



# The Arvada Historian

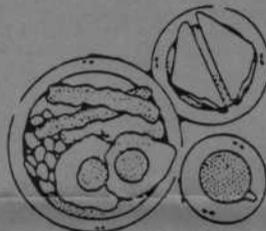
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## ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING

You are invited to join other members of the Society at the annual breakfast meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Elks Lodge, 5700 Yukon St.



Ranya Kelly, the Shoe Lady and former Arvada Woman of the Year, will be the speaker. She also received the TV Nine Who Care award and national recognition with the Giraffe and J.C. Penney Golden Rule awards.

Cost of the breakfast is \$7.50 per person, including tax and tip. Reservations **must** be made by Aug. 22. Please call Dorothy Fields Galloway, 424-5255 or Max Haug, 424-8041, or mail your reservations and check using the notice at the bottom of this page.

## OLDE TIMERS PICNIC

Come and renew old friendships and make new ones! Meet at noon at the Pioneer Pavilion, 9101 Ralston Road (east of the Ice Arena). It is covered and handicapped accessible, and a wheelchair will be available. Bring a basket lunch and table service. Cold drinks and coffee will be furnished.



In conjunction with the writing of another book on the history of Arvada, the Publications Committee has compiled a list of the men and women who lived in the Arvada area and served in the Armed Forces and Merchant Marine during World War II and to the end of 1945. The committee owes its thanks to Will Whitehead and Harold Niemeier for the hours they spent in research.

The Veteran's list will be at the Old Timers Picnic. Committee members would appreciate it if those attending would check the list and make additions or corrections.

A supply of "Olde Town Arvada" collectible plates will be available for purchase. Only 38 copies of Arvada Just Between You and Me, the Society's third history book, are left and are priced at \$18.80, which includes tax. They also may be purchased at Arvada Heritage Printers, 5603 Yukon St.

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I would like to make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Annual Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996 at the ELKS LODGE, 5700 Yukon St. Cost is \$7.50 per person.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the Arvada Historical Society. Reservations must be in no later than Aug. 23, 1993. Please send them to:  
Dorothy Galloway, 6075 Gray St, Arvada CO 80003

Or call Dorothy Galloway, 424-5255 or Max Haug, 424-8041

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#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - Bill Ashton

Plans are being completed for the 24th annual meeting of the Arvada Historical Society at the Elks Lodge Aug. 24 and the Olde Timers picnic Aug. 25. This year has been very busy and productive. Upon reviewing our monthly Board agenda and minutes I am amazed how much our Board members and other volunteers have accomplished.

\* **September** - Publications Committee members resumed work on the next book of Arvada history from 1941. We had an entry in the Harvest Festival parade, held Open House at the Flour Mill for nearly 300 visitors and participated in the McIlvoy Park program celebrating its renovation.

\* **October** - Commissioned reissue of historic calendar for 1996. Committee formed to study Flour Mill land expansion for antique farm equipment.

\* **November** - Arvada High School Wall of History initiated with Craig Wilkie and a class working with the Society. Marcetta Lutz was inducted into the Jefferson County Historical Commission's Hall of Fame.

\* **December** - The Colorado Historical Society recognized the Lewis Ralston Gold Site as the first documented gold discovery in the state. Arvada celebrated its 125th anniversary with historic tours and a grand birthday party at City Hall.

\* **January** - Flour Mill committee evaluated use of additional railroad right-of-way for an "annex" to display old farm equipment and to coordinate the connection between Olde Town Arvada and the new Mann theatre complex.

\* **February** - Committee formed to develop an orientation program to attract and inform new volunteers for Mill and Olde Town tours. An application was submitted to the Colorado Historical Society for an Olde Town Historic District survey.

\* **March** - Sponsored the 17th annual Choral Festival at the Arvada Center with an outstanding program by students from Arvada, Arvada West, Pomona and Standley Lake High Schools. Began work cleaning, protecting and preserving the Leyden Chapel on W. 64th.

\* **April** - Welcomed new Arvada Center Executive Director Deborah Jordy. Society publications consigned to the Center gift shop for sale. Members were invited to assist with the Flanders Toy Museum exhibit Aug. 8 to Nov. 3.

