

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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16TH ANNUAL CLEAN-UP MAY 24, 9:30 A.M., 8TH POTLUCK LUNCHEON AT NOON IN ODD FELLOWS HALL--BUSINESS MEETING AFTER PICNIC TO CHANGE BY-LAWS--IF APPROVED, SPRING CLEAN-UP WILL REPLACE SEPTEMBER ANNUAL MEETING

BEAUTIFUL WROUGHT IRON FENCE WORK COMPLETED AND PAID FOR--MAKES THE BRICKWORK LOOK WORSE THAN EVER--TO BE OUR NEXT PROJECT

WATER TURNED ON APRIL 15--SPRING WORK UNDERWAY--CARETAKER GUY GRAY HAS TESTED NEW LINES INSTALLED IN FALL--WEED AND FEED APPLIED IN APRIL--GRASS SEEDED IN FALL ON NEW GRAVES SURVIVED WINTER VERY WELL

TWO THORNTON LOTS AND LAST COMPTON LOT SOLD--MONEY TO FENCE

NEW COMPUTER SCANNER WILL GIVE NEWSLETTER MORE VERSATILITY

BY-LAW CHANGE*OLD HEADSTONE OFFER AGAIN BEING MADE***INTERMENTS: DOROTHY BARKER, DELIA SWANSON***THE TRAGIC CORA BARTLETT STORY**

TOTAL OF \$1887.00 IN DONATIONS--THANK YOU

16th ANNUAL CLEAN-UP AND 8th POTLUCK PICNIC SATURDAY, MAY 24, 9:30 AM. IF YOU CAN'T WORK, COME TO EAT AND VISIT

It may surprise you to know that we have a great time at our clean-up and luncheon. Try to talk your kids or grandkids into coming with you. This year we will return to having it in the Odd Fellows meeting hall, adjacent to Fairview. President Bob Lawrence needs to conduct a business meeting which is virtually impossible in the cemetery with the traffic roaring by. Thanks to Odd Fellows member Jimmy Stumpff for letting us use their hall.

You can bring hot or cold food this year--drop it off at the hall as you come to the clean-up. Someone will be there to accept it. We will provide paper plates, utensils and soft drinks.

Please bring your own tools for the cleanup. For anyone who feels up to it after cleaning your own family plot, we will have a list of other work which needs to be done, such as raking, clipping low growth on old trees and shrubs, picking up trash, etc.. Trash bags will be provided and will be hauled away by the County.

BEAUTIFUL WROUGHT IRON FENCE COMPLETED

The fence is finished, paid for and looks wonderful. The large double gate folds back just as it is supposed to, and is locked at night. The space to turn in is more than big enough to accommodate a car. The fence was finished to the satisfaction of the Fence Committee and the final payment of \$5800 was made. Total cost of the fence was \$29,500.00, which is quite a remarkable achievement for our Association. It is the largest project we have ever attempted and only the splendid cooperation of **ALL OF YOU** made it possible. We thank you again.

Of course, the handsomeness of the new fence makes the falling down brick foundation look worse! We expect the new brick work to be our next project. We still haven't found a brickmason to do the work, but two of the boardmembers are looking for one. We will probably do it in increments.

Because of the large expenditure, our financial condition is lower than usual. At the present time we have a total of approximately \$8000 in the checking and savings accounts. Of that amount, about \$5000.00 is earmarked for the fence brickwork. Our standard spring expenditures include the dormant tree spraying, "weed and feed" treatment for the grass and if we can afford it, some tree trimming.

SPRING CEMETERY WORK BEGUN APRIL 15

Right on schedule, April 15, caretaker Guy Gray turned on the water. He checked the new lines he installed in late fall and had not tested because the water had to be turned off for the winter. All are working properly and watering should be less work, with the usage of much less water, we hope. We were very pleased that all the bare graves we had to ignore all last summer because of the drought are now nicely seeded. Guy did an excellent job in filling and leveling them. If by chance we missed any, please let a board member know. As always, dormant oil spray was applied in March to most of the trees. The "weed and feed" application which is fertilizer and dandelion treatment was applied the last week in April.

BY-LAW CHANGE

When a by-law change is needed, it is necessary to publish or read it to the membership twice. The purpose of this change will move the Annual Meeting to May and will be the same date as the annual spring clean-up. This will allow a greater number of members to elect officers and directors, as well as to participate in other issues before the Board. The change was suggested following the annual meeting in September, because the attendance has always been poor. The Board voted on it at the December meeting and this is the first notice to you, the membership. It will be read at the meeting following the potluck luncheon and voted upon at that time. An advantage is that it will mean one less board meeting per year for board members. The by-law change is as follows.

Proposal to amend Article VI, Section I: The Board of Directors of the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association proposes to amend the by-laws which require "on...a date in September of each year to be designated by the Board for the purpose of electing directors and officers, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting." The amended Article VI, Section I of the by-laws to read "on a date in May of each year..."

