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WORD

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Nostalgia, or is it getting old and tending to live in the past ?

I've been around this town more years than most of the people I know, well, at least more than a lot of them at any rate.

I was born here in what was then known as Beth El Hospital, it is now called Memorial Hospital. I have lived most of my life, at least that part up to now, here. I rather suspect I will live what is left of that life here. At least that's the plan today. I've seen a whole lot of changes come down the proverbial pike. I'm not sure each of them has been a positive thing for my "home town".

Lets visit one or two of those changes. It might be interesting for some of the newcomers and I'll give you my opinion of the general worth of some of those changes. If your opinion differs from mine let me know and like that lady on TV with the raspy voice and obnoxious laugh says, "We'll talk".

When I was a kid, one of my favorite outings with the family was to go up the old Midland Railroad line and collect spikes cast aside when they removed the track. Try that today. As a matter of fact, try even finding the old right-of-way for most of that railroad. At least for the part that is outside Ute Pass. I thought about that the other day when we were moving a cabinet here at the house and I found one of those old spikes with a note on it written by my mother. It said that I had found that spike near Ridge Road in 1945. My mother loved to put little notes on things. I wore a little note stuck to my shirt that identified who I was, as if I would forget, until I was approximately in the fourth grade. I might make fun about it now, but it worked. I have never forgotten my name since. That railroad being gone is a good thing. Can you imagine trying to get to the expressway with a railroad between it and the Avenue? Overpasses you say? And just where would you put them?

Another favorite of mine was to go to an ice-cream parlor called the Purple Cow. They had wooden booths and served the best ice cream in the world. A huge purple cow stood serenely on top of the building. I have often wondered what happened to that cow. I will have to admit that at that time in my life I was not a connoisseur of ice cream. As a matter of fact I rather suspect I still am not, but I sure like it and go to the Old Colorado Creamery or the West Side Ice Cream parlor as often as

possible. The building that housed the Purple Cow is still standing. It's right at Adams Crossing on the south side of the Avenue across from the Garden of the Gods campground. Unfortunately it isn't an ice-cream parlor anymore. We definitely need more ice-cream parlors on the west side. The Purple Cow being gone, to my way of thinking, is a bad thing.

Back in the olden days as my grandchildren and even my children would say, the Old Colorado Creamery was a filling station. And, in case you are wondering, they had cars and planes when I was a kid. Indian attacks were pretty much just an ancient part of history. However, Fort Carson, Camp Carson at first, was still in the future.

There was a doughnut shop next door to what is now Michael Garman's Galleries. It was called Spudnuts and the basis for them was, of course, potato flour. They had the lightest fluffiest donuts in town. I can only compare them, at least in my mind as I haven't had a spudnut for fifty years, to Krispy Kream donuts. At least that's how I remember them. Of course back then Dunkin' and Winchell were still perfecting their recipes. Actually I don't much like either one of those, I much prefer the Westside Daylight Donuts.

Just east of the intersection of Ridge Road and the Avenue was a tiny little rundown building that sold hamburgers ten for a dollar. The building still exists only now its empty. They had a marvelous sloppy-joe sandwich and they packed them in a paper bag. They didn't bother wrapping them individually that seems to be a modern concept. It made for a rather messy lunch but when you're young that doesn't seem to count nearly as much as it does today.

On the south side of the Avenue, back in the alley behind what is now Goodwill, was the outlet for a potato chip factory that was housed in the existing Goodwill building (the building with the glass bricks in the front). You could buy a brown paper shopping bag full of fresh potato chips for fifteen cents. I can't remember the name of the company but they made mighty fine potato chips.

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Colorado City was founded in 1859 as one of the earliest settlements in the territory that would become Colorado. It served as a supply town for prospectors and adventurers heading up Ute Pass into the Rocky Mountain Gold fields. Several cemeteries served Colorado City. The first cemetery was located by Fountain Creek close to present day 31st street. Later it was moved to the ridge north of Colorado Avenue and present day 26th street. These were abandoned and relocated for various reasons including hard ground, lack of water, or Indian concerns. The most controversial west side cemetery was located on the mesa near Coronado High School. Some of the graves were relocated from there to Fairview Cemetery and others still remain on the mesa in Pioneer Park with a single marker in their memory.

One of Colorado City's pioneers and founders, Anthony Bott, donated about thirty-three acres in Colorado City in 1895 to start Fairview Cemetery. Bott is buried in the cemetery. Today about half of the total acreage is developed and about 12,000 people are buried there.

