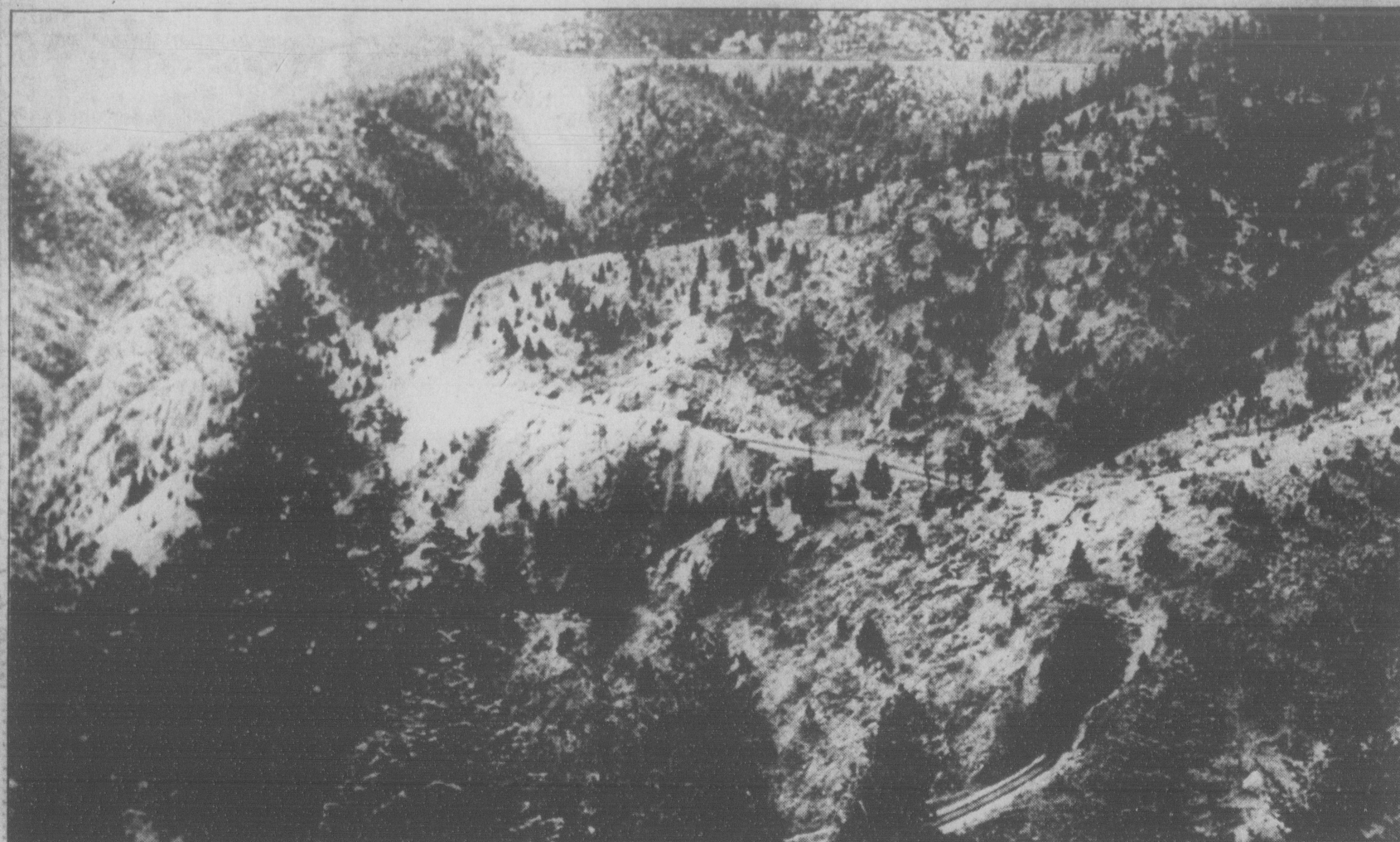
