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**BRAD THOMAS IS NEW PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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Castner**

**WE THANK YOU FOR A TOTAL OF \$3895.00 IN DONATIONS**

***LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT***

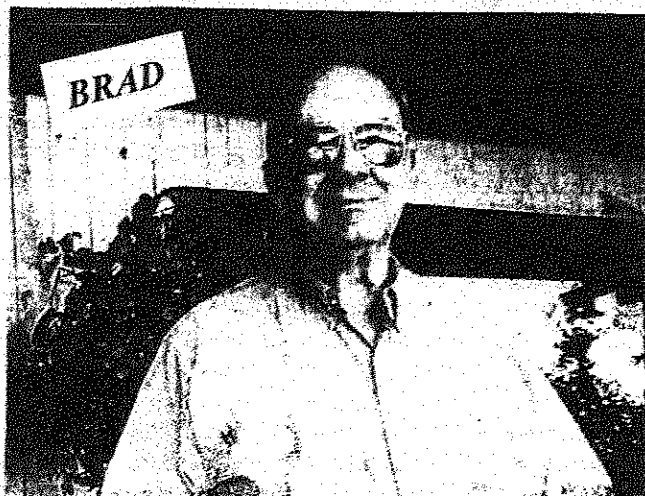
We have been very fortunate to get some decent rains over the last two months which have helped tremendously. Doug Thomas has done a good job in keeping the grass cut, doing some general clean up and minor tree trimming.

We had about 20 trees that were dead or dying removed this summer. We still have to remove approximately 20 more. My greatest concern for the future at this time is finding the funds to remove the remaining half-dead trees and having funds to pay the water bill. Since the city says it will increase the water rates by 79%, we may have to find a substitute for our green grass. Does anyone have a lot of green paint?

We do have a substantial amount in restricted funds. These include the Woman's Club Trust fund of which only the interest can be used. We have been given some stock which the board decided to restrict several years ago, looking toward a future when we may need it more. These funds cannot be used for management or anything else—only the interest they create, which is not great. As a result we always have the ongoing need for additional money. I want to thank our board members for their continued help, support and suggestions. I also want to thank all of you for

your past support and donations without which we would not survive.

We are fortunate to have Marian Meyer with us. She is our backbone. (Editor's note: Thanks, Brad, for those kind words, especially this summer when you carried most of the load while Treas. Joni and I battled some health problems. We need and appreciate *all* our board members ).



## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED AT BUSINESS MEETING AFTER POTLUCK LUNCHEON IN MAY

John Adams was re-elected president but a short time later he resigned because of family health concerns. Bradley M. Thomas was elected to replace him. Brad is no stranger to our Association. He was on the first board of directors in 1981 and was one of the signers of our corporate papers. His grandmother was the first secretary of the Cemetery Committee of the Woman's Board of Trade in 1899. His grandfather was Territorial Secretary of New Mexico under Governor L. Bradford Prince. So glad to have you, Brad.

Other officers elected were Vice Presidents Gene Valdes and Marian Meyer, Joan Stotts, Treasurer and Blair Cooper, Secretary. Directors are: Ronald R. Ball, S. Peter Bickley, Margaret Brunk, Bob Clifford, Marian Karlson and James R. Moore.

## FINALLY, ACTION TO GET FAIRVIEW CEMETERY ON THE HISTORIC REGISTERS

Dr. Corinne Sze moved to Santa Fe in 1974 and hasn't looked back. Her resume is very impressive, but since we don't have room for all of it, we will list some highlights here. Her education includes a B.A. in Greek from Wellesley College and a Ph.D. from Yale University in Classics, as well as summers spent studying history and archaeology at the American School of Classical studies at Athens and the American Academy in Rome. Since 1981 she has researched more than 450 buildings as project historian for the Santa Fe Historic District resurvey. Statewide she has produced over 80 successful nominations to the State and National registers for the Historic Preservation Division of the New Mexico Office of Cultural Affairs, and for private owners.

Our Association has commissioned Dr. Sze to commence work on the nomination of Fairview Cemetery to the State and National Registers. We want to note that cemeteries are not highly favored by some preservationist officials, so we must emphasize that acceptance is not guaranteed. However, Corinne succeeded in getting the first New Mexico cemetery on the Register with her nomination of the old Dawson graveyard. Corinne has been very gracious in her negotiations with us. Ordinarily, she would receive more money than we are going to pay her. One reason is that she and her husband Robert love Fairview and plan to buy lots for themselves there. Her fee will be the equivalent of the cost of two lots. Also, Marian Meyer has offered Corinne access to all her own research, which will save time and money. We anticipate that this will be an agreeable working relationship with, hopefully, a successful result.

