



A GRAND LEGACY

Creative People of Cripple Creek

By
Leland Feitz

During the 40 years I had a summer home in Cripple Creek, I met some of the most interesting creative people I have ever known. I have often wondered why so much talent collected at this remote place on the back side of Pikes Peak. But, it did.



LOWELL THOMAS was not born in the famed goldcamp, but he grew up in Victor and kept coming back all through his life. The famous broadcaster and world traveler wrote over 30 books. He

was a familiar face on theater screens through Fox Movie Tone News. His Cinerama Production Company produced three full length films seen around the world.

One of his early District school teachers, MABLE BARBEE LEE, became a best selling writer after

retirement. Her Cripple Creek Days and Back in Cripple Creek were two of her great successes.

DOROTHY and WAYNE MACKIN were for more than 40 years the producers of the famous Imperial Hotel Melodrama. Dorothy became the authority on how melodrama ought to be done. Her book on that subject was published by Sterling of New York in 1982. She was also the author of a book about the hotel.

RUFUS PORTER, the "hardrock poet" published four books of poetry and wrote articles for several western magazines. JULIAN DAVIS, another mining man, published one book of poetry.

The painting of CHARLES FRIZELL who spent several years in Cripple Creek and Victor can be seen in the collections of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center and the Sangre de Cristo Center in Pueblo. The paintings of CHERRY HUNTER are to be found in collections throughout the country including that of Colin Powell.

LINDA GOODMAN, the world famous astrologer spent the last 25 years of her life in Cripple Creek. Her books, Love Signs and Sun Signs and others sold by the millions all over the world.

The Last Gold Rushes, one of the finest illustrated history books about the District was written by long time resident RAY DRAKE with the help of BILL GRIMSTAD. HAZEL BUNKER's book about St.

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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 establishment of a History Center.

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are welcome at any time. Membership renewals are due on the anniversary date of the initial membership. Members receive the West Word newsletter, discounts, local meetings and programs.

Annual membership classifications are:

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

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

OCCHS Monthly Meeting & Program is held at 11 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except during June, July, and August. 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. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Next Monthly Meeting
March 11, 2005
at the History Center



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Andrews Church is generally thought of as being one of the most attractively printed and bound books ever written by a Cripple Creek writer.

BRIAN LEVINE who was at one time the city's historical preservation director has written 5 books about District people and places. His finest work, Cripple Creek, City of Influence, was published by the city of Cripple Creek. His book about the Portland Mine was written with his friend JOE VANDERWALKER who was well known for his camera talent.

In more recent years, JAN MACKELL has come to be known as the "historical voice" of the city. Her book, Cripple Creek District Last of Colorado's Gold Booms is the best thing to have been published since Marshall Sprague's Money Mountain, 50 years ago. Another Cripple Creek writer who has published some fascinating books about the area is KATHI McIVER.

The voices of BOB and RICK LAYS became popular with Cripple Creek audiences through their Palace Hotel appearances before they became known in Colorado Springs opera chorale and musical comedy circles.

HOPE SMITH delighted Palace Hotel diners with her piano artistry, VITUS NEILSON, the blind piano player at the Cripple Creek Inn was one of that city's great talents. One time mayor NORBIE LARSON, became a regional country and western singer. There were recordings.

VICKI HALE and MYKE MINOW added life to many Cripple Creek gatherings with their professional voices. Both women had been night club entertainers before they moved to that city. Vicki is remembered for how her voice and piano livened up crowds in the Imperial Hotel's Red Rooster Lounge. Myke was the writer and producer of 1977's Peard DeVere Affair, a musical that played The Palace Hotel.

DANNY GRIFFITH was featured at the piano at the Imperial melodrama for 22 years. During that time, he recorded 11 long play records featuring the music

of the gay 90's.

MAX MORATH "the ragtime man" who preceded Danny at the Imperial did not live there long, but he had a strong Cripple Creek identity owing to his years at the hotel and because of the rags he wrote that were named for goldcamp landmarks. He was there to help celebrate the city's centennial and back again to open the new Butte Theater.

