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RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

This is the time of year for renewing memberships and BDHS is no exception. If a red mark appears in this circle  you need to send your renewal now or you will be dropped from the mailing list. Because of the cost of postage--please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope in which your membership card will be returned to you. Membership remain at \$2.00 per individual, \$30.00 for lifetime and \$40.00 Lifetime Family. Make sure we have your correct current address.

CHRISTMAS AT THE DEPOT

At the Christmas Open House a lovely time was had by all. The donations of all those good things to eat was marvelous. There were a few historical items placed around with the Donors names on them. It was apparent to everyone how much work has progressed on the interior rooms. Perhaps, by Appraisal time there will be more improvements.

THIRD ANNUAL ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

The weekend of May 3rd and 4th is the time to get out to BDHS Antique Appraisal. Plans are being made to have appraisers for guns-clocks and watches-books-dolls-china and glass. The price will be the same as last year at \$3.00 per item. We always have a lot of fun at these appraisals. It is a time to meet new people and renew acquaintances with old friends. So bring out your "junkie" or your most-prized antique and be pleasantly surprised at its value. Bring a friend-have a good time and contribute to a good cause at the same time. Watch the newspapers for more information.

BDHS CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 1980 calendars are still selling--we thank all the merchants and others who helped us with these. Send \$5.00 for one to be sent to your address or to a friend's if you haven't already done so. There are a few 1979's left also. And again, Totsie Bellack does the best job of seeing that our calendars get sold in these parts--A Big Bouquet to Totsie!!! In town, they can be purchased at City Hall, The Bakery, Hi-Lo Grocery The Art Gallery, The Greenery and Al Lynch Service Station, also B.D. Auto Parts.

IN MEMORIAM

The past few months saw the passing of two of our oldest citizens. Rose Benedetti was an early settler in Black Diamond. She was a young girl when she came to the West and died at the age of 98.

Margaret Darby came to Black Diamond from Roslyn. She was 86 at the time of her death. She was always active in Fraternal and Civic affairs and will be missed.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

At our 2nd meeting of the year, our benefactor, Pacific Northwest Bell, was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Blackmer from the Community Relations Team. They presented BDHS with a check for \$100. A special thanks to them. All during our existence as an organization, we have received gifts and encouragement--including the sale of many of our calendars to their employees. We have been fortunate to be on the receiving end of their generosity.

A vintage Baggage Cart has been donated to the Museum by Florence and David Garrett. They also donated an old armchair known to have been used by an early day minister. These are nice additions to the Depot. Our special thanks to them.

Also, at this meetin, which was well-attended despite the icy-foggy weather, we were shown some of Carl and Ann Steiert's slides on past Labor Day Parades. There were the Princesses, the Queens and all the little children dressed in costumes and the marching bands with many familiar faces in the crowds. There was even a year or two when it didn't r ain!!!!

We, also, saw a beautiful quilt put together by the Maple Valley Arts Commission. It had been raffled off as a fund-raiser for their Maple Valley Days. The squares were appliques of business and historic buildings of our area. Some still in existence and some fading memories. We will have a meeting later for those interested in making a wall hanging of this type for our Depot.

The next meeting will be on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall. It is supposed to be election night presenting a real problem to the present officers because there doesn't seem to be anyone interested in running for office. A special slide show of pictures of a trip to Italy will be shown by Frank Costi. It promises to be a very interesting program. Jack Hope has many more Labor Day pictures and will be showing them in the very near future.

About the Historical Society meetings.....If you haven't been to one----try it you will like it!!! It is the one meeting where everyone is completely informal and everyone is free to take part in the action. We try to make them a time of getting together in the true spirit of the "Old Days" like a family get-together.

New Life Members: Tom and Lynda Maks, James Earley, Donald Mason and Thomas Hawthorne

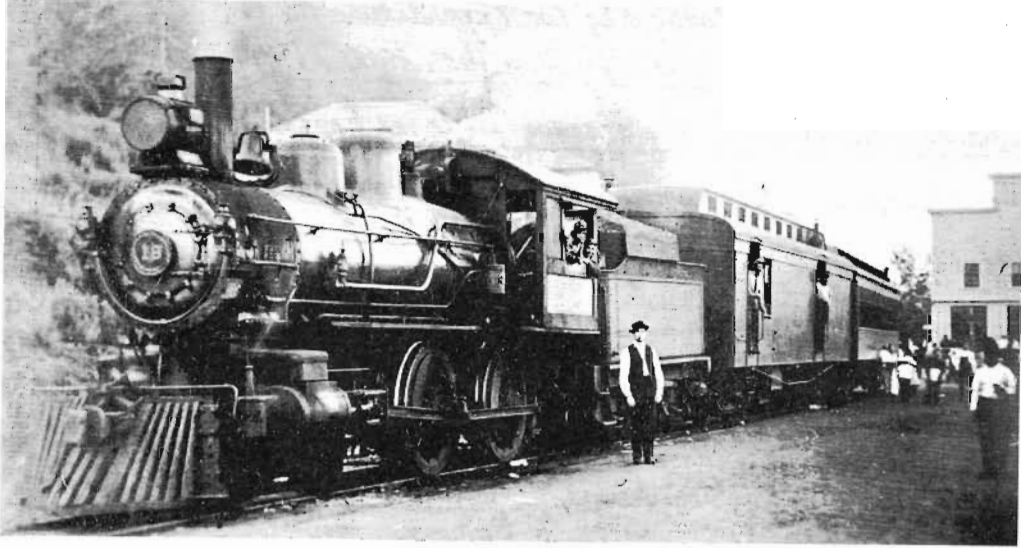
New members: Dr. Dave Botting, Jacqueline Dial, Harold Hoyt, Forester Haven, Meg Pierotti, John Rowe,

