

Depot Doings

The Thursday Crew took a three week vacation from their work during December. On January 3, they met once again and began their work. They are enclosing an indentation on the west side and making another room. It will give us a room in which to display more artifacts and also straighten the look of the outer wall. The door will open into the room from the meeting room.

They have been making the whole building more airtight and weatherproof. They built large doors which can be lowered over the mine exhibit under the building thus keeping the cold winds from blowing the full length of the structure.

On Saturday Jan 19 a full day was put in by :

<u>Don Mason</u>	<u>Lynn Mason</u>	<u>Mark Mason</u>	<u>Kelly Throop</u>	<u>Todd Olson</u>
<u>Louis Zumek</u>	<u>Bob Eaton</u>	<u>Martin Moore</u>	<u>Carl Steiert</u>	<u>Ann Steiert</u>

They completely insulated the attic. The materials were acquired by a Grant from King County. It was a very big job plus being exceedingly dirty. Everyone was glad when it was completed.

On each work day the men are still treated by the excellent meals by the good cooks in the Society. They have been heard to remark that they haven't had a bad meal yet. Along with good food they spend an hour in conversation. many subjects are covered.....from proposed projects to personal experiences.

Ted Barner is their favorite story tell and always seems to come up with a "good one!" The following is one of Ted's contributions.....

 This is the Story of Petey the Snake

Petey was a snake only about so long. Petey lived in a pit with his Mother. One day Petey was hissing in his pit when his Mother said, "Petey, don't hiss in the pit. If you must hiss go outside of the pit to hiss." So Petey was hissing all around when he finally leaned over and hissed in the pit. His mother heard Petey hissing in the pit and said, "Petey, if you must hiss in a pit go over to Mrs. Potts pit and hiss in her pit."

Petey went over to Mrs. Potts pit to hiss, but Mrs. Potts was not at home home so he hissed in her pit anyway. While Petey was hissing in Mrs. Potts pit, Mrs. Potts came home and found Petey hissing in her pit and said, "Petey don't hiss in my pit. If you must hiss in a pit go over to your own pit and hiss.

This made Petey very sad and he cried all the way home. When Petey got home his Mother saw him crying and she said, " Petey, what is the matter?" Petey said, " I went over to Mrs. Potts pit to hiss but Mrs. Potts was not at home so I hissed in her pit anyway. Mrs. Potts came home and said "Petey, if you must hiss in a pit go over to your pit and hiss. Don't hiss in my pit!"

This made Petey's mother very angry and she said, "Why that mean old Lady! I knew her when she didn't have a pit to hiss in!"

Diane Olson , Verna Thompson, Nancy Nicholas, Carl and Ann Steiert have been spending several days working on the slide collection. They are in the process of numbering, identifying and classifying each slide. It is a somewhat arduous job but is serving as a refresher on much information which has been acquired through our photographs.

Also

The Museum recently received a number of old 78 records from Irene Bainton. We need a record player which will play those records. A phonograph is one item which we have never received an offer of.

Also

We are trying to compile a display of all the Labor Day Buttons. Thus far we still need the following years: 55..56..57..59..62..63..64..68..69..76..82

IN MEMORIUM

Gertrude Menalia———A long time resident of the Black Diamond area.
 George Clifford ——— Everyone will miss him and his flowing white beard.
 Alba Hunter, (Lombardi)—Born in Black Diamond of a pioneer family.
 Pearl Ferlich (Rotar) Widow of Max Ferlich, sister of Frank Rotar.
 Edward Chilcott———Son of Eva, brother of Jack and Phylis
 Peter Rosa——— An early Black Diamond resident.
 Mary Linton(Zinter)—Sister of Sam Zinter, born in Black Diamond.
 Frank Zumek———Husband of Lois, father of David and Frank Jr.
 Gladys Cobb——— A long time resident of Black Diamond.

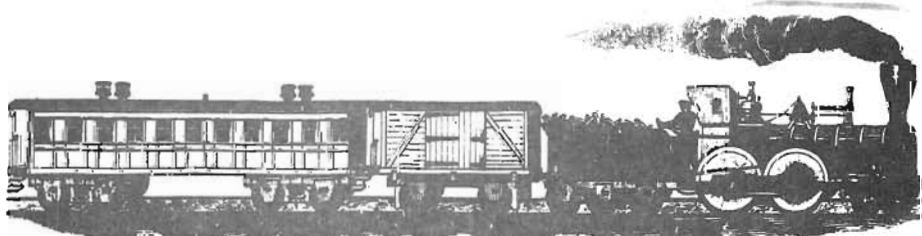
Memorials Received

Sophie Kuzaro	From	Walter and Pauline Niemczyk
Matt McTurk	From	Margaret Blanchard (Clark)
Ivy Adams	From	Dora Shafer
Jennie Murphy	From	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Whitehill
Gertrude Menalia	From	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Marchetti
Gertrude Menalia	From	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Campbell
Mary Zinter Linton	From	Sam & Elizabeth Zinter
Darrel McCloud	From	Jewel McCloud
Gladys Cobb	From	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Barner
Gladys Cobb	From	Carl & Ann Steiert
Gladys Cobb	From	Jewel & Michael McCloud
Frank Zumek	From:	