Earlier there were other creative Cripple Creek people. I have included the names of only those I came to know during the years I was also a part of that community.

A book to be published during the late spring of 2005 will be made up of mini-biographies of some 30 Cripple Creek-Victor persons who have left their mark on their world. The above article has been pulled from the manuscript of that book to be called, Colorful Characters of Cripple Creek.

The President's Report

On Wednesday, February 3, 2005 Mrs. Marietta Herold came in to see the case which houses part of the wonderful pharmaceutical collection she gave us that Liz Geiss had a master carpenter build us. Mrs. Herold not only paid for the case but gave us a substantial donation as well. She is so happy to have their collection in our museum which will be constantly showing the collection on a rotating basis. When she heard we give tours for school children to see our exhibits, she was so pleased because her husband wanted children to see real bottles and jars from old time pharmacies. She was pleased to have her picture taken beside this exhibit case. Thank you Mrs. Herold for collecting and donating this extensive collection.

Bev Disch

OCCHS President

Membership Facts

Betty Baker at the February Board Meeting brought us up to date with our membership status. As Treasurer I am keenly interested in being able to project rather accurately what we take in annually, and what our real costs to support members comes to. Betty with the computerized mailing list done by Gordon Gray, keeps accurate records of our members and when their annual memberships expire. They work hard at it.

As of February Betty reports we have 237 members, 56 of whom are 'Lifetime' having paid \$150 for it in recent years, all of which went into our Endowment Fund.

181 are Annual members, 141 of whom are \$20 a year Individual and 40 are \$25 a year-Family.

If all renew this calendar year, either on their own, or in response to the mailed renewal reminder letter (and up to two follow up phone calls by Betty), pay their renewal, we will receive \$2,820 from Individual Memberships and \$1,000 from Family memberships in 2005. That totals \$3,820, which is about 17% of our total annual income.

However it costs us, by my calculations, approximately \$5.50 a year to print, and mail our 10 newsletters to each member. And with first class postage, a printed reminder letter, and membership card, that comes at the anniversary to approximately \$.50, or a total of \$6.00 per member per year to support them all even those out of town.

So your Society gains \$14 a year from Individual memberships and \$19 a year from Family memberships or a total of \$2,734 for us to cover our general other expenses. About 3 months of our operating costs.

Betty reports that the number of members seems to hold pretty constant, with about as many members dropping off, as are added annually.

Dave Hughes
Treasurer

Memories of yore

By
Arlene Casey & Jan Knox

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

2 ½ acres on R. R. track, good location for gas tanks, coal or lumber; 5 acres close in for chicken ranch; 12 H.P. kerosene engine, new. 3419 W. Colo. Ave. Phone Hyland 28-W

Auction Sale

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 320 N. Tejon, 1 o'clock, Sharp— Lot more of new sheepskin coats, leather coats, khaki pants, wool shirts, wool and cotton hose, leather puttees, army shoes, 50 pairs good blankets, Columbia graphonola, like new; one table size Victor, extra good dressers and chiffoniers, good dining room furniture, tea wagon, library tables, set leather seat chairs, lot of odd chairs and rockers, beds, complete; 2 good coal ranges, 10 Cole hot blast heaters, rugs, large and small; electric lamp, Willard radio A battery, 4-wheel auto trailer, nice lot of good carpenter tools, chick protector, refrigerators, dishes and cook utensils. Articles too numerous to mention.

H. Anderson, Auctioneer

2 room furnished cottage, 4 months for \$30. 1403 West Cucharas.

Small cottage, modern conveniences, clean, warm, adults, \$12.50.

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Ladies—Learn Beauty Culture. Our well-known system paves the way to success. Positions waiting at big pay or locations for business of your own. Catalog mailed

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free. Moler College, 1229 17th St., Denver, Colo.

Wanted—Bookkeeper and stenographer for steady position. Good wages, steady position. Age 25 to 30 years. Reference required. K-441 Gazette-Telegraph.