From the Black Diamond High School Sparkler October 1935:

Ravensdale Cow Goes on Bender

Sunday a very unusual thing happened in Ravensdale. Since "getting tanked" seems to be quite the fad, a cow from Ravensdale decided to try it. It seems that some old mash which was used in making wine was not properly disposed of. This certain cow which was probably on her way home, spied the mash and decided to sample it. Finding it tasted very good, she kept eating and like most humans didn't know when she had had enough.

When she was later found she had all but passed out and was trying feebly to make some noise. She was helped to her feet and after some time she half staggered and was half carried home by her owners. (author unknown)



Columbia and Puget Sound Engine No 18

The Black Diamond Company wanted a railroad completed as quickly as possible because the Mt. Diablo coal field was declining fast. Surveying began under the Oregon Improvement Company in April 1882 for a Columbia and Puget Sound Green River extension. The construction was nearly abandoned because the OIC had great difficulty raising the necessary money. A \$150,000 subsidy was raised among Seattle business men. The contract stated that the crews would begin laying track by July 1883. 2000 men worked through the winter of 1883-including many Chinese laborers who worked at half-wages. In the meantime, pack trains of mules carried supplies to the mines on weekly 3-day round trips. Money problems continued to plague the railroad construction-but with a new loan of \$100,000 from interests in Seattle and good weather in the Fall of 1884, the railroad reached Black Diamond December 12, 1884.

The railroad permitted installation of mine machinery and Black Diamond Mine began operation. The first commercial shipment of coal went out on April 1885. The Columbia and Puget Sound Railroad extended to Franklin with branches to Kummer and Lawson in 1885. The C&PS RR became Pacific Coast Railroad in 1916. The steam trains continued till 1953.

The picture is C&PS Engine 18 photographed in Black Diamond before 1916.

| Type | Builder | Const. No. | Date Built | Drivers | Cyls | Total Wt. |
|-------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| 4-4-0 | Alco-Brooks | 48295 | Juky 1910 | 62 | 18x24 | 110,000 |

It was sold for scrap to Japan in 1939

The above facts and photo are from an interesting out-of-print book loaned to us by Louis Zumek. "Ships and Narrow Gauge Rails" The story of the Pacific Coast Co, Best

Question: Do you know what the original name of Lake 12 was? Turn page for answer.

⌘ HELP! HELP! HELP! ⌘

Work is proceeding on the restoration of the Depot but at a much slower pace than necessary. The cry is for more workers to show up at the Thursday work Days. In other areas too, it would be great if more people would get involved. As it is too few people are trying to do ~~it~~ too much and the whole project suffers. It is all pleasurable work if spread out by many hands doing it. We need everyone's input and ideas and general involvement.

President's Authority for Expenditure No 11

Dated January 14th 1900

Construction Wash House and Water Closet Franklin

Work completed in February 1900. Advice that work was completed dated April 10th, 1900

Estimated Expense,

\$35.97

Expenditure in Detail:

Material:

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------------|------|-------|
| 350 ft. Lumber | at \$8.00 M. | 2.80 | |
| 48 ft. " | at 8.50 | .40 | |
| 735 ft. " | at 7.50 | 5.43 | |
| 522 ft. "2nd hand | at 4.00 | 2.09 | |
| 2500 Shingles | at 1.76 M | 4.40 | |
| 8½ lbs. nails | at 4.15 avt. | .35 | |
| 25 lbs nails | at 3.80 | .95 | |
| 1 roof Plate | | .40 | |
| 3 prs. Butts | | .12 | |
| 3 screws | | .10 | |
| 2 doors, second hand | | 1.50 | |
| 2 sashes " | | 1.50 | 20.04 |

Labor:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Carpenter, 60 hrs. at \$60. per month | 11.61 | 31.65 |
| Estimate exceeds Expenditures by | | 4.32 |

To: Mr. J.D. Farrell, President and General Manager

General Auditor.

Note:

The above cost sheet is from the archives of the Pacific Coast Company donated to the Historical Society by the Palmer Coking Coal Co.

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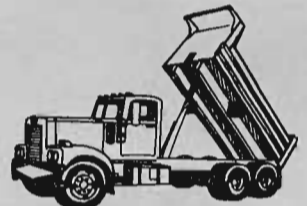
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