

Friday, September 12, 1986

Bancroft Event Gives Society More Money and Visibility

Ceremony Recognizing Colorado Avenue's Beautification Held as Visitors Enjoy Lemonade, Cookies, Exhibits

O.C.C.H.S. took over the Garvin cabin in Bancroft Park Aug. 16th, in observance of Colorado City's Founder's Day.

Kay Arnold made and sold cookies and lemonade, and visitors could become honorary citizens of Old Colorado City. A ceremony honored those who helped beautify The Avenue.

Kay's activity netted \$48.55 for the Society. Contributions or purchase of certificates of citizenship brought \$18.86. Since we misplaced our former registration book, the \$18.86 about covered the cost of a replacement. We added two members.

These members helped: **Kay Arnold, Vera Chambon, Ralph Conner, Agnes Johnson, Jan Knox, and Jean and Bob Smith.** **Dave Hughes** supplied many historical items we displayed.

At 11:00, in a ceremony covered by local TV, **Agnes Johnson and Kay Arnold**—our representatives on the Colorado Avenue Communications Commission—presented handsome plaques to those improving their property on Colorado Avenue. This was the first such recognition, sponsored by O.C.C.H.S., the City of Colorado Springs, and the Colorado Ave. Communications Commission. Awards will be presented annually.

Those honored this year are:

- Janet and Ernie Abeyta, 3138 W. Colorado, (Private residence).**
- James Dodgen, 2902 W. Colorado Ave., (First city hall).**
- Dr. Robert F. Lowe, 1603 W. Colorado, (Veterinarian's office).**
- David Reed, 2812 W. Colorado, (Westwood Village building).**
- Clyde Still, 1030 W. Colorado, (Home made into a business).**

A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We're pleased that two people took advantage of our presence in Bancroft Park on Aug. 16th to join O.C.C.H.S.:

Tina Miller, 22826 Highway 94 (80808), in Ellicott; phone 1-683-2100.

Toni Lanza, 91 Old Broadmoor Road (80906); phone 473-8647.

We also gained our first "corporate" member this summer, when **Chet Lawrence** arranged a Life Membership on behalf of **Cedarwood Health Care Center** at 924 West Kiowa (80905). **Barbara Keller** alerted the secretary to Mr. Lawrence's interest in our organization, and we hope residents of the Center will participate in O.C.C.H.S. activities.

Couple Donates Old Rug Loom

Ted and Marsha Whitus, who moved recently from Colorado Springs to Utah, donated an antique "rug" loom to the Society. Mrs. Whitus estimates that fewer than a hundred remain of the heavy-duty looms. They were built to last—the main frame is constructed of 6-inch timbers. This particular loom doesn't have a local history, but it's a type which could have been brought here by early Colorado City settlers.

Joyce Johns Talks About the Women

Tired of the attention paid to Genl. Palmer? Penrose, Stratton?

Today's speaker will swing the spotlight toward women, and not just **Mrs. Palmer** and **Mrs. Penrose**. "Other" women are interesting, she finds, including several from the West Side.

Joyce Johns is a retired psychiatric nurse active as program chairman of the Historical Society of the Pikes Peak Region, and as a volunteer at the Pioneers' Museum.

Treasurer's Report Includes Unusual "Moving" Expenses

Three unusual expenditures are covered below, in the check for Secretary **Ralph Conner**. Display cabinets and a loom were moved June 6th, and additional cabinets July 15th. They are described elsewhere in this issue.

"Register & sheets" will be used to register honorary Colorado City citizens at such events as Founder's Day.

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From members	+64.00 +100.
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Glass Flower Co.	-79.13
Add Deposit Slps	-5.56
Lemonade, cookies	48.55
Sale of certifiets	18.86
R.Conner*	-115.74
Balance 9/2	460.27 1315.
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*5/9 lunches	12.00
Postage	11.00
6/6 2 men 2+ hrs.	24.00
6/6 trailer rent	18.99
7/15 2 men 2 hrs	20.00
Key replacement	10.50
Register & sheets	19.25
Total	115.74

Have Display Cases, Historical Materials; All We Need is Space

During the summer, the Pioneers' Museum loaned the Old Colorado City Historical Society a group of display cases for our future museum. They are meant to be an outright gift, if the City Council eventually approves.

Most are lighted units, about five feet long and six feet high. The display area is three feet high and two feet deep, and the length of the case. One case is six feet long.

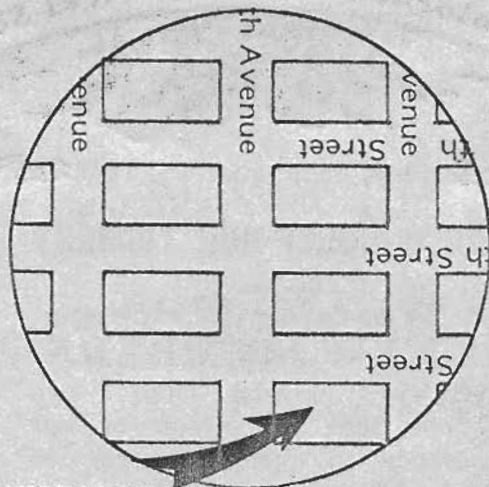
Later they made available a three-piece shelf and counter unit from a drug store, which will be useful to us for storage, and eventually for display.

Now in Storage

They are in storage in a building on 21st St., rented by **Ralph Conner**. One of the conditions of the "gift" was that they were to be moved out immediately. Ralph supervised moving the cases using manpower hired from the State Employment Service. The treasurer's report lists the expense of the manpower, and rental of a trailer to move the first load. **John Keller** loaned himself and his pickup truck to help move the drug store cases, to save the Society the trailer expense.

We already have the promise of two display cases from **Vera Chambon**, who is storing them at her home.

These cases, and historical materials now available, owned by **Dave Hughes** and from **Luther McKnight's** estate, mean we can establish an impressive display, once we have a little space. The cases are too bulky to be moved for temporary exhibits, but will stand us in good stead when we have a permanent location.



HISTORIC SITE: The map segment marked above shows the spot where three second-grade students from Longfellow school, on March 8, 1903, found a cricket with only one hind leg. They studied the creature for several minutes, and the next day told their teacher about it. —From *Little Known Milestones in Colorado History*, 1937.

Briefly:

El Paso County Pioneer's Association will hold its annual meeting under leadership of its president, **Carl Chilcott**, at noon on Sept. 13th. **Bill Henderson** will speak on "Wild and Woolly Old Colorado City."

Flora Belle Hull's purchase of two copies of "Sarah Elizabeth" at the Kinnikinnik Bookstore in December netted the Society an extra \$3.00.

Kay Arnold represented O. C. C. H. S. in costume as Aunt Kaya in the welcoming parade for cyclists on August 26th, among a dozen representatives from the Westside.

O.C.C.H.S. members who attended the funeral of **Luther McKnight**, a life member, on May 12th, were: **Kay Arnold, Sally Brawner, Ralph Conner, Lucille Ellis, David Hughes, Agnes Johnson, Orville Kenelly, Aldine Lipe, and Lyn Owen.**

O. C. C. H. S. Board Meets

A reminder to Board members that they'll meet after today's membership meeting. All members of O.C.C.H.S. are welcome to attend and participate in Board meetings.

**Next meeting:
October 10**

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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, a 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 is 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.

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