Wanted—Woman to do housework; small family, 2219 W. Kiowa

Colorado Springs Gazette – Tuesday, January 13, 1925

Follow Up Safety Campaign Urged by Chief H. D. Harper
 Value of No Accident Week Obvious with Elimination of Traffic Accidents Since January 7, Midway in Drive; May Impose More Rigid Test for Drivers

Safety week, ending yesterday, accomplished much good, cut down the region's percentage of accidents, and was the first step in what the city Chief of Police H. D. Harper, chairman of the Elks committee in charge of the safety drive, is well pleased with the results accomplished.

The "Careful, Competent Drivers league" probably will become a permanent organization. Members of this association have obtained drivers' licenses and will assist in every way possible to cut down accidents.

"Our campaign has a psychological effect," Chief Harper said yesterday. "We have not had a traffic accident since January 7, midway in the drive. We intend to follow up the work of education and instruction in traffic laws we hope will be continued in the city schools. The majority of the accidents in Colorado Springs occur following the tourist season. When summer arrives, the townspeople seem to tighten up and are more careful in the congested streets. When the visitors leave and traffic is a lesser problem, our local drivers begin to take chances.

CANNOT AFFORD TO SLOW UP NOW

"We have taken a step in the right direction, but we cannot afford to stop now. The education we have started must be followed up. There is no excuse whatsoever for the incompetent driver. Every driver should learn his car, know its parts, and what they are for, and not be afraid of his machine when his is under fire. I am of the opinion that people who are not really competent drivers can, by careful study and practice, educate themselves until they can drive safely.

"Unless we can continue to cut very materially the number of avoidable accidents, it will be necessary to impose much more rigid tests for drivers. We would make all persons who have an automobile accident undergo a severe examination. Tests of sight, hearing and coordination of mind and muscle in an emergency would be given to determine how quickly the mind acts in moments of stress. I really believe that such tests would eliminate nearly 50 per cent of those who now drive cars.

"The whole trouble does not rest with the driver, of course. The pedestrian should realize that there are certain duties which devolve upon him. He should not jay-walk and should be careful in walking near a row of parked cars. It is

only by the autoist realizing the pedestrian's rights, and the pedestrian the rights of the driver, that we can expect to accomplish something in safety.

Ad from Colorado Springs Gazette—January 13, 1925

Arapahoe Food Stores Co. Do Your Way—Canning or Casing—You will Find One of the Three Arapahoe Stores a Conventional Trading Place— THREE STORES— 128 N. TEJON ST. 128 S. TEJON ST. 2431 W. COLORADO AVE.			STEAKS T-Bone, Porterhouse, Rib-Cut, Round, per lb. 17c
Roasts Best Cut of Shoulder or Round, per pound 12c			
Turnips, Carrots, 5 lbs. 25c		Parsnips, Spinach, 2 lbs. 25c	
Rib-Roll Per lb. 6c	Fresh Hamburger Steak Per lb. 10c	Fresh Beef Brisket 2 lbs. 25c	
Fresh Pork Bones Per lb. 5c	Fresh Spare Ribs Per lb. 15c	Fresh Side Pork Per lb. 20c	
Fresh Skinned Pork Shoulders, per lb. 14c			
Loin Pork Chops Per lb. 22c	Loin Pork Steaks Per lb. 19c	Pork Chops, Bone, or Loin, 2 lbs. 35c	
Pork Shoulder Roast Per lb. 17c	Loin Pork Roast Per lb. 19c	Fresh Ham, Half or Whole, Per lb. 19c	
Veal Chops or Outlets, per lb. 25c			
Veal Roast Per lb. 14c	Rib Lamb Chops Per lb. 42c	Shoulder Lamb Chops Per lb. 28c	
Sausage Links Per lb. 12c	Frankfurters Per lb. 17c	Bacon Meat Per lb. 20c	
Armour Shield Sugar Cured Hams, per lb. 21c			
Armour Dinner Ham, Sugar Cured, lb. 25c	Raw Leaf Lard 5 lbs. \$1.00	Fresh Oysters Per quart 85c	
Small-Oranges, Per dozen 15c Medium Grape Fruit 5c 12 for 55c Bushel Apples 97c Fancy Box Apples \$1.97 Best Butcher, 45 & 46c Gem Milk 24c Fresh Eggs 60c Tall Milk 10c Armour Milk 9 1/2c Fleischman Yeast 3 for 5c Chewing Gum, 3 for 10c Pure Sorghum— No. 2 1/2 34c No. 8 66c No. 10 \$1.28 Gallon Blackberries 90c Gallon Loganberries 90c Gallon Red Raspberries \$1.18 Gallon Strawberries \$1.18 Three gallon fruits acid pack, Piquette brand.			