\* **May** - Participated in Lawrence Elementary School closing program and a research project at Churches Ranch and Stage area. Olde Town Historic District survey approved.

\* **June** - Planned for annual meeting and Harvest Festival parade and Mill open house.

\* **July** - Participated in Arvada Center 20th anniversary celebration.

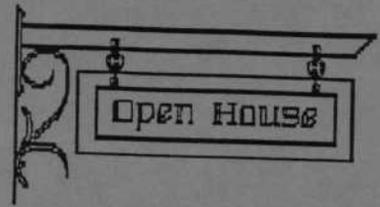
Throughout the year members have continued efforts to increase membership, prepare our next publication, write and publish an excellent newsletter The Arvada Historian, and recruit new volunteers for our programs. After reviewing the activities of the past year, I encourage Society members to become a part of the fun and a valued volunteer.

The year has been rewarding and challenging. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of our Board members for making its success possible. I hope to greet many of our members at the Annual Meeting and the Olde Timers picnic.

#### FORTY YEARS WITH NORTH JEFFCO

North Jeffco Parks and Recreation District celebrated its 40th anniversary July 9 with speeches, a band concert and entertainment in McIlvoy Park. The celebration continued during the week with reduced rates for various activities.

The Arvada Historical Society will hold an Open House and free tours of the Flour Mill after the parade Saturday, Sept. 7. Members of the Board will donate cookies and punch, and we invite all members to participate with their families, friends and the public. For further information call JoAnn Termentozzi, 422-0865.



## Churches Ranch Grant

The Arvada Historical Society has received a mini-grant from the Colorado Historical Fund to help preserve the Churches Ranch and Stage Stop, one of the oldest farms in Jefferson County where the house and barns are still standing. Marcetta Lutz wrote the grant and the research bid was awarded to Front Range Research Associates, who gave a presentation at the May meeting. The in-kind equivalent was provided by architect Patrick Weishapl.

John C. and Mary Ann Churches settled in the Arvada area in 1862, raised their children, ran cattle and operated a stage stop. In 1937 the Denver Water Board purchased the Long Lake Ranch (also known as Churches Ranch) and recently wanted to flood the entire area for a reservoir.



Arvada Mayor Bob Frie said the City of Arvada and Jefferson County Open Space have agreed that the latter will purchase 500 acres over a three-year period for a recreation area and park. Arvada wants to use the land for ball parks, the Horse Protection League would like to use part of the land for the animals it rescues, and the Historical Society would like to see the Churches buildings preserved.

### A CENTURY OF MEMORIES

Congratulations to Blanche Ballinger Nelson, who celebrated her 100th birthday July 16, 1996. She is the youngest daughter of David and Mary Lucinda Haines Ballinger. This pioneer family lived in the Haines cabin that is the centerpiece of the Historical Museum in the Arvada Center.

Blanche married Earl Nelson. He died young and she was left alone to raise her two small daughters, Melva and Letha. They were living in Grass Valley, CA when Earl died, so Blanche and the girls moved to Berkley, CA where she worked for years. Later Blanche moved back to Grass Valley to be near her daughters and old friends, and now lives in a retirement home there.

### PIONEER CEMETERY DEDICATED

The old family cemetery at 64th Ave. and Eldridge St. was dedicated as the Pioneer Ralston Cemetery June 29. It has been cleaned up and fenced and is a part of the Wildflower Ponds subdivision park by an open space trail.

Richard White, the closest living relative of those buried in the cemetery, along with other descendants led by the Tracy family, worked for the preservation of the grounds.

## LAWRENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

by Bill Ashton

A special celebration was held May 16, 1996 at Lawrence Elementary School. Students, former students, faculty, Jefferson County school officials and friends gathered for a closing ceremony. The program opened with a flag ceremony performed by Student Council officers and the Lawrence Elementary choir sang "God Bless America".



The Past, Present and Future provided the theme of the program. Bill Ashton, president of the Arvada Historical Society, traced some of the history of the two-story red brick school that opened as the Arvada School in 1900. In 1904 the first high school graduate was one student, Angie Bates.

