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WATER COMPANY PROBLEM STILL NOT RESOLVED

NO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—NEWS ON TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS: BOB
LAWRENCE AND WARREN JONES

THIRTY TREES TO BE TRIMMED OR TOPPED BEFORE SPRING

INTERMENTS: CYNTHIA (THORNBURG) JOHNSON

HEADSTONES SET FOR OLD/NEW GRAVES: BOICE, KARLSON

WE THANK YOU FOR A TOTAL OF \$2950.00 IN DONATIONS

BRAD HAVING TESTS FOR SOME HEALTH PROBLEMS

We will be anxious to learn the results of tests Brad is having. Because of this we did not ask him to write a column this time. Please send good thoughts to him and hope he will be back with us soon working to solve Fairview's problems

OUR WATER PROBLEMS STILL ACUTE

Brad still has had no response to his letter to the official designated by the mayor to try to help us. He mentioned the large donation he had given to the city parks department, hoping that would help us in our quest to get this horrendous water bill reduced. So far, no results.

A NOTE FROM MARIAN

This broken ankle was certainly more than I bargained for. I have spent the last 2 ½ months in a wheelchair and am just now beginning to use a walker part of the time. At least it gives me access to my computer. I couldn't negotiate the step down to the workroom, so was only there twice to look for something and Lee wrestled me down in the chair. The orthopedic doctor put a metal plate and 8 screws in my leg from the ankle up. Then had a bacterial infection in the incision, which took lots of time and antibiotics to heal. Am now in physical therapy and that will speed up healing. It's been quite a session but things are looking up. My thanks to Gene Valdes to taking over the September newsletter for me. He received some nice feedback from his piece on the old San Miguel Cemetery.

Marian

THANKS TO ALL OUR DONORS

We are grateful to all of you who contribute to the cemetery. We received \$2950.00 in amounts ranging from \$10.00 to \$500.00. We appreciate every penny from the following:

- Ball, Jean
- Blauvelt, Ardash
- Brown, Lois
- Hoover, David
- Jordan, Virginia
- Karlson, Ernest & Marian
- Kennedy, Lee E.
- Legits, Joanne
- Livingston, Jean
- Lopez, Conchita
- Maxwell, Martha L.
- McCrary, M. H.
- Naranjo, Maria
- Petranto, Joseph
- Seth, Jean
- Smith, Ted A.
- Stafford, Venus
- Strawn, Dorothy
- Thomas, Rosina & Harold
- Watkins, Stephen
- Wright, Barbara
- Zander, Virginia
- Zinn, Frank

MEMORIALS

- From Lois Brown in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Wallace Livingston
- From Dorothy Strawn in memory of Enos Strawn
- From Lee E. Kennedy in memory of Clara Kennedy
- From Jean Ball in memory of her parents Dr. & Mrs. Albert Egenhofer
- From Rosina & Harold Thomas to the Endowment Fund
- From Barbara Wright in memory of her grandparents, Charles & Florence May
- From Virginia Zander in memory of Dorothy & A. P. Gnagey

TREE MEMORIALS

We have received donations for three new trees to be planted next spring, depending on water availability. From CORINNE SZE; memory of Sally Hyer; STEPHEN E. WATKINS, in memory of his wife, Betty McKay Watkins and MARTHA L. MAXWELL, memory of Robert Maxwell and Lynette Dean Maxwell. We are considering just how we will recognize the donors. Fifteen years ago, our scheme to etch the name in a small concrete cylinder (from the Highway Department) was not successful. The etching wore away and only a few are barely legible. But we will come up with something eventually.

Brad has arranged for the tree man to do the topping and trimming of trees when he has time from now to spring.

NEW/OLD TOMBSTONES

We listed these in the last newsletter but said we would tell you about them in the next newsletter.

DR. STEPHEN BOICE is something of a mystery in our records. He is listed in the interments with a section and grave number in ink, then his name is crossed out in pencil. We have always felt he is buried there and was probably moved from the old Masonic Cemetery downtown. A few years ago, Marian found his 1865 obituary from a Denver newspaper at the archives. The doctor was also a Santa Fe Trail trader and prominent Santa Fean. His 1865 death date makes him the second oldest burial at Fairview.

A couple of years ago we got a letter from his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Robert Boice, asking about a headstone. We wrote back and this year the family ordered it. There is a full-grown tree on his plot, but it could easily have grown from a seedling in the last 50 years. We simply put the tombstone at the foot of the tree. RIP, Dr. Boice.

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INTERMENTS

Our only interment since the September newsletter was Cynthia (Thornburg) Johnson. She is the wife of Dan Johnson and daughter of Anne Thornburg. She died in Minneapolis and was buried in Fairview.