Don't forget once again the **St. Patrick's day parade** will wend its way down Colorado Ave on Saturday March 12 strating at noon sharp. The Grand Marshal(s) will be units from Fort Carson representing both the Army and the Special Forces. A 5Km run will start at 10 and a commenc-croft Park Join in the one of the rades in old City.



will start at kids fun run ing at Ban-starts at 10. fun and watch grandest pa-Colorado

Erin Gobrah

Treasurer's Report

In approving the Final 2005 Budget the Board authorized the transfer of \$1,477 from the 2004 surplus, including memorials and lifetime memberships to the permanent endowment account. And then approved the investment of the \$67,000 which now represents the Untouchable Endowment fund, into a Pikes Peak Bank 12 month variable rate CD which at present earns 3.04%. As the Feds raise the interest rates this year which is fully expected, this can be expected to go up, not down. We can then decide whether to invest in a longer term fixed rate CD. Regardless we expect to earn at least \$1,664 interest this year. Anything higher is gravy. That still leaves us in 2005 with \$3,000 in the 'accumulated interest' from our Endowment over the past 2 years, which the Board holds ready for emergencies, as well as the \$5,000 Digital grant, both earning lower savings account rates.

The Board also at its February meeting approved the final 2005 Budget which projects approximately \$23,000 revenue from all sources including bookstore, fund raising events, center rental, and new or renewed memberships. Offsetting Expenses are projected to equal income unless we gain both unexpected gifts, or better income from our fund raising events. Which should leave us about \$20,000 in the bank in our operating accounts at the end of 2005.

So we are in good shape, with total monetary assets of over \$93,000. At cost our building and grounds and furnishings are worth over \$300,000.

In early February we were reimbursed \$950 for a special case we had made to house a rotating display of the extensive Pharmacy historical bottle collection, appraised at \$67,000 donated by Mrs Herold. She also generously made a \$500 donation to the Society at the same time.

We paid our annual cost for Director's Liability Insurance of \$894. In January. Our General Liability Policy for our Building and contents is coming up soon. We pay that \$1,000 annual cost monthly.

Betsy, who manages the Book Store and, for reasons of her requirement to pay Sales Tax from store sales keeps a separate bank account, has accepted the responsibility of receiving all revenue to the Society by Credit Card into her accounts. Since 90% of all credit card sales are from the Book Store,

and only a few other transactions such as B&B and other event ticket sales are by card, this will simplify greatly the accounting reconciliations we must make periodically.

Dave Hughes
Treasurer

Visitors to the History Center

Where did they come from? Well
the answer was surprising to me!

We had visitors from 41 states
Texas sent us the most
Then California
Then Ohio
Then Kansas

All of the above had more than 15
sign of guest book

We attracted visitors from 6 other
countries

England
Germany
Holland
France
Japan
and
Brazil

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COMING EVENTS
AT THE HISTORY CENTER

Saturday, February 26

2 p.m. Program: **The Midland Railroad**
presented by Mel McFarland, OCCHS member
and well-known Midland Railroad historian.
Come early for a seat!

Friday, March 11

10 a.m. Social Hour & Museum Visitation
11 a.m. General Meeting & Program Historic
character actor **Richard Marold** will portray

Winfield Scott Stratton and relate Stratton's con-
nections to Old Colorado City. \$3 donation, please.

Friday April 8

Dave Hughes will present the program. His topic
will be "Colorado, Colorado City, and the Civil
War". As a historian in all three areas, his perspec-
tive will give insight to the local events seldom dis-
cussed about this time period.

Deceased

Guy De Chadendes

Anna Hiskey