With the opening of the new high school in 1920, the red brick school was renamed Arvada Grade School. In the 1940's the name was changed to Arvada Elementary, and with the Jefferson County R-1 reorganization in 1955 the name was changed to Lawrence Elementary. The new name honored Helen A. Lawrence, who taught third grade from 1904 until her retirement in 1932. Each former student has special memories of this school, especially the wide and open staircase with smooth banisters rising to the second floor.

Lindsey Maguire, a sixth-grade student, gave us some reflections on The Present. She related the special feelings for Lawrence with the valued education, the fun times and friendships with other students and teachers.

Nancy McNally, President of the Jefferson County School Board of Education, was pleased to be present and gave some insight on The Future of Lawrence Elementary. Her positive message on education today and the future encouraged the audience to reflect on the many changes in educational programs since the school opened in 1900.

As part of the closing of the program the choir sang "Those Were the Days". Lydia Ramirez, PTA President, and Principal Merle Jornod gave closing remarks which emphasized the special feeling about this school and the history of Arvada. Although Wayne Carlin, Superintendent of R-1 Schools, did not participate in the program he was present to enjoy the occasion.

While the program focused attention on the pending demolition of the red brick school, it also emphasized the transition to a new, beautiful and state-of-the-art building to carry on the traditions of Lawrence Elementary. Buildings may change but memories of the contributions of the people--students, teachers and parents who have provided the key elements of the past--will always remain.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## OLD 'CORNERSTONE' RECOVERED

by Marcetta Lutz

When the Arvada High School building from 1920-1986 at Ralston and Wadsworth was demolished for Cornerstone Mall its cornerstone was supposed to be placed in the Clock Tower. But the Mall contractors had severe financial problems and kept the stone to remind them of those hard times. The Arvada Historical Society has tried unsuccessfully for 10 years to retrieve the cornerstone.

The current Arvada High School at 7159 W. 65th Ave. is being remodeled with room for a museum. A group of students, under the direction of teacher Craig Wilkie, met with AHS graduates on an oral history project and learned the story of the cornerstone. The students were ready to leave immediately and bring the stone to AHS where it belonged, but it wasn't quite that easy!

Wilkie talked it over with the school principal Ken Robke, and the two of them made a trip to a garage at 21st and Curtis in Denver, where the stone was stored. The contractor's father dealt with the school officials and said he intentionally kicked that stumbling block every time he walked by it. Maybe the contractors are glad to get rid of their albatross, and the teachers, students and AHS graduates relish their good fortune.

The red marble stone is two and one-half feet long, one and one-half feet high and weighs about 350 pounds. Actually, it was not a cornerstone but was placed in the top rows of bricks over the school's entrance, with the date, 1920, carved into it. A fork lift was used to move it into the back of Wilkie's truck and into the high school. A letter from Janus Brothers to Principal Ken Robke indicated the stone has been returned to AHS.

It certainly will be prominently exhibited in the museum, which will open in November, 1996. If you have high school memorabilia you wish to donate call Craig Wilkie at 982-0112.

## Enterprise Grange Award

In recognition of his significant contributions to the community, Jack Raven received the Community Citizen Award given annually by Enterprise Grange #25.



Jack has lived in the Arvada area all of his life and graduated from Arvada High School. He was an employee of Safeway for many years, starting as a "carry-out boy" when the only store in town was located at 57th and Olde Wadsworth, where the Army-Navy store now stands. He became produce manager and purchased produce from local farmers.

Jack served in the military from 1950 to 1953, then returned to Arvada and managed several Safeways in the area until his retirement from the one on 80th and Wadsworth. He is an active member on the board of the Arvada Historical Society, a former president and currently helps give tours of the Flour Mill.

Enterprise Grange began with a meeting of farmers and their wives in a log cabin on John Churches' ranch in the fall of 1873 and was chartered Jan. 18, 1874. It consolidated with Fremont Grange #181 April 23, 1930 and began using the building at 72nd and Simms which that group had built in 1914, where the Grange still meets today.

# Man Who Made a Difference

by Marcetta Lutz

Chester Hoskinson was born May 27, 1905 in Stafford County, Kansas. The eldest in a family of five brothers and sisters, Chet and brother Jay are the only surviving siblings. The family moved to Stevens County, Kansas, where Chet spent his school years and graduated from Moscow High School. The family then moved to Colorado Springs, where Chet was employed at F.W. Woolworth Company and became manager of several stores in Nebraska and Colorado.

