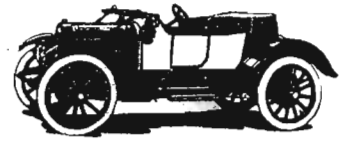




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In Memorium

The past few months have taken a toll of our  
friends and relatives.

Fred Goldsberry, husband of Angeline(Dal Santo)

Earl Stellplue

Lyle Bremmeyer

Jack Hulsey

Margaret Puccinello, Margaret Harrington

Robert Hitchman, BDHS member, State President

Harold Habenicht (Smiley) born in B.D 1894. Brother  
of Vern Habenicht.

Last Meeting

The last meeting before the summer adjournment was  
held on May 11. The next regular meeting will be

on September 14. Miss Jennie Edwards, her sister, Margaret and Alma Lundberg from Renton were guests. These lovely ladies are in their 80's and 90's and had many recollections of living as a girl in the early days of Black Diamond. Jennie recalled the days when school was kept in session until July 4th and summer vacation was only 6 weeks long. It was considered one of the best taught schools in these parts. She told of moving to Renton when Black Diamond had a larger population than Renton. She remembers it as a wonderful place to live and as she comes here occasionally, is happy to see it is still alive and well. We are fortunate to be able to share with this articulate gentle lady her recollections. Also, at this meeting, BDHS was presented a beautiful handmade quilt by Gwen Sebastian of the B.D. Quilters. It is an original design in Black & Red. They have named it "Coal Veins" They presented this quilt in appreciation of their using the Depot for their weekly quilting sessions. It will be used for our raffle in December. It is a more traditional design and made larger than the one they made for us last year. We thank them for this valuable and beautiful quilt.



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Please remember these initials. They stand for Self-addressed Stamped Envelope. We need one of those when you correspond with us and expect an answer, ie; when you send your dues in for the year and would like a membership card. Postage is a major expense for the Society. We are trying as hard as we can to keep the dues down <sup>to</sup> their present low price but if postage costs keep going up it will force us to raise dues. At least 200 letters are written each year and it does add up!! So if you please....SASE!

### Donations

Al Lynch of Morganville donated his WW I Navy dress uniform. He is a radioman 1st class. Was there ever a sight more charming than that of a sailor boy with his scrubbed face and short, short hair? Could all that have happened 40 years ago? He, also, gave BHS some of his mother's dresses from the 20's. They are beautiful dresses & almost back in style! They belonged to Mrs. Carina (Carrie) Lynch.

We are recipients of much goodwill and lots of material things. Sometimes it comes at unexpected moments, making the gift more exciting. One of these gifts was from Clarence Smith of the Coast to Coast Hardware in Enumclaw. Dino Mariotti, Norm Gumser had taken 6 broken windows down to have new glass measured and cut to size. Clarence gave the glass as his donation.

Mrs. J.F. Bell of Kent has given the Society several very old baby garments and some old and in good shape sheet music.

Dave Garrett has provided the new jail door with a big padlock and the carpenters with a new hammer.

Dave Sprau was responsible for the obtaining of the Semaphore and now found and refinished the big light which goes on top of the Semaphore.

Nat Pennacchi donated labor and material for the cell door in the depot. It is a real work of art and should be seen by everyone.

We thank each and everyone for thinking of the Society and hope that the future will bring in more articles which will make the Museum displays that much more interesting.

### Need Thursday Hostesses!!



The Thursday lunch program is proving to be a huge success. It has inspired the workers to spend more time at the job. The lunch break provides a time for visiting and planning the next step in the project. Because of its success we would hate to have to abandon it for lack of volunteers. On the other hand we can't work the few who do volunteer overtime!! The meal is kept to a very simple form. Most have served soup, a bread and a simple dessert like cookies etc. Coffee is provided by the Society. The hostess is paid a small stipend to help defray the cost. If you are willing call: Rose Guidetti-886-2858 or Ann Steiert

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## Depot-----Jail

The little red depot is looking better all the time. The Semaphore is now in place and really adds to the whole renovation. The north end of the building is being made into a mine portal with machinery and rails being donated by Palmer Coking Coal. The workers are attempting to make it as authentic as possible. That particular phase is being guided by Ted Banner who is an experienced miner. Much work has been done on the restrooms and as time allows the windows are being reworked and repaired.

The jail is really coming along fast. The cell doors are now complete. Thanks to Nat Pennacchi, the completed cell has a real riveted iron door. Nat made the door and donated both labor and material. The rest of the Thursday crew has been working on the roof and that is now also completely redone. It will be soon ready for a coat of whitewash inside!! The chimney is going to be rebuilt. If anyone knows where a small old-fashioned stove can be obtained we'd appreciate hearing from you.

Annual Pioneers' Picnic

The Pioneer's picnic will again be held at Lake Sawyer on the third Sunday of July. The date is July 19. For many years person's who were born in the area or at some time lived here gather to become reacquainted and swap experiences of the "Good old Days". All members are welcome to attend and learn more about the background of the area.

A bit of humor from Ann Landers:

You know you are getting old when:

Almost everything hurts. What doesn't hurt doesn't work anymore.

It feels like the morning after the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.

All the names in your little black book end in M.D.

You get winded playing Chess.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You still chase women, but have forgotten why.

You turn out the lights for economic, not romantic reasons.

Your knees buckle and your belt won't

You are 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist and 126 around the Golf course.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

You try to straighten the wrinkles in your socks and find you aren't wearing any.

A little old gray-haired lady tries to help you across the street. She's your wife!

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### Outdoor Bowling Alley

The above photo and the following letter were received from Cut Kravagna of El Segundo, Ca. He is a former resident and old-timer from Black Diamond.

Dear Carl,

Received your request through the newsletter for a photo of Old Lawson Bowling Alley. The photo was taken in early part of 1911. If you notice on the left side, my mother is holding brother Jazz and was pregnant with me. In front of her is my sister, Mary and my brother Chick. My Dad is the one holding the bowling ball. On his right is Jack Shaller next to him is Mr. Erath holding Casper (Gosh) On the left in the rear, with the hat and mustache is Mr. Wieltschnig. Two guys on top holding the pin were both killed in the mine. I don't know their names.

In front, pouring wine, I believe is Teenie's dad, Sternig. Holding the glass is the owner of the bowling alley, Andrew Premosich (Squirrel Tail). Old Lawson had three rows of houses. This picture was taken on the lower row, middle and upper are visible in the picture. The bowling alley was made of clay. You can see the trough where the ball was rolled back. The ten pins were under this shack. Maybe my sister Pat, or others can come up with more names.

As always,

Cut

How about it? Can anyone supply more names or information about the Alley? Has anyone any experiences to share with us concerning the Alley?

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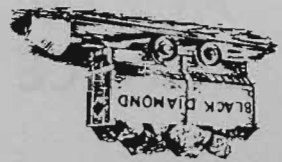
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