

NEWSLETTER

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\$1890 RECEIVED FROM 28 CONTRIBUTORS

SPRING CLEAN-UP AND POTLUCK SATURDAY, MAY 18, 9 AM AT CEMETERY AND ODD FELLOWS HALL

This year marks a decade since our first clean-up of Fairview Cemetery in 1981. In ten years we have made a great deal of progress in improving the grounds, but much remains to be done. The purpose of the clean-up is twofold. We not only try to have the cemetery presentable for Memorial Day, but we always have a few new people come. Some of them become interested enough to serve on the board or to help in other ways with our work. The clean-up starts at 9 a.m., but if you can't spend the entire morning, come later. We hope you will bring a dish for the potluck luncheon and enjoy the meal with us. We had a fine time last year and the food was delicious. You may drop your dish off first at the Odd Fellows Hall, adjacent to Fairview. Potluck chairwoman Ruth Summers will be there by 9 a.m. to accept food. She will put it in the refrigerator or oven. Ruth plans again to continue the "Heritage Day" theme by posting the histories and photographs of people who are buried at Fairview. These were first used in our 1984 Centennial celebration for our "RIP Tour" (Revisiting Important People). If you have not seen them, they are well worth browsing over.

For the clean-up, bring your gardening tools. The association will provide trash bags and the county will dispose of them. When a few board members met at Fairview earlier this spring, Amado Summers expressed a wish for the clean-up. He said that in addition to raking their own family plot, if each person would spend a little time picking up trash from anyplace in the cemetery, we could have the whole place looking better than ever for Memorial Day.

After last year's cleanup, board member Margaret Jones heard that a couple of people would have come to the clean-up and/or potluck last year if they had had transportation. So Margaret has volunteered to pick anyone up who would like to attend, but cannot drive. Call her, 982-4855.

\$2000 OF YOUR MONEY SPENT ON TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING. SPRING OIL SPRAY ALSO DONE

Once again we had Coates Tree Service do the work on the trees which needed removing or trimming. Jim Vandersys and Warren Jones went through the cemetery and marked the individual trees which needed attention. This will be a continuing project because many of our trees are becoming ancient. Some may be close to a century old and simply will not live much longer. The spring oil spray was done by Roy's Tree Service. The new owner who bought Roy's about three years ago has continued Roy's policy of doing the spraying for us at a reduced rate, which we appreciate.

OLD TREES TO BE GRADUALLY REPLACED

We have had a very difficult time with some of the young flowering trees we planted in the last two or three years. Our main problem is getting them through the winter, when it is a dry one. We lost two more this winter, which will be replaced, but possibly by a variety which is a little more drought resistant. At the December meeting, the board voted to try to replace some of the trees that are removed, at a rate of six per year, if possible. We will begin planting some of the trees this summer. Since Amado Summers made the suggestion, he has become a sort of unofficial "Tree Chairman." He will supervise the choosing and planting of the new trees.

In addition, instead of making a monetary contribution, Amado plans to make a gift of two Ponderosa trees, 4 to 5 feet tall. He will plant and care for them. The big conifer near the entrance was one of those we lost this year, so Amado's offer is welcome. We thank him.

WARREN JONES BEGINS PLANS FOR NEXT SECTION OF SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Last fall we put \$12,000 in a certificate of deposit so it could earn extra interest in anticipation of installing a new section of the sprinkler system. Warren Jones has already met with one landscaper to discuss ideas for front Section B. It is not laid out in straight rows and promises problems in the installation. We will keep you posted on the progress.

OUR SHERRY SMITH MARRIES DOUGLAS THAYER

Our newsletter has never carried a notice of a wedding before, but we believe our secretary warrants special mention. On April 27 Sherry Smith was married to Douglas Thayer, a nuclear physicist at Los Alamos. Sherry has served us in the office for ten years, (she is the only secretary we've ever had). That includes ten years of taking minutes of meetings, sending acknowledgements of all contributions, writing letters, making reports and all other manner of services an organization of this size requires. Incidentally, Sherry has decided to use her middle name, Catherine, because she likes it better with Thayer. Our sincere congratulations to them both.

CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Donations of \$1890 were received in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$250. The board thanks each of you. They are as follows:

Bentley, Verda R.	Matthews, M/M David
Bullick, M/M William	Meyer, Marian*
Cannon, Ralph*	Mossman, Ann
Davis, Happie*	Myers, Helen C.*
Dwyer, Sister Marie D.	Naranjo, Maria E./Juana
Eddy, John	Pollock, Mrs. Pauline
Frantz, Alice B.*	Pomomis, Katherine
Gilbert, William	Roberts, M/M Ernest W.
Johnson, Mrs. Barbara*	Silver, M/M Abe
Johnson, Thea	Swanson, Donald
Karlson, M/M Ernest	Valdes, M/M Joseph E.*
Livingston, Leona	White, Mrs. Gladys
Livingston, Wallace, M.D.	Wright, M/M Walter*
Marshall, Emory L.	Zucal, Josephine Garrand

***MEMORIALS**

To Judy Cannon from Ralph Cannon and Alice Frantz. To the Mugler, Wierige and Manker Families from Happie Davis. To Donald and Gordon Stevenson from Barbara Johnson. To the Comstock Family from Helen Myers. To Dr. Thomas J. Dillon from Marian Meyer. To Janet Wiley from M/M Joseph E. Valdes.