West Side Memories

WEST SIDE MEMORIES TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

One Hundred and Twenty-five Years Ago
September 1876

A young man left Santa Fe, New Mexico, on foot, on the 10th of August, and reached this city yesterday. The distance is about 335 miles. He reports that the Mexicans are worse than Chinese for working for low wages, and says that Santa Fe is no place for mechanics to emigrate to. 9/2 C. S. Gazette

Theodore Brown, south of the city, has succeeded in raising a good crop of watermelons by persistently fighting the grasshoppers. He wrapped papers around a long rope and with the assistance of another man dragged it repeatedly over the vines, always driving the insects toward the south in which direction they were traveling. The ravenous little beasts did not have time to whet their teeth before the machine was coming down upon them, and barely looking over their shoulders, they did not wait to consult the bill of fare, but immediately concluded to dine elsewhere. Mr. Brown may be said to have a corner in watermelons, as he is about the only man in this vicinity who succeeded in saving the crop. 9/2 C. S. Gazette

On Monday evening the Colorado Springs Cornet Band serenaded D. C. Crawford, Esq., Republican candidate for State Auditor. They played some beautiful airs and gave three cheers for the "the first Auditor of the new State," after which they were invited into the house and cigars were freely distributed, and a pleasant half hour spent in congratulatory and friendly conversation. Judge Pierce, of Memphis, was sought for to make a speech but could not be found. Mr Crawford thanked the band for the compliment and after another tune, the good nights were spoken. 9/2 C. S. Gazette

Rev. C. W. Blodgett has organized a Sunday School in Colorado City. Regular services are to be held there every second Sabbath, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. 9/26 C. S. Gazette

An article in the Gazette two weeks since spoke of the need of care in the use and handling of firearms. An incident occurred in our city a few days since showing that this admonition will bear repeating. As a revolver was being examined near the residence of one of our citizens, a ball from it entered a window and, passing within a few feet of one of the inmates, lodged in the opposite wall. This may have been purely accidental, nevertheless whizzing bullets and jingling glass are not pleasant sounds in our quiet homes. 9/26 C. S. Gazette

Steps are being taken for the organization of a new company to take charge of the Hook and Ladder apparatus belonging to the city. It is very important that the fire department should be thoroughly organized at once, and all those who wish for the safety and prosperity of the city should not hesitate to sign the roll, which may be found at True & Sutton's Grocery. Citizens may be assured that whatever action they may take in this matter will meet with the hearty approval of the Council. 9/26 C.

S. Gazette

Under the constitution, women can hold any school district office and can vote at any school district election. 9/30 C. S. Gazette

We are informed that in the precinct of Florissant, out of thirty-six votes, the Republicans will have a majority of at least eighteen. 9/30 C. S. Gazette

Seven hundred and sixty-four names have been entered on the registry books in Colorado Springs. 9/30 C. S. Gazette

SANTA FE TRAIL..THEN AND NOW

Freight wagons no longer cross the prairies, but the Santa Fe Trail's legacy endures as buildings, historic sites, landmarks and original wagon-wheel ruts. Through slides, and visuals, come visit the trail from its beginning in 1821 near Boonville, Missouri, to its terminus in Santa Fe 900 miles away. Catch the spirit of the times as this trail of commerce served the southwest for 60 years. Many people who came to Colorado City in its early days, traveled on the Santa Fe Trail, using the cut-off to Fort Pueblo, then up the Front Range. Mary Stephens Humphreys, our program presenter on September 14th, has lived in Colorado since 1952. She has been a public school teacher for 30 years. Her BS is from the University of Arkansas and she has an MA from Adams State College. Her interest in the Santa Fe Trail began while teaching in Las Animas, CO which is on the Trail. There she watched Bents Old Fort being rebuilt in 1976. Also, the annual historic celebration in Las Animas is called Santa Fe Trail Day. In the fall of 1999, Mary and her husband took a week to completely follow the mountain branch of the trail to Santa Fe, beginning near Boonville, MO, visiting sites, museums, and ruts along the way. Her slides for her program come from this trip.-jek

An Historic Moment

What was it like to be the second person to walk on the lunar surface? Astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin who followed Neil Armstrong comments after Armstrong made his famous first step described the experience in an interview for British television: I held onto the near edge of the handing gear and checked my balance then hesitated a moment . . . I am the first person to wet his pants on the Moon."

President's Report

We have had a wonderfully, productive summer. The crowds for Founders' Day were estimated at 2,000 on Saturday and 1,000 on Sunday. We had sales of \$300 at the log cabin thanks to all the baked goodies our members provided.

