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NEWSLETTER

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AMADO SUMMERS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT, NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE JOHN ADAMS, JOHN KINSOLVING AND TAYLOR MCCONNELL

At the annual meeting held September 21 at the home of Tina and Bob Lawrence, Amado Summers was again elected president. Bob Clifford is the new vice-president. Catherine Thayer and Marian Meyer will continue as secretary and treasurer. Three new directors were elected: John R. Adams, John Kinsolving and Taylor McConnell. Below is a brief sketch on each of them. Continuing as directors on the board are Millard Holliday, Warren Jones, Tina Lawrence, Janice Matthews and Joseph Roberts. We thank our outgoing board members for their service in the past: Laura Miller and her husband, K. K. (who assumed the presidency when Gil Fincke died, and then served another year), also Abe Silver who served on the board the past two years.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

JOHN R. ADAMS: In the early years of our Spring Clean-up, John was in charge of Demolay, the young men of the Masonic order. For at least two years, he brought a group of them to Fairview to help with work in the Masonic section. He has also been at the clean-up in other years, helping with such chores as straightening the huge and tilting Clinton Crandall stone, and other work. John has another tie to Fairview--Mamie and Burton Dwyre were his aunt and uncle. Mamie was a sister to John's mother.

JOHN KINSOLVING: In the summer of 1991, Marian tagged along on one of John's historical tours sponsored by the Museum of New Mexico by volunteers. (Marian's tour was scheduled for the following week and she wanted to get some experience). John's great tourist spiel was interspersed with fascinating bits of information about Santa Fe when he was growing up here. John's parents are buried at Fairview: his mother, Mary, and his father, the Right Reverend Charles J. Kinsolving, III, Bishop of the Rio Grande Episcopal Diocese. John is also an Episcopal priest, and still occasionally officiates at marriages, christenings or funeral rites for old-time Santa Feans. John's ski and tennis shop on Washington Avenue is well-known for its T-shirt tree.

TAYLOR MCCONNELL: After living in Santa Fe enough years to know they wanted to remain permanently, in 1988 Taylor McConnell and his wife June made a decision to also spend their eternal lives here. They bought the three Marsh lots near the center of the cemetery. We all thought it was convenient that the little marble cornerstones of the plot were the correct initial for them! We hope it will be many, many years before the lots are needed. As a Methodist Minister, Taylor's work has taken them all over the world. Taylor and June have done a good deal of cross-cultural work in his ministry. With their busy schedule, we feel fortunate Taylor has agreed to work with us. Without hesitation, this editor can say they are people-lovers.

We are delighted to have these three new members on the board. Welcome!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Everyone who attended our Fall Clean-up and Potluck luncheon remarked on how nice the cemetery looked! Much of this is thanks to your generosity with gifts we have received. We hope all of you will once again remember our association this season. As you know, all funds are used to further improve Fairview. Plans are already being formulated for 1993 and we welcome any input or comments in this regard.

Amado Summers, President

AILEEN HARMS GIVES US TWO LOTS

Mrs. Aileen Harms, who we mentioned in the last newsletter, has sent us a quitclaim deed to the two plots bought back in 1912 by her father, Dr. J. W. Waffensmith. They are in a pretty area of the cemetery, so if you are interested in two side-by-side lots, call Marian Meyer. We thank Mrs. Harms very much.

ADA MOORE RODRIGUEZ BURIED IN NOVEMBER

The ashes of Ada Moore Rodriguez, god-daughter of Ada Moore, wife of an early Presbyterian minister, were interred in Olinda Castner's plot. Mrs. Rodriguez' husband, who survives her, was also a longtime Presbyterian minister.

SECOND OLDEST HEADSTONE STOLEN, 1868, SON OF PRESBYTERIAN PIONEERS- ALSO MORE VANDALISM

We were heartsick to learn that the beautiful old headstone for little Harry Fulton McFarland is gone from its pedestal. Mary Boshen of the Presbyterian Church discovered the loss during the clean-up. Harry was the son of David and Amanda McFarland, who began the first Presbyterian school and church in Santa Fe in 1866. Harry died at 7 months of "cholera infantum." Both Mary Boshen and Marian Meyer think the stone was still there in the spring. We have had three incidences of vandalism during that period, so the stone could have been taken during one of those. We do not publicize the vandalism when it is limited to four or five stones knocked down. We don't want to invite "copycats" to do more. County officials have been extremely helpful in getting the stones back up each time. There were two incidents in the summer and four more stones were toppled in mid-November, plus the beautiful old Seligman cross was shattered beyond repair. This is especially poignant for our president. The Summers family was very close to James and Ruth Seligman whom Amado knew as aunt and uncle. He had already had the cross repaired once from previous damage. We always feel so helpless when this happens. This last time we suspect it may have happened in the daytime--there were empty beer bottles around and we doubt that vandals would come over the back fence when the gate is closed and the weather is so cold. Let us know if you hear or see anything about the McFarland stone.

CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Our sincere thanks to the 14 donors who gave \$1335.00 since the September newsletter. They were in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$250, and are as follows:

Batts, Neil	Grosvenor, Dorothy
Beecroft, Zetta	Jockle, Frances
Bentley, Verda R.	Livingston, Jean*
Bickley, S. Peter	Lujan, M/M Manual, Jr.
Bullick, Alice Marsh	Montezuma Lodge
Floersheim, Arthur*	Teare, John W.*
Griffith, Elouise	

*MEMORIALS

To Edna Foley from A. W. Floersheim; to Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Livingston from Jean Livingston; to Alfred and Ellen Teare from John Teare.