## FIRST BATCH OF TREES REMOVED

We are not sure just how many old and hazardous trees were removed, but we think it was about 20 or more. They were the ones most likely to cause trouble, but there are a good many more that need to come out. Any tree with a pink ribbon or a metal label is to be cut down. Brad has been trying to find someone interested in doing the rest of

the work, but has had no luck so far. Perhaps as winter comes on, the tree people will be more interested in our business. If you have a suggestion, let someone on the board know.

## CONDITION OF CEMETERY MUCH IMPROVED

Regular mowing and trimming this summer has made Fairview much more attractive this year. We still have a way to go. It hasn't been fertilized or had dandelion killer applied for two years. We need for the grass to look stronger and greener. We plan to apply Weed & Feed first thing in April after the water goes on. Also, we had hoped to get all of the bare graves planted this summer, but we just couldn't manage it. We still hope to get a few seeded this fall if possible. If the reported El Nino returns, maybe it will water them all winter. Doug Thomas has been our caretaker all summer and he has worked very hard.

## NEW HEADSTONES ON OLD GRAVES

Five new headstones were placed on old graves as a part of our summer offer to install them at a price close to cost. If you have a grave you wish to mark, the offer will again be made in the May newsletter next spring. We were very pleased to have four stones put in the Butler plot, including Roy E. Butler, his wife, Clara Butler, daughter Helen Butler Johnstone and Baby Boy Johnstone. Roy was a founding member of the Santa Fe Rodeo and his marker says "Mr. Rodeo de Santa Fe".

A fifth stone was placed for Ona Ethel Bonnell by grandson Ted A. Smith. She died in 1941. Thanks to the families for filling these empty places in our lovely old cemetery.

## CONTRIBUTIONS WERE \$ 3895.00-THANK YOU

This is a good amount to have received in the short period since our May newsletter and we appreciate every cent. As we have said many times, your gifts are the lifeblood of our Association. Thirty-three contributions were received, ranging from \$10.00 to \$500.00. (Four of them). The donors were:

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## MEMORIALS

In memory of her mother, Ruth Keil Egenhofer, from Jean and Ron Ball; to Enos Strawn from Jay and Carole Christensen; A. H. Clancy wants his contribution to go into the restricted fund, which will eventually be an endowment or trust fund; Harold and Rosina Thomas made the same request. To Frances Florsheim from Marguerite Fairchild; to her parents, Mamie and Burton Dwyre, from Dorothy Grosvenor; To Alice Mares from Jean Padilla.

## INTERMENTS

In May a lovely young woman, KAJA LISA MAULDIN, age 23, died of lymphoma. She is survived by her mother, Christine Lund and her father, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist Bill Mauldin.

BARBARA CHAFFIN CORBUSIER STEVENSON PFLUEGER, died at age 93, having lived in Santa Fe for over 60 years. She was a member of most of Santa Fe's civic associations over the years and was an active partner in several business ventures with her husband. One well remembered in the 1950s was the Townhouse Motel & Restaurant. For many years it was *the* place to go for dinner or for organizations to hold fancy affairs. One year the Santa Fe Junior Woman's Club held an elegant Fashion show and Bridge Benefit there, realizing a tidy profit for the Club's good works.

FRANCES FLOERSHEIM, well-known Santa Fean had one of the largest graveside services Fairview has ever seen. She owned Roadrunner Realty here for many years. She was a very persistent woman and rightly so. The Woman's Club never issued a deed to her for the lot she had bought. They then gave the Cemetery to Santa Fe County. Frances could get no satisfaction there either.

Shortly after she began working with Fairview Cemetery Marian met Frances. Every New Year's Eve they would attend a mutual friend's party and Frances would prod Marian to do something about the deed. Marian knew absolutely nothing about deeds, but when she finally learned, she found that Frances had indeed made the lot purchase, but it was a simple notation on a card, no real documentation. Marian talked to Mary Ellen Sheehee, the last Cemetery Committee Chairman for the Woman's Club. She remembered the case and met with Marian and Eppie Romero at the County. Frances received a notarized document stating she was the owner of the lot and it was attested to by Mrs. Sheehee. She lived many more years, no longer filled with worry.

