

THE MARIA ROGERS Oral History Program

NEWSLETTER

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New Interviews

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OH 1414V. Robert

Ellingwood discusses the settling of Longmont in the 19th century and its growth and development in the 20th century. He describes the lives of his wife's grandparents, Ben and Nellie Calkins, who were born in Longmont in the 1800s. He also discusses various economic influences on Longmont, including transportation, agricultural industry, and water. By Wendy Hall.

OH 1417V. Maggi Markey served on the Boulder County Board of Commissioners from 1975 to 1982. She was the first woman to be elected County Commissioner in Boulder County; and only the third woman commissioner in the state. In this interview, she talks about her pioneering position, the issues with which she dealt as a county commissioner, the personalities of the people with whom she worked, and programs that she helped set up during her tenure, including the writing of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. Marvin Woolf. Transcribed by Dee Baron.

OH 1420V A-B. Robert Ellingwood, who has been climbing in Colorado and elsewhere in

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Paul Danish talks about forty-five years of public life in Boulder, including his tenure as a Boulder City Councilman and as a Boulder County Commissioner. OH 1438V A-D.

the western United States since the age of 15 in 1933, relates the stories of six of his favorite mountaineering climbs. He also discusses climbing techniques, equipment, and geology. By Wendy Hall.

OH 1427V. In this follow-up oral history, **Janet Brown**, a disabled Rocky Flats worker, discusses the proposed federal compensation bill for

sick Rocky Flats workers, her contact with Representative Mark Udall, as well as her feelings about nuclear weapons and her role in their production. By Dorothy Ciarlo. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH 1429V. Hans Bowker recounts his life in Colorado, from being a CU student during the Vietnam War; to working on a farm; to starting Event Construction, which provided the infrastructure for such local events as the Coors Classic bicycle race, the Kinetics Conveyance Challenge and the Bolder Boulder. He also has rehabbed property in Erie. Currently he is involved in local politics serves on the Erie Airport board. He was campaign manager for Jake the Booner Dog, who infamously ran for mayor of Erie in 1994. He discusses how growth has affected Erie and talks about the upcoming election (at the time of the interview), which includes a bond issue for a new recreation center. By Joyce Gordon. Transcribed by Joan Podgorski.

Next volunteer meetings
June 2 and July 14
at 9:00 a.m.

OH 1432V A-B. Michael Brown, who was director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, discusses what went wrong with disaster preparedness during that emergency, and analyzes how FEMA has been hamstrung since being moved into the Department of Homeland Security. He compares life in Washington D.C. to life in the Boulder/Denver area and describes the emergency preparedness consulting business that he currently runs. By Hannah Nordhaus. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH 1438V A-D. In this wide-ranging interview, **Paul Danish** talks about forty-five years of involvement in public life in Boulder and Boulder County, including his years as an undergraduate at the University of Colorado and a member of student government, his work as a newspaper reporter and columnist, his tenure as a Boulder City Council member, and a Boulder County Commissioner. By Joyce Gordon. Transcribed by Dee Baron.

OH 1442V A-B. Colorado Springs native **Stan Boucher** recounts his years of mountain climbing, which included involvement with the Colorado Mountain Club. Over the years, he has taught more than 400 climbers and is known for giving a climbing safety lecture. He tells of many experiences as a rock climber and reads some of the poems he has written. By Gerald Caplan. Filmed by Marvin Woolf. Transcribed by Sandy Adler.

OH 1444V A-B. Art Estin was one of the first scientists to come to work at the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) in Boulder, now the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST). He describes the opening of NBS in 1954, what Boulder was like in the 1950s, and discusses the influence that NBS had on Boulder. He also talks about several research projects in which he was involved during his career and discusses ways in which NBS/NIST and Boulder have changed. By Fred McGehan. Transcribed by Sandy Alder.

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