THREE LOTS SOLD--MONEY TO FENCE FUND

Two of the Thornton lots which were given to us a couple of years ago by Thornton descendants have been sold to Bambi Johnson. Also, our grounds chairman Erik Mason arranged the sale of the second Compton lot to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vandersys, who now live in Rio Rancho. Jim served on our board of directors for several years. Erik and Jim are related, and the new lot is not far from Erik's family lot. There are two Thornton lots left, however, one is probably spoken for. The money we received will go to the fence fund. So if you know anyone who needs a lot, we have one left; the cost is \$700. Also, Rick Berardinelli mentioned to Marian that the mortuary has two single lots available at Fairview.

NEW COMPUTER SCANNER AWESOME

At the annual meeting in September, the board voted to buy some software for our newsletter needs and this spring Doug Thayer, our computer expert, figured out what we needed and we bought it for \$400. Then he found more software was necessary and got that, but as yet, he has not let us pay him for that part. He installed it and gave Marian some instruction, but

it still scares her to death! She hopes eventually to get the hang of it. For this newsletter, we chose E. L. and Cora Bartlett for our centennial history subjects, because we had pictures. The one of Bartlett is quite good, but Cora's was taken from a newspaper article and turned out just fair on the scanner. The potential is great for what we can do in the future, when Marian finally gets competent at it.

HEADSTONES FOR OLD GRAVES AGAIN OFFERED

As always, our summer offer of a headstone for an old grave is again being made at virtually cost. It is plain gray granite, with the small marker, 8" x 16" for \$180; standard size, 12" x 24" for \$320. This includes the setting fee, mileage from Albuquerque and three lines of text: generally name, birth and death dates. If you want to use just the birth and death years, then you can have some other bit of information or a sentiment on the stone. Write our Association or call Marian Meyer, 505-982-5635.

INTERMENTS SINCE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

When Dorothy Barker died, we lost a dear friend of Fairview Cemetery. She was a fixture at our clean-up for years until she finally became too frail to wield a rake. She still came to the potluck luncheon occasionally. In the year before her death, she made arrangements for her ashes to be placed next to her husband's plot. He was mayor of Santa Fe in 1934, and his two brothers were state game warden Elliot Barker and noted poet and author Omar Barker.

The ashes of Delia Swanson, who was in her 90s, were placed in the grave of her husband Gunnar, who died in 1974. His first wife, Olive, who died young, was the mother of old-time Santa Fean Violet McGillivray, so Delia became her second mother. Delia's daughter, Betty Dunkin and granddaughter Delia Otero, live in Albuquerque.

\$1792.00 IN CONTRIBUTIONS

Our sincere thanks to the 34 donors who gave a total of \$1792 to our Fairview fund. This is the lifeblood of our Association. We appreciate each of your contributions, large and small. They were in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$500.

Austin, Carolyn	Livingston, Leona
Barker, Laughlin	Lynch, La Ru Barker
Bennett, Howard	Matthews, Janice
Bentley, Verda	McGillivray, Violet*
Bloom, John	McKay, Chris*
Bullick, Alice	Meyer, Marian*
Califf, Jean*	Miles, Jeanne*
Corbett, Nancy(3)	Naranjo, Maria & Juana
Klein, Gretchen	Stamm, M/M Allen (2)



*MEMORIALS

From Jean Califf to her mother, Mary Perdue Dreyer; from Chris McKay to the Wientge, Manker and Mugler families; from Jeanne Yashvin Miles to her parents, Morris and Iola Yashvin and her daughter, Dana Reid; from Marian Meyer to Jason Kellahin and from Violet McGillivray to Delia Swanson.

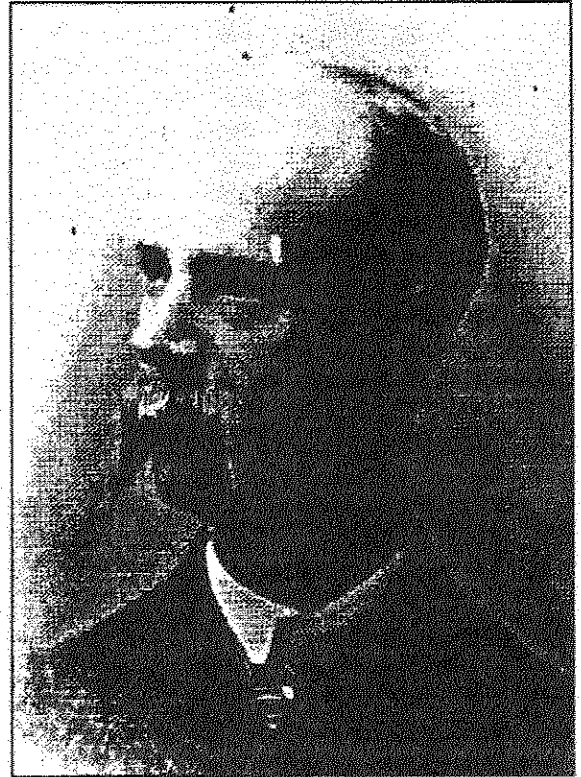
CENTENNIAL HISTORY—CORA BARTLETT

Right: Edward L. Bartlett, Solicitor General of New Mexico, photo courtesy Museum of NM. Below: Cora Bartlett, founder of the Woman's Board of Trade and early Santa Fe female activist. Ca 1900.



