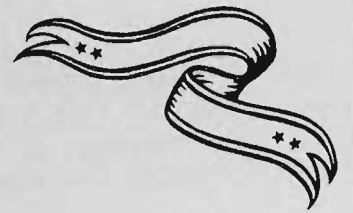
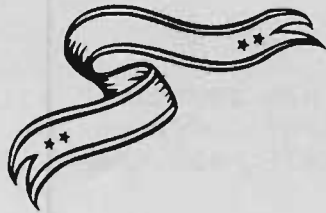


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Recollections, articles, questions, corrections, and comments are welcomed by the Editor.

IN MEMORIAM

"Old Timers" who have passed on recently are: Mrs. Thomas (Naomi G.) MacFarlane and Mrs. Monica Chodykin (91), both former residents of Black Diamond, Mildred Emily Bellack (65) of Krain, and Lulu Shircliff Kombol (91), a 50 year resident of Selleck. We will miss them!

WHATS HAPPENING?

Slides made from old photos of Black Diamond and surrounding towns, as well as recorded reminiscences from some of our Senior Citizens were enjoyed at the Feb., March, and April meetings of the Society. Their popularity was attested to by the large increases in the meetings attendance.

We have applied for another grant from the King County Arts Commission to copy more old photos but the funds have been nearly exhausted. It appears our chances of obtaining a grant

this year are near nil. Oh well, we will try again next year. We will still continue to copy photos as we receive them, regardless of the grant.

Through a chance meeting at the Tacoma Boy Scout Council headquarters, Mr. & Mrs. Donkers of Black Diamond met Floyd Holden whose mother, the former Maude (Shorey) Holden, used to own and operate the Photo Studio in Black Diamond in the early 1900's. A trip by Louis Zumek and myself to a Boy Scout camp near Belfair, Washington, to meet Mr. Holden, produced several excellent photos and a promise to unpack several more old photos and glass negatives stored in trunks in the basement of his home. We look forward to the return trip, and wish to thank Mr. Holden for letting us borrow the Photos for copying. They make a valuable addition to our collection.

Calendar sales have passed the 1000 mark and we expect to sell the remaining 200 before the year is out, even though the calendar had mistakes on several of the holiday dates. We apologize for these mistakes and will make sure they will not happen in the future.

We are collecting photos now for next years (1978) calendar and should make our selection in the next month.

Carl Steiert and his volunteer crew are still working Thursdays on the Depot. Plywood skirting has replaced the old rotten siding which covered the bottom of the Depot on the backside. The crew could use more help so if you have a Thursday afternoon you don't know what to do with come on down to the Depot. Carl will welcome you with open arms.....and a shovel.

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Whats Happening?, cont.

The current officers of the Society had their term of office extended through 1977 by a unanimous vote of the members present at the February meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

If any of your friends are complaining because they did not receive this copy of the newsletter perhaps its because they have failed to renew their membership. We are saving copies of this edition and will mail them out promptly when we receive their dues.

LABOR DAY

No word yet concerning a 1977 Labor Day celebration at Black Diamond. It appears there will be no celebration again this year unless work is started soon.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

For the lumber from the Garrett Company of Enumclaw for work on the Depot, for spikes from the Copeland Lumber Company of Enumclaw, for stove-pipe from the Fisher Brothers Coast to Coast store in Enumclaw to repair the stove in the Depot, for old photos from the Floyd Holdens, and the Habenichts, and for old newspaper clippings from Jules DalSanto.

★ FROM THE "SPARKLER" (Black Diamond School Paper) May, 1934. ★

Senior News

The Commencement Exercises for the class of '34 will be held Thursday evening, May 31. We have been very fortunate in obtaining Dr. J. H. Groth of the University of Washington to speak. His subject, "Truth and Falsehood" promises to be interesting. Reverend L. W. Gram will give the invocation. The Valedictorian, John Ruppert, and the Salutatorian, Audrey Kramer, will each give a speech.

Arthur Eltz wants attention called to the fact that his picture was placed above Mr. O. C. Eidal.

Lily Lloyd wonders who is going to take care of the poor little spiders that go prowling around the tables in Shorthand class.

Cleo Tressa Bryant wishes to thank the teachers in advance for pushing her through.

Frances Zumek wonders if there will be any one in next year's Senior Class who can make twenty-five and more errors in one test.

The class wonders if there will ever be a man as wild as William Eieltschnig. No Offense, Bill.

