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In Memorium

Nora Tyreman, a former Black Diamond Resident
Ellen Moniority Black Diamond Pioneer Family member
Lloyd Hagen, First mayor of Black Diamond, died 1982
Lillian Costi, wife of Frank Costi
Vivian Petchnick, wife of William Petchnick

Memorials Received:

Mary Lile — from — Walter and Pauline Niemezyk

Vivian Petchnick — from — Jewel McCloud

Louis Zumek — Frank Costi — Frank Grgurichs

Thomas Spaight Family — Rusty Forler Family

Luigi and Maria Maragliano

Celso Maragliano and Irma Biffo from Elvira Strickler

Note: The Historical Society extends a special word

of thanks to Frank Brauner who has been making the Memorial Name strips for the plaque at no cost to the Society. We are fortunate to have his talents available.

March Meeting

The March meeting was held on Sunday March 13 with a very good turnout of 45 people. After a short business meeting, Carl introduced Margaret Hoffman, who is the daughter of Dr. Hiram Smith. The names of the "Doctor Smith Babies" were noted. Those who had contacted us were:

Jules Dal Santo

Roy Dal Santo

Meg Pierotti

Tom Maks

Emrys Williams

Jack Roulst

Raymond Roulst

Frank Roulst

Mary (Fosnick) Anderson

Alice (DeWinter) Shanks

Marian (DeWinter) Foster

The mothers of Joe Kuzaro and Tom Maks were neighbors and in labor at the same time. Joe beat Tom by about one hour. It was a busy night for Dr. Smith! Margaret told of the time her father was on a call and hit a skunk with his horse and wagon. More need not be said!!!

May Meeting

Because the 2nd Sunday is Mother's Day, the meeting will be held on the third Sunday, which is May 15, at 2:00 at the Museum. We are hoping to be able to hold it in the new meeting room, even though the final touches may not be completed. Please plan to come and note the progress being made and enjoy a program of reminiscences. Please put a circle around that date on your calendar and plan to join us.

The nice weather is bringing many visitors to the Museum. There are 4000 signatures on the guest book since last June 6. We are told that 40% of people can be expected to sign. If that is a fact, that means that there have been 10,000 persons through the Museum. There have been many bus tours coming through after making special arrangements. Several school groups have gone through. With few exceptions the comments are good. Most people remark on the easy viewing and the homey feeling which they experience.

Work on the baggage room area is proceeding on schedule. When it is completed it will contain a large meeting room, office area, storage and work space. The Thursday Crew still meets at 9 on Thursday and work until 3 with time out for lunch. Lunches have been served by: Rose Guidetti, Beth Sprau, Shiela Drury, Norma Gumser, Gwen Sebastian, Sue Smith and Ann Steiert. Volunteers are welcome for both the work project and serving lunch. It is a great way to meet and visit with many people.

An application for a Grant was made to the Boeing Company for money to pay for insulation and for a photo Multi-plex. We are sorry to say that we have been turned down. They tell us that they are channeling all their money into the Airplane Museum. We are still going to look for other sources. If any members know of any place where we might apply, please let us know and we will act on it immediately.

Good News, The Black Diamond Museum has been put on the Washington State Register of Historic Places. We are also being considered for the Nation Register designation.

Artifacts are still being received. A quilt made of cotton and filled with wool has been donated by Cora Flyzik. We have permission to either display it or use it as a fund raiser.

In answer to the last Newsletter's plea for chairs etc. we have received chairs from: Les and Elaine Griffin, Emrys Williams, and Chick and Irene Thompson.

We received tables from: Gertrude Menalia and Chick and Irene Thompson.

Denny and Nick DiJulio presented the Society with a metal file which will be used in the new office area.

Cash donations were made by: Earl and Elsie Upton

Charles Corlett Family

Ray Drury Family

Jeanne Norman

Denny Di Julio

Elvira Strickler

If you are making a return visit to the Museum you will notice that the Funeral Coach Lights are no longer in the area of the Church exhibit. They have been reclaimed by their donor, Don Weston. We are hoping to be able to exhibit them once again because they were a very important part of Black Diamond's History.

Pacific Northwest Bell has installed Relay Unit taken from the local exchange. It is of 1950 vintage. They plan on activating it by installing working "in-house" phones so that when they are dialed one can see what takes place on the Relay Unit. It is an interesting display and from the amount of wires in view, it is an explanation why calls sometimes have problems being completed.

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Photographs

We are fortunate to have as a member of the Society, Larry Hoffman, husband of Margaret Smith. Larry is a photographer and has been busy reproducing some of our pictures. He just finished copying 32 pictures which are important to the Museum. He makes slides, enlargements, small duplicates and negatives. He and Margaret just donated \$156.00 worth of labor and materials to the Society. We thank them very much.

Bill Collins of the Renton Historical Society has also done some copying for us.