CALIFORNIA WOMAN FINDS HER ANCESTOR

Thea Johnson of Orange, California, called the History Library here in Santa Fe in February, looking for information on her ancestor, George Henry Estes, a trader who first traveled the Santa Fe Trail in the 1840s. Marian Meyer happened to be there, so the librarian asked her to take the call. Marian knew Estes was not on the list of those buried in Fairview, but she did a little research and located an obituary for him in 1861. He was buried in the old Masonic Cemetery downtown and was probably moved to Fairview when the old cemetery was condemned. No doubt his grave was without a marker and he is one of our 60 "unknowns" at Fairview. Mrs. Johnson was pleased with the information and sent us a contribution, for which we thank her. Eventually she may decide to place a marker at Fairview for Estes. If so, we could perhaps put it on one of the "unknown" graves near Catharine Gorman, our earliest burial--1862. Estes would then become the earliest--1861. We undoubtedly have earlier ones, but have little or no information on them.

MARKERS FOR OLD GRAVES TO BE AVAILABLE AGAIN THIS SUMMER

We already have two orders for markers for old graves and several other people have asked about it. We make this offer every summer. The price is virtually at cost because we are anxious to have as many of the old graves marked as possible. The cost of the gray granite headstones includes installation and mileage from Albuquerque. The price of markers did not go up this year. A standard marker, 12"x24," is \$300, the small size, 8"x16," is \$150. The name, birth and death dates are included in the cost. An extra line of text is \$25. If you wish to have a stone placed, send your check and text (please print or type name and dates) to the association. If you have questions, call Marian Meyer, 982-5635.

INTERMENTS

Interments since the December newsletter were Norene Adair, Janet Wiley and Marie Packard. Relatives of Norene Adair wanted her buried at Fairview because a cousin of hers named Herbert Adair is also interred there. They purchased the lot owned by Jean Munn

which we mentioned was available in the newsletter sometime back. Janet Wiley married Alfred Wiley in Santa Fe in 1916 so she was one of Santa Fe's real oldtimers. Marie Packard, another long-time Santa Fean, was the wife of Frank Packard who owned Packard's Trading Post until his death in 1956.

DR. THOMAS J. DILLON DIES

Another death worth noting, even though he is not buried at Fairview, is that of Thomas J. Dillon. Dr. Dillon spearheaded the placing of markers on the Fairview graves of several deaf people--former teachers at the New Mexico School for the Deaf. Dillon was principal of NMSD for over 30 years--the only deaf principal in the nation -- at that time.

HELP FROM NMSD ON BOGUE GRAVE

One of the headstones Dr. Dillon worked for was that of Maud Bogue, a young deaf orphan girl who was the first student registered at the school. She died of cholera in 1892. The NMSD Class of 1986 placed the headstone with two miniature Canadian spruce trees flanking it. One died and this past fall Esple Latimer, a teacher at NMSD and some of her students replaced it.

ENTRANCE BEDS AT CEMETERY MAY BE CHANGED

For the past eight years bedding plants have been planted by the Santa Fe Garden Club in the entrance flower beds at Fairview. There may be a change this year because of problems which have developed. We have an invasion of bindweed there and the Siberian elms nearby send a shower of elm seeds onto the flower beds each year. The board has discussed the possibility of putting some type of shrub in the beds and using black plastic and bark to choke out the bindweed. We have asked the women of the Garden Club for their opinion. So if there are no flowers this year, you will know why. We'll keep you posted.

ANOTHER SINGLE LOT AVAILABLE AT FAIRVIEW

Jaime Gaskin Eyrich, who lives in Arizona, owns a single lot in Section D, which she would like to sell. The location is south and west of the Staab plot. Call Marian Meyer who will put you in touch with the owner. Just at press time we got a call from someone looking for a single lot, so this one may go quickly. Our association still owns two lots, but they are head to toe, not side by side. We also know of two side by side ones which are available from a friend of our association.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

If you have a question or suggestion regarding Fairview, call one of the following: Joe Roberts, Pres., 982-4605; Amado Summers, V.P., 983-3933; Sherry Smith, Sec., 982-4611; Board Members: Marian Meyer, 982-5635; Bob Clifford, 983-9151; Margaret and Warren Jones, 982-4855; Janice Matthews, 983-4208; Laura and K. K. Miller, 471-1025; Abe Silver, 982-1303; James Vandersys, 982-5966.



**SEE YOU AT THE CLEAN-UP
MARIAN AND SHERRY CATHERINE**



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