Jan Knox had many craft vendors in the park with food vendors as well. The entertainment of musicians, Indian flutes, actors in period costumes, and Old Fashioned Square Dancers was well received. A well-planned event thanks to Jan Knox. Crafts in Bancroft Park is an ongoing fund raiser for our Society which has raised thousands of dollars for us. It runs through the summer averaging 50 vendors every Saturday with 2 to 4 food vendors. Come and enjoy them. Jan Knox and John and Pat Wright have worked hard getting these vendors.

Come also to the Center and see the new exhibits Liz Geiss, our exhibit chairman, has created. Look at the artist Charles Craig exhibit and the new Plains Indian exhibit. On her agenda is the up-coming Luther McKnight exhibit. Don't forget our Fourth Annual Fairview Cemetery Crawl, Sept. 8 and 9 at 1000 S. 26th Street. Tell all your friends and help sell tickets for this event.

See you all at our September 14th general meeting and listen to Mary Huphreys' presentation about the Santa Fe Trail.

Bev Disch
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summer continues to be kind to our History Center's activities and fortunes.

We have already reached our goal of netting at least \$4,000 over costs from the Craft Fairs organized in concert with the Farmer's Market that takes place right next to our Center on 24th Street every Saturday. The crowds have been larger than in years past. Through mid August we have taken in nearly \$7,000 with costs of \$2,000.

Sales of our new Walking Tour book have been steady. We are getting orders from resellers as much as we are from direct sales to customers. The Denver Public Library just ordered 21 books at our retail price of \$9.95. Would that the Pikes Peak Library District did the same!

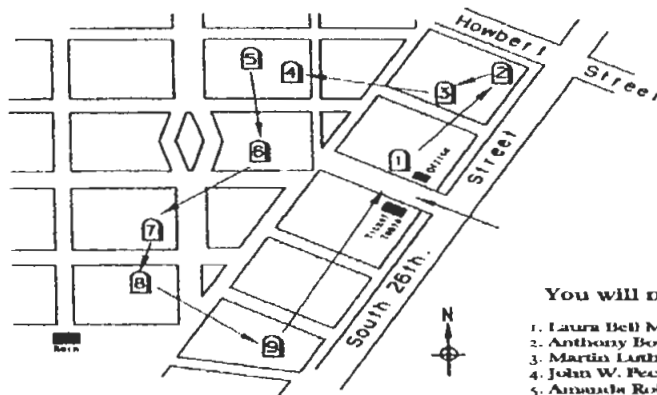
Founder's Day, which is not a fund raiser, brought in \$919 gross, which includes a generous \$500 grant by the Pikes Peak National Bank. \$151 was from Bake Sales in the Cabin. Visitors to Old Colorado City like our baked goods! Do you suppose the traditional log cabin walls make the cookies taste better? \$48 was our cut from the Face Painter. The little kids like their faces painted.

Needed maintenance on our building and grounds is gradually being bought and paid for. We are sharing the \$1,360 cost of repairing the sidewalks with the City's 'Tree Root' program. Our share will be \$680. Gutters have been cleaned out, and part of the outdoor painting needed has been done. At a cost of over \$1,000!

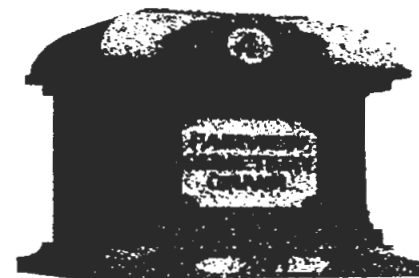
So July - and so far August - are helping us accumulate reserves for the winter. The Old Colorado City Historical Society is not in recession!

Dave Hughes
Treasurer

Fairview Cemetery Old Colorado city



Please be respectful of the residents who now rest in Fairview Cemetery by leaving the grounds and markers undisturbed and depositing trash in the trash cans at the Fairview Cemetery Crawl entrance.



You will meet:

1. Laura Bell McDaniel (1861-1928)
2. Anthony Bott (1835-1916)
3. Martin Luther McKnight (1894-1956)
4. John W. Peck (1876-1957)
5. Annabelle Robinson (1877-1914)
6. Blanche Burton (1859-1909)
7. Hattie Hedger Frost (1862-1950)
8. Louise Koch (1876-1961)
9. John C. McCrary (1869-1956)

Portrayed by:

- Lindsay Clark
- Dave Hughes
- Don Ellis
- Larry Blaszcz
- Debbie Sporn* (Sunday)
- Jean Christopher
- Tami McConigal
- Marta Curry
- LaRue Eberole*

* Descendant of the person portrayed

From the Bookstore

By: Agnes Johnson

If you ever wondered what life was like for a pioneer family crossing the continent you'll be fascinated when you read, "Daily life in a covered Wagon," by Paul Erickson.



