

Friday, Apr. 14, 1989

Dave Hughes Will Re-create Building

The site of Westside Lumber, 2732 W. Colorado—the original intersection between the Pueblo-Denver road and Colorado Avenue—is being revitalized by David Lippincott as a new location for Surplus City.

Member David Hughes supplied him with historic information to help in rehabilitation of the building, and he will pass on this information at our May meeting. Dave is confident the building is both old and historic.

It's our custom to rely on a member for the program at this meeting, so we can take whatever time is necessary for business affairs.

Main item will be election of board members. Terms of Vera Chambon, David Hughes, John Keller and Aldine Lipe expire. Those of Ralph Conner, Agnes Johnson, Orville Kenelly and Jan Knox have another year to run. Board members elect officers.

Board Extends One Deposit Certificate

Board of Directors of O.C.C.H.S. met Friday, March 10th, to discuss action on certificate of deposit with World Savings and Loan which matured Mar. 12.

After discussion of several options, members voted to ask treasurer Orville Kenelly to renew the certificate for one year as a "Jumbo Junior", which will pay a rate of 9.01%. We have sufficient funds in our checking account with Pikes Peak National to handle any expenses such as buying an option on a building.

Present were Jan Knox, Ralph Conner, Virginia Cox, David Hughes, Aldine Lipe, Ruth Maxwell and (by proxy) John Keller.

A Westside Welcome to NEW MEMBERS

We welcome another out-of-town member, sponsored by Erman Biodini. She is Mae Knight Marquis, who lives in Phoenix.

Good Programs, Funds Growth Mark '88 Year

As we urge members to keep contact with the Old Colorado City Historical Society through renewed memberships, we look back on a year that shows continued if unspectacular progress.

Members began the imposing task of "accessioning" historic materials given by Luther McKnight—identifying, marking and recording museum items. The work will establish a system which can later involve others.

Programs arranged by vice president Jan Knox have been outstanding. A general history of the region by Rosemary Hetzler tied in with such topics as the region's health establishments (Dr. Douglas R. McKay), the Fine Arts Center (Kathy Hartman), McAlister House, and this month, the Garden of the Gods. Lee Pavlica briefed us on architectural blacksmithing; we met General Walter Reed and the family that established Halfway House on Pikes Peak, while also meeting History Day Scholars Ingrid Capen, Amy Scott and Michael Palsgrove. Member Dave Hughes reports on a local landmark next month.

We're seeking tax-exempt status—an important step toward adding financial support. We've established identity as a non-profit organization.

The direction of real estate prices lessened the urgency of finding a museum building, though we remain alert to possibilities.

Membership remained at about

We'll Have a Close Look at the Garden

Richard and Mary Ann Gehling will give us the benefit of their research into graffiti in the Garden of the Gods, some of it dating back to the 18th century. Their research on the subject is being published.

The couple is involved in many facets of local history. They'll illustrate their topic with slides.

DeGeer Looking for Hill Climb History

O. C. C. H. S. member Stan DeGeer is researching the history of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, starting with his recollections of growing up on the Westside. He's hoping that members or friends may have pictures, clippings, brochures, or personal knowledge of the Hill Climb—either to lend or contribute. If you can help, please get in touch with him. His phone number is (505) 836-1946. His address is:

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Notification of
Annual Meeting
May 12th, 1989
Election of Board

100, and we had good attendance at our meetings.

Expenses remained small so accounts increased by thousands.

Our newsletter continues to report what's happening, and what happened locally in the past! The membership year will end with awarding of Colorado Avenue Awards, and our participation in Territory Days.

Westside Memories: *Turning Back the Clock on Local Events*

Twenty-five Years Ago

May, 1964

Pvt. and Mrs. Apolonia Moreno, 2121½ W. Colorado, asked landlady Wanda Mintzer, 2101 W. Cucharras, to drive them to Fort Carson hospital for their baby's birth. No time to reach Carson, so Mrs. Mintzer drove to Ent Air Base, but before they reached the hospital, or doctors reached the car, 5-lb. 8-oz. Vincent was born.

