

May 1992

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11TH SPRING CLEAN-UP AND 3RD POTLUCK LUNCHEON MAY 23, 9 AM

\$5,000 AND \$2,500 GIFTS EARMARKED FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEM

\$1,475 IN OTHER DONATIONS FROM OUR LOYAL MEMBERS

SANTA FE COUNTY LOOKING FOR NEW CARETAKER-HOUSE BEING RENOVATED

NEXT SPRINKLER SYSTEM ADDITION TO WAIT UNTIL COUNTY HAS NEW WORK DONE

SHRUBBERY TRIMMED, SPRING OIL SPRAY ON TREES, "ADOPT A TREE" TIME AGAIN

SEVEN SANTA FE OLDTIMERS INTERRED DURING WINTER

SEARCHING FOR OWNERS OF EMPTY PLOTS & ANOTHER CENTENNIAL SKETCH

**RUTH SUMMERS AGAIN HEADS POTLUCK LUNCHEON
FOLLOWING CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, MAY 23, 9 AM**

\$5,000 GIVEN - MEMORY OF BETTY BIGBEE

Ruth Summers, wife of our president, originally conceived the idea of the "Heritage Day" and potluck luncheon following the annual spring clean-up. She will chair this event for the third successive year. It is hard to believe this is the eleventh year we have gathered to rake, trim, and water, etc., at the cemetery. Please bring your own tools; the association will furnish trash bags and will dispose of the full ones, which can be left at the roadsides. After you have done your own family plot, we hope you have energy left over to help with other areas of the cemetery, particularly along the front fence, which is a perennial mess. On the potluck, Ruth Summers writes:

The luncheon will be at 11:30 at the Odd Fellows Hall next to the cemetery. Bring a dish (entree, salad or dessert) to serve approximately eight people. The hall will be open from 9 a.m. if your dish needs cooling or heating. Paper plates, utensils and drinks will be provided by the Association. We encourage those not able to help with the clean-up to attend the luncheon.

It will be an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new friends. Bring the kids and grandkids and help them learn about their ancestors. Once again the historical placards from our 1984 Centennial will be on display for your perusal. For information call Ruth Summers, 983-3933 or Marian Meyer, 982-5635.

EVERYONE PLEASE COME!



Betty Roe Bigbee, 1917-1991

As we reported in the last newsletter, Betty Roe Bigbee, wife of attorney Harry Bigbee, was interred at Fairview last October. In December our association received a check for \$5,000 in her memory from her family. We are indeed grateful and the board has earmarked the money for a

future addition to the sprinkler system. This is not the first time our association has benefitted from the generosity of the Bigbee family. After Mrs. Dade Bigbee died in 1989, we received a similar gift. It was used for sprinklers in the section where they are buried. We thank the Bigbees.

\$2,500 GIFT FROM JOHN N. EDDY

Another generous gift of \$2,500 was received from John "Newt" Eddy, who has always been a generous supporter of our association. We are indebted to him. The gift is in memory of Beth Eddy. It is special gifts such as this, as well as the regular steady contributions we receive all year long which makes the work we do for Fairview so gratifying. This gift is also earmarked for the sprinkler system. Thanks, Newt.

HOUSE BEING RENOVATED; SANTA FE COUNTY LOOKING FOR NEW CARETAKER

The caretaker, who has been at Fairview for the last six years, suddenly moved out of the house just two weeks before the cemetery was to open on April 15. We understand that County officials are looking for a replacement. Our board held an emergency meeting on April 4 to assure that we would take whatever steps were necessary to get the water turned on and the spring work started. As it turned out, Dennis Hernandez, the County official who was the caretaker's immediate superior, has taken affairs in hand. The water was turned on, the seven graves which were left all winter as rocky mounds were cleared and will soon be prepared for sod. Hernandez is also directing a complete renovation of the cemetery house, virtually gutting it, with plans for new plumbing and wiring. This is good news indeed. The last major work done on the house was in the early 1940s when the Woman's Club hired contractor Gianardi to remodel it. Before that it was unplastered adobe and had no indoor plumbing. As soon as this work is complete and a new caretaker is hired, we hope to work closely with the County and the man who will be operating our \$6,000 mower. We will give you an up-to-date report at the luncheon following the clean-up. Stay tuned.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT,

This season at our cemetery is starting out as one of our most challenging yet. Your association intends to do everything possible to insure that the grounds are maintained and improved. Your continuing support of time and monetary help will be especially appreciated this year. We look forward to seeing all of you at our potluck and clean-up on May 23.

