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

IN MEMORIAM

"Oldtimers" whom have recently passed from our ranks are as follows: Hubert Kravagna (76), Gildo Rey (67), former B.D. principle, Mrs. Frances Zumek (86), and Alton Botts (90), all from Black Diamond; Genevieve (Habenicht) Sewe (63), Bertha Morgan Milroy (83), and Max Ferlich, of Ravensdale, Mary Crevis (78) of Ravensdale and Krain, Albert J. Meedie (67) of Enumclaw, a retired P.C.C. Co. coal miner, Karl Marx Buther (80) of Maple Valley, formerly from Selleck, Ivar H. Edman (64), born in Franklin, and Glenn Bremmeyer (71) of Maple Valley, formerly from the Franklin Area.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

A successful antique appraisal was held at the Depot in May. It appeared like a treasure trove watching all the antiques come and go. The Society wishes to thank the three appraisers who generously volunteered their time and expertise and the Society members who spent a great deal of time and effort planning the event..... Carl Steiert is still ramrodding a crew, when anyone shows up, each Thursday at the Depot. A great deal of work has been

completed on the rooms at the south end of the Depot and the results really show that progress on the restoration is showing results ..... Several slide presentations of the Society Slide show have been shown to various organizations. The Enumclaw Historical Society, the Auburn or White River Historical Society, Puget Power Company, Northwest Labor Society, and the Green River Community College History classes are only a few of the organizations who have enjoyed our show. Work is currently under way on more slides and we hope to add more pictures to show ..... The "Oldtimers" picnic was held at Lake Sawyer in July. A good time was had by all even though the wet weather tried to put a damper on picnic spirits ..... The pictures have been selected for the 1979 Calendars and if all goes according to schedule, the calendars should be ready for sale around the first of October. We hope to keep the price at \$4.00 but inflation may force an increase of 50¢. A decision to this effect will be made shortly when all the calendar bids are in.

\*\*\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\*\*\*

The Editor wishes to apologize for not publishing the April edition of the Newsletter. Due to a scarcity of material, changing interests and the resultant demands on my time, but mainly just a bad case of lethargy, the paper did not result. A discussion of the problem has led the Society Officers to a decision to publish the paper twice yearly. An additional edition may be published from time to time as the demand dictates. Because of the canceled April paper the membership period will be extended through March of 1979 when the next edition of the paper is due. I am sorry for the delay and hope you will understand the reason for our decision to publish semi-annually.

There are still a few copies of the '78 Calendar available. If you have not had a chance to obtain yours yet, copies can still be purchased at the "Confectionery" Art Gallery, The "Greenery" Plant Shop or the "Diamond" Drive Inn Cafe, at \$4.00 per copy, or by mailing \$5.00 to Ann Steiert at the Society address who will mail you your copy. Historical Black Diamond window stickers with our coal car logo are available for \$1.00 and a 14"x 18" Duo-tone litho copy of the Black Diamond Bakery can be purchased for \$2.00.

GOOD EATING!

## FISH AND POTATOE CAKES

Mash cold boiled potatoes and cold fish together; add a beaten egg; season (salt and pepper); make into cakes; dip in beaten egg, then in flour or corn meal; fry in hot fat.

Mrs. Rosa Steirt

## MARSHMALLOWS

1 envelope Knox gelatine; 2 cups sugar; a pinch of salt and flavoring; soak the gelatine in 10 tablespoons cold water; heat the sugar with 10 tablespoons water till dissolved; add to gelatine and let cool a little, then add salt and flavoring and whip for about half an hour; turn on a pan dusted with powdered sugar and let set. Then cut into cubes and roll in powdered sugar.

Mrs. Annie Bergstrom

## WILD BLACKBERRY JAM CAKE

1 cup sugar; 1/2 cup butter; 3 eggs, well beaten; 3 tablespoons sour milk; 2 cups flour; 1 cup wild blackberry jam; 1 teaspoon soda, dissolved in a very little hot water. Bake in two layers and put together with boiled frosting. Any kind of jam may be used.