A 6-mo. old baby girl died in a fire at 1916 W. Cucharras when a TV set short-circuited while her mother visited a neighbor. A 20-year-old man died when a car flipped on Mesa Road.

Mrs. Eubie N. Drake, 2316 W. Kiowa, died at 88—former Elbie Nell Woodbury, daughter of 1860 settlers, and widow of Martin Drake.

Rebecca Martin, fifth-grader at Washington, won the city jacks tournament and went to state contest.

Steel, cement and granite summit-house, build to withstand 200-m.p.h. winds, was dedicated on Pikes Peak.

Plans for a 2.2 mile, four-lane divided highway, to by-pass Manitou, was announced by highway department.

G. L. Eisentraut became owner of Hess Drugs, 422 S. 8th. He lived at 1511 W. Boulder.

Richard Bock, mobile home park owner south of the east-west freeway, objected to delays in improving 30th street. Safeway also complained about isolation of their store at 515 S. 25th.

Fifty Years Ago

May, 1939

Frank Cusack said signs were posted every five miles along highway 24 to identify it as the Pikes Peak Ocean to Ocean highway.

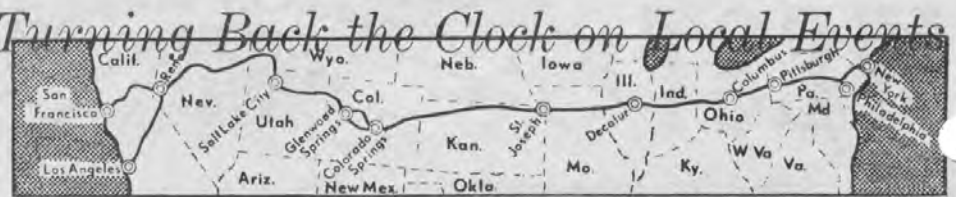
W. D. Corley repeated a proposal first made in 1927, for a road to Pikes Peaks' summit from the Corley road.

New Broadmoor Tavern opened to a capacity crowd.

Fez Bryant's orchestra played at Alexander airport when an 18-passenger, all-metal tri-motored aircraft visited. It cruised at 145 miles an hour.

Three crosses were burned within a month, and whites threw stones and clods at recently-opened Father Divine church, 12th and Pikes Peak. Its congregation was half white and half black. No arrests, because person who broke a window wasn't identified.

Because A. A. Daws, 2710 W. Colo-



1939: Route of Pikes Peak Ocean-to-Ocean Highway

rado, complained about noise and smell, Mrs. Vesta Arterburn, 2702 W. Colorado, had to move her chicken coop 25 feet from nearest dwelling.

Thirty-five high school bands from 7 states paraded and held competition.

G & C Cigar Store Indian, standing at Tejon and Kiowa since 1901, received a new coat of paint.

Mrs. Attie G. Thompson died. Came to region in 1870 with her father, David Long, a missionary to Indians.

Civil War vet Henry Lewis Wood died at 90 at 3343 W. Colorado; two other local civil war vets remained.

Gerald Elston, 28, 2432 W. Colorado, died on Mount Manitou pipeline project when a boulder crushed him.

(Before 1917 Colorado City was an independent town.)

Seventy-five Years Ago

May, 1914

Stratton Park pavilion Supt. B. M. Lathrop announced, "The tango and all gymnastic exercises in general will be barred...and only the two-step and the stately waltz as danced in saner years will be allowed." Fountain school said a teacher who engaged in social dancing, or attended such, would be fired.

William Barr sued the street car company for \$25,000 for loss of his arm when a carriage was struck by a street car in 1908. Jury decided for the company; Barr said he'd appeal.

L. F. McMahon, supt. of Manitou Mineral Water Co., located original soda spring in Manitou—one held sacred by Utes—3½ feet east of spring already in use, separated by clay wall.

Romaine Fielding brought his Lubin company to Colorado Springs to shoot movies. He built a 60-foot "interior" studio at Hagerman's home on Cascade, rented Glen Eyrie at \$1,000 a month.