The author first introduces the journey from Independence to Oregon with a map depicting the route of the hazardous trip. James H. Polk was some of the impetus for much of the trek to the West when he promised Americans, "all of Oregon or War," since Great Britain claimed part of Oregon.

The author follows the 1853 journey of the Larkin Family consisting of Hiram Larkin - 35; Hetty Larkin - 33, his wife; the children Rachel 14, Abraham 10, Rebecca 7 and Margaret 3. Also included is a hired 18 year old orphan known as Mathew, or Matt Bel Knap. His task will be taking care of the stock and hunting.

In Independence Hiram buys a new wagon. At \$11.00 it is the most expensive purchase he makes. The description of the wagon from Hetty's diary reads, "the wagon looks so nice with the white cover. It is plenty high enough for me to stand straight under the roof. Once it starts rolling with everything packed away, ship-shape, it will be a prairie schooner indeed!" An explanation of the parts of the wagon is shown. I never knew the parts of a wagon. Did you know the wheel rims were iron and heated until they expanded before put into place? All sorts of good stuff to know!

On pages 10-11 pictures show articles they placed inside. Guess where they put eggs and china.

A very interesting section is on communications and how they sent messages back home. The materials used were startling. Pranksters existed back then also. The responsibilities of Captain Bonner are given.

Other chapters deal with daily chores, cooking, hitching up the wagon, the landmarks on the trail, Indian Tribes, etc.

A favorite time for Hattie was called nooning. She didn't have to cook and could rest from carrying her youngest daughter all morning.

A sad chapter reads, "mishaps", this pictures some of the problems encountered with sick oxen, down wagons, illnesses and difficult terrain to cross.

They were at Independence Rock on the 4th of July and the train celebrated. Many climbed the rock to carve their signatures. (many names still exist to this day) There was ample food consisting of antelope, sage hens, rabbit, fresh bread and a real treat cucumbers, brought from Missouri. They danced until late at night

Cholera killed many and it was clever how they tried to protect the graves from Indian robbers.

Many years ago the children and I rode in a covered wagon in Cody, Wyoming. I'll never forget how uncomfortable that ride was, and how sore my body felt. It gave me a greater appreciation for the women who walked those many miles, and I could see why.

My friend, Gloria, walked part of the reenactment of the push-cart Mormon Trek. She said it was a glorious experience for her. I marveled at her stamina.

I think of the sacrifices made in leaving homes, family, friends, and precious possessions behind to face the new frontier. Their diaries make engaging reading. The last chapter is titled "Oregon at last", and is devoted to their arrival in Oregon and how the Larkin's fared in their new land.

Jan Knox recommended the book, "Pioneer Voices from Plymouth to Breckinridge", by Cynthia Peabody Anderson. This chronicles the Peabody Family over eleven generations. The emphasis is mainly on the women of the Peabody Clan and their roll in shaping later centuries of Peabody women. There are many bibliographies of various members—all of which are absorbing reading. A book that should be of interest to those tracing their own genealogy as well as a wealth of interesting history.

October 12-13

25th Annual Decorative Painters' Bazaar

(at the History Center) Hand painted items for home, gifts, or fun and fancy.

Friday October 19 - 9 a.m.— 7 p.m.

Saturday October 20 - 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

(Setup Thursday October 18 2p.m. — 6 p.m.)

Crafts in Bancroft Park

Every Saturday through October 6th

Seventh Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour

Sunday, December 2 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Refreshments & drawing at the Old Colorado City Historical Society History Center at 1 South 24th Street.

Fourth Annual Fairview Cemetery Crawl

Saturday and Sunday, September 8 & 9

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

General Meetings at History Center every

2nd Friday at 11:a.m. program to be announced.

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God shed his grace on thee



Dan Loh / AP

On September 11, 2001 terrorists changed the course of history and the world forever. The world as we knew it, the world our children and grandchildren will live in will never be the same.

I have heard it said that to evaluate history in a true perspective we must wait at least fifty years. Do any of you believe that the attack on the World Trade Center towers in New York will take fifty years to evaluate? Maybe the nuance, the final count of the dead and missing, but the impact is already being felt. Our lives are a little less secure, a little more complicated, more fearful. That but by the grace of God, with all our military installations, we were not chosen. We watch in sadness, horror, frustration, anger and disbelief the many pictures as they are beamed directly in real time into our homes. If ever the statement that 'we live in historic times' is true, today is that day.