Mrs. C.C. Christensen

The above recipes were taken from "The Key to Black Diamond Good Eats", a hardbound cookbook compiled by the Ladies Aid of Black Diamond and published in 1912 or 1913.

FROM THE "SPARKLER" (Black Diamond School Paper) September 1933.

Senior News

The Senior Class welcomes back a couple of exgraduates none other than Merle Davies and Ann Marchetti.

Junior News

Steve Vernarelli, our president who was recently elected for his third term, plays golf as all presidents should do. And Mr. President, we want to know why you seem to be so interested in the big city of Renton-----?

Sophomore News

After some coaxing all the Sophomores stood up like good little boys and girls and had their pictures taken Wednesday morning,

Boys' Sports

New Trophy -- Did you notice our new trophy in the case? It was won by the baseball team this spring. Champions of King County High School Baseball.

Basketball In The Air -- The lettermen returning are Eddy, Goldsberry and Walsh. Also Darby, Fontana and Windbeckler. Darby, the little Sophomore should do very well with the first team.

General News

A Brilliant Student -- Jules Del Santo, if he keeps up the good work in Business Training, the first thing you know he will be receiving an A plus on his report card.

The Fair -- Crowds of people, all intent on one thing, enjoying themselves; gay banners and signs urging one to come or go on this or that thing; the cry of "hamburgers!" "hot-dogs!", only a dime; the cry of "their off!" when the horse races start, conjure this in your head and you have a slight inkling of the Western Washington Fair as the students of Black Diamond viewed it Tuesday, May 20. More than half of the school attended this event.

Especially thrilling was the arrival of Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York and also Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States. He rode around the arena three times in a rose-bedecked car and then made a short but very interesting speech.

LETTER FROM THE OREGON IMPROVEMENT COMPANY PAPERS

The Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad Co.

T.J. Milner,  
Asst. Superintendent

Seattle, W.T., Jany. 15, 1885

Elijah Smith Esq.

Dear Sir:

My first attention after arrival here has been given to Cedar River Extension. Rails are laid to Black Diamond Mine - The grading was completed 2 1/2 miles further, to Franklin, but before our acceptance of the work, storms washed some of the Embankments and Mr. Milner proposes to make the contractors repair the damage. The enclosed statement shows you the condition at date.

We owe now to contractors \$18,085.77 and \$4,629.64 retained percentage on their previous estimates. This will put us square, and against this unpaid amount we have \$12,500 sure to come from Black Diamond Co., \$44,000 from Seattle Subscribers & \$20,700 from Seattle Guarantors. We have not yet called upon the latter but propose to

do so. I shall consult our Counsel about bringing suit on the subscription contracts to compel payment of at least what we need to pay the obligations incurred on the faith of those subscriptions. If we stop at that we will have issued a little less than \$100,000 in script, and while the action of Seattle is very disappointing, we will have succeeded in our purpose of raising enough money to build the road. The \$22,000 - stated as unpaid is included in the \$127,000, total cost, and between Cornwall and Seattle we will raise the \$22,000.

Very respy  
John S. Howard

P.S. This statement does not include value of O.R.T. material used in construction, account of which is being made up, but that added to the cost of surfacing, and finishing the track will still leave the entire cost within the \$150,000 estimate.




Cedar River Extension January 15/85

Construction Account Decr 31/884

General Expenses .....	\$ 227.70
Suptdce & Inspection .....	800.70
Surveying & Engineering .....	1,521.92
Clearing .....	2,993.40
Right of Way .....	11.25
Grading .....	62,139.56
Bridging .....	19,740.04
Track Drying & Surfacing .....	11,745.01
Fr't on Rails & Fastenings .....	2,740.60
Fences, Crossings & Cattle Guards .....	83.88
Water Stations .....	194.02
Frogs & Switches .....	190.80
Legal Expenses .....	50.00
OR&N Co. Rails & Fastenings .....	<u>24,643.81</u>

\$127,082.97

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PERSONALITY SURVEY

\*ANN ELIZABETH DAVIS\*

Ann Elizabeth was born in Nortonville, California - Sept. 4, 1882. She was the eldest daughter of T.X. & Katie Jane Davies--all told there were 14 children in the family - 10 girls & 4 boys.