Edward Ellsberg of Colorado City ranked first in the graduating class at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Jacob Schmidt, saloon keeper for years, committed suicide at his ranch near Florence, suident over ill health. His will left everything to his widow at 931 Colorado. He also left a son and daughter. Born in Germany, he operated a bakery before opening a saloon; when Colorado City went dry he operated a saloon in Manitou briefly before retiring to the ranch.

Charles L. Tutt, A. S. Potter, S. E. Robinson, and two San Diego millionaires, cheerfully sailed a yacht into Mexican territory to the Coronado Islands of lower California, raised an American flag and claimed the territory by right of conquest for the U. S.

Death toll in Colorado coal fields reached 66, including 12 children. 46 deaths occurred April 20 and after—the Ludlow battle. Federal troops have since reestablished order.

A Wisconsin woman lost jewels and \$100 in cash as she rushed to catch a train in Colorado Springs, crossing Monument Creek over narrow suspension footbridge at Kiowa. When bridge shook, she threw her hands to balance, caused purse to fly into the creek.

One Hundred Years Ago

A new drive was opened between the Mesa and Roswell City.

Colorado Telephone Company added a second and third line to Denver.

On 15th, 7 a.m., "El Paso county's first real manufactory," the Glassworks, began operating. First blown was a miniature walking cane, given to David McShane. For now, 13 blowers and the same number of helpers worked each night and day shift.

Florrisant was to have a newspaper; Manitou Journal started a daily.

Streets and alleys were vacated by Colorado Springs to make space for a Colorado Midland machine shop. Pullman company agreed to build 150 straight-bottomed and 50 drop-bottom coal cars for the Midland.

E. R. Warren published a map of Colorado Springs and Colorado City.

J. H. Bruening sold 27 lots in Loraine addition on Cheyenne Creek and opened an extension of Cascade to be called Cheyenne Boulevard.

Mrs. Bankhead sued the Santa Fe for death of her son Frank Chipman, who died in a way car which got loose in Colorado Springs and caused an explosion in Fountain, May, 1888.

Colorado Springs elected a write-in candidate for mayor: J. W. Stillman won over only formal candidate, L. C. Skinner. 728 voted—half the registered number. It was second election, since mayor-elect George Thomas shot himself after winning in April.

You've Come a Long Way, Baby, and You're Gaining Momentum!

Lora Dalton did her best at our March 10th meeting to make sure that women are not under-rated, invisible, condescended to or unappreciated. If words didn't carry the message, five live characters reinforced the image. Under the title, "Heritage of Western Women," she paraded statistics, history, and the words of pioneer women themselves to make her points.

The talk was timely since March was National Women's History Month. A thousand scholars today attack misrepresentations and stereotypes applied to females by historians. Ms. Dalton attended four summer institutes in Women's Studies at the Univ. of Arizona, which prepared participants to conduct workshops and lecture on women's issues.

Women are usually omitted from the romantic myth of the mountain men, but most of these were married. In fact, many of them had TWO families—besides a "civilized" wife, they had married Indians. Forty percent of northwest fur traders took Indian wives, who cooked and helped with the pelts, made the clothing and repaired canoes.

Most famous of these was Sacajawea, the Indian interpreter for the Lewis and Clark expedition, who not only helped with language but gained the trust and help of Indians, and guided the whites with her sense of direction and her knowledge of wild foods, snow-shoes, and survival skills.

In the southwest, it was the Hispanic woman who helped the immigrant males make settlements out of trading posts. Few were delicate señoritas.

After the Civil War western migration began in earnest. Before the turn of the century, 8,000 blacks lived in Kansas. In Colorado, Aunt Sarah Brown played a major role in Central City, and Justina Ford delivered seven thousand babies.

Ms. Dalton guided several members and guests into portraying specific examples of Western women. Jan Knox warned us to give her no back talk, since she wuz a lady. As Hurricane Nell, she personified the strong female characters in dime novels from 1860 to 1920—equal to men in work and virtue, while remaining dainty and virginal!

