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IN MEMORIAM

These are the names of "Oldtimers" who
have recently passed from our ranks:

- David Jacob Coby
- Frank Holly
- Glen C. Gotcher
- Clarice (Molly) Owens
- Jack Kombol
- Val (Teenie) Sternig

Joseph Metzler (His story was featured in the
Jan 1977 newsletter) He was 96 yrs. old.

At the May 14th meeting it was decided to set up
a Memorial Fund. We will have cards printed to
acknowledge donations made in the name of a friend

or relative. For those of us who wish to remember our friends in this manner, it is now possible

What's Happening

The 2nd Annual Antique Appraisal was held at the Railroad Depot the weekend of May 5th
and 6th. Although the crowds were disappointingly small---the BDHS gained more than \$200.00
Bouquets to Vernon Smith, who appraised guns, Jim Smithhart, watches and Florence Garrett, who
appraised dishes, glassware and many miscellaneous items, Elaine Griffin for posters and ads,
and to all others taking the time to contribute cookies and helping in general.



The HUD funding has been approved and plans are moving ahead to reconstruct the bay window on
the platform side of the Depot. Grant Griffin tells us we can expect the wiring to be done by
the end of June. Plans are being considered to hold our monthly meetings at the depot when
the electricity is in and the lights go on.

Pioneer Picnic

The 22nd Annual Pioneer's Picnic will be held at the Lake Sawyer Resort on Sunday July 15
Don't miss this annual get-together. Come and renew acquaintances, meet new ones, swap stories
and greetings. Don't forget.....July 15.....Everyone welcome.....Bring a friend!!!!

Calendars

The 1980 Calendars will be ready by Labor Day. Shoy's Printing did experience some difficulty obtaining the good quality paper, but everything is in order and the presses will soon begin to roll. We still have a few 1977, 1978, 1979 calendars. We have been able to keep the cost at \$4.00 (plus add \$1.00 for mailing) This will be our 5th annual calendar. It represents our biggest fund-raiser...start planning your Christmas list NOW!!!!!!!

Monthly Meeting etc.

The BDHS President, Carl Steiert, Vice-President, Frank Guidetti and Secretary-Treasurer, Afn Steiert have been re-elected for another term. Board members along with officers are:

Howard Botts	Frank Costi	Elaine Griffin
Norma Gunser	Norman Gunser	Don Mason
Dolores Wilkening	Verna Thompson	Louis Zemek
	Deno Marriotti	

Monthly meetings are not as well attended as would be desired. Each month an attempt is made to provide some item of "entertainment" such as tapes of the past, pictures and speakers. It gets to be frustrating when such lack of interest exists. We invite all members to come and see what goes on. Remember the work at the depot still goes on...Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to these new members

We take this opportunity to welcome them and hope they find their time in BDHS as rewarding as we do!!!!

Irene Balsley.....Kirkland, Wa	Duda Verrarelli.....B.D.
Ron & Marilyn Caanan.....Black Diamond	Evelyn Harte.....Spring Valley, Ca
George & Florence Ervin.....Kent	Walter R. Moore.....Lake Stevens, Wa
Richard Jazbec.....Kent	Al Lynch.....B.D.
Joe Kuzaro.....Kent	Louise Pagani.....B.D.
Ray Polson.....Kent	Ernest Romedo.....B.D.
A.J. Losse.....Seattle	Thelma McAdams.....Sun City, Ariz
Norma Kelling.....Oak Harbor	William Clogston.....Walport, Ore.
	Daniel & Nancy Nichols, Maple Valley

New Life Members: Evan Morris

Norman & Norma Gunser

Sparks from the Sparkler

Here are a few "gems" taken from some beloved old "Sparklers" we received from Louis Zemek. Thanks, Lou..

1932 "George Savick, one of our "Silent Juniors", attending the skiing tournament at Cle Elum. We wonder if Angelo Carrino, his "Shadow" accompanied him?"

1931 Senior Class Will

Item I We give and bequeath to the Freshman Class our high ability of looking into the future and planning how to meet the coming events.

Sparks from the Sparkler Cont'd

Item II To the Sophs we give and bequeath our ability to loaf on the job and get away with it.

Item III To the Juniors we give and bequeath our ability of entering and making a success in all extra-curricular activities of the school. (48 years have passed and this "Will" could be written by the 1979 crop of Seniors!!)

Item IV Individuals that wish to be entered in this Will are as follows:

1. Jane Davies, better known as "Shin" gives her ability to feed the teachers and thus obtain a drag, to Babe.
2. Frank Tratnick, our ever-smiling Senior gives and bequeaths his ability to flirt with the girls to "Sheik" Manowski.
3. Siggie and Richter, give their love-making abilities to the first Junior who asks for it. We hope William Eltz has the honor.
4. "Chick" gives his green sweater and its power to Bill Lewis. Bill knows what that means!
5. "Meg Pierotti, our blushing youth, gives his curling iron to John Walsh. May John profit from using it!!
6. Ernest Eltz, our big silent Senior, leaves his ability on how to keep his mouth shut to Tom Wieltschnig. Tom should profit by it.
7. Phil Sternig, our toutheaded Senior, leaves and bequeaths his ability and energetic ways to Jack Mill, a coming baseball player. Jack's nickname is "Speed".
8. William Bisjack, the runt of the Class of '31, gives his ability for giggling to Steve, better known as "Stucky".
9. Niles gives her ability as a body guard to the members of the Green and Red Coats on Click to Lena Paglia.
10. Tony Santini, our Senior Rudolph Valentino, gives his ability for cooing and crooning to Geno Poalucci.

Editors Note: If anyone has any more issues of the School paper or any other interesting material, we'd be glad to receive it.