FORMER PRESIDENT BOB LAWRENCE WAS VERY ILL, BETTER NOW

At this point in the newsletter, Marian ran into Bob Lawrence at the fitness center where she is having therapy and learned some shocking news.

Bob was our very fine president, 1997--1998 and guided us through the perilous period when the County gave us the cemetery. He was an expert negotiator and our Association emerged in good shape.

Bob had just arrived at the airport in Albuquerque when he had what was thought to be a heart attack. When it was determined it was not, he was given another crucial test which totally damaged both his kidneys. He was in Presbyterian Hospital 65 days and St. Vincent's another month. It was a very close call.

He immediately had to go on dialysis three times a week. During all this, one leg had to be amputated below the knee and he was fitted with a prosthesis. After a second one was fitted late this summer, he was able to start playing a bit of golf and got up to

nine holes. When his son came to visit this fall, they played 18 holes!

What a courageous and inspirational story! In comparison, it makes Marian's broken ankle sound more like a fleabite. He was wearing a sweatshirt that proclaimed "Golfaholics Anonymous". Go, Bob!

FORMER PRESIDENT WARREN JONES DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

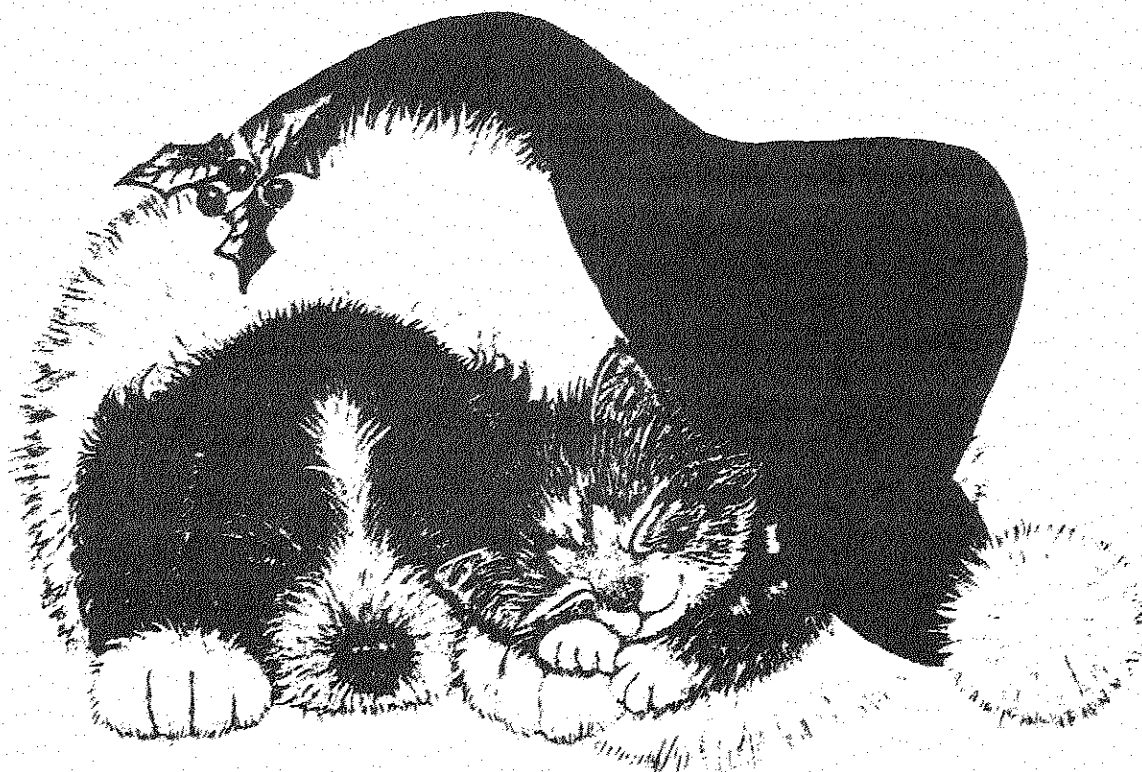
Warren served two terms as our president in the early 1990s. He and Margaret became interested in Fairview when they read about our centennial celebration in 1984. They came to it, then to some meetings and the rest was history.

He served our Association well, spearheading the installation of two watering systems, Sections A and B. He was an architect and designed their beautiful home in Santa Fe. Their two sons did not want them to sell the house, so Margaret is still there part of the time. He died in September and a memorial service was held in Osage City, Kansas in November. Our condolences to Margaret.

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