Bibliography: Women of West

Lora Dalton supplied this list of books for those interested in learning more about women in history.

INDIANS

Benedict, Ruth *Patterns of Culture*
Clark, Ella; Edmonds, Margo *Sacajawea of Lewis and Clark Expedition*
Gillmore, Frances *Traders to the Navajo*
Gillmore, Frances *Windsinger*
LaFarge, Oliver *Laughing Boy*
Marriott, Alice *Saynday's People*
Marriott, Alice; Rachlin, Carol *American Indian Mythology*
Underhill, Ruth *Red Man's Religion*
Underhill, Ruth *Singing For Power*
Wormington, H. M. *Prehistoric Indians of the Southwest*
Wormington, H. M. *Ancient Man in N. Amer.*

Lora Dalton and "Cast" Present Clear Evidence of Western Women's Contributions

wealth, never entered a contract, and had no control over her life. She lacked freedom and equality but she upheld virtues of piety, purity, motherhood and God.

Even these delicate souls took strong stands, rebelling in 1848 with the first Women's Rights Convention, attended by 300 women and 40 men, insisting that "all men and women are created equal." They broached the idea of votes for women, forerunner of true equality.

Sandi Martin portrayed the Pioneer Mother, who came to claim free land. Her progress was shown by subtle differences in three statements: at first, "Men went west with cattle and women." Later, "Men went west with women and cattle." And finally, "Men and women went west with cattle"! Not all came reluctantly, in subservience to men; many matched their husbands in determination. They wrote valuable records of their ordeal: 800 published books and countless private memoirs.

These often became the Ranch Women, like coyote-hunting Carrie Palmedo, and many were truly liberated. The 1868 Homestead Act permitted women to own land in their own right; some homesteaded on their own, others took charge when husbands died or left, and all handled a man's job.

Mary Jewell cowered our audience as the School Marm, inspecting homework and fingernails. These pioneers planted the seeds of knowledge for an average pay of \$12 a month and spread civilization among eager but unrefined children.

It was on school issues that women first voted, and it was generally in territories that they began to gain rights. Women of Wyoming, Colorado and Utah were among the first to vote. At one point, 36% of Colorado legislators were women.

In painless terms, we were led to understand the generous contributions women made in winning the West. Ms. Dalton lavished credit for the values created by women, more in labor than in gold.

SPANISH/MEXICAN

Bolton, H. E. *Texas in the Middle 18th Cent.*
Bolton, H. E. *Coronado, Knight of Pueblos and Plains*
Cather, Willa *Death Comes to the Archbishop*
Dobyns, Henry F. *Spanish Colonial Tucson*
Dozier, E. P. *Pueblo Indians of N. America*
Marriott, Alice *The Valley Below*
Otero, Nina *My Life on the Frontier*
Ruxton, George F. *Life in the Far West*
PIONEERING/WESTERING WOMAN
(Include those listed above in this category.)
Austin, Mary *The Land of Little Rain*
Austin, Mary *Land of Journey's Ending*
Alderson, Nannie *A Bride Goes West*
Fergusson, Ema *Our Southwest*
Fink, Augusta I *Mary, A Biography of Mary Austin*
Luchetti, Cathy *Women of the West*

Maxwell, Margaret F. *A Passion for Freedom, the Life of Sharlot Hall*
McGoffin, Susan Shelby *Down the Santa Fe Trail into Mexico*
Myres, Sandra L. *Westering Women and the Frontier Experience*
Poe, Sophi *Buckboard Days*
Powell, L. C. *Southwest Classics*
Rak, Mary Kidder *A Cowman's Wife*
Rak, Mary Kidder *Mountain Cattle*
Rhodes, May *The Hired Hand on Horseback*
Schlissel, Lillian *Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey*
Stratford, Joanna L. *Pioneer Women, Voices from the Kansas Frontier*
Summerhays, Martha, *Vanished Arizona*
Wallace, Susan *Land of the Pueblo*

CALENDAR

Women's Film Festival, Apr. 14-16
 Fine Arts Center. \$15/\$25.
 Other activities; see papers.
 Historical Society of the Pikes
 Peak Region, Apr. 18, eve.,
 Penrose: J. Coakley's "Flags".
 Ute Pass Hist. Soc., Apr. 28, 7:30
 pm, Fine Arts Center: "Bear
 Dance" premier: film of Ute
 Tribes' Bear Dance as seen
 through child's eyes. Ute
 families in attendance. Free;
 reservations, 684-2201.