History is what has happened a minute ago, yesterday, last week or fifty years ago. At the Old Colorado City Historical Society we look at things that happened for

the most part before most of us were born. We delve into the past. That is as it should be, for Colorado City has had an interesting past and we should have an appreciation of how our forefathers lived, did business and the society around them, the world they lived in and the trials and tribulations they faced.

The threats they faced were immediately at hand - disease, starvation, hostile Indians, a hard life with an uncertain future. We study them by reading diaries, looking at photos, reading old newspapers and many other sources. But in many ways we really have no idea of the life they led. While we may not fully appreciate nor understand that type of life the world we live in and the threats we face were beyond their wildest imagination.

Some of us were around for WWII, even a few for WWI. So actually all we know first hand is about fifty years old. Think about that for a minute. Fifty years ago there were no televisions giving live pictures, no interstate highways, no microwaves, no computers, no cell phones nor most of the

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Seventy-five Years Ago

October 1924

Class work will start next Monday in the West Junior High, making the opening just one month late. The enrollment, which was begun on Wednesday, will total approximately 450. The building is complete, with the exception of the big auditorium and the gymnasium, and is one of the finest in the state, along with the North and South Junior High buildings. Mental tests for pupils new to the district were put on Wednesday morning under the direction of Principal R. M. Grindle at 9 a. m. At 8:30 Thursday morning, enrollment of the seventh grade was put under way, and enrollment of the eighth grade was opened at 10:30. The ninth grade enrollment start at 1:30. The class work will begin at 8:30 Monday. A splendid corps of teachers has been booked, and it is expected a record year of accomplishment will be made by the local schools. The teaching force is as follows: Miss Harmony Wadsworth, Miss Jennie Kingsley, Miss Mary A. J. Ballard, Mrs. Minnie Crowder, Miss Norma Burch, Mrs. Margaret W. Taylor, Miss Della Campbell, Mr. James Chapman, Mr. Ralph Hubbard, Mr. L. O. Wattenbarger, Miss Mildred Mays, Miss Esther Brown, Mr. Byron Read, Miss Marie Rowland, Miss Pearl Brennicke, Miss Anna Meier, Mr. Lowell Mills, Mr. V. Worley, Mrs. E. Mills, Mrs. Bessie Eastwood, Miss Alice Craig. The work on the auditorium and the gymnasium is being rushed and will be completed in a very short time. 10/3 *C.S. Independent*

Thinking she had arrived home in Colorado Springs, a soiled lady with a large bottle and a large jag got off a street car from Manitou a few nights ago. While not by appointment, Chief of Police Wolfe met her, and seeing that she tracked poorly, he escorted her to the city building. For his kindness, she deliberately whacked him over the head with a bottle of booze, which was hid in her sock, and which the modest chief had overlooked in his tour of inspection. No matter how

dry he was inside, he was wet outside. And no doubt as the booze trickled down his extremities, he felt as though he had fallen into the creek. We understand he was able to prove an alibi on arrival home. 10/3 *C.S. Independent*

. D. Hawkins of Wood avenue and H. C. Frawley, reporter on the Gazette, were arrested at six o'clock yesterday morning by Officer Kaltenberger, while doing the West Side. A bottle of hooch was found in the car, and both, apparently, had sampled the contents freely. Hawkins drove the car, while Frawley made a tour of certain rooming houses. The former sped down Colorado avenue at entirely too lively a clip, and made the turn at the intersection of Twenty-fifth street and Colorado avenue, barely missing the curb, as the car skidded, about to go back up the avenue. Frawley, seeing Hawkins nabbed, attempted to make his get-away on a street car but was plucked from the steps as he boarded. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when the offenders were brought into police court, it was decided to continue the case till today. They were released. 10/10 *C.S. Independent*

An open meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, held in the old W.O.W. hall at the corner of Twenty-fifth street and Colorado avenue Saturday evening, pulled a large crowd, and a second public meeting will be held by the Klan next Sunday afternoon at the same place. Dr. Brown of Atlanta, Georgia, a national lecturer for the order, was the principle speaker, and held his audience for an hour and a half. He was introduced by Rev. O. J. McJunkin of the West Side Baptist church. The burden of his talk was the Klan is not opposed to the constitution, but has as its purpose the upbuilding of the constitution and the enforcement of the law, that it is opposed to no religion or religious freedom farther than that religion is opposed to the constitution and untrue to the nation. It is stated by a local Klansman that there are 1,000 member of the Klan in Colorado Springs at this time. 10/10 *C.S. Independent*

J. J. Wheeler, 73 years of age, and almost old enough to know better, was arrested Sunday for bootlegging at his home, 381 Midland place, and given thirty days.