Special note to 80 and over members



At a recent meeting it was decided to have anyone who reaches the age of 80 automatically become a life member of the Historical Society. If you are already 80 and now a member, let the secretary know and you will be issued a new card and money will be refunded.

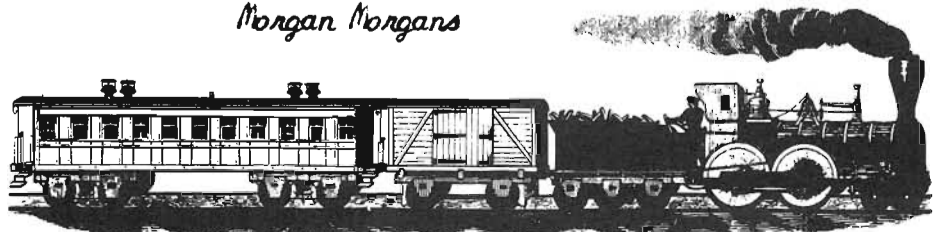
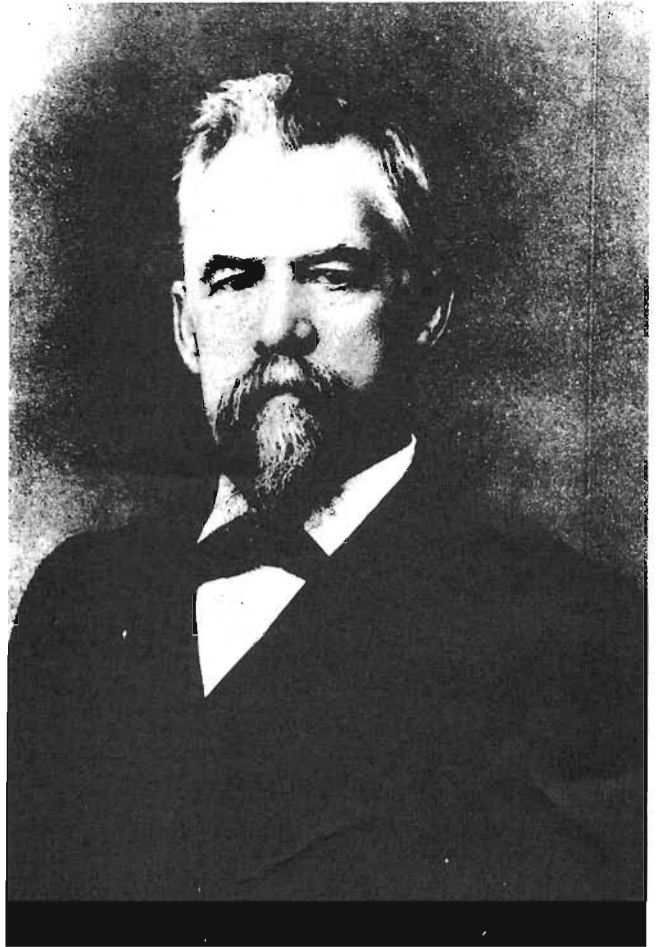
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The following is a letter printed through the courtesy of Mrs. Walter J. Morgans. Morgan Morgans was the grandfather of Walter Morgans

June 6th 1882

I left home on the sixth from San Francisco. The next morning myself and Mr. P.B. Cornwall left San Francisco on the steamer, State of California which was June 7th, 1882. We arrived at Astoria at 5 o'clock a.m. June 9th. At this place we took a small steamer called the Fleetwood to a place called Kalama, which place we reached in time to catch the train, that runs to Tacoma arriving at the above place at 11 o'clock a.m. From here we took the boat for Seattle where we arrived at 6:30 P.M. June 9th. Next morning we both left Seattle at 7:30 o'clock June 10th. In a wagon over a very rough and ragged road to a small mining camp, which is called the Renton Coal Mining Co. This place we reached at 11:30 o'clock. Here we took dinner with Mrs. Frank Hayes, formerly a resident of Nortonville, Cal. After dinner or at least at 12 o'clock we got into our wagon once more and rode some eight miles more to a small ranch owned by a man named Crow, and a very clever gentleman he is. At this point we paid off our driver, at the same time wishing him good speed and safe return to the place he came from, which was the town of Seattle. At the same time, myself and Mr. Cornwall mounted a mustang piece which had been already ordered for ourselves, by our friend Mr. Jones. By this time it was 2 o'clock p.m. but being experts in the saddle we were both at home. Mr. Jones tried to have us stay at this place overnight but as we were on business, we couldn't see the point. So off we went at a two-forty gait to the new coal mine which was 20 miles ahead of us, situated near a small lake and which is also surrounded by a forest of as fine timber as a man would wish to see. The timbers are all sizes from six inches to three feet in diameter. These timbers will be of great value to the bratticeing in the working of their mines, if they should decide to open them up. After reaching the camp at about 2 o'clock p.m. we all took our supper in the old-fashioned way with tin plates and cups. After we were through with our supper, we then went to visit the mine, which is nothing more than a small slope sunk to the depth of some one hundred feet. At this point the coal was struck. The coal laid in two beds, the first is three feet thick then comes four feet of slate. Under this bed of slate, lays another seam of coal, six feet thick. This seam looks very well. After we got through examining the mine to our satisfaction, we all returned to our cabin, where we had a little chat before tumbling into our 49 bunks. After breakfast we started back on our return trip, mounting our horses on to Mr. Crow's ranch which place we reached June 22 at 11 o'clock. There myself and Mr. Cornwall took a wagon for Seattle where we reached in time for supper. After supper Mr. Cornwall chartered a small boat for Tacoma, taking the train at this place for Kalama. Here we took the boat for Portland.

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