Although he advanced in the business world, he traveled to Liberal, Kansas where he continued his early training in carpentry with his father. It was here that he met Audrey Manning, and the couple were married July 14, 1929. They loved Colorado and made it their permanent home in 1941.

Chet spent the war years at Lowry Field, once a sanatorium for consumptives; the Denver Ordnance Plant, which became the Federal Center; and Buckley Naval Air Field. When the government froze wages during the war workers left for higher-paying jobs. Chet worked a year at old Fort Logan with the U.S. Engineers and later on the Alaskan Highway.

With the money he saved he began purchasing lots in Arvada and established a construction company. He started by building one house at a time, selling it and starting another one. Although his father disapproved, Chet could see that the time was ripe for him to build on a larger scale. He applied unsuccessfully for a loan at the local bank.

Then he went to Central Bank and Trust in Denver, where Elwood Brooks, a bank executive from Kansas, had taken control. During his appointment he explained in detail how he would use the loan, then waited nervously until Mr. Brooks replied he would have not have spent so much time listening if he didn't intend to grant the loan. Under the initiative of Jess Oldham the bank promoted FHA loans in the 1940's, and Chet's was one of the first granted to contractors in this area.



Adding further to his success, the Arvada Town Board voted additional water and sewage systems for the Vetting subdivision of 196 homes southeast of Arvada. Work began early in 1949 and the homes were completed and sold by the fall of 1951. Clarabelle subdivision, west of Arvada and south of Grandview Avenue was completed in 1952, and Gyda George was completed the same year between Dudley St. and Flower Court.

By then Hoskinson had built nearly 97% of the homes in Arvada since the end of World War II. For this tremendous task, which encouraged people to live in our friendly city, the Chamber of Commerce initiated the Man of the Year Award in 1951. Chet was the first

By the mid-1950's Witkin and Wood Brothers began developing subdivisions, and Arvada ranked seventh among cities in Colorado for home building. According to The Golden Transcript in 1976, if you questioned a buyer why he chose to purchase a home in Arvada in the 1950's he would probably respond that he could buy better housing with more space there than in most of Denver's suburbs during that period.

Chet decided to leave further building developments to his brothers and other large builders so he could give something back to the City and County by entering the political arena. C.L. Hoskinson was elected Trustee to Arvada's Town Board April 12, 1948 and served for two years. This was the last term of office before Arvada was incorporated as a city in 1951.

**A MAN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE**

(continued)

Chet served three terms as Jefferson County Commissioner and was Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in 1962. Later he was appointed by Governor Love to the Industrial and Land Commissions for the State of Colorado.

The Hoskinsons celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 14, 1989. Their daughter Beverly Ann Hoskinson, who is a career employee at McDonnell Douglas Company of Los Angeles, California, attended the affair and "keeps in close contact with her father, even though she is not near him".

An early prediction in The Arvada Enterprise stated "when future histories of Arvada are written, it is going to have to be said that Chet Hoskinson, because he didn't know the meaning of the word 'no', had a large part in the expansion and growth of the community".

That concept has been evident throughout his life. Chet built his home at 9150 Grandview Ave., helped build the Masonic Lodge on Ralston Road near Wadsworth, was involved in the organization of the Arvada Savings and Loan, and constructed the building at Yukon and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

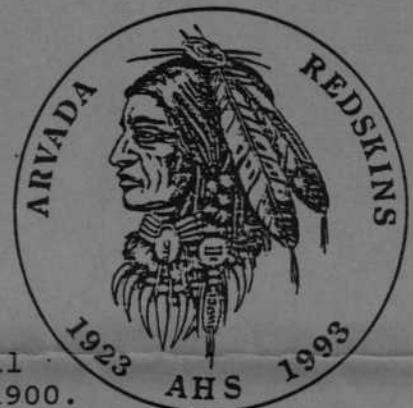
During the Hoskinsons retirement years they have enjoyed fishing, traveling, and keep in contact with their numerous friends. Audrey is a life member of the Jefferson County Republican Women's Club. Both are members of the Arvada Presbyterian Church, and Chet is a life member of the Arvada Lion's Club.