The tragic story of the Bartletts in Santa Fe begins in July 1880, only six months after the railroad arrived. They had been married the previous November in Wyandotte, Missouri, in an elegant evening wedding. They came to Santa Fe for Cora's health, which probably was consumption or one of the other lung afflictions which brought so many people from the United States to the high, dry Territory of New Mexico. *The New Mexican* reports that Cora and Edward Leland Bartlett arrived in Santa Fe on July 19 and registered at the Exchange Hotel.

During the next decade Cora lost four babies. The



accumulation of grief and physical damage may have ultimately impaired her health. The Fairview Cemetery records only list the death of one child, Leland Thompson Bartlett, age 20 days, in 1887. Only that obituary was in *The New Mexican* but in the 1900 census, a question was asked of all women about how many children they had and how many were alive. Her entry said four were born to her and none lived.

Evidently Cora then turned her energies to volunteer work. She was appointed one of the "Board of Lady Managers" for the World's Columbian Commission in Chicago. Only one woman represented each state and her job was to organize her state's exhibit for the Columbian Exposition. The event was supposed to have been held in 1892 for the 300th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. It was held a year late in 1893. Cora made several trips to Chicago and wrote numerous letters in behalf of the Territory. Plans were already well underway in 1892 for New Mexico's exhibit, planned and executed by Cora and, as it turned out, also involved the newly organized Woman's Board of Trade and Library Association. Cora was the founding president in July 1892, and the "World's Fair Table," as it came to be called, had already been commissioned and designed by jeweler Fred Wientge. Precious stones, gold and silver filigree were incorporated into its design. The exhibit was highly praised and admired across the nation. The Woman's Board of Trade had hoped to sell it, but never found a buyer. The Exposition ended and the table was exhibited in other cities, including the famed St. Louis fair. Many years later while it was on exhibit in the WBT library in Santa Fe, the table case was stolen, and the table dismantled so the valuable jewels and metals could be disposed of.

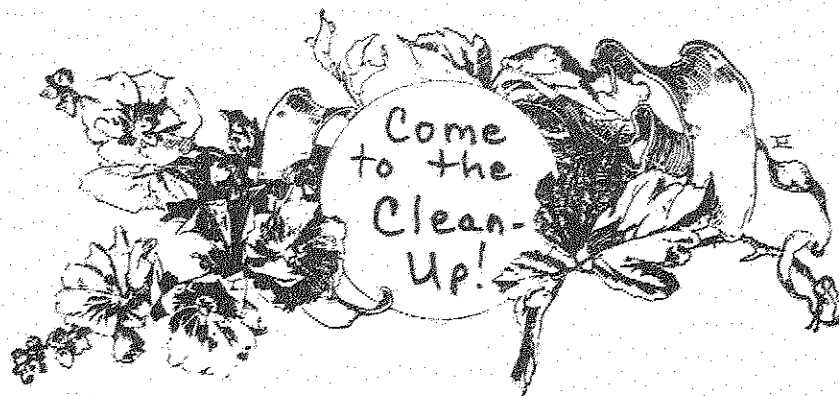
Cora served three years as president of the WBT, and the members tried to elect her to a fourth term, but her husband

and her doctor decreed otherwise. Letters at the New Mexico State Records Center and Archives show that she paid visits to various sanitariums in California, no doubt to help whatever her problems were. Bartlett and the local physician were adamant that she not only decline a fourth term but that she give up membership in the WBT completely. It may have been her death sentence. If she was suffering from clinical depression, depriving her of association with her friends was probably the worst thing they could have done. On October 3, 1903, W. R. Tipton, superintendent of the New Mexico Insane Asylum wrote that he would try to send a trained nurse within a few days--presumably to accompany Cora to the hospital. On October 22 he wrote, "...I am glad that what was done after the unfortunate death of your wife has met with your approval. I

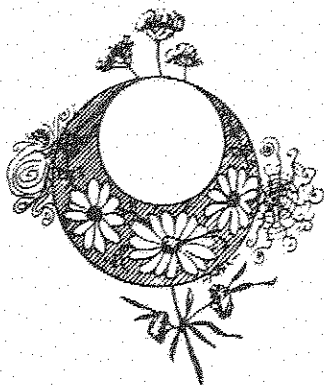
will have the matron pack up the effects of Mrs. Bartlett and have them expressed to you...."

Cora's obituary noted, "She was a woman of great intellectual powers, fine thorough education, a skilled musician, bright, charming and entertaining. Santa Fe's beautiful Plaza will be a lasting monument to her public spirit, her untiring energy, her great executive ability and her self-sacrificing character."

E. L. Bartlett died a year later. His will stated that his diamond shirt studs were to be sold to pay for a stained glass window at the Church of the Holy Faith in memory of his wife. It was done. However, the window is dedicated to both Cora and her husband and is a beautiful memorial.



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