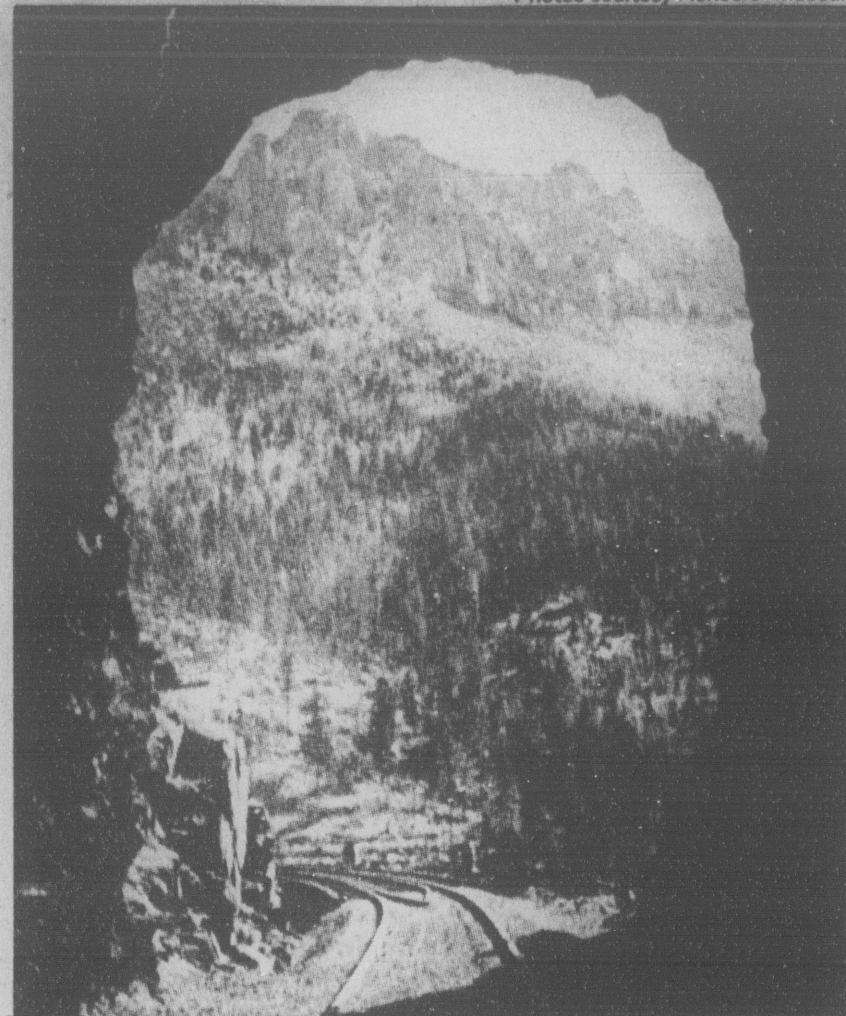