The family moved to Black Diamond in April 1884. She began her life there living in a tent down behind the store as there were very few houses in town in that time. Her father was a hoisting engineer in the mine. Later they ran the hotel just behind the depot. She attended school in Black Diamond, the first school being held in the show hall.

As a young girl she was kept busy, as her mother ran the hotel, raising a large family. She and her sisters had to do the washing and baking before going to school.



Ann Lis, as she was called, married Morgan Davis. He was a miner-sheriff-bartender in Joe Krouses' saloon. When prohibition came in he and Paul Medica opened the Pool Hall. Later Ann Liz & her husband ran the Resort on Lake Twelve for years until they moved to Renton in the 40's. She became a widow in 1947.

They had 5 daughters: Evelyn Harte, Verna Thompson, Clara Beers, Jane Hawthorne, and Merle Romedo.

She has 10 grandchildren, 28 great grand children and 3 great great grand children. She is a charter member of the Rebeccas, a life member and has her 75 year pin. Also, she is a member of the Pythian Sisters - a member of the Past Chiefs and a Past Noble Grand.

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\*\*\*\* HISTORY \*\*\*\*

The following article is the forth and final part of a series about the early town of Franklin. The article was taken from part of an unpublished masters thesis titled "Washington's Green River Coal Company: 1880-1930", by C. William Thorndale. The complete work can be checked out from the Society .....

Reaction to the riot followed the expected lines. The anti-labor groups believed the false first report, while the laboring men denounced the brutality of the corporation and its black lackeys. Black Diamond showed its feeling when an estimated 440 men and women walked the mile from the town depot to the cemetery in a solemn funeral for the two dead miners. The bitterness spilled over into a rejection of the contract already agreed upon by the company and the miners' committee. At Seattle on July 3, a mass meeting of one thousand at Pioneer Square denounced the OIC and the militia commanded by an attorney of the company. A committee of five was appointed to fix the blame, but it never fulfilled its duty because within days the Franklin miners swore out warrants for the arrest of the company guards who had started the shooting. A grand jury would determine the blame.

To prevent further violence, two companies of militia went to Gilman. The governor ordered Col. Haines to assist civil authorities in disarming everyone in the coal towns, and companies went to Newcastle and Black Diamond to carry out those orders. The Black Diamond miners welcomed the militia as protection from the Franklin miners and turned their stay into a long holiday. The Fourth of July saw a picnic where the soldiers went down to defeat 13 to 8 in baseball; the town dance lasted until 4 A.M. But despite the good will, the miners refused to surrender their guns while the Negroes remained nearby.

To disarm the Franklin guard, the Franklin miners, before the riot, had sought an injunction against the Sullivan detectives. In the case of Thomas Tonkins vs Oregon Improvement Company, et. al, the Judge refused the injunction on grounds that they had already voluntarily disarmed. But he denounced the hiring of armed detectives as unconstitutional. Disarmament of the miners was never pushed because the governor chose to avoid further disturbances. On the 12th the troops left Black Diamond, and on the 20th the miners went back to work. On July 16 the grand jury censured the OIC for importing the guards from the Thiel Detective Agency of Portland, recommending law prohibiting such private armies, and indicted the company guards for starting the Franklin riots. For an unknown reason the charges were later dropped. And so the Franklin miners

won the moral victory and lost the war ..... The End.



Black Diamond School Band in the Middle '30's. Recognize any faces?



Ravensdale Baseball Team about 1912. Do you know any of the players?

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