The five highest averages in the Senior Class are:

- 1st-----John Ruppert
- 2nd-----Audrey Kramer
- 3rd-----Ellen Olsen
- 4th-----Ann Sharlack
- 5th-----Lily Lloyd

Boy's Sports

The Diamond team journeyed to Issaquah where they beat them on their own field by the score of 11-1. Ray Allen pitched this game, and pitched a no-hit game, the first no-hit game in school for years.

On May 5, Diamond journeyed to Tahoma where the most interesting game of the year was played. Tahoma being ahead by the score of 5-3 when Diamond came up for their last time at bat and started a rally to win by the score of 8-5. Allen who also pitched this game did very well.

With Issaquah and Black Diamond tied for first place, the three highest teams in the league are: Bothell, Issaquah and Black Diamond.

Black Diamond Juvenile Band

The Black Diamond Juvenile Band is progressing rapidly. After three months of real study they can play marches and songs. Their aim is to be good enough to play for the Fourth of July, and then go to the Puyallup Fair in September.

The Inquiring Reporter

If you were to be marooded on a desolate island "what" and "whom" would you take with you? And why?

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The Inquiring Reporter, cont.

Lily Lloyd-----I'd take my gum so that even if I didn't have anyone to talk to I could keep my jaws in motion and keep up my milage.

Ernie Bahr-----I'd take matches, cigarettes, gun, ammunition, a girl, and my cow.

Norman Hope-----I'd take my shaving brush and cream, for who knows but what I might need it before I come back.

Annie Draghi----Oh, Mary Carnino, she and I are Pals.

Jessie Darby----Eddy--he's just like a soothing tonic. He can brush away the blues.

Spare Time antics behind B.D.H.S life.

When the inquiring reporter saw Ray Allen square his shoulders, take off his baseball glove, and pick a wild flower, he decided to uncover some more secret hobbies. (For Biology)

Lois Thomas has a yen for dogs and elephants. (Not real ones but the kind that lie on what nots?????)

With Muriel Evans it's drawing dolls. She wants to go to New York to take up designing. (Be seein' yah, Mur.)

Joe Kuzaro likes to "tear my car apart to see what it's made of".

First Grade News

The first of the month Loraine Gibson was climbing on a fence. She fell off and broke her arm. We wrote Loraine a letter and told her how sorry we were. Ralph Banchemo fell off a fence too. He broke his wrist. We are glad Ralph is back at school.

Calendar

May 7. This weather is so bad that the teachers can't even give the kids credit of having "spring fever."

REMINISCENCES

Afternoon of a Boy. (Harry Rossi, Norma Gumser)

Harry Rossi was ten years old thereabouts, and it was his chore after school to pick up the trimmings from the Pacific Coast Hotel. It made good food for the hogs. He crossed the street at the depot with his load--down the wooden sidewalk going home. At the tavern, there were these three young men loafing out in front. One of them tripped Harry and his can of slop spilled all over the sidewalk. The young men roared with laughter and Harry scrambled to pick up the pieces. He hurried home--down the broad sidewalk--past the garage--past the dry goods store, the meat market, and the bakery--and down the hill to home.

He felt so humiliated that he cried when he got home. His step-father asked him what the problem was--but you can't talk to Dads about those things--they don't like sissies. But you can talk to your Mother and Mothers do talk to their husbands. The next thing Harry knew--his father was marching up the hill with a 2x4 in his hand. Mr. Magnani stopped in front of the saloon and asked "which one of you "S.O.B.'s) did that to my kid", and they just looked dumb at each other, and didn't even answer Mr. Magnini.

The next afternoon it was even later than usual before Harry could muster up the courage to go after the hog feed. He crossed at the depot and approached the Tavern very cautiously. But he kept his eyes straight ahead--the young men out in front never made a move nor said a word. Past the Tavern Harry began to hurry with his load--past the shops and the Bakery and down the road for home. On his face was a downright triumphant grin!

LETTER FROM THE OREGON IMPROVEMENT COMPANY PAPERS

Apr. 24th, 1884

Elijah Smith, Esq.

Presdt. O.I.Co. New York

Dear Sir---

I have telegraphed Mr. Holmes this morning the following--

"Odd sections surrounding 19 and occupied by us are being located on by Black Diamond people. Conflict is imminent. Shall we hold by force or pursue the same plan as you suggest regarding Northern Pacific? Failing to hear from you have advised Smoot his proposition is accepted. Please answer despatch about reducing expenditures on 19."

The facts are, that in sending our men into the field to enforce our claims upon the odd sections in the Green River field, we found that the Black Diamond Co. had been secretly working their scheme of locating here
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LETTER FROM THE OREGON IMPROVEMENT COMPANY PAPERS, cont.

since the reports became public that the Northern Pacific had passed resolutions adverse to our Company's claims. When Mr. Jones entered the field several days since, he found Mr. B.B. Jones, Superintendent of the Black Diamond Co. with a force of men armed with guns, pistols and axes, endeavoring to intimidate our men upon section 11, Township 21 North, Range 6 East.

