

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

The following interviews were added to the collection in March. Stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to and/or view them—or any of the other more than 1,000 interviews in the collection.

OH 1114V: Barbara East—see box at right for description of this interview. Interviewed by Joanna Sampson. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

OH 1116V: Al Mosch talks about his job in Quality Control at Beech Aircraft during the years of the Apollo space missions, including an analysis of the Apollo 13 oxygen tank explosion. By Beth Simmons.

OH 1118V A-B: LeRoy Moore talks about citizen protests against the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant from 1979–1989, including the blockade of railroad tracks, encirclement of the plant, and a fast that he conducted on the lawn of the Colorado Capitol building. By Dorothy Ciarlo.

OH 1119V: Elinor McGinn, whose book *A Wide-Awake Woman: Josephine Roche in the Era of Reform* was recently published, talks about the life and work of Josephine Roche. Roche owned the Rocky Mt. Fuel Company, and was a champion of mine workers'

FEATURED INTERVIEW



In OH 1114V, **Barbara East** talks about her dual careers as an **artist** and a **range rider**. The interview includes video of numerous of East's drawings and paintings. A file at the Carnegie library also includes an article about Barbara East, written by interviewer Joanna Sampson, and a copy of *Rangelands Magazine*, which features a print interview with East and reproductions of several more paintings.

rights, miners' health issues, and mine unionization, among other progressive causes. By Shirley Steele.

News for OH Volunteers

Interviews registered in March. Eleven new interviews were registered last month, including three lost-and-then-found interviews with our very own Roland Wolcott that were completed in 1997 and 1998 by Boyce Sher. Boyce uncovered them recently and kindly completed their summaries and brought them in to the library.

Contacting new narrators. There is an updated letter available that volunteers can send out to prospective narrators to make initial contact. You can pick up copies of the letter and a handout about the oral history program at Carnegie.

The care and feeding of camera microphones. Volunteers sometimes are uncertain about whether to install a new microphone battery before doing an interview. Recently, some volunteers noticed a buzzing noise apparently coming from the OH-1 microphone. After testing the microphone, we

discovered that the battery was weak; with a new battery, the microphone appears to be working fine.

Up to now, there hasn't been any way to tell how long ago the battery in a microphone was replaced or how much use it has had. To remedy this problem, I've placed a sheet in each camera case on which to record "battery history." Please make a note anytime you use the camera.

When the battery unit on the microphone is turned off, the batteries are supposed to last a *long* time-- five years! But when the unit is turned to "on," the battery supposedly has 90 hours of juice in it. Still a lot, but if the unit ever is left on accidentally, that 90 hours would get used up pronto. SO—if you ever find a microphone that has the battery switch left in the "on" position, replace that battery right away. New batteries are relatively

inexpensive, especially compared to a lost interview!

At the March meeting. We watched portions of Nicky Lee's interview with Boulder Water Resources Coordinator Carol Ellinghouse and Dorothy Ciarlo's interview with Rocky Flats protester LeRoy Moore. These interviews stimulated discussion of the value of pre-interviewing a narrator and the tricky subject of evaluating whether a subject is relevant to Boulder County history.

Oral History on TV? Marvin Woolf is taking the CA-TV (channel 54) video editing class. To put these skills to use, he will do 90 minutes of interviews with CA-TV personnel, which he will edit down to create a short promotional piece for the station. The raw footage may be archived as part of the

Oral History Program's collection.

Oral History staff plan to talk with various people about the possibility of using some of our interviews as the basis for programs to be aired on public TV (Ch. 54 or Ch. 8).

Coming Soon. Anne Dyni recently interviewed Joy Buster, daughter of sheriff Sanford Buster. Nicky Lee recently interviewed Dr. Jack Rummel—dentist, president of the rotary club and noted ragtime jazz pianist.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Next Oral History meeting
Saturday, May 3
at 9:00 a.m.

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