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## *THE "PRES" SEZ*

Our summer symposium was held in June at the Casa Grande Valley Historical society. We had a very interesting group of presentations again this year. This event appears to be slated to become an annual event (one member was heard to be planning his next year's talk already). An event such as this has two constituencies. The first one to come to mind is the audience. It is important to have something that the listeners consider of value. In this case, we are presenting a program, and one of the measures of success is the number of attendees. Of the two constituencies, I consider this one the minor one. In my opinion, the major constituency is the speakers. It is our function to provide a forum for historical researchers to present the results of their labors. The primary consideration is that the speaker has been stimulated to do the research in a complete enough manner that it can be presented to others. An audience is necessary, but the measure of success does not depend on the number of seats filled.

Our symposium had 11 presentations for a very full day. The Casa Grande Valley Historical Society extended their season an extra day so that we could browse through their exhibits during the lunch hour. Several of the presentations involved numerous photographic slides and these did not lend themselves to a manuscript. Six of the presenters, however, provided a manuscript of their talk to be included in the proceedings and the proceedings are now available (see elsewhere in this newsletter). The authors names are mentioned in the . In addition, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the

two moderators, Bob Lee (Safford) and Sheri Lee (Mt. Lemmon), the refreshments coordinator, Wilma Haines, and the Proceedings Editor, Rose Ann Tompkins.

We had our July planning meeting on Mt. Lemmon where we discussed the general direction of the Chapter as well as planned four outings for the next year. One item discussed was raising the dues from \$5 per mailing unit per year to \$10 per mailing unit per year. The \$5 essentially covers mailings. Although our treasury remains stable at a level which covers many administrative costs, it is my perception that there are outing expenses which are being covered personally by the trailmasters rather than being submitted to the treasurer. The increasing of our treasury would allow some additional experimentation for our outings and other projects. We discussed these ideas at the planning meeting and decided to bring the matter up for a vote at the first fall outing. This will allow plenty of time for discussion before the decision, if this is needed.

The four outings which the planning group planned was one on the Beale Road, one on the Mojave Road, and two on the Butterfield trail. More details later. We discussed the sponsoring of a Rendezvous on the Beale Road and felt that we have enough technical material for this. The logistics of holding a Rendezvous will require that we have two or three members who have experience in planning this type event. We hope to convene this committee at or shortly after the September outing.

Harland

**SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS  
NOW AVAILABLE**

In keeping with last year, a proceedings of the June symposium has been produced. Each member unit is entitled to a copy and you may get your copy at any meeting or at the convention in Omaha. Extra copies are \$2 each and will be for sale at the convention.

If you would like your copy mailed to you, write to the symposium chairman, Harland Tompkins. Please enclose \$1.25 to cover the cost of the mailing.

**SUSAN BADGER DOYLE  
GAINS FELLOWSHIP**

*The following item concerning chapter member Susan Doyle is an excerpt from the MONTANA POST, Montana Historical Society, Vol. 28, No. 2, Summer 1990, page 1.*

**BRADLEY WINNER ANNOUNCED**

The Montana Historical Society has awarded \$5,000 in research fellowships for the summer of 1990 as part of the James H. Bradley Research Fellowship Program. The Bradley fellowships, established in 1983 by a private donor, seek to encourage serious scholarship in Montana history and attract talented researchers to the Society's collections.

Two Bradley Fellowships were awarded this year. The senior fellowship, worth \$3,000, went to Gordon Morris Bakken, professor of history at California State University Fullerton. The first-ever graduate fellowship was made available to candidates for advanced degrees in history and other pertinent disciplines. Worth \$2,000, it went to Susan Badger Doyle, doctoral candidate in American Studies at the University of New Mexico.

Each fellowship requires four weeks of resident research at the Society and submission of an article length manuscript within one year to MONTANA THE MAGAZINE OF WESTERN HISTORY for possible publication. Awards are competitive and are judged on a number of criteria, including how extensively research fellows will use unpublished, primary source material in the Society's collections.

Doyle, who won the 1989 Burlingame-Toole award for the best student article submitted to MONTANA, will continue her study of Bozeman Trail immigrants' diaries as part of her dissertation.

This was the first year Bradley Fellowships have been offered on an annual basis. It was also the first time a special category of competition has been designed to assist graduate student research.

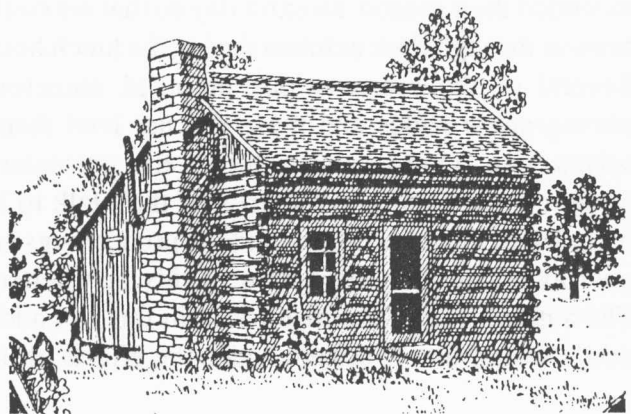
*(note: Lt. James H. Bradley was killed Aug. 8, 1877, at the battle of the Big Hole, Montana.)*

**CHAPTER  
WELCOMES  
NEW MEMBERS**

Please add the following to the membership list you received with your last newsletter:

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# MINUTES OF ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Arizona OCTA met July 14, 1990 at the summer home of Bob and Sheri Lee, Mt. Lemmon, Tucson. Present were 8 members: Harland and Rose Ann Tompkins, Jack and Ruth Root, Bob and Sheri Lee, Aubrey and Wilma Haines.