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Westside Memories Continued from page 5

This month has been open season on bootleggers, and the police have winged a good many of them. None of the officers, however, has taken the season limit, and all are supposed to be still active. Some arrests have been made on the West Side.

10/10 C.S. Independent

Joe Unser of this city met with a serious motorcycle accident in Colorado Springs Sunday afternoon, when his machine collided with an electric driven by Mrs. C. C. Hemming, on North Cascade avenue. Joe received a broken leg and some bruises. The boy riding with him has a fractured skull and other injuries. Both are in the hospital. The motorcycle was badly wrecked. Mrs. Hemming was turning in to her home as Joe attempted to pass on the right, his machine hitting the electric broadside with terrible force, as Joe, like other younger members of the Unser family, travels on "high" a good deal of the time. It is said the Hemmings will pay the hospital expense of the boys and for the repairs of the motorcycle. *10/10 C.S. Independent*

That West Colorado avenue is the busiest thoroughfare outside of a large city in the state of Colorado, is the assertion of statisticians who have made estimates on a fairly accurate basis. For fifteen hours each day, there is an average of eight autos per minute passing the Twenty-fifth street intersection of Colorado avenue. This is at the rate of 480 cars per hour, or a total of 7,200 for the fifteen hour period, and 216,000 each thirty days. In the summer, during the tourist season, these figures are doubled, or very nearly so. Any evening when the weather is pleasant, and during the morning, noon and 6 p.m. rush, the traffic is as heavy as on any street in Colorado Springs. *10/17 C.S. Independent*

The W. W. Butler residence at the corner of Twenty-second street and West Pikes Peak was purchased this past week by Sol Hutton of Hill City, Kansas. This is one of the nice residences of the West Side. The deal, totaling \$7,000 was put through by the Gorman Realty company, which concern also handled the sale of the business property at 2507-2509 West Colorado avenue, belonging to O. L. Bates. Pete Javine was the purchaser. The consideration in this deal was \$8,000. *10/24*

C.S. Independent

That speeding on West Colorado avenue has come to be an all too common occurrence regardless of the best efforts of the speed cop, is the statement of residents along the busy thoroughfare connecting the East and West Sides. One, or even two, policemen cannot cover the three miles of paving, and with no motorcycle officer in sight, drivers tear down the paving at thirty-five to forty miles per hour, and think nothing of it. Monday, two Ford cars, one a delivery truck, raced at top speed for several blocks, with the man in the lead spending most of his time looking back at the one behind. A car coming in from a side driven by a careless driver would have meant a wreck. Colorado's casualty per cent was among the highest of the nation, per capita, and such driving does not tend to reduce hazards. *10/31 C.S. Independent*

Fifty Years Ago

October 1949

A. G. Hill, owner of Seven Falls and millionaire Texas oil man, was assured by City Council yesterday that the city will extend electricity, gas, water and sewer facilities to Hill's elaborate subdivision on the mesa east of the Garden of the Gods. During the regular meeting of Council yesterday, City Manager Kenneth R. Card read a report submitted by Ted Hohl, manager of the Public Utilities Dept., on the probable cost for extending the facilities. David Strickler, attorney for Hill, pointed out that Hill doesn't plan to start construction until next March "but we would like to know how we stand before then." Hill's plans for the development call for an elaborate California-type clubhouse, shopping center, a 100-unit apartment hotel, three churches, school, fire station, ice pond, stables and numerous parkways. The 1630-acre tract has been sub-divided into 900 one-acre homesites, but none will be available for at least a year, Hill said. The clubhouse will be on a 40-acre tract. *10/12 C.S. Gazette*

Dorothy Lamour, actress wife of Advertising Executive William Ross Howard III, gave birth tonight to a 7 pound, 2 ½ ounce son, her second, at Good Samaritan Hospital. The son will be named Richard Thomson Howard after her husband's grandfather. The Howards have one other son, Ridgley, 3 ½'. *10 21 C. S. Gazette*

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things we take for granted. A world much simpler and much different from ours.

We knew who our friends were and who was the enemy. Today we have a different perspective of the world. While theirs was black and white our world is mostly gray. We don't know exactly who the enemy is, or who our friends are. But I truly believe that history will tell that we sorted it all out. We not only found out who was who, but overcame those who were bent on the destruction of our freedom and our way of life.