## HISTORY



The Short Line, left, between the gold fields in Cripple Creek and Colorado Springs, followed a winding, steep track over the mountains. Originally built to carry gold ore, the railroad soon became



Photos courtesy Pioneers' Museum

popular as a daily excursion for tourists. Right, visitors were greeted with a spectacular view of the mountains as trains emerged from Tunnel No. 4, one of nine tunnels built along the 43-mile railroad.

## Gold fever drove creation of an 'unbelievable railroad'

By Dru Wilson  
Gazette Telegraph

It was billed as "the one-day trip that bankrupts the English language."

Written accounts by visitors who rode the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railroad said the scenic beauty of the mountain route defied description. Today, visitors traveling by car along what is now Gold Camp Road experience the same feelings.

However, the railroad wasn't built so tourists could enjoy viewing the Rocky Mountains. It was built by businessmen who wanted a cheaper, faster way to get gold ore from Cripple Creek to the smelters in Colorado Springs.

On Jan. 4, 1900, several hundred men using shovels, carts and mules began to carve a railroad bed out of steep mountainsides. The final spike

was driven on March 23, 1901, and the inaugural train carried a host of dignitaries along the route on April 8, 1901. It cost \$4.5 million to build the line, an enormous amount in those times.

Because it was said to be the shortest route to the gold fields, the railroad became known as The Short Line — 43.3 miles from what is now U.S. 24 and 21st Street to its end in Cripple Creek.

The methods used to drill nine tunnels through the granite mountains and to lay track along steep hillsides and over a number of large wooden trestles spanning deep valleys were considered to be the ultimate in engineering. The Railroad View Publishing called the route an "unparalleled scenic attraction and a marvelous engineering achievement."

A book published this year by Doris Wolfe, photographer and artist, is a photo-history of the railroad in memory of childhood trips along the road in her father's touring car.

In her book, she notes that shortly after the trains began hauling ore, the demand was so great from people wanting to ride the train that the owners purchased several passenger and observation cars to tack on behind the ore cars.

A reporter wrote in the Nov. 21, 1914, issue of Collier's magazine: "I have never seen such a railroad; either for steepness or sinuosity. The train crawls slowly along ledges cut into the mountainside, now burrowing through an obstruction, now erupting from one mountain to another. Now slipping out upon a sky-high terrace commanding a

view of hundreds of square miles of plains, now winding its way gingerly about a dizzy cliff which seems to leap out over chasms into which one looks with a kind of admiring horror. . . . It is an unbelievable railroad."

In 1912, the tracks were leased to the Midland Railroad, the only line still operating. Meanwhile, the Golden Cycle Mill on 21st Street was the only smelter still functioning as gold mining passed into history. In 1917, the Short Line, now owned by the Colorado and Southern Railroad, went broke and was placed in receivership.

W.D. Corley bought the railroad in a foreclosure sale for \$340,000. In 1924, he began to tear up the track and convert the road bed to accommodate automobiles. At that time, three of the original nine tunnels, No. 6, 7, and 8,

along the railroad were bypassed because of cave-ins.

The Corley Mountain Highway opened as a toll road in 1926. The cost was \$1 for a round trip for adults, 50 cents for children.

The highway's highlights then and now include Point Sublime with a view of Colorado Springs and the eastern plains, Silver Cascade Falls, the Bruin Inn Station site, High Drive, Fairview Station site, Rocky Dome, Cheyenne Canyon and Pikes Peak.

In 1939, the road was turned over to the U.S. Forest Service as a public thoroughfare and renamed Gold Camp Road.

In 1977, the Colorado Historical Society listed the road in an updated inventory of historic sites, calling it a "unique attraction routed through several old railroad tunnels."

### FOR THE RECORD

#### IONORABLE MENTION

**JANET HURST** was named "Volunteer of the Year" at the Pikes Peak Mental Health Center's annual meeting Oct. 20. Hurst was honored for her assistance with grant writing. She is a longtime member of the center's vocation advisory committee and is on the core planning committee that is working to implement new federal laws on funding for mental health activities.

**THE HON. RICHARD TOTH** of the 4th Judicial District was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Pikes Peak Mental Health Center. Toth was honored for his involvement in creating the new Alcohol Emergency Services Center. The facility is located at the Criminal Justice Center, but is separate from the jail, and offers detoxification, assessment and referral for adults and adolescents.

**TYLER GRAHAM** is a national finalist in the Holiday Inn/Junior Scholastic essay contest about what makes a great president. More than 4000

junior high school students entered the contest. Essays were judged on the basis of creativity, originality, grammar, punctuation, writing style and legibility.

**OFFICERS OF THE MONTH NAMED:** Kurt Adelbush and Rod Goodall were named Colorado Springs Police Department officers of the month for October by the North Colorado Springs Rotary Club. They were honored for their work in repairing the department's firearms range after it suffered flood damage. Work was completed in two weeks. In 1981, the range sustained similar damage and repair work took two months.

**RANDY ZOMBOLA** of Colorado Springs won first place in the National Hammered Dulcimer Competition, held as part of the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas. He performs locally as a member of Blarney Pilgrim and is employed as a physicist.

#### VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Center is a service of the Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross. Persons wanting information on volunteer opportunities in the listed positions can call 632-8095. Community organizations needing volunteer help can contact the center for more information.