Old Timers' Picnic

For many years the Annual Old Timers' Picnic has been held at the Lake Sawyer Resort but the space allotted to us has gotten less each year. After some discussion, it has been decided to hold this year's picnic on Railroad Ave. around the Museum. Plans are being made to bring in tables and prepare the area in such a way that there will be space for eating, visiting and reminiscing. Since this is a complete departure from the places the picnic has been held in the past, we are hoping that everyone will get into the spirit of it and help make it a success. It will be held as usual on the third Sunday of July. It will be July 17. There will be notices in the newspapers as the time draws near but we suggest that you mark your calendar now just in case you miss them. There will be free coffee served as in the past.

Do You Remember-----

For most of us many rich memories are connected with the "Company Store" and the people who served us. We have come up with a few names which I am sure can be added to by some readers. Do you remember:

Harry McDowell	Lila Allen (Haynes)	Mary Ann Mills	Hazel Duncan
Mr. Bailey	Vi Campbell	Mary Meroni	Muriel Wing
Jim Brody	Beatrice Fredericksen	Loretta Berry	Herman Trover
Dave Garrett	Frank Cross	Jim Poalucci	Gomer Evans
Frank Bergman	Bill Morgan	Olive Greer	Joe Androsko
Amos Ungerhini	Mrs. Whipple	Mary Grgurich	Bill Martin
Tom Jardine	Fred Strange	Dawn Wake	Evan Botting
D. K. Porter	Mrs. Virgil Wilkenson	Jackie Duncan	
Bill Jones	Marcella Williams	Eileen Zumek	

Paul Botts shares this story with us: It seems that when the boys visited John Davies Candy Store they played cards. Because no one had any money, they played for matches. Of course they were the old-fashioned large matches. Paul recalls leaving the store a winner on this particular night. As he strode up the hill towards his home, his pockets were full of matches. The friction of his walking ignited the matches and his pants. He recalls of doing a very lively dance in the street and shucking his pants in a hurry. He fondly recalls the time spent in the Candy Store even if this particular visit shook him up a bit.

Thank You - Thank You

Bill Petchnick for locating the round double-decker lunch pail.

Patricia Earley for donating the large American flag in memory of her husband, Jim.

Steve Verrarelli

In recollecting the people and events of Black Diamond's past there is hardly anyone who will not recall hearing the vegetable man's bell and going out to the wagon and watching your mother buy some of the good produce and fruit which he was selling. His umbrella and bell are part of the exhibit at the Museum as is his United Mine Workers Certificate. Steve Verrarelli came to the United States from Italy in 1901. He left his wife in Italy and sent for her later. When he arrived in the U.S.A. he worked in the Ravensdale mine for about a year. From Black Diamond, he went to Segunda, Colorado and worked in the John D. Rockefeller Coal Mines until the last part of 1904 when he returned to Black Diamond. While in Colorado, his wife came from Italy with their two year old son, Duda. When the Colorado mines went on



Strike, he returned to Black Diamond. That was during the time of the famous Ludlow Massacre. The hired gunmen shot and killed many men, women and children. When he returned to Black Diamond, he worked at #7 and #11 mines. His trade in Italy was brick Masonary and he used his knowledge to build a wood-fired brick oven and baked real Italian bread. His wife did a lot of the baking, also. He would deliver the bread with a horse and wagon with the help of his son, Duda. They delivered to Ravensdale, Black Diamond and Franklin.

He later farmed a truck garden and had a few cows. They made butter and cheese. Much of the cheese was sold in Seattle. The garden produce was sold by horse and wagon in Black Diamond and the surrounding area. He grew many of his seedling plants in a greenhouse which he built. In later years he delivered the produce in a truck driven by Duda.

He passed away in September of 1957 at the age of 88. His family consisted of five boys and three girls. They all worked in the Bakery and did garden work.

He was a charter member of the United Mine Workers of America when it was first organized in Black Diamond in 1907. He became a citizen a short time after arriving in the United States.

Number Please

Did you know that in 1933 Black Diamond had five phones in the whole Town? They were:

Black Diamond Garage & Stage Co ———— 44

Pacific Coast Coal Co.

High School ————— 21

Hospital ————— 61

McDowell, H.M. ————— 51

Store ————— 31

The Telephone exchanges were at the Pacific Coast big hotel, later in the Depot and then at the Confectionery with Alice Davies in charge.

Lake 14 has a colorful history all of its own. That was the area that the first coal mine in Black Diamond was built. It bore the name #14 because of the section of land on which it stood. It was also called Jones Lake. Many stories are told about happenings on and around the Lake.

Nick Di Julio remembers well the heavy snow fall of 1916 (some 30 to 36") and so cold. It froze over Lake 14 solid for about 45 days. I remember the Tondas and others playing Ice Hockey with improvised sticks. I think, too, that it was Thompson's two big horses that were walked on the ice. During the end of the freeze we called the ice "rubber ice".

