

March 14, 1986

## Dr. Robert Smith

### Our Next Speaker

Dr. Robert E. Smith, history instructor at Coronado High School, will speak to members on "Weather in the Pikes Peak Region: The Historical View" at our meeting April 11.

Dr. Smith has unique background in meteorology and geology, as well as a doctorate in history. For many years he was weatherman for Channel 11. His talk to us will follow a presentation on teaching methods to Air Force Academy instructors the week before.

He'll review the earliest visitors to the region, including Zebulon Pike and Stephen Long, and assess the effect of weather on their explorations. Among the interesting issues he'll raise is whether the present Castle Rock is the true "castle."

## Election of Board Members Is Topic in May Annual Meeting

By-laws of the Old Colorado City Historical Society call for an annual meeting "on or about the second Tuesday in the month of May" to elect the Board of Directors. Board members meet immediately following the election and choose officers from among themselves.

There are eleven on the board. Current members are:

Vera Chambon	David Hughes
Dave Clark	Flora Belle Hull
Ralph Conner	Agnes Johnson
Elva Dusten	John Keller
Watsy Evans	Leon Young
Adele Galvin	

It's time to plan for who will supply next year's leadership.

## Visitors and Guests:

Despite the absence of some of our most faithful members, we had 25 present for last month's program. Twenty stayed for the luncheon.

We neglected to welcome our visitors at the meeting, so we emphasize our appreciation here to visitors and guests in February: R. G. Garrison, and Gretchen Karnick.

## Old Colorado City Will Hear Music, Race, and Parade on St. Pat Day

The annual Westside St. Patrick's day observance will be Sunday, the 16th, climaxed by a parade down Colorado Avenue.

Scheduled are races for children and adults, a car show at Uintah Gardens shopping center, and the parade at 1. The parade will feature a number of marching bands, including those from local military installations and schools.

Several Scots Pipe Bands and Scottish and Irish Dance groups will parade and perform, echoing the early days of Colorado City. Luther McKnight recalls there was a Caledonian (Scots') band in the town's early days.

Races begin at 10 am. The parade, with two dozen entries, begins at 1:00, moving from 28th St. to 15th.

## Treasurer's Report:

	Currnt Endow	
Feb. 10 bal	566.89	815.00
Postge & stat	-28.36	
Chks& cash(Inchs)	+21.00	
Bank int. (-chgs)	+2.30	
Mar. 13 bal	561.83	815.00

## Whittier Historians Are Guests Today

"Places" and "People" will be the theme of the presentation at today's meeting by the History Team of Whittier School.

Seven fifth and sixth grade students will pass on results of their research at Penrose library. Mrs. Barbara Carter promoted the unique program with support from principal Ken Bailey. O.C.C.H.S. member Ralph Conner furnishes transportation and moral support.

Scheduled presentations are:

### Places

El Paso County and Colorado City Jails Ken Gimpelson

Colorado City Industry: Ute Pass Paint Co. Ernest Schilling

A Visit to a Colorado City Bar; Jobs in Colorado City

Brian Grantham

Stuart's Bicycle Shop

Johanna Andersen

### People

Luther McKnight

Johanna Andersen

Pikes Peak Marathon Patti Smith

Julia Holmes, Louis Unser, and James Smith Kelly Matt

A. Belle Diemer Sarah Beatty

## Memberships

To bring lists up to date in time for our annual meeting in May, the Secy.-Treas. will invite members to renew their memberships at our April meeting. Individual membership is \$5; family membership \$10; Life Membership is \$100. Those who have joined recently need not renew.

## Ed Berry Enriched by Family History, But Not with Wealth

Ed Berry followed his family history at our February meeting from the last invasion of England to his own thwarted effort to locate the "family fortune" in New Mexico.

With rare good humor, he filled us in on both the eminent and the embarrassing on his family tree, illustrating the joys of genealogy and filling in interesting details of the region's earliest history.

He similarly covered the history and legends of St. Valentine's Day, growing out of practices of pagan Rome and legends of the Roman Catholic Church.

While he picks up roots of the family name among Julius Caesar's retired veterans who settled in France, the Berry's first step towards their ultimate destiny in Colorado came when the Duc du Berry of central France joined William the Conqueror of Normandy in the invasion of Britain in 1066. For his assistance, Berry was given control of the southern Devon coast of England.

### NOBLE OR COMMONER?

One of the disappointments of genealogy that Ed Berry accepts gracefully—an unanswerable question—is whether he is descended from the noble family itself, or from peasants who ultimately took the name of their feudal lord as their own family name.

In any case, a major move for the Berrys came during Oliver Cromwell's Commonwealth, when Royalists were unwelcome in Britain and Caleb and John Berry hiked two hundred miles to London and took ship for the New World, arriving 22 years after the Pilgrims, and 124 years ahead of the Declaration of Independence.

Another strain of the family, also originally from northern France, is the Doyle. Joseph Doyle, born in Virginia in 1842, came west at age 23 for two years as a beaver trapper and buffalo hunter. Impressed with Bent's Fort, Doyle traded in northern New Mexico and, with two partners, established a trading post where Pueblo is now. Later, the partnership sank considerable money into building Fort Barclay in northern New Mexico, hoping to sell it to the army. Instead, the army built Fort Union and Barclay gradually withered. Doyle and his partners eventually sold their interests for a fourth of their original costs.

### THE TWO FAMILIES JOIN

The two families came together after the Civil War when a Berry kidnapped a Doyle daughter from a convent near Trinidad and married her.

Doyle died in Denver in 1864 and Berry inherited a sizeable ranch, which he gambled away within a year. Ed Berry says he is certain his great grandfather Doyle amassed considerable wealth in gold pesos, and he confirmed that none of it was banked in Denver. It seems logical, says Mr. Berry, that it was buried somewhere on the Doyle ranch in New Mexico, but he was chased off the ranch by its present owners when he ventured to search for it.

He uncovered many other traces of the family: a Doyle involved in the purchase of Manhattan Island; Alphious Berry as a newspaper editor in Arkansas and Missouri, who challenged Republican editors to duels, and who later lied about his age to enlist in the Spanish-American War. That experience, and his subsequent marriage to a Cuban woman, led to his immortalization in a novel by Edna Ferber. He lived to age 89.

## LOST AND FOUND

FOUND at our February meeting, a pair of dark, bi-focal glasses, between the church and the parking lot. See secretary Ralph Conner to claim them.

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The Old Colorado City Historical Society was formed to maintain the memory of Colorado City (1859-1917), to encourage research, to preserve historic buildings, mementos and pictures, and to keep alive the unique culture and spirit of Westside Colorado Springs.

### MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Friday of each month (except, perhaps, in the summer) at 11 a. m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1920 Henderson Avenue—across 19th Street west of Uintah Gardens Shopping Center. The public is welcome at all meetings, and no reservation is needed for the program.

The program is followed by a luncheon, served by ladies of the church. Cost is \$4 per person. Reservations are required, and can be made by phoning O. C. C. H. S. secretary Ralph Conner, 634-0895. Deadline normally the Wednesday before the meeting, although last-minute changes may be made up to 5 p. m. the Thursday before the meeting. Since we're responsible for all reservations made, please call the secretary to cancel if you find you can't attend.

### MEMBERSHIPS

Individual membership is \$5 a year; family membership is \$10. Renewal falls in April. Members receive our newsletter, and local members will usually be phoned before each meeting.

Also available is a Lifetime membership, for \$100. This amount is placed in our Perpetuity-Endowment fund, to be used for long-term 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.

### OFFICERS

President: David Hughes 636-2040  
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Next meeting:

**APRIL 11**