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Chamber of Commerce secretary Eben G. Fine was the master of the travelogues. Beginning in 1937 he showed "Our Southwest Wonderland" and "Alaska," followed by "Wonderlands of the Rockies."

The price was 30 cents per show, or \$5 for season tickets. Teenagers attended in groups, with the boys often sitting in back, teasing the girls in front of them.

Not all of boys, however, watched the screen—or even the girls—all of the time. At least one former teenager admitted to a prank and said that he loosened the arm of his chair with a dime, took the wooden piece home, and then sneaked it back into the auditorium at the next picture show.

Although birds still fly around inside the building, another former attendee's vivid memories included watching bats during the movies. She also recalled the smell of skunks and the feel of fog as it moved in during a rain storm.

Eben G. Fine returned, year after year, with his travelogues, even though he bored the kids. By 1941, nearly all of the programs were films, but, occasionally, someone brought in a live musical quartet. Ballet dancer Ruth Page even recited poetry while dancing.

Yet another program featured a one-person puppet show. According to a reporter, a six year-old boy in the audience said, "That's the best show I've seen in years."

See www.silviapettem.com for information on Pettem's latest book, *Only in Boulder: The County's Colorful Characters*.

news & notes...

Fire - For many of us, all we could do was watch as the Fourmile Canyon Fire devastated mountain homes and land west of Boulder. Many of you have helped victims in one or more ways. This community has really pulled together. It's not too late to contribute. The Community Foundation of Boulder County is accepting donations to help those impacted by the fire. How to help: Visit <http://www.commfound.org/> or send a check to 1123 Spruce St., Boulder, CO 80302 or call 303-442-0436 for more information. The Boulder Area REALTOR® Association (BARA) working with the Colorado Association of REALTORS® Housing Opportunity Fund, has matched Elevations Foundation's \$10,000 pool of funds for fire victims and agencies fighting the fire. BARA has also contributed an additional \$15,000 bringing their total donation to \$25,000. "As Realtors in this community, many of us, as well as our clients, have been directly affected by this horrific fire," said Mike Moger, President of BARA. "Partnering with Elevations was the right thing to do."

Share! - A reminder to contact me if there are events or neighbor's stories to share with *On the Corner* readers.

Bus Pass - Your block may be eligible for RTD Eco Pass. For more info call our Eco Pass coordinator Jim Hartman, 303-448-1823

Chautauqua - Become a member & support our local and National Historic Landmark - www.chautauqua.com

Dracula: The Death of Nosferatu Presented by Theatre-Hikes Colorado: Audience and actors hike from scene to scene as a full production is performed along the way to combine the arts and the outdoors. Celebrate the season with this classic, spooky tale just in time for Halloween! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010, 03:00 PM \$14 adult, \$9 for children under 12. Buy Tickets Online www.chautauqua.com

Water? Learn a little more about where our water comes from in the next edition of "On the Corner"

Real Estate - Generally things are looking up in our neck of the woods here in Lower Chautauqua. Median prices are down 7% from 2009 which was a very slow year. However, this year 14 homes have sold so far compared to 6 in all 2009. This is a good start in a rather soft market where there are currently 21 homes for sale. My opinion is that we've been hanging out around the bottom for some time and it feels like maybe we're beginning to ride the wave up and out of this slumpy market we've experienced the past few years. The bottom line is, we live in a pretty swell place that can weather these storms. So hang tight for the ride and don't give up. Please welcome your new neighbors when you see them!

All the best to you and yours, *Jon Hatch*

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Next time you use the Skunk Creek tunnel, under Broadway, at the lower end of Mariposa Ave. please consider pitching any trash you see into the trash container near the stone bench on the east side of the tunnel.

Thanks, on behalf of the Boulder City Improvement Association 2, for pitching in!

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