Jim Vennarelli tells of Carlo Medica one of the first settlers to come from California to Black Diamond. Mrs. Martin Tennio was the daughter of Carlo Medica. She was one of the first students of the first school in Black Diamond.

Mr. Medica was a very good swimmer. In the early days when Lake 14 was permissible for swimming, he would swim the entire circle of the lake, back stroking and smoking an Italian cigar while doing it.

In later years, his grandson Jack Medica of Seattle became a world champion swimmer.

Nick Di Julio recalls: I married Rosalie Balzarini, but I never would have, if her sister, Clara, didn't pull me up by ^{my} legs after I had fallen head first in a mud hole near Lake #14 while trying to scoop up polly-wogs! When she brought me home, I got a spanking from my mother for disobeying her instructions not to go near the Lake.

Note: We would like to thank Nick and Jim for sharing their memories with us. We know that there are many stories and experiences amongst our members. Please let us know about them so that we may share them. This is what this whole Historical Movement is all about!!

Honor Roll

Taken from the Pacific Coast Bulletin, April 1, 1930:

Black Diamond High School Honor Roll:

<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Sophomores</u>	<u>Freshmen</u>
Elizabeth Pennacchi	Inez Costi	Helen Alto	Phyllis McDowell
J. B. Gallagher	Jane Davies	Mary Becker	Pauline Matson
Chester Beals	Edith Eddy	Rachel Sharlock	Rose Trover
	Anne Marchetti		Vera Hughes
	Helen Wesley		Frances Repovs
	Meg Pierotti		Walter Riverside
	Walter Sigmund		Albert Wesley

Graduation Classes

<u>1916</u>	<u>1917</u>	<u>1918</u>
George Allen	Leo Jensen	Andrew Callero
Florence Rodway	John Troyer	Mona Simmons
Elsie Swanson	Cecil Gwilym	
Pearl Lewis	Florence Upton	
Eael Upton		

MemoTo All Supervisors, Safety Committees and Miners of the Washington State Mines.

This is the season when we must be more alert and thorough in our inspections and observations in searching out contributory factors to mine disasters, such as explosions and mine fires. The colder atmosphere entering the mine has such a drying effect that it materially increases the hazard from dust explosions. The sudden change in atmospheric pressure from high barometer to low, releases occluded explosive gas from the coal faces and surrounding strata.

Also, remember that there may be accumulations of gas in old abandoned, inaccessible workings, and that a fall of one inch in the barometer will expand the volume nine times. The dryer condition of the mines in general contributes to the hazards of fire.

Fellows, Be On Your Toes! Don't let us have another disaster such as is listed below. Don't allow any dust and gas accumulation.

May 10, 1892	Roslyn, Wa.	Explosion	34 killed
Aug. 24, 1894	Franklin, Wa.	Mine Fire	37 "
Apr. 8, 1895	Blue Canyon, Wa.	Explosion	23 "
Dec. 9, 1899	Carbonado, Wa.	Explosion	31 "
Aug. 21, 1900	Issaquah	Smoke from burning air shaft	5 "
Oct. 2, 1902	Black Diamond, Wa.	Explosion, Lawson Mine	11 "
Dec. 7, 1904	Burnett, Wa.	Explosion	17 "
Apr. 26, 1907	Black Diamond, Wa.	Explosion, Morgan Mine	7 "
Oct. 3, 1909	Roslyn, Wa.	Explosion	10 "
Nov. 6, 1910	Black Diamond, Wa.	Explosion, Lawson Mine	16 "
Nov. 16, 1915	Ravensdale, Wa.	Explosion	31 "
Dec. 17, 1917	Wilkeson, Wa.	Inrush of gravel & water	6 "
Aug. 28, 1918	Burnett, Wa.	Explosion	12 "
Dec. 17, 1924	Burnett, Wa.	Explosion	7 "
Dec. 14, 1925	Wilkeson, Wa.	Explosion	5 "
Apr. 8, 1927	Carbonado, Wa.	Rush of water & Gravel	7 "
Apr. 12, 1930	Carbonado, Wa.	Explosion	17 "


Dated April 12, 1949 Seattle, Washington

Signed: W. J. Evans, Chief Coal Mine Inspector

Clarence Holmes, Deputy Coal Mine Inspector

Notice

In the last issue of the Newsletter you were asked to fill the questionnaire on the last page. The results have been disappointing. Out of 275 copies mailed, there have been only 12 who have replied. We are collecting this information to compile a file of families and people who lived in the Town or had anything to contribute to it's history. We'd sure like to hear from all of you.

There are some who ^{have} not paid Their 1983 dues. and  If you have a question about ~~that~~ please get in contact with us. In fairness to those who have paid, this will be the last issue of the Newsletter that will be sent. Call 886-1168 or Write Box 232 B.D.

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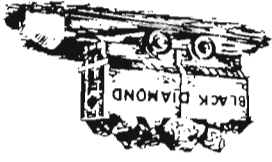
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