Amado Summers

EDITORS NOTE:

Because of the new developments this spring, the load on the president has been about doubled. Amado (and Ruth

as well) have been spending untold hours at Fairview, seeing to the concerns of the cemetery. Those of us on the board are indebted to him for all his extra work. When you see Amado, please let him know you appreciate the fine job he is doing.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM ADDITION TO WAIT

At the emergency board meeting, it was decided that we will hold off on the next section of sprinkler system until there is a new caretaker and the County has things at the cemetery running smoothly. We have the money for the addition in a certificate of deposit which will mature during the summer. We will decide at that time how we will proceed. As some of you know, our ultimate hope is that once we get the entire cemetery under sprinkler systems, we can install automatic controls (preferably inside the shed). In this way, watering could be done in late evening or early morning hours when there is no wind to waste water. However, that is probably a good while in the future, but it is a worthy goal.

SHRUBS TRIMMED-OTHER SPRING WORK DONE

At the last meeting in 1991, the board voted to have a professional trim the shrubbery at Fairview. Board Member Millard Holliday does landscaping and President Amado Summers hired him to work on the shrubs for four days. The two of them spent a good deal of time at the cemetery in April. Millard then volunteered an extra two days, so we are indebted to him. What a difference it has made in the appearance of the shrubs! Except for the little bit of trimming we have done at clean-ups, the shrubs have never been given any attention. Thanks, Millard and Amado.

MARIAN MEYER REVIEWS CEMETERY RECORDS; NUMEROUS VACANT GRAVES EVIDENT; SEARCH FOR OWNERS

While doing a little recuperating this winter, Marian spent some time working on the Fairview records, filling in who is buried where. She still has to field check some of these at the cemetery, but she knows for sure that there are several empty lots in the Safford, Thornton (Gov.) and Pope (last Territorial Chief Justice) plots, as well as many others. Some of these date back to 1912. Marian is on the trail of the Saffords now. The Thorntons nor the Popes had children, but Mrs. Thornton had a niece, Mrs. Frank Butts, who lived in Albuquerque. If we can locate any descendants, and no one in the families plan to be buried at Fairview, they may be willing to donate the lots to us. If you have any information on these families, call Marian, 982-5635. She will have more names for you in the next newsletter.

HEADSTONE INSTALLATION AGAIN OFFERED

If anyone wishes to have a headstone installed on a grave, call Marian Meyer, 982-5635. We make this offer every

summer and we usually have from three to six stones put in. The prices have gone up this year, but it is still practically at cost. Of course we are anxious to have those old graves marked, so we keep the price as close as possible to cost. A small marker, 8"x16" is now \$180; a standard size, 12"x24" is \$320. This includes the setting fee and the mileage charge from Albuquerque. It includes 3 lines of text: name, birth and death dates.

INTERMENTS OF SEVEN OLD TIMERS

Interments since the December newsletter include seven Santa Fe old-timers. In years past we visited several times with Adolpho Cantu, 86, at Fairview when he was there caring for his two plots. Burton Dwyre, 90, was special to us; he designed the cement standard at the cemetery entrance which holds the two historical plaques from our 1984 Centennial. Virginia Bliss served on our first board of directors and was helpful in putting together our first mailing list. Edith Greve, 85, an educator for 55 years, died in Albuquerque. Dorothy Stevenson, 68, was also a well-known teacher here. Grace Moore, 95; her family for many years lived in the historical Digneo-Moore house across from the Roundhouse. Paul Ragle, 87, was a longtime businessman and a founder of the Santa Fe Rodeo.

CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Heartfelt thanks to each of the 26 donors who gave a total of \$1475, in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$250. They are as follows:

A.F. & A.M. Lodge 19	Gilbert, William W.
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the Dooley family, sent two cash contributions in thanks for Dooley research information sent her by Marian Meyer.