Chapter President, Harland Tompkins called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. He distributed copies of the agenda and calendar work sheets to each member.

Minutes were read of the April 7 meeting at Kingman, AZ and approved. The secretary was asked to write a letter of thanks to Kay Benedict, of the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society, for use of their facilities for our Symposium June 16, 1990.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sheri, showing a balance of \$249.39, with all bills paid. Two new \$5 memberships have been received.

Harland has sent an annual report to OCTA, summarizing our activities, plus a copy of the symposium program and a chapter membership brochure. Copies of the annual report were circulated to those present.

Rose Ann showed a master copy of the Symposium Proceedings and estimates she could prepare 75 copies, bound in a folder, for about \$70. She would furnish one free copy to each member unit and have about 20 to sell at the Omaha convention. Motion to authorize \$70 for this project by Sheri Lee, seconded by Aubrey Haines, motion passed.

Pres. Tompkins presented an original, framed, color print of running horses as seen on a hike at the Boise convention to Jack Root, Founding President of our Arizona Chapter, and thanked him for his work in organizing our chapter and launching programs for the future. Jack responded with appreciation and had members present autograph the back of the print.

## New Business.

There was discussion about raising dues to \$10 per year, from the present \$5, per member unit. It was decided to vote on this issue at a future meeting after getting possible comments from more members. Having more money available to the chapter would allow consideration of possible trail marking and/or financial support for a national OCTA project.

There was discussion on the possibility of having the symposium in the winter rather than the summer so the snowbirds could participate. There was discussion on having the planning meeting in winter so perhaps more members would attend. No decision was made on these issues.

## Tentative Program for the next year will be:

-- September, 1990 - Beale Road outing in the Flagstaff area, Tompkins as trip leaders, Jack Smith as guide.

-- November 9 to 11, 1990 - Join the Friends of the Mojave Road on a trip they are planning. Jack Root is contact person in our chapter.

-- January, 1991 - Butterfield Trail outing, a continuation of last year's outing in New Mexico. This will be the last few sites in western NM, led by the Carters.

-- March, 1991 - Butterfield Trail outing, continuation into eastern Arizona, led by Bob and Sheri Lee.

-- June 15, 1991 - Tentative date for the Symposium, possibly to be held in Safford, AZ if it can be arranged.

-- July 13, 1991 - Annual planning meeting at the Tompkins' cabin in Strawberry, AZ

-- Goal of offering a rendezvous to OCTA members in September, 1991. Planning sessions and pre-rendezvous trail trips will have to be made, with perhaps a full trip in May.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM for socializing on a cozy, rainy afternoon with lasagne dinner plus homemade apricot pie and ice cream by Sheri and Bob Lee.

Wilma Haines, Secretary

## SEPTEMBER OUTING TO BEALE ROAD SITES

Plans for the first chapter outing of the new season have begun. The weekend of September 22 - 23 has been set for this outing. We will visit more of the Beale Road sites in northern Arizona. Our guide for the weekend will be Jack B. Smith, who has been researching the Beale Road for many years. We will visit sites both east and west of Flagstaff, an area both beautiful and remote. We hope to see (among others) such sites as Cosnino Caves, Leroux Spring and Walnut Creek campground as well as seeing remnants of the road in various locations.

Our headquarters will be in Flagstaff where there is a variety of accommodations. The weekend will begin at midday on Saturday and continue until midday on Sunday. You are urged to set this weekend aside and join us for a weekend in a beautiful area of Arizona at a lovely time of the year. You will receive detailed information on the weekend in early September. If you have questions before then, contact :

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**THE FOLLOWING WAS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT  
TO THE OCTA BOARD**

July 4, 1990

From: President, Arizona Chapter of OCTA  
To: Board of Directors, OCTA

**Subject: Annual Report, Arizona Chapter of OCTA**

The Arizona Chapter is now in its third year of existence. We have 51 members from Arizona, New Mexico, California, Nevada, and Indiana. Our chapter was well represented at the Annual Meeting in Boise. In addition to participating in the COED and trail mapping programs, our members support various other OCTA activities such as the Archeology Committee and the Overland Journal. Our members include an OCTA officer and the Editor of the News from the Plains.

Chapter activities center around outings to study artifacts of the emigrant trails which passed through the southwest. Because of the long distances involved, some of our members are unable to attend our outings. To enhance their participation, we had a breakfast meeting at the Boise Convention for information exchange and socializing. Our newsletter, "Arizona Trails" acts as a thread to tie the entire group together. The activities for this year were planned during a mountaintop experience. We met at the summer home of Bob & Sheri Lee on Mount Lemmon, near Tucson, in July 89. Another such meeting is planned for July 90.

In September, our outing was a 4-wheel drive trip into Canyon de Chelly. Indian guides took us to places of interest which were not on the regular tours. In November, we visited Butterfield Stage trail sites in southern parts of New Mexico. In January, we visited the Mormon site of Hole-in-the-rock, now on Lake Powell. Our April trip included sites of the Beale Road in northern Arizona, in and around Kingman and in Sitgreaves Pass.

Many of our members are involved in historical scholarship of one form or another. To provide a forum for discussing these efforts, we sponsor a "Trails Symposium" during the hotter months in Arizona. This year our symposium was held at the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society. A copy of the Program is enclosed. As last year, we will publish a proceedings.

In addition to formal chapter activities, various groups of our members participated in other activities such as a Rendezvous over the Hastings Cutoff and trail oriented symposia in Santa Fe and in Casa Grande. One of the strengths of this chapter is the mixture of member participation in activities of the larger OCTA organization, participation in Chapter activities, and the stimulation of individual activities which relate to historical trails that can later be shared with other members.

Harland G. Tompkins