He also is a member of the Arvada Masonic Lodge and a life member of the Rocky Mountain Consistory, and a member of El Jebel Shrine. Audrey still lives in their home and Chet is at Summit View Nursing Home, where he recently was chosen as the Resident of the Month.

References: Schwartzkopf, Peggy, "The Suburbanization of Arvada".  
"Mountain Vista - Vista Village Chatter" newsletter.

**ARVADA HIGH SCHOOL MUSEUM PROJECT**

Arvada Historical Society member and Arvada High School teacher Craig Wilkie has been working with a group of students this year and AHS graduates to put together a "Wall of History" museum at the school. Display cases in the new lobby entrance on the east side will hold mementoes from each decade beginning in 1900.



Memories and mementoes are welcome. Please contact Craig at the school, 982-1002, or write to him attn: Craig Wilkie, Arvada High School, 7951 W. 65th Ave., Arvada CO 80004.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU - by Jane Gardner**

We have been busy this spring and into summer with walking tours of downtown and slide shows of Arvada's history. We have presented the shows to schools and organizations, such as the local chapter of AARP and Kiwanis, and to a group of young people from N.W. Recreation District.

Walking tours continue this summer. Please call 424-0755 to schedule a time. Mornings are the best time, before it gets too hot. On the walking tour you will see the beautiful remodeling job on Dr. Foster's former home--a real plus!

# Donations to AHS

**Marjorie Geisking** donated two blue-rimmed china plates inscribed in verso J & G Meakin, Manley, England.

**Enaze Hurd Fox** donated several pictures: a 1931 sixth grade picture, photos of the Arvada Women's Club members 1980 and 1984-85, and the Arvada High School Class of 1937's 50th Reunion.

**Lois Lindstrom** gave nine prints of the 1986 Christmas party sponsored by the Historical Society at the Arvada Center, and items from the Leyden Chapel: a valentine, a tobacco pouch for rolling cigarettes, orchestrations for several 1920's songs, some first editions and a hand-written arrangement for "The Care Taker's Daughter", composer and lyricist unknown.

**Bessie Kinkel** donated a 1913 Arvada High School annual.

**Charlotte Steinman** gave AHS annuals from 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951, **Phil Steinman** gave the 1954 AHS annual, and **Evelyn Anderson Steinman** gave the 1955 annual.

**The Jefferson Sentinel** and **Edna McCormack** donated three pictures taken at the 1995 Old Timers Picnic.

**Tim Montgomery** gave three pictures taken at Arvada's 125th anniversary celebration.

**Mary McGavern** donated an early picture of an extinct water tower on Vanderhoof's property, now Campbell School on Oak Street.

**Ruby Madson** donated a scythe used on the Callahan farm at Ralston and Carr.

**Becky Davis** gave a 1930's permanent wave machine.

**Welcome Miller** added to her many donations with a variety of women's clothing and accessories.

**Don Weber** donated an old Arvada Pharmacy sign.

We appreciate this memorabilia and thank the donors.

## A REMINDER: SEND IN YOUR DUES NOW

Type of membership:

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| Senior Citizen (over 60)..... | \$ 5.00 |
| Individual.....               | \$ 8.00 |
| Family.....                   | \$12.00 |
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Please make checks payable to:  
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Membership includes quarterly newsletters published by the Arvada Historical Society and semi-annual issues of "Historic Jeffco" magazine, published by the Jefferson County Historical Commission.

All members or interested persons are invited to attend the AHS Board meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth, the fourth Tuesday of every month except July, August and December.

## CORRECTION

We regret that we misread the name on the check sent in memory of **Eva Rodda**, NOT Emma Rodda, who we are glad to report is alive and well. We apologize for the inconvenience.



## IN MEMORIAM

by Billie Juchem Barton and Marcetta Lutz

### MAX ELMER COATS

Max was born Oct. 13, 1911 in Topeka, Kansas and died May 2, 1996 in Wheat Ridge. He was educated in the Topeka schools, played the violin with the Topeka Symphony when he was 12, and enjoyed music throughout his life.

He married Helen Kathrine Wyant June 15, 1933 in Topeka. During World War II Max served with the Army Corps of Engineers and retired as a Lt. Colonel. The Coats moved to Arvada in 1947 and lived on their Ralston Road farm for 48 years.

