

# THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

FEBRUARY 2001

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Transportation in Boulder:

a slide show of  
historic photographs  
presented by Ella  
Travis. Wed., Feb. 21,  
7:30 p.m., at the  
Carnegie Library.

(Meetings take place  
the first Saturday  
of each month)

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Saturday**  
**March 3**  
**9:00 a.m.**

## NEWS FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Our group is growing! At February's meeting were Mary Jo Reitsema, Jung Soo Kim, Joanna Sampson, Rosemarie Khubchandani, June Howard, Wendy Hall, Barbara Dolder, June Holmes, Mary Reilly-McNellan, Lise Cordsen, Ann Bramhall, Dorothy Ciarlo, Jon Raese, Nicky Lee, Susan Becker, Jim Cox, Miriam Felt, and Guy Errickson.

### New members

We are happy to welcome three new volunteers to our interviewing team this month. Lise Cordsen and Guy Errickson are both Boulder natives. Lise comes to us with a strong interest in history. Guy is planning a series of interviews with members of Plan Boulder. Jung Soo Kim is a relative newcomer to Boulder, making her eager to find out more about the area through oral history. She is particularly interested in exploring the history of Lyons.

### Interviews in the collection

Susan finished processing four interviews this month, which are now available to the public. (See the box for details.) She also completed summaries for three interesting interviews from the early years of the program. There are now detailed written summaries on file for all of the Ella Leonard Kimpel tapes (OH 0102-0104), in which Ms. Kimpel tells of her experiences as a homesteader and farmer, and for an interview with Sarah Sims (OH 0108), an African-American woman who describes her involvement in civil rights actions to desegregate restaurants and theaters in Denver during the 1940s.

### New interviews done

Several members completed taping new interviews in January:

- Nicky interviewed Steve Bosley.
- Dorothy turned in an interview with John Hill, and interviewed Shirley Garcia.
- Jon is part way through an interview with Gilbert White—they ran out of time and

plan to meet again to finish the interview.

- Rosemarie completed an interview with Barbara Gigone. She also did an interview with Polly Collier, but unfortunately, the microphone malfunctioned (see "Equipment" below), producing an interview with great video but no sound. Fortunately, both Rosemarie and Polly Collier have been gracious and cheerful about the situation and a second interview already is scheduled.

### Interviews in the planning stages

We're only one month into the new year, but already our members are brimming with plans for more interviews. Here's a rundown of who has what planned for the near future:

- Nicky next plans to interview store owner Elfriede Gamow.
- Jon is collaborating with Boyce Sher on an interview with Allen Cass, curator of the Glenn Miller Collection. He also has scheduled an interview with gardener and UFO expert Richard Sigismund in March.
- June Howard has scheduled an interview with Marcelee Galapp, director of the Boulder Public Library.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

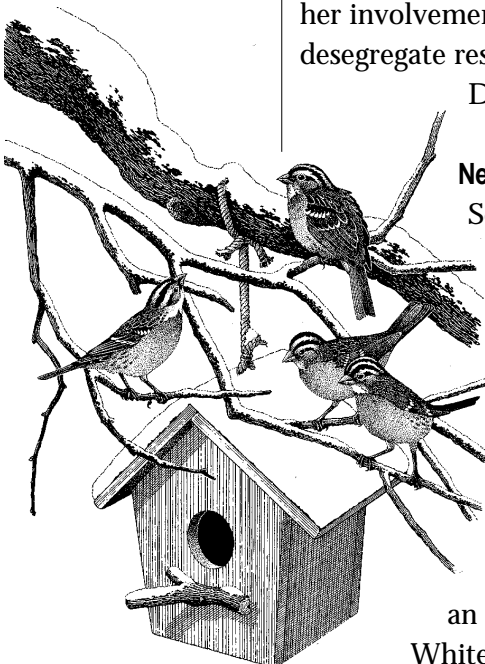
Interviews added to the collection in January and available to the public include:

**OH 0987-V: Jack Dickens**, whose grandfather helped settle Longmont, talks with Anne Dyni about ranching and farming life in the first half of the 20th century. (video)