OLINDA C. RODRIGUEZ DE CASTNER, age 89, was a member of one of Santa Fe's most historical families. She was one of the oldest graduates of Santa Fe High School,

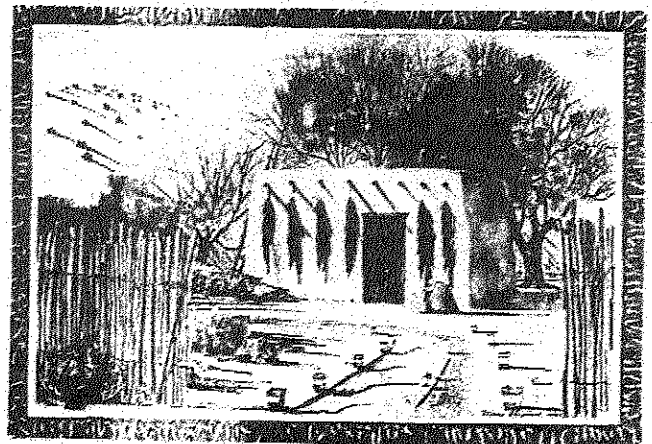
graduating in 1930. At one time, her father, Miguel Daniel Rodriguez, owned much of the land on Cerro Gordo Road and built the historical house at No. 2 Cerro Gordo. Her family became Presbyterians many years ago and Olinda sang in the church choir most of her life. She was a supporter of our Fairview Association from the beginning.

## NEW CONTACT WITH NM SCHOOF FOR THE DEAF

If two employees of the New Mexico School for the Deaf have their way, a crew of students may have the opportunity to do a special clean up of their own in the cemetery grounds next spring, sprucing up the graves of all the deaf people who are buried there. When Marian mentioned the Association's annual clean-up, the two said that wouldn't work because the students go home on weekends.

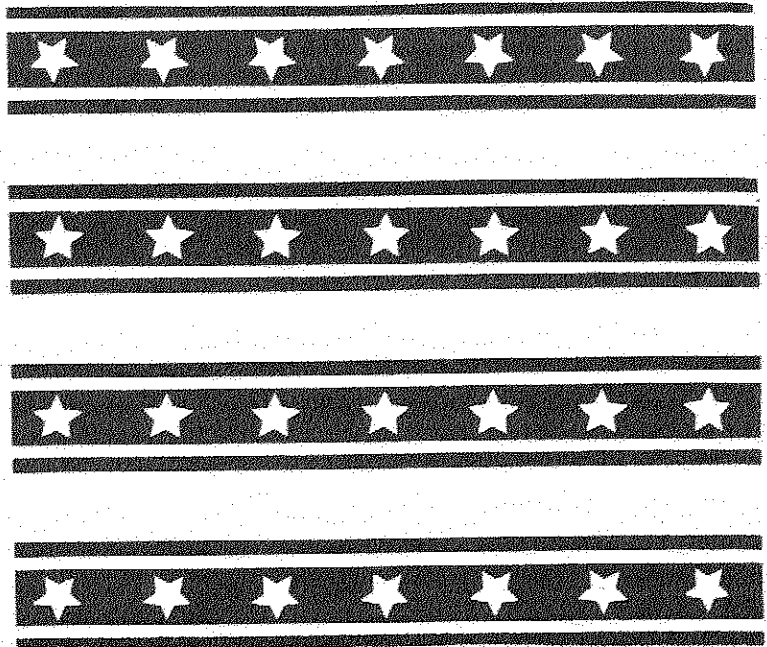
This occurred recently when Marian was at Fairview marking a grave and two people were checking the Lars Larson plot (he was the founder of NMSD). She visited with them, Carla Garcia, a vibrant young teacher at NMSD and the young man with her, Ken Miera, who works at the school.

Back in 1986 the late Dr. Tom Dillon started a campaign to mark the graves of all the deaf people we knew about. Marian found more and they all were given headstones. After the project was finished she found another, but Dr. Dillon had died by then. By the time a tour was made with Carla and Ken of all those graves, their enthusiasm to do something had soared. There is a good possibility that Richard Murphy, a young deaf student who died in the great influenza epidemic of 1918 will get a headstone on his grave. There may be another, but more research needs to be done. We'll keep you posted.



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