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September Meeting

September 12 at 2:00 is the date for the next General meeting. The meeting will be held at the Museum. It is always a friendly and informal way for members to become acquainted. If you haven't had a chance to visit the Museum, it will be a good chance to do so.

Museum Hours

The Museum is open on Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. On Thursdays when the men are working, which is usually

from 9 a.m. until 3: p.m. On other days it will be open by special request by calling 886-2663 or 886-1168. Elaine Griffin is to be complimented on her efficient way of staffing these hours. Each open day has a person responsible for manning it. They in turn have been given a list of substitutes to call upon in the event that they can't make it. So far, it has been going very smoothly. Elaine opens up and closes which takes up her time. We thank her for a job well done.

Oh! What a Wonderful Day!!

That has been the opinion of almost everyone who attended the June 6 Centennial Celebration. It was a day for greeting old friends and exchanging memories and getting brought up-to-date with acquaintances. The Centennial Committee was astounded at the turnout. They had, in their minds, hoped for perhaps 500 to attend...the Police Department estimated 3,000 attended. The whole program went off with very few hitches. The 400 pots of Gloxinias which were donated by the Freeman Company of Bothell, added to the beauty of the Day. Most of them were sold which added considerably to the Day's profits. Many calls have been received and everyone is asking that something be done again next year. The Centennial Committee has decided to keep functioning and see what can be done. Anyone wishing to work on the Committee or contributing any ideas, will be welcomed. June 6 saw many former citizens in attendance. Just a few that were noted were:

Elsie & Earl Upton
Jennie Edwards
Merritt Zeek

Russell Mowry
Flora Musolf
Rufe Weston

The Metzler Sisters
George Marowski
Jeanette Wagner Otis

Rae Fagnon
Muriel Downey
May Clark

Thank You....Thank You....Thank You

Any project which is done by volunteers always finds those who do just a little bit more than others. In working on the Depot and Jail such was indeed the case. There was a small nucleus of workers who were always ready to work. To these dedicated people, we owe a great debt of gratitude. We would like to thank Layton Hurt and his workers for finishing the chimney in the Jail. Frank Brauner donated his time and materials in making the Memorial Plaque. Paul Botto set the X-ray apparatus in place, polished it and gave a monetary donation. Beth and Sam Zinter donated cash because they were not able to help. Nancy and Dan Nicholas were responsible for the steps going to the back of the Depot and for the landscaping. They donated the timbers which line the parking area. Joe Androsko donated his time and equipment in leveling the area around the Mine Exhibit and hauled in 2 loads of cinders. The cinders were given to us by Palmer Coking Coal. Ray and Shiela Drury framed the restroom mirrors and made the paper holders. The mirrors were donated by the Albert Wesleys. We thank Elaine and Les Griffin for framing of many pictures in the Museum. Evan Morris donated his sound equipment which was used on the truck be lent by the TRM Lumber Products. The many news items submitted to the newspapers by Diane Olson helped to inform and interest the great crowd that attended the opening. Lois and Frank Zurek for their arranging for the Welsh Singers and the Button-Box Band. This is only a partial list of donations. The Thursday crew regulars are: Frank Guidetti, Bob Eaton, Martin Moore, Ted Barner, Carl Steiert, Ray Drury and David Sprau. Charles Payton of the Museum of History and Industry spent many days removing varnish, painting and generally instructing us. The Thursday "Cooks" lent an invaluable support with their good lunches

Museum Progress Report

The Thursday Crew is still going strong. Until the baggage room is vacated by the City, they have been finishing the space under the Depot. More has been excavated and secure doors installed. New picture panels are being made for the Museum since the ones we have were on loan. The baggage room will be used for storage and for a meeting room. Lunches are still being provided for the workers. Offers from new cooks are welcomed.

Finances.

On August 19, Linda Sanders of the Pacific Northwest Bell had lunch with the men and gave the Society a check for \$300. It will be used to buy materials for the baggage room.

You will notice in the dues information on the first page that the yearly dues have been raised to \$5.00. This was voted upon at the last general meeting. Because of the strain of the economy on the Society, it was deemed necessary.

The 1983 calendars are "in the works" and we hope to have them by the first of October.