**OH 0988-V: Swing, Swing, Swing.** Videotape of a performance by the Frequent Flyer dance and theater company about the music, dance and lives of Americans during WWII. Includes oral histories of several Boulder residents about their war experiences. (video)

**OH 0995-V:** An interview with **Suzanne and Arthur Jaeger**, conducted by Marvin Woolf, in which they talk about their neighborhood and Arthur's work as a former owner of Independent Testing Laboratories. (video)

**OH 0997-V:** Marvin Woolf interviews **Kay and Curt Johnson**. Topics include Kay's work as a bio-feedback and stress management psychologist and Curt's work as Dean of the Office of International Education at CU. (video)



- Mary is trying to nail down an interview date for a session with Dick Lyman about the Boulder Mountain Parks Department.
- Rosemarie hopes to do an interview with Newlands resident Betty Warren.
- Joanna will try to set up an interview with cowboy artist Barbara East.
- Ann Bramhall suggested that we interview people about the Van Vleet Arabian Horse Ranch, perhaps starting with Nancy Springer, who was a foreman there. Nicky and Rosemarie will look into this possibility.
- Miriam is making connections with Native-Americans who are interested in being interviewed.
- Guy hopes to begin his interviews with members of Plan Boulder soon.

#### Training

Jim conducted a video camera training session in January, and Anne Dyni offered training in interviewing techniques. Both sessions were, as always, expertly done and well attended. Since Mary Jo (our training coordinator) will be off exploring Australia from February 10 through February 24, we are taking a break from training sessions in February.

#### Equipment

Jim hopes to meet with members of Exacomp soon to receive the latest version of the software for

the digital archives. This newest version should fix a number of the bugs Barbara has documented.

The broken microphone that turned Rosemarie's interview with Polly Collier into a silent movie has spurred Jim to begin to research better microphone options for our camera equipment.

#### Oral History and the public

Plans are underway for a number of projects that we hope will be useful for letting the public know more about the Oral History Program and encouraging people to come in to use the collection.

- Wendy passed around a draft version of the new oral history brochure that Cathy Capozzoli has been working on creating.
- Wendy also updated us on plans for August. The "1001 in 2001" event—to celebrate the Oral History program reaching its 1001st interview—is scheduled for August. This celebration will dovetail with a display about the Oral History Program at the main library in the display case on the bridge. Lise and Mary expressed an interest in helping to put together the exhibit. Any other volunteers who would be interested in helping to prepare materials for this display should let Wendy, Mary Jo or Susan know.
- Susan has created a logo for the Oral History Program that can

be used on the internet and in print materials.

- Susan and Barbara have begun a project to categorize the oral history tapes according to main subject and plan to design a series of handouts for the public to let them know about some of our most interesting interviews for each subject area.
- We talked with Joanna about the possibility of her giving her talk about mining in Boulder County at the Carnegie, perhaps with additional information about the Oral History program and its wealth of mining tapes.

#### Miscellaneous

Mary Jo gave out new volunteer lists and updated Interview Candidates lists. If you didn't get one and want one, they are available from Mary Jo.

Mary Jo has noticed how easy it is for interviewers to forget to take along a release form when they set out to do an interview, so we will start putting release forms in the camera cases.

Barbara Dolder asks that if you are planning to interview someone, have set up an interview, or do an interview, please be sure to let Mary Jo, Susan, or Wendy know so that she can update the Interview Candidates list.

### **WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ORAL HISTORY? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**

**If you would like to know more about the Oral History Program, call Mary Jo Reitsema at 303-441-3110**

**The Oral History Program has volunteer opportunities** for people who would like to interview, people who would like to film interviews, and people interested in entering interviews into our new computerized digital archive system. Training is provided in all areas.

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Catherine Childs, volunteer coordinator for the library, at 303-441-3114.**

#### LOCATION

Maria Rogers Oral History Program  
Carnegie Branch Library  
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**MORE INFORMATION ON THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM:**  
[www.boulder.lib.co.us/branch/carnegiemariarogers.html](http://www.boulder.lib.co.us/branch/carnegiemariarogers.html)

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