Max graduated from Colorado School of Mines as a mining engineer and was Superintendent at ASAACO Globe Plant. He belonged to Beta Theta Pi fraternity, was a guest speaker and conducted a symposium at Mines during the summer months. After retirement, he drove a bus for seniors.

It has been said that his life was encompassed by religion, farming and his family. He was a member of the Arvada Presbyterian Church for 32 years, sang in the choir, was a deacon and an elder. He raised and harvested vegetables and fruit. Max loved all of his animals as well as those he boarded for others. As a Mason and member of Eastern Star, he was a 12-year Demolay Dad for his sons; Jobs Daughter Guardian for his two daughters; and supported 4-H activities with the entire family.

An illustration of Max Coats outstanding characteristic follows: one day when the magpies were so thick they were ruining the farm, he went to get his gun and returned to his perch with young John beside him. The boy had never shot a rifle before but wanted to try his aim. He thought he had hit the target but it wasn't a magpie, it was his father's favorite sow. His dad did not reprimand, scold or grab the gun. In silence, the two slowly went down to take care of the suffering sow.

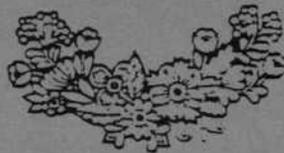
As a member of Rotary, Max took care of four homeless boys ages 6, 8, 10 and 12. He helped them get a good start in life, in education and in sports. He was a friend and mentor to those boys until the day he died. All four graduated from college and are successful men today. Two of the boys who spoke at the Memorial Service said they owed their lives to their surrogate father, Max Elmer Coats.

Survivors include his wife, sons John of Larkspur, CO and Max of Lampasas, TX; daughters Katheryne E. Arroyo of Craig, CO and Margaret Ann of Denver; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### MARY S. QUINTANA

Mary S. Quintana, 69, of Arvada died May 29, 1996. Services were June 4 at the Shrine of St. Anne, with burial at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

She was born in Model, CO Dec. 25, 1926 and lived in Arvada for more than 50 years. She was a homemaker and is survived by her husband Alexander; five daughters, Barbara Halloway, Rose Reyes, Kathleen Aparicio, Joyce Turnbow and Stephanie Quintana; son Alex, brother Ben Vasquez, 16 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.



## **ALICE MCKIBBIN GOODMAN**

Mary Alice Goodman, 78, was born in Central City, CO April 30, 1918 and died in Arvada May 8, 1996. Services were May 10 with burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Before moving to Arvada with her family in 1929 she attended St. Catherine's School in North Denver. She went to Arvada junior and senior high schools, graduating with the Class of 1936.

Alice married Verl T. Goodman in 1940. The couple had two daughters. He passed away in 1981 soon after retiring from the Dow Chemical Plant at Rocky Flats. She was a homemaker who enjoyed her once-a-year trip to check on the "one-armed bandits" in Las Vegas. She loved gardening and took great pride in her family.

She is survived by her daughters Darlene Ebbs of Arvada and Verlene Moore of Denver, by Emmett McKibbin of Arvada, sister Margie Williamson of Longmont, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

## **KAREN MONTGOMERY**

Karen Montgomery of Arvada died April 22, 1996, at the age of 57. Services were held April 27 at Arvada Presbyterian Church, with interment in Arvada Cemetery.

Karen was born May 28, 1938 in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was an avid bowler and golfer and belonged to the ladies club at Indian Tree Golf Course.

She is survived by her husband Tim, son Brett of Torrence, CA; daughter Cindy of Arvada, granddaughters Teal and Tess Montgomery and her mother, Ina Tycksen of Farmington, N.M.

Pallbearers included Brett, Ton Nickolas, Mike and Kyle Tycksen, Jeff Priess and Tim Paul Christopher. Friends and fellow golfers acting as honorary pallbearers included Jo Harden, Connie Martens, Dody Watkinson, Helen Steen, Sandy Burger, Bonnie Caywood, Barbara Dendinger, Marilyn Jelinek and Peg Perkins.

## **RUTH A. NUNEVILLE**

Ruth Nuneville, 93, died at her home in Arvada March 31, 1996. She was born in Denver Jan. 28, 1903 and attended the Denver Public Schools. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery.