**Holiday program** volunteers are needed to help at the White House Ranch on weekends from Nov. 25 through Dec. 18. Volunteers will be trained as store clerks, performance hosts, home-steaders, greeters or Orchard House hosts.

**Various jobs** are available for volunteers interested in learning more about the space program. Jobs include clipping newspapers, working on mailings and special projects, presenting talks in schools and doing public relations work. Training will be provided.

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**A clerk** is desperately needed to help dispense health appliances, emergency food and commodities to senior citizens and take telephone requests for those needs.

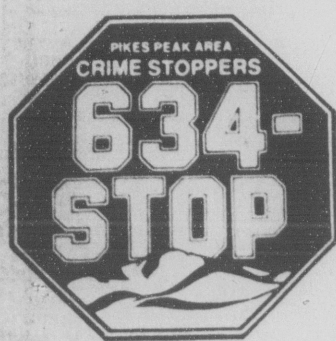
**Learning lab** volunteer is needed to help adult students, correct exams and locate materials for the teacher.

**Hospital** needs volunteers to transport patients within the facility. No heavy lifting is involved, but a great deal of walking is required.

**Gift shop** needs sales clerks for various shifts, weekdays and weekends. Past experience is helpful, but not necessary.

**Secretary** with grammar and sentence structure skills is needed. Volunteer must be able to type 40 to 50 wpm and to write letters and proofread.

#### CRIME STOPPERS



Young



Donelson



Sewell

Pikes Peak Area Crime Stoppers Inc. is seeking help in locating three persons on whom felony warrants have been issued.

Shelbie Noel Donelson, 18, is described by Crime Stoppers as white, 5 feet 9, 170 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Donelson, who also uses the names Stephanie Semanski and Chris Salem, is being sought on charges of aggravated motor vehicle theft, Crime Stoppers said.

Scott Griffen Sewell, 26, is described by Crime Stoppers as white, 5 feet 10, 140 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Crime Stoppers said he is being sought on charges of aggravated motor vehicle theft, theft felony and escape. According to Crime Stoppers, Sewell also uses the name Scott Fryermuth.

Louise D. Young, 29, is described by Crime

Stoppers as white, 5 feet 9, 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. According to Crime Stoppers, Young is being sought on charges of theft of rental property and theft felony.

If you have information regarding any of these individuals, call Crime Stoppers at 634-STOP. You can remain anonymous and you could earn up to a \$1,000 reward for information given to Crime Stoppers.

People assigned the following numbers need to contact Crime Stoppers: 1863, 3669, 3697, 3785, 3788, 3795, 3797, 3826, 3829, 3841, 3844, 3864, 3892, 3893, 3901, 3913, 3920, 3933, 3954, 3970, 3973, 3978, 3994, 4002, 812E, 1117E, 1286E and 1332E.

Crime Stoppers requests that the people who gave information on Earnest Whitmore and Charlie (Charles J. Roberts) call for a code number.

#### OBITUARIES

**RICHARD K. DEVENYNS**, 31, of Colorado Springs died Friday in a Colorado Springs hospital.

He was a baker for the Briargate Safeway store.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Swan-Law Funeral Home, 501 N. Cascade Ave.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Mary's Cathedral, 22 W. Kiowa St., with the Rev. Thomas Esselman officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Devenyns was born May 4, 1957, in St. Louis and moved to Colorado Springs 24 years ago. His parents are Clifford and Anna Marie (Moranville) Devenyns of Colorado Springs.

Other survivors are two sons, Nathan and Matthew, both of Colorado Springs; six brothers, John of Calhan, Michael of Denver, Steven of Cody, Wyo., Edward of Reno, Nev., Douglas of Okinawa, Japan, and Bruce of Colorado Springs; and a sister, Cynthia Galloway of Seattle.

**WALTER RICHARD JACKSON**, 64, of Colorado Springs died Thursday at a local hospital.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Swan-Law Funeral Directors Inc., 501 N. Cascade Ave. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with a military chaplain officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson was born Sept. 7, 1924, in Detroit to Samuel R. and Jessie (Sanders) Jackson. He had been a resident of Colorado Springs since 1973, having also lived in Detroit and North Dakota.