REPORT ON "ADOPT A TREE"

For those of you who adopted trees last fall, it is the time of year to think about them again. Several nurseries recommend giving a dose of root stimulant for the first feeding, then fertilizer stakes a month or so later. The stakes are slow release and only have to be used once. The water was turned on April 15 in most sections. The others will be on as soon as leaks are repaired. We are counting on you to take care of your baby tree. If you find this impossible, please contact Ruth Summers, 983-3933. We don't want any of our young trees to die because we assumed they were being watered. We still have some young trees that need *tender loving care*. Can you help?

Ruth Summers

PROGRESS REPORT--MARIAN'S TWO BOOKS

Marian Meyer's book *Mary Donoho: New First Lady of the Santa Fe Trail*, is still enjoying steady sales. The hardcover is sold out, but the paperback is still available at your bookseller or Ancient City Press for \$11. Or call Marian.

Marian's other book *Santa Fe's Fifteen Club: A Century of Literary Women*, had a very limited printing of 300 copies. It is a modest volume--a sort of desk-top publishing effort containing 88 pages, 2 appendices, an index and bibliography. It contains sketches on 80 of the 164 members in the past century. Many of the early women in the book are buried at Fairview Cemetery and you long-time Santa Feans will be familiar with them. If you did not get one and wish to, order from Marian Meyer, 2327 Old Arroyo Chamisa, Santa Fe, 87505, or call Marian, 982-5635. The book is \$7, plus \$1.50 postage.

CENTENNIAL BIOGRAPHIES By Catherine Thayer

MAUD BOGUE 1877 - 1892

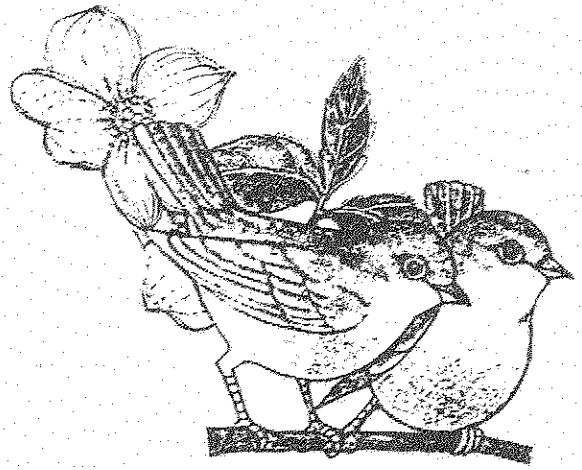
The following article is taken from the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, dated August 8, 1892:

DEATH OF A MUTE: Maud Bogue, an orphan girl, deaf and dumb, aged 14 years, died last night after a brief illness, at the residence of Mr. Jose M. Martinez, below Guadalupe Church. She was a pupil in the deaf and dumb school, and was temporarily left in the care of parties at the Martinez house pending Professor Lars Larson's absence from the city. The body was buried at Fairview Cemetery at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Records at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe state that Maud Bogue died of cholera infantum. She was born in Wichita, Kansas, on December 25, 1877. Her deafness was caused by spinal meningitis at the age of three. Records show she was the first pupil enrolled in Mr. Larson's private school for deaf children on November 10,

1885, which was the first day the school was in operation. School records note that the whereabouts of her parents was unknown. She was listed as an orphan and was cared for mainly by Mr. and Mrs. Larson. Note: During research on her history of the New Mexico School for the Deaf, Marian Meyer found the parents on the 1880 census. Evidently both of them died between then and 1885 when Maud was found by Lars Larson.

The ladies of the "Benevolent Society" had just organized the week of Maud Bogue's death and at the time had not decided on their final name. They were soon to become "Santa Fe Woman's Board of Trade and Library Association," and to go on to fame in the operation of Fairview Cemetery and the Santa Fe Public Library, two of their many projects through the years. The club provided a plot for Maud to be buried and she lay in the unmarked grave for 94 years, when Thomas Dillon, former principal at NMSD, headed an effort for the Class of 1986 to place a stone on her grave. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Cora Gunn Larson, with the help of her daughters, Rosa and Vera, was an active member of the Woman's Board of Trade. The girls served as interpreters for their deaf mother.



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