denver then September 18th 1887 we came back to Colorado City. Very lively times here then as the Colorado Midland had built their road through to the Western Slope. Everyone was at work and happy no depression here. Then we had to live in a tent until we built our home at 713 South 25th street. There were no houses to rent. Men were employed in the Midland shops days and we could hear hammering all times of the night building their houses to live in. Anthony Bott was called the Father of Colorado City. He was very benevolent and was called the Poor Man's Friend. He and many of the pioneer residents have gone to their last reward which if just will be great. Clem Kinsman another pioneer who had lived here most of his life in speaking of Colorado City one time told me somehow he could sleep better if he laid down in the shadow of old Pikes Peak. He too, passed away. Anthony Bott's log house where he lived in Indian times still stands. It is located just a few blocks west of my home on St. Anthony Street. They say there are portholes in it so they could protect themselves from the Indians by shooting thru them if they came there. I still live in my little home that was built in 1887 forty seven years ago. I love it and dear old Colorado where I have lived most of my life and it is my desire to end my days here and be laid to rest with my loved ones in the shadow of Pikes Peak.

I am a member of the El Paso County Pioneer Association and the Half Century Club and I enjoy their meeting and look forward with pleasure to them and the reminiscences of the early days of the pioneers of Colorado City and Colorado Springs.

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donation means 100% of each book sale will help the History Center with its operations and programs. Thank you again, Leland.

### OCCHS COOKBOOK

Our cookbook project, started in 1996, has been on the "backburner", but not forgotten. **Joanne Karlson** and **Kay Arnold** are starting to work on it again with the goal of having it completed and available for sale in time for Founder's Day this August. If you haven't sent in a recipe, along with its history and how you acquired it, please do so. Mail your recipes to: OCCHS Recipes, 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-3319.

### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

If you are able to help **Chuck Cobb** and **Gene Dienst** with our History Center maintenance, call 636-1225.