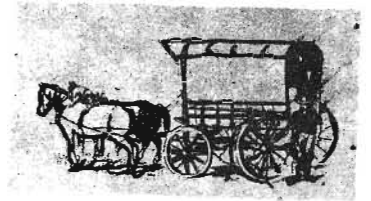


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"Duda"

It was with much sadness that the word telling of the death of Duda Vennarelli was received. Duda had touched the lives of many during his lifetime. He was the son of Steve Vennarelli. His father is remembered for the wonderful gardens he grew and the vegetables he sold from house to house. When his father no longer was able to take the produce around, Duda took up the route and sold from his truck. With his brothers, he tended the gardens from the time he was a

a small boy. They worked before and after school. Duda led a full life as father, husband and citizen. He was a member of the Town council when he died. He had a wonderful memory and was very willing to share his memories with everyone. He will be missed by all.

Memorials Received:

- Mr. & Mrs. John Maragliano \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ Elvina Buffa
- Roy Darby \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ Helen Darby
- Casper and Mabel Erath \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ Olga Petchnick

Meeting

November 14 will be the date of the next general meeting. It is on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Museum. There will be a slide show presentation. We hope that it will be as interesting as the September meeting where Jennie Edwards and others shared with us the memories of the early days.

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Museum on Dec. 5 at 2:00. We hope that you will put that date on your calendar and join us. We had hoped to have the baggage room available and partially restored by this time but the City is still occupying it. We are going ahead with the Christmas Party plans and hope it will be the best ever!!

Don't forget now! November 14 will be the General meeting.

December 5 will be the Christmas Party.

Calendars

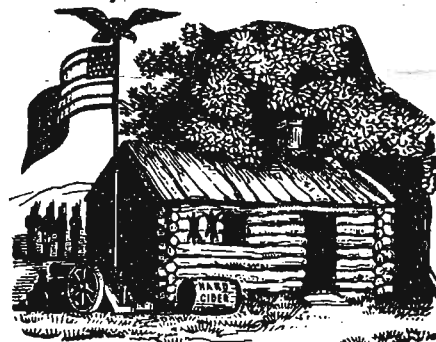
The 1983 calendars are now available. They are still priced at \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for postage. It has been a most difficult task to have them printed in view of the spiraling cost. Unless something changes, the present issue may well be the last we will print. We are most concerned about the whole situation and would welcome any suggestions or comments on the matter.

Raffle.

The Centennial Quilt which was made by the Black Diamond Quilters is now on display at the Dinner House. We hope to display it at other businesses in Black Diamond in order to create more interest and sales. We will be having it on display at the November meeting. If there is anyone who would be willing to sell some tickets we'd be happy to send any amount desired. They sell for \$1.00 a ticket. They are bundled in 5 per book. The drawing will be at the Christmas Party.

Down Memory LaneReceipt for Washing ClothesAnonymous

1. Build fire in backyard to het kettle of rain water.
2. Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.
3. Shave one hol cakelie sope in bilin water.
4. Sort things, make 3 piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile cullored, 1 pile work britches and rags.
5. Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub cullard but don't bile--just rench.
6. Take white things out of kettle with broom stick handel, then rench, bleu and starch.
7. Spread tee towels on grass.
8. Hang old rags on fence.
10. Pour rench water in flower bed.
11. Scrub porch with hot sopy water.
12. Turn tubs upside down.
13. Go put on clean dress-smooth hair with side combs. Brew up cup of tea and rest and rock a spell and count blessings.



Note: The above verse is printed just as we received it--spelling and all!! If any member has any clipping or verse that you are willing to share with the rest of us, please feel free to submit it. We'd be happy to publish it.

Gift Shop

Plans are gradually being made to stock a small gift shop in the Museum. At the present time we are exploring sources for reproducing some pictures on post cards. The book ends which we have had have been well accepted. We are wide open for suggestions of merchandise that we can sell at a reasonable price. We will now be getting a Sales Tax number and be required to collect and submit a report.

Do you sometimes wonder what became of some former Black Diamond citizens? Here are some:

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| Clara Beers, Auburn, Wa.             | Elna Baker (Marchx) Bremerton, Wa.                |
| Margaret (Spaight) Covey, Seattle    | Edith Davies, Seattle                             |
| Edythe (Lewis) Hall Oakland, Wa.     | Ruth (Mills) Kerkes, Renton                       |
| Mary (Savicke) Keehner, Oakland, Ca. | Beatrice (Parkinson) Unick, Lynnwood, Wa          |
| Gertrude Weston, Enumclaw            | Esther (Franchini) Van Der Heyden, Arlington, Wa. |

Museum Happenings

The Museum has received very good reports from those who have been going through it. Since it opened in June, there have been 2500 persons who have signed the guest book and many more who did not. Everyone is enthusiastic about it and say they will pay a return visit. The list of names is very interesting, especially the places from which they came. There have been visitors from Uganda, England, West Germany, Wales, Korea Japan and all over the world. Many of the United States are represented. Elaine Griffin has been doing a great job of getting people to "sit" the Museum on weekends. On Thursday, members of the working crew show the visitors around. There have been other days when by special request Carl Steiert has opened for tours etc.