The next and most critical stage of "history" is upon us. If ever there was a time to pray it is now. Let us not forget that each and every one of us should be Proud to be an American!

Abraham Lincoln in his address at Gettysburg said it best. His words then are apropos today with very minor changes.

Imagine him speaking today at the WTC

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground.

The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.

America: The Good Neighbor

Widespread but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, a Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When France was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the International lines except Russia fly American Planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times - and safely home again.

You talk about scandals, and the Americans put their right in the store window for everybody to look at.

Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian

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Good Neighbor continued

who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of those."

Stand proud, America!



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**Don't forget the next monthly meeting
will be held on October 19th**
The History Center opens at 10 a.m. on the day
of the meeting for refreshments and visitation.
The program begins at 11 a.m.

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Bookstore cnt'd from page 8

Mr. Harris records how difficult some of the shots are to make in the darkness. Even though you may not be interested in caving or caves, the photos are so beautiful that it makes the book doubly valuable.

Many of the other prominent caves in Colorado are also shown.

With the publishing of the first cave book, cavers were concerned that vandalism and less knowledgeable persons would do irreparable harm to the fragile environment if they became know, Mr. Rhinehart cautions to "leave as though you had never been there." Also like other sports one should never cave alone.

Some caves have been closed in the interests of Scientific Research. Porcupine Cave in South Park, where animal bones 2 million years old have been found. Hourglass Cave near Vail where an 8 thousand year old prehistoric body was found is another one closed.

If you'd like to know where the closest caving can be found, read the book or contact your local speleological society for information or join a group from that society.

A fabulous book!!

Treasurer's Report

Our liquidity continues to increase, as we started September with \$16,680 available. We can report by the end of 2001 that our operation reached the \$50,000 a year level for the first time.

The Cemetery Crawl that took place in September was a great financial success. With virtually no costs, we and the bookstore grossed over \$1,350 - twice what was taken in last year. Not many Pepsi's were sold though. Too chilly!

The Craft Fairs continued to attract crafters paying \$15 each for booths in the Park. \$7,348 has been collected through the end of August.

It would be nice if we could charge the State of Colorado Interest for their use of our money. We still have not received the reimbursement check for \$3,591 which they owe us, that we spent out of our own funds back in May to complete the Guide Book. But I guess its as good as cash in the bank.

Our costs continue to be low.

The Board submitted a Grant Request for \$5,000 to the Independence Foundation - recently created by the Independent newspaper - so that we can complete our Website based Data Base that has been several years in the making. We pledged \$2,000 of our own funds to help match the \$5,000 request.

Dave Hughes, Treasurer.

**Message from the President of the Old
Colorado City Historical Society**

We have had a busy, useful summer. Jan Knox and Agnes Johnson have contributed to it regularly. Betty Baker, Martha Curry and Larry VanWert and others have helped with the mailing.

Nadine Gilman and her volunteers have about finished the big task of accessioning and cataloging the books and magazines in our resource library. La Donna Gunn, archivist, has trained Jo Cervone to put all these records in our database. She is also helping Cyndy Estes with a plan for continuing accessing our artifacts and collections in the basement.

Betsy Evans is in charge of selling our new guidebook which has been selling very well. We hope to have Cathleen Norman do a book signing. We members need to buy and help sell our thousands of these books.

The Founders' Day Celebration had many people attend, and our Saturday Crafts in the Park have been enormously successful bringing in many dollars. Jan Knox organized these craft fairs with the help of Pat and John Wright. Kudos to Jan for these very successful events, which continues on into the first week of October.

Lastly our 4th annual Cemetery Crawl was the most successful one so far with around 300 people attending. Many thanks to our role players: Lindsay Clark, Dave Hughes, Don Ellis, Larry Blasen, Dottie Spann, Jean Christopher, Tami McGonigal, Martha Curry, Larue Ebersole plus all the guides and ticket takers. My point is we did all these events with these many dedicated volunteers. They have my heartfelt thanks.

Bev Disch, President

OCCHS Arts & CRAFTS in the Park

Summer is about over

October 6 will be the last day for Arts and Crafts in the Park.

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In Bancroft Park - Old Colorado City -
24th & Colorado Avenue,
Colorado Springs

If you are interested in receiving information on being a vendor,
please call Pat Wright (719) 527-0393 or Jan Knox (719) 689-2355

HALLOWEEN A HISTORY

Halloween is an annual celebration, but just what is it actually a celebration of? And how did this peculiar custom originate? Is it, as some claim, a kind of demon worship? Or is it just a harmless vestige of some ancient pagan ritual?

