

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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OH News

Silvia Gentile has completed her training as a videographer and is ready to film interviews. Call or email her if you would like someone to do camera work for you while you concentrate on inter-

NEW INTERVIEWS

OH 1079V. Ellen Klaver an environmental and peace activist who was co-spokesperson for the 1978 protest action at Rocky Flats, describes the blockage of the railroad tracks leading into the plant and its political effects. By Dorothy Ciarlo.

OH 1080V. Herbert and Mary Belle Morrison describe growing up in the Superior area and the Industrial Mining Camp during the 1930s. Herbert talks about what coal mining for the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company was like. By Shirley Steele. Filmed by Nicky Lee.

OH 1081V. Bob Morgan describes his childhood in the Industrial Mining Camp, where he lived from ages 4 to 11. He also discusses mining wages, working conditions, and the Superior Historical Commission. By Shirley Steele.

OH 1082. Lulu Mae James discusses growing up in Niwot in the early twentieth century and her work as a bank manager in 1929 at the time of the bank collapses. By Anne Dyni. (audio only)

OH 1083V. Jim Luxner describes growing up in old Superior in the 1940s and 1950s. By Shirley Steele.

OH 1085V. Denzil Acklin and Genevieve Acklin Crawford talk about growing up in the Industrial Mining Camp in the 1930s. They discuss childhood activities, the sense of community, The Depression and poverty, mine accidents, the mine union, and the 1938 flood. Interview includes video of 10 photos of houses, people, and the flood. By Shirley Steele. Filmed by Liz McCutcheon.

viewing (contact information available from Susan or Wendy). Silvia also is doing a great job of sifting through the digital archive entries, one by one, and correcting errors.

Nicky Lee is pursuing interviews with Igor Gamow and Barry Hartman.

Sally Bell has interviewed Rebecca Toves-Wait.

Dorothy Ciarlo, who has completed more than 30 interviews on the subject of Rocky Flats, is interested in rounding out this collection with interviews of people who may be sick as a result of their work at Rocky Flats, especially if they are not currently involved in lawsuits (which would curtail their ability to speak freely). Please let her know if you have any leads for such interviews.

Several exhibits recently opened to the public in a restored barn at the Lohr McIntosh Agricultural Heritage Center. One is an interactive exhibit featuring eight people interviewed by Anne Dyni. Their photos and voices were taken directly from their oral history interviews.

Beth Simmons plans to interview Joanna Sampson for her first Oral History interview. The interview



Genevieve Acklin Crawford (OH 1085V) lived in the Industrial Mining Camp as a child

NEXT MEETING

Volunteer Meeting:
Saturday, October 5
9:00 a.m.



will focus on the issues of water and drought. For more on this timely topic, see the separate section on this page.

Any Takers?

The following people have been suggested for oral history interviews. Contact Susan if you are intrigued by any of them and would like more information.

Dave Robertson was a geologist. He is now a computer consultant, but during his student days in the late 1940s and early 1950s, he worked for several summers in the gold mines of Caribou and has many stories to tell about that time.

Earl Bolton is very informed about

Eldora. He participated in Eldora's "dis-incorporation" (a "first" in Boulder County). He has been active in EAA and involved with student aviation groups. He is the great-grandson of Alonzo Allen, an early pioneer in the Altona area.

Phyllis Fundingsland McKeever was a secretary at Boulder High School during WWII and a member of the first class to attend high school completely in the current building.

Lindley Stiles was the principal of Boulder High during the WWII years. Now in his 90s, he is still active and interested in Boulder. Might interview him jointly with Phyllis F. McKeever.

Margaret Ruth Taylor was born and raised on West Pearl Street in Boulder. Her family owned Walt's &

Hank's Tavern in the 1960s and 1970s.

Talking about Drought

A number of oral history volunteers would like to document the current historic drought by interviewing people ranging from officials responsible for managing cities' water supplies; to companies (such as landscaping companies) that have been particularly effected by drought and water restrictions; to individuals, such as those whose wells have run dry.

At the last monthly meeting, volunteers brainstormed a list of potential interviewees. Wendy also has been in touch with Ned Williams at the City of Boulder's Utilities Department for more names and suggested questions to ask.

So far, Nicky Lee, Anne Dyni, Beth Simmons, and Sally Bell are planning to do "water interviews." Any other volunteers who are interested in participating in this effort should get in touch with Wendy.

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The public is invited to stop by the Carnegie Library to listen to or view any of our more than 1,000 interviews.

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