There have been several donations of cash which will be put to good use. We are gradually getting more photos and artifacts. We hope to soon purchase a photo multiplex which will enable us to display up to 125 pictures. We have received a cider press in prime condition. A 1927 radio which was used in the Palmer area stirs memories for many. A glass kerosene lamp base was found in the Franklin area and donated by Don Mason. Norma Gumser donated a unique chair with a woven cane back. It is reported to be over 100 years old. We are very grateful for each thing donated. When the final room is finished, we will be having good storage facility, making it possible to work out a system of rotation of items. In that way the displays will not have to remain the same all the time.

Flagpole

This past month has seen the addition of a flagpole to the Museum area. Evan Morris donated pipe and Bill Petchnick did the welding and fashioned the emblem on the top. The Thursday Gang dug a hole and put in cement which was donated by Flintstones Sand and Gravel. The main mast was supported by pieces of channel iron imbedded in cement. Bolts were installed in such a manner as to make it easy to lower the mast if needed. The channel iron was donated by Ed Bowen. A sturdy rope was donated by Bill Petchnick. The special bronze pulley was donated by Jim Vernarelli and the bronze clips by Karl Sebastian. There is going to be a hitching post installed in such a manner that it will protect the pole from cars and add to the "Old Theme" of the complex. Those responsible for digging the hole and mixing the concrete were Bob Eaton, Frank Guidetti, Martin Moore, Ted Barner and Carl Steiert.

The Thursday Gang is still earning their lunch each workday. We would greatly appreciate it if some of you good cooks would volunteer.....just to give the boys a change. The menu is left to the discretion of the cook. For example: soup, bread, dessert. We furnish coffee. Recent cooks have been Rose Guidetti-Beth Sprau and Ann Steiert. How about it, Gals....

Membership Report

There are now 275 members in the Historical Society. There are 132 Life members, 34 of which are honorary members. The dues for 1983 will be due in January. They are now \$5.00 per each membership. Remember to inform us when the 80th birthday is reached.

Calling all Dr. Smith Babies

At one of our first meetings in 1983 we are planning to dedicate the meeting to Dr. Smith. We are asking anyone who was delivered by Dr. Smith to let us know. Because our doctors were so important to us and close to most of their patients we feel certain that there must be many wonderful stories relating to all of them. We will have more on this in our next Newsletter.

CookBook

A committee of members consisting of Rose Guidetti, Diane Olson, Shiela Drury, Verna Thompson and Ann Steiert have been meeting to plan a cook book. This will not be an ordinary book. The book will consist of history, ethnic recipes, pictures and much more. As plans proceed we will keep you informed. We are especially interested in favorite family recipes.

Reminiscing with Jim Vernarelli:

Jim remembers the Merry-go-round set up in the Ball Park each year by Earl L. Beloit. He was the man who ran the first movie show in the B.D. Theatre. It was in the days before the automatic rewind. As the film left the reel it was deposited into a barrel. Once in awhile it would catch fire and cause a lot of excitement. The seats at that time were not tiered but stood level side by side. When the show was over, the seats were folded away and the hall was used for roller-skating. The hall was also used as a meeting place for the Foresters and Redmans Lodges and the United Mine Workers.

Once a year there was a shooting gallery set up near the Show Hall. Here the men would try to see who was the best shot. It is said that Mr. Bagby and "Figs" Menighini were the best shots.

Another source of sport was the cheese rolling contest. Large cheeses weighing from 8 to 10 pounds were imported from San Francisco's Di Bernardi. The object of the sport was to see who could roll the cheese the farthest. One popular spot was by "Big John" Lucchessi's place. He was the champion thrower. At one spot the "alley" ended in a wooded area. It is said that during one game the cheese hit an alder tree and was broken. Some young men were hidden in the bushes waiting for such a happening. They made short work of the broken cheese. The hurler was heard to say "I know I threw it up this way."

Jim tells of a small Chinese settlement just north of Lake 14. It is said that in the late 1890's the Chinese were forced to leave. He remembers playing in amid the broken huts and finding their cooking utensils and belongings.

He tells of a log cabin which rested on part of the land which belongs to the Vernarelli family. It belonged to the parents of Fred Roberts. It is said that his mother was one of the first women coming from Nortonville. The men who were here, cooking for themselves had no way of baking bread. They made biscuits and pancakes. Mrs. Roberts baked bread and shared it with the men. It was greatly appreciated.

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Note from the Editor: I want to thank Norma Gumsen for working on the Newsletter. We are sorry that she is not able to continue. Putting out the Newsletter is a challenge for those of us who have not had any journalistic experience. I hope that all the readers will take seriously my requests for input. Ann Steiert

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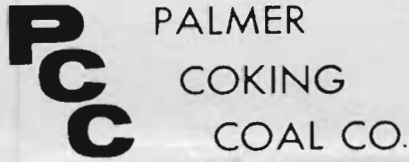
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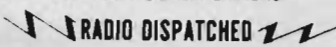
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