The word itself, "Halloween," actually has its origins in the Catholic Church. It comes from a contracted corruption of All Hallows Eve. November 1, "All Hollows Day" (or "All Saints Day"), is a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints. But, in the 5th century BC, in Celtic Ireland, summer officially ended on October 31. The holiday was called Samhain (sow-en), the Celtic New year.

One story says that, on that day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the afterlife. The Celts believed all laws of space and time were suspended during this time, allowing the spirit world to intermingle with the living.

Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So on the night of October 31, villagers would extinguish the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of ghoulish costumes and noisily paraded around the neighborhood, being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

Probably a better explanation of why the Celts extinguished their fires was not to discourage spirit possession, but so that all the Celtic tribes could relight their fires from a common source, the Druidic fire that was kept burning in the Middle of Ireland, at Usinach.

Some accounts tell of how the Celts would burn someone at the stake who was thought to have already been possessed, as sort of a lesson to the spirits. Other accounts of Celtic history debunk these stories as myth.

The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840's by Irish immigrants fleeing their country's potato

famine. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhinging fence gates.

The custom of trick-or-treating is thought to have originated not with the Irish Celts, but with a ninth-century European custom called souling. On November 2, All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes the beggars would receive, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors.

The Jack-o-lantern custom probably comes from Irish folklore. As the tale is told, a man named Jack, who was notorious as a drunkard and trickster, tricked Satan into climbing a tree. Jack then carved an image of a cross in the tree's trunk, trapping the devil up the tree. Jack made a deal with the devil that, if he would never tempt him again, he would promise to let him down the tree.

According to the folk tale, after Jack died, he was denied entrance to Heaven because of his evil ways, but he was also denied access to Hell because he had tricked the devil. Instead, the devil gave him a single ember to light his way through the frigid darkness. The ember was placed inside a hollowed-out turnip to keep it glowing longer.

The Irish used turnips as their "Jack's lanterns" originally. But when the immigrants came to America, they found that pumpkins were far more plentiful than turnips. So the Jack-O-Lantern in America was a hollowed-out pumpkin, lit with an ember.

So, although some pagan groups, cults, and Satanists may have adopted Halloween as their favorite "holiday," the day itself did not grow out of evil practices. It grew out of the rituals of Celts celebrating a new year, and out of Medieval prayer rituals of Europeans. And today, even many churches have Halloween parties or pumpkin carving events for the kids. After all, the day itself is only as evil as one cares to make it.



From the Bookstore

By: Agnes Johnson

When I saw the book "Colorado Caves, Hidden Worlds beneath the Peaks" it brought back forgotten memories of my youth.

A neighborhood group, I've forgotten who belonged, used to crawl in holes in the canyon above the Cliff House in Manitou. The holes were in both sides of the narrow road. We slithered through spaces and wiggled through tight places on quite a few Saturdays. I don't think my parents knew about this.

My exploring ended when the radio and an extra edition of the newspaper announced a young man was trapped in a cave (I think in Kentucky) and all attempts at rescue failed. I had nightmares for a while, for I had been scared a few times.

The author Richard J. Rheinart has been exploring caves since 1974. The marvelous photographs are by Davis Harris who collaborated on this edition. There are more than 250 caves in Colorado. Most appear as holes or slits in the ground. Prospectors discovered many caves and most have to be excavated.

Geologists state that large deposits of gypsum, sulfur and other minerals found in caves began from hydrogen sulfide waters "ascending" from deep oil wells. Is this why energy companies are targeting Colorado for further explorations?

Floods and rapid water also dissolve the limestone away. Minerals are carried to fill caves parts with deposits of gold, silver, copper etc. Aspen and Leadville are examples of his formation.

Two types of caves have yet to be found in Colorado. Those are lava tubes and sea caves. On page 54 are three photos that depict the formation on how caves are formed.

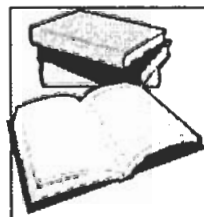
There are many references to our familiar Caves of the Winds and striking photos by Mr. Harris. The author states the discovery of the Cave by Arthur Love and follows with George W. Snider and his many problems maintaining ownership. His pathetic demise and burial in Evergreen with his relative's lack of providing a head stone!

How some of the rooms in the Cave were named makes interesting reading.

Mr. Rheinart cites some of the dangers in caving and describes the Goose Creek tragedy, and these were experienced Spelunkers. Read the fascinating story of the Spanish cavers and the mysterious light.

You'll be amazed to find who lives underground. We know bats do, but you will be surprised to learn of many others.

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