Briefly:

Debbie Abele leaves Colorado
 Springs to become Historical Pres-
 ervation Officer for Phoenix.

Mary Wentzel moved from
 Bangor, ME. to Hampton, SC.

A firm has \$102,000 contract
 to repair Tunnel #6 on Gold Camp
 Road, Teller Co., by May 1.

Secretary's Expenses

FOR MARCH AND APRIL

Negatives and plates	9.36
2/10 Five guest luncheons	20.00
Postage: 82 newsletters	20.50
Thank-yous & extra nl's	1.10
TOTAL due sec'y 3/1/89	50.96
Negatives and plate	7.40
3 guest lunches 3/10	12.00
Postage: 71 newsletters	17.75
3 handouts @.25, 2 @.45	1.65
5 thank-you & extra nl's @.45	2.25
Publicity, visitor nl	1.00
TOTAL due sec'y 4/1/89	42.05

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ROLL CALL

from our last meeting:

Thank you for the nice turnout at our
 March 10th meeting, when 41 came to the
 program, and 34 enjoyed the good lunch.
 We're always pleased when out of town
 members visit—in this case, Eloise and
 Stan DeGeer from Albuquerque. Members
 who signed in were:

Helen Bassetti	Nancy Graner
Sally Brawner	Dave Hughes
Bertha Chilcott	Joyce Johns
Carl Chilcott	John Keller
Ralph Conner	Jan Knox
Virginia Cox	Ruth Walsh Kruse
John W. Croff	Aldine Lipe
Arnold Cunningham	David Martin
Geraldine Cunningham	Sandi Martin
Ed Curry	Ruth F. Maxwell
Martha Curry	Lyn Owen
Eloise DeGeer	Carrie Palmedo
Stan DeGeer	Bob Patoni
Beverly Diehl	Arlene Rieger
Lucile Ellis	Mary N. Trapp
Veda Goosman	Frances White
Eileen Graham	

VISITORS

We welcome all our visitors, but we
 must single out Susie Moreno and Mary
 Jewell. Ms. Moreno is costume coordin-
 ator for Territory Days; Ms. Jewell is
 with Fancy Lady. Both were recruited
 by member Sandi Martin of Sandesign
 Studio and all three portrayed characters
 as part of our program.

Katherine Knebul	Jill Ludeman
Lora Dalton	Ann Mehrhoff
Mary Jewell	Susie Moreno

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens

NEXT MEETING:

11 am, May 12th

Trinity U. M. Church, 1920 Henderson
 For luncheon reservations please call
 Lyn Owen, 473-1846.

WEST WORD

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 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 West-
 side Colorado Springs.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held the second Friday of each
 month (except July and August) at 11 a. m.,
 usually at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1920
 Henderson—west of Uintah Gardens Shopping
 Center. The public is welcome and no reserva-
 tion is needed for the program.

The meeting is followed by a luncheon, served
 by people of the church. Cost is \$4 per person.
 Reservations are required and can be made by
 phoning Lyn Owen, 473-1846. Deadline is nor-
 mally noon the Wednesday before the meeting.
 Please call Lyn Owen to cancel if you find you
 cannot attend.

MEMBERSHIPS

Individual membership is \$5 a year; family
 membership is \$10. Memberships are welcome at
 any time; renewal falls in April. Members receive
 this 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 projects which
 have been approved by two-thirds of the members.
 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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Time to renew your membership . . . please! Card and envelope
 are enclosed.