She married Roy Hanson April 18, 1923 and the couple had three children. He died Feb. 19, 1944 and Ruth married Leland Osborne June 6, 1947. He died April 27, 1970. She married John Nuneville June 22, 1973, and he died July 27, 1980.

Ruth loved music and sang in her church choir for many years. She enjoyed crocheting, painting pillowcases and other types of materials. Gardening was a special love. She was a telephone operator for Daniels and Fisher department store and later for the Remington Arms Plant during World War II. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of Arvada Presbyterian Church.

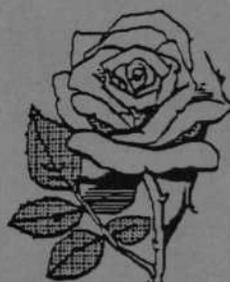
In addition to her husbands Ruth was preceded in death by daughter Jeannette Thomas and son Roy Hanson, Jr. She is survived by son Donald of Arvada, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

# BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

We greatly appreciate the support of the business and professional people who have joined our Society. Members can return their gratitude by patronizing them.

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| Emma Curtis - Remax/West<br>10770 W. 73rd Pl<br>422-9119                    | 80005 | Standley Lake Library<br>8485 Kipling<br>423-4600                                      | 80005 |
| First National Bank of Arvada<br>7530 Grandview Ave<br>422-1441             | 80002 | Stonehouse Signs<br>5550 W. 60th<br>422-2356   | 80003 |
| First Bank of West Arvada<br>P.O. Box 507<br>422-3000                       | 80001 | Wright Nursery, Inc<br>11100 Ralston Road<br>424-3914                                  | 80004 |
| Max Haug, Realty<br>5725 Wadsworth By-Pass<br>424-8041                      | 80002 |  |       |





## **VIRGINIA SCHOOLFIELD STOLTE**

Virginia Stolte, 86, was born in Westcliffe, CO May 11, 1910, and died May 25, 1996. Services were at Arvada United Methodist Church with interment in Arvada Cemetery.

Virginia graduated from Westcliff High School in 1928, then attended the University of Denver where she received her B.A. degree in Education. She accepted a position at Wetmore, CO and spent her first year teaching there.

In 1936 she married Stanley Stolte. The couple had four children: Karen, Lesley, Robert and Katherine. In Oct. 1942 the family moved to Arvada when Stan was named Jefferson County Extension Agent. They lived in a house on east Grandview Ave. where Virginia made her home for the next 53 years.

She taught in the Jefferson County public schools and was very proud of her profession. Her pride in being a teacher was rewarded when she learned that three of her grandchildren and one nephew also decided to become teachers.

Virginia had many interests--her family, Arvada United Methodist Church, her membership in Kappa Kappa Iota, a teacher's honorary group, and her travels to places all over the world. She was proud of her grandfather, George Walters, an architect who drew the plans for Denver's Trinity United Methodist Church, the Brown Palace Hotel, and some of the buildings at the University of Denver. She was interested in family history; her mother came to the United States from England 114 years ago and traveled by covered wagon to Kansas.

Predeceased by her husband, daughter Karen and grandson Eric, Virginia is survived by daughter Katherine, sons Lesley and Robert, 14 grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren with three more on the way!

## **AL SWANSTROM**

Albert "Al" Swanstrom was born in Denver June 1, 1924 and died June 21, 1996 at Lutheran Hospice in Wheat Ridge. Services were held June 25 at King of Glory Lutheran Church with interment in Arvada Cemetery.

Al grew up in the Arvada area and attended Lothrop school, which once stood at approximately 80th Ave. and Carr St. He graduated from Arvada High School with the Class of 1941.

During World War II Al served as a medic in the Infantry. He married Anna "Sug" Haug July 17, 1943 and the couple had two children. Al had several gas stations in the Arvada area but probably was best known for Al's Sporting Goods Store. He was interested in hunting and fishing above all. He was a member of Kiwanis until ill health prevented his attendance, and a member of King of Glory Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, son Larry of Las Vegas, Nevada; daughter Nancy of Denver, sister Ruth Boyer of Arvada, three grandchildren, Kathy, Krista and Nicole; and two great-grandchildren, Derrick and Bradley.