The Black Diamond Co. have already located upon sections 3 and 13 same township and sections 7 and 17 Township 21 North, Range 7 East. It is stated also that they are setting up claims to several other odd sections in this vicinity.

Despite this opposition, However, our men are upon the ground and will remain until withdrawn or overpowered. I am awaiting answer to my dispatch as to whether we shall pursue the same course in regard to these lands as suggested in relation to the Northern Pacific sections, or decline to yield until actually overpowered.

Yours truly,

John Muir

Gen'l Manager



The following story is copied from the Union Record Labor paper dated on or around Feb. 6th, 1922. The clipping is completed with pictures of the Union Stump in Morganville, houses built for the striking miners by the Union, Tim Morgan, Thomas James, head carpenter of the crew which built the houses, and J. W. Bartoluzzi, president of the Black Diamond local. The clipping was lent to the Society by Jules DalSanto

OFFERED \$27,500 MORE FOR LAND BY BARONS, MORGAN STANDS BY UNION MINERS
By Union Record Labor Reporter

Every newspaper article has a "lead".

Timothy Morgan, aged 80 years less six days, must of necessity by the "lead" of any story dealing with the erection of a town of 200 homes by the United Mine Workers of America on the outskirts of Black Diamond.

Morgan is the central figure of the enterprise and in such esteem is he held by the locked out miners, shortly to enter their second year of idleness, that they are planning to name their new little city Morganville in his honor.

Timothy Morgan is selling the townsite to the miners on which their model village will stand. For this land he will obtain a price not to exceed \$2,500 at the outside.

When the operators learned that the miners whom they had evicted from company property were about to erect a little city of their won, they sent agents to Morgan and urged him not to sell his land to the unions.

They used every possible means of persuasion and when Morgan still held steadfast in his determination they told him he could have \$30,000 for his land if he would refuse to turn it over to the miners.

Morgan declined and that is why the new city will probably bear his name. In addition Morgan in his family of 14 has several sons who are members of the organization. He also nailed the first plank in the first of the 200 houses that will be built.

The love of the miners' Organization for old Timothy Morgan dates back to 1907 when the first local union of the United Mine Workers in Black Diamond was formed.

On that occasion the miners trooped out of Black Diamond after the company had refused to allow them to hold meetings in the town and had closed all halls. The men went to Morgan's property and from a tree stump the addresses of the first executives of the union were made. The men signed their first union rill in the stump and today this historic piece of wood lies imbedded in a monument erected in honor of the occasion.

The above pictures show at the left the monument covering the tree stump which made union history in 1907; in the upper right is seen the first of 200 homes in which the miners and their families will be housed; the bottom row shows Morgan at the left while the other photos from left to right are those of Thomas James, head carpenter, and J.W. Bartiluzzi, president of the Black Diamond local.

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HISTORY, cont.

Twenty-five of the 200 houses have been completed already, although the work of clearing the land did not start until two weeks ago Monday. The town when finished will cover an area about 16 acres, and will be complete with sewage and water facilities. Each house has four rooms and is of warm construction.

The title to the houses and property will rest with the district office of the United Mine Workers, with the exception of the title to the local union hall, which will be built in the center of the colony.

More than a 1,000,000 feet of lumber, exclusive of that used in the union hall, will be required for the Black Diamond colony, according to Ernest Newsham, secretary of District No. 10. Sixty houses also will be built at Newcastle, where work is now proceeding rapidly. It is expected that the Newcastle miners' village will be named Uniontown.

The Black Diamond colony, as the largest of those now projected, will house miners from Franklin, who will move to their new location with their families. Cabin houses built by the erection of roofs over the old canvas covers in the tent colonies at Wilkeson and Durham are not to be confused with the new villages, which comprise only dwellings of permanent construction.

W. C. Thompson, organizer and special traveling auditor of the United Mine Workers of America, is now in District No. 10 and declares that the model villages being erected for the membership in this territory are the only ones of their kind in the country.



Tim Morgan (center) and Family



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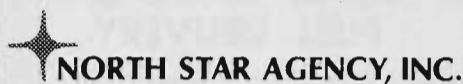
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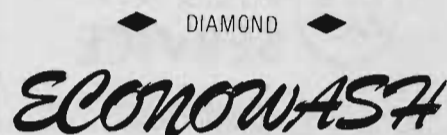


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