Mr. Jackson had been a real estate agent and broker since 1979. He was a journeyman electrician from 1946 to 1975 and worked at North American Aerospace Defense Command from 1973 to 1975. He was employed at Bookkeepers Inc. from 1976 to 1979.

He served in the U.S. Navy from December 1941 until 1950, attaining the rank of motormac first class. He received a number of medals and honors, including the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and two Bronze Stars. He was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Jackson is survived by his wife, Jessie Jackson of Colorado Springs; four sons, Richard, Sam and Dave, all of Colorado Springs, and Dale of Oregon; four daughters, Jessie Wentz of Harvey, N.D., Gayle File of Albuquerque, N.M., Deedra Jackson of Colorado Springs and Karen Parks of Germany; two sisters, Shirley Chastain of Detroit and Alice Smith of Davies, Fla.; a brother, Daniel Jackson of Jefferson City, Tenn.; 25 grandchildren; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 1600 Race Ave., Denver, 80204.

#### FUNERALS TODAY

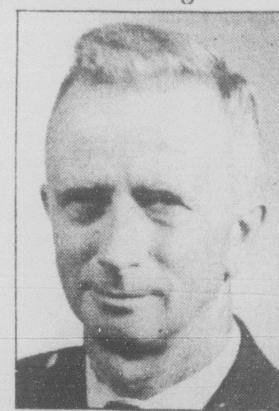
**KEENAN**, Arnold J., 7:30 p.m., memorial Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2021 W. Colorado Ave.

**MITCHELL**, James R., 2 p.m., Nolan Funeral Home, 225 N. Weber St.

**SIGHTS**, Lorraine M., 11 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, 26th Street.

**WROBLEWSKI**, William S., 10 a.m., Shrine of Rest Funeral Home, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd.

**SGT. MAJ. CLEMENT J. GAMACHE**, 62, of Colorado Springs died Sunday in a Colorado Springs hospital. He served 30 years in the Army before retiring.



Clement Gamache

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. today at Shrine of Rest Funeral Home, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Gamache was born Feb. 16, 1926, in Adams, Mass., to Samuel and Ema (Sweeney) Gamache.

Mr. Gamache joined the Army in 1944 and served during World War II and the Vietnam War. Among the many medals he earned was the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm and three Bronze Stars.

He moved to Colorado Springs in 1968. He was married Aug. 20, 1955, in Ettlingen, Germany, to Ursula Laue, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, George of Las Cruces, N.M., a sister, Annette of Adams, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Penrose Cancer Fund, 2215 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs 80907.

**MERRILL A. TURNER**, 80, of Colorado Springs died Thursday at home.

He was an office manager with the Federal Housing Authority before his retirement.

No services are planned. Arrangements are being handled by Shrine of Rest Funeral Home, 1730 E. Fountain Blvd.

Mr. Turner was born April 2, 1908, in Woodward County, Okla., to Richard and Grace (Cummins) Turner.

He is survived by a sister, Nadine Donaldso of Omaha, Neb.

**PAUL COOK**, 61, of Colorado Springs died Saturday at Penrose Hospital. He was retired.

Visitation will be 1 to 8 p.m. today at Sunset Chapel, 3825 Airport Road. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Frykholm officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Cook was born Nov. 2, 1927, in Cabell, Ky., to John Ed and Lena (Long) Cook. He had lived in Colorado Springs since 1978. He also had lived in Warren, Mich.

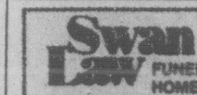
He was married May 26, 1951, in Detroit to Helen Reed, who survives.

Mr. Cook was a member of High Twelve Masonic Lodge in Detroit.

Other survivors include a son, Glen Cook of Colorado Springs; a daughter, Deborah Delaplane of Denver; a brother, Morris Cook of Smyrna, Tenn.; and a grandson, Jeremy W. Delaplane. Two brothers preceded him in death.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We the bereaved family of Willie T. Mack wish to thank each and everyone of you for contributions and great support given us during our time of need. James & Essie Gaylor & Family



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