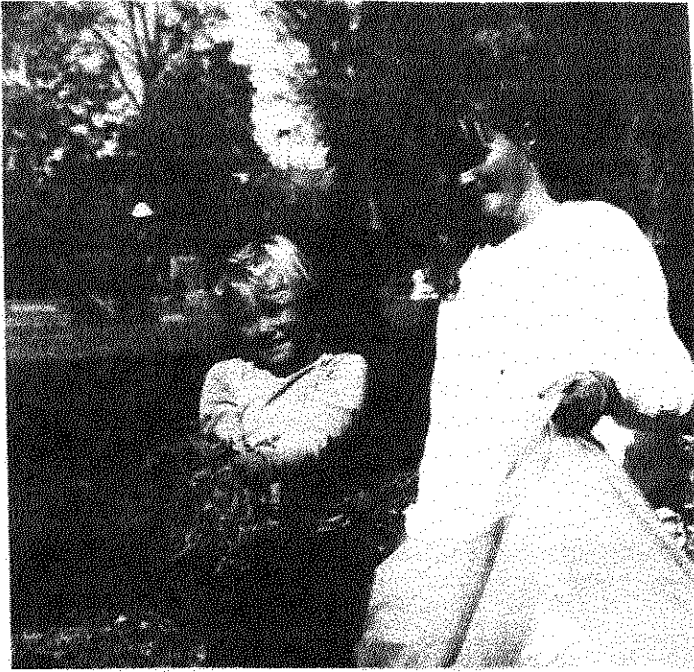
THE SPECIAL FALL CLEAN-UP AND POTLUCK: GLORIOUS DAY, GREAT CAMARADERIE, MUCH WORK ACCOMPLISHED

October 10 was one of Santa Fe's golden Indian Summer days. There was a good turn out of workers and because the cemetery was in quite good condition from caretaker Vince Franco's work, we were able to do work we never have time for otherwise. In the eleven years of our association, we have never raked cones under the spruce trees. It was done and looks beautiful. Also, the low growth on our ancient trees got completely trimmed on many of them. There were four or five weedeaters going most of the morning, so a lot of wild grass got trimmed. Vince had the grass pretty well trimmed around most of the headstones, so getting this other work done was a bonus.

We also got a buried headstone raised for a Frances Moriss, near the caretaker's house. Apparently on Memorial Day a relative came and dug down to find it. A piece was exposed, so we dug it out and raised it. If anyone knows the relatives, let Marian know--she'd like to put them on our list.

We had some special clean-up help from Texas. The Tark Cooks drove in from Perryton; two of their children flew in from Dallas and one who teaches in Tucumcari drove up. They worked all morning, then brought a tub of Kentucky Fried chicken to the potluck. It was a pleasure to have them and we thank each one. We also had help from Albuquerque. Dorothy Brylinski recently found her grandfather, William J. Smith, is buried at Fairview, and has ordered a headstone for him.

New faces this year were Ellie and Peter Bickley. His grandfather, B. F. Young, gave the land which B. F. Young Jr. High once occupied. Others from Santa Fe made three big tables at lunch. The camaraderie at both the clean-up and lunch was good to see. Thanks to all.



TWO "CARRIES" - Carrie Fiske and Carrie Summers Baikie, both-sixth generation Santa Feans, work together bagging leaves at the clean-up. Little Carrie is granddaughter to Marian Meyer and big Carrie is daughter to Amado and Ruth Summers.



EARNEST AND MARIAN KARLSON - longtime supporters of the Association, work in the family plot where Marian's Thornton ancestors are buried.



JOHN PORTER BLOOM - John lives in California, but says he is really a New Mexican. He was here doing research and joined us for the clean-up. We suspect he will eventually make his way back to New Mexico permanently. John's sweatshirt proclaims, "Old Age and Treachery Will Overcome Youth and Skill."



TARK COOK - Trims low growth from one of our ancient box elders. He and his family came from Texas and Tucumcari for the clean-up. His mother, Mary Brownlee Cook, is buried at Fairview.

LETTERS FROM YOU--OUR FRIENDS & MEMBERS

We will resume our Centennial Biographies in the next issue, but this time we are using the space for excerpts from a few of the many letters you have enclosed with a donation. Sometimes you've apologized because the amount is small, but believe us, the words make us feel just as good as the money, no matter what the amount. Some notes are to Amado, some to Marian, others simply to the association. We appreciate them all.

Zetta Beecroft writes: "...Being in too poor shape to help in the clean-up, and so well pleased with the looks of the grave improvement where I had the marker placed, I felt that this small contribution is not amiss. Wish I could do more..."

Dorothy Dwyre Grosvenor: "Sorry I missed the fall clean-up. I was out of town. Thanks very much for levelling the earth and planting new sod on Dad's grave. It looks very nice and I really appreciate all the hard work you folks do for the cemetery."

From Elouise Griffith, Mesa: "Sorry we are unable to help physically with the clean-up work...my husband is unable to be in high altitude, so our trips to Santa Fe are over...Many thanks for all the hard work and time you spend on Fairview Cemetery..."

To Amado from Elisa DuVal, Los Angeles: "...I certainly appreciate the load you have have carried this year. Also, I know Mrs. Summers has done a lot..."

Frank and Anne Zinn, Albuquerque: "...Wish we could help in person with the clean-up. Please accept our donation in place of our presence. We are most grateful for your good work..."

Gerald Spitz, San Antonio: "I appreciate your newsletter... God Bless you for your untiring work..."

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