Class Reunion

Over two Hundred former students of the B.D. High School met for a reunion on May 15. It was a tremendous success. The reunion was held at the Meridian Valley Country Club. The group was served a delicious Prime Rib dinner which was followed by a period of reminiscing led by Glen Frederickson as Master of Ceremonies. Classes from 1915 thru 1943 were represented. Florence Thomas was the oldest graduate present. Plans are going to be made to have another reunion in 1984. Someone laughingly remarked that most of us had not better wait the usual five years for a reunion.

Changing Times

In 1915 Female Teachers were expected to Obey Rules like These:

1. You will not marry during the term of your contract.
2. You are not to keep company with men.
3. You must be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless attending a school function.
4. You may not loiter downtown in Ice Cream Parlors.
5. You may not ride in a carriage or automobile with any man unless he is your Father or Brother.
6. You may not travel between the city limits unless you have the permission of the Board.
7. You may not smoke cigarettes.
8. You may not dress in bright colors.
9. You may under no circumstances dye your hair.
10. You must wear at least two petticoats.
11. Your dresses must not be any shorter than 2 inches above the ankle.
12. To keep the schoolroom neat and clean you must:
 1. Sweep the floor at least once daily.
 2. Scrub the floor at least once a week with hot soapy water.
 3. Clean the Blackboards at least once a day.
 4. Start the fire at 7 a.m. so the room will be warm by 8 a.m.

Old Timers' Picnic

On July 18 the annual Old Timers Picnic was held at Lake Sawyer Resort. There were about 100 persons attending. This year there were four guests from the Black Diamond Regional Preserve in California. They interviewed many people and took pictures which will be used in their efforts to reconstruct the migration of the miners from California to Black Diamond, Wa. Altho it was not a sunny day, the weather held and those attending enjoyed themselves. Because the Resort is allowing less room all the time for picnics, suggestions are in order for another site for next year's picnic. If you have a suggestion, get in touch with Frank & Rose Guidetti at 886-2858.



Photo: John Davies Candy Store. In wagon: John and boy, Evan Thomas

In any Community as close knit as Black Diamond has always been there is always someone or something that stands out special for everyone. In this case, there are very few people who do not remember John Davies and his Candy Store. Children of all ages spent time in his Shop. There we were introduced to good Auburn Ice Cream, penny candies such as Root Beer Barrels, strips of Bacon, Black Sambos, Jaw Breakers, Licorice Whips, Banana Chews. Small children and girls were seen buying those treats. The boys stayed to play the slot machine. One man in reminiscing told of his prowess at beating the machine. It seems he had a nickel with a hole drilled in it and suspended on a string. He was able to lower the nickel into the slot until it tripped the mechanism and then he jerked it out. He became quite an expert at doing it. The slot machine in question is on display at the Museum. Everyone remembers the delicious taste of Auburn Ice Cream. Evan Thomas who worked for John when he was a young man, tells of the ice cream coming in by train in big barrels and having to bring it up the hill to the Shop. It was a hard job because it was so heavy. On special holidays John would dispense so many icecream cones that his thumb would go out of joint. Many men remember their teens and the time spent around the pot-bellied stove, listening to John's tales. When you entered his shop, you lost your identity, because every girl was named Mary and the boys Johnnie. He was a strict disciplinarian. When some "ruffian" broke his rulesout they would go!! John and his wife Lizzie had two sons and three daughters. Although his business brought so much pleasure to so many, within his own family he was fated to have much sorrow. One small daughter drowned when she fell into a privy, a son was killed in a gun related accident, and another daughter died in childbirth. His last son "Skeeks" lived until he was a grown man but still preceeded John in death. His remaining daughter, Ivy Adams, lives in the Algona area.

Note: We are certain that many stories of the Candy Shop remain untold. If you have any to add to what we have, please, share it with us so that we may pass it on.

As John would have said, "By Jabbers!"

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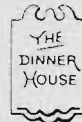
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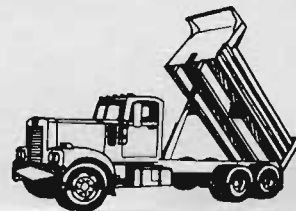
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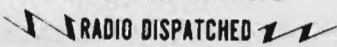
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