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Rossi	Palmer Coking Coal	Jack Brady
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Mr. & Mrs. George Morris	Frank & Helen Manowski	Jewel McCloud
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Spaight	Iorworth Davies	Mr. & Mrs. Walt. Niemczyk

It is always difficult to report the loss of friends and relatives. This past few weeks have seen the passing of many who played a part in all of our lives. Each in their own way leaving their mark in our history. There are few of us who will not always remember having Gladys Cobb for a teacher. She was a rugged individualist and one of a kind. Especially near to all of us was Frank Zumek. He lived in Black Diamond all but a few years of his life. Many of us grew up with him. He touched almost every activity in Black Diamond from the sports action, Labor Day and the Historical Society. It was so nice to go into his Shop and be greeted by "Hi, Doll". These people all hold a special place in our hearts and will long be remembere.

A special Thank You to Frank Brauner for contributing his time and materials in making our Memorial name strips. We appreciate it.





1985 Calendars

The 1985 calendars are now on the market. Our calendar chairman for this issue has been David Sprau. It has been quite a task for him to get one published at a price which would allow us to keep our selling price the same. We think he has done a good job and want to thank him for a job well done.

This is the tenth edition of the Historical calendar. Those who have been able to purchase and keep each issue should have 130 photographs of the area. Each year it has been getting more difficult to produce them and keep them within a price limit where most people can afford them. The first eight issues were on heavier paper and put together with a plastic binder. The last two years have been with a lighter paper and stapled. The question which came up for discussion at the January Board meeting was as to which type is the best. Naturally, the heavier paper and binder cost the most. Since the first issue in 1976 the prices have gone up a great deal. Some members seemed to feel that they would like to keep that quality calendar. It was decided to ask the membership's opinion. This year's sales are very slow and we are interested in finding out the reason. We do want to hear from all of you. Although the Board didn't want to think about it, it is just possible that we may have to abandon the whole calendar since it doesn't make sense to barely break even when it is such a concern each year. Don't forget now.....write or call and give us an opinion.

Future Projects


Now that the roof situation has been taken care of and the insulation put in the attic the Thursday Crew is making plans for work in the near future. They plan on building an old time wash house, such as the miners used when they came home from work. They are beginning to plan on what they will do and what will be needed. It will be built at the north end of the platform. They are hoping to run down some weathered lumber for the exterior. They were able to rescue some of the 2x4s used in the scaffolding which will be reused. They will need a stove and some furnishings. It is really necessary that all members who remember just how they looked, share their memories with the Thursday Crew. They want it to be as authentic as possible. Please let us know what you remember.


Black Diamond Days


For many years on the third Sunday of July, an Old Timers' Picnic has been held. Each year the attendance has been getting less. It has been suggested that perhaps we might rename the day so as to include all ages regardless of how long they have been in Black Diamond. Many enjoyed the celebration that was held on the opening day of the Museum and suggest that we might try and have something along that line. Although it is still several months away, it is not too soon to begin planning if it is to be a success. We will be calling on everyone to help with this occasion too.

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The next General Meeting of the Historical Society will be held at the Museum on February 10, at 2:00 p.m. It is an opportunity for everyone to visit the "new room" and see what progress is being made. We hope to see you on February 10th.

It Used to be Colder in the WinterDiane Olson

"If you thin its cold now, you should have been here during the winter of....." Stories that begin this way are not tall tales. This is the way winters wer, according to Carl Steiert, Jim Vernarelli, Francis Marchx and Jean Marchx Whitehill.

" The Lake (Lake 14) used to freeze solid," said Carl Steiert. "They used to even take teams of horses on it. Even Lake Sawyer used to freeze over and that's quite a good sized lake. The used to play hockey too. Of course, Mud Lake was the first to freeze, because it was shallow."

Jean Whitehill and Francis Marchx remember how their dad would harvest ice from Mud Lake during the dead of winter.

"Our Dad just went down to Mud Lake with his team of horses and his sleigh. We can remember the sleigh he made. He always used a sleigh when there was snow or too much mud for the wagon."

"He just sawed the ice with the help of the boys. He used an ice saw. He had ice tongs to handle the blocks, which were at least two feet square and eight to ten inches thick depending upon the thickness of the ice on the lake."

"He would store it in the ice house which he built under our house. Our house was built high off the ground. He made a double wall in the ice house and insulated it with cinders. He used just loads of sawdust around the ice. It kept until summer."

"When he did run out of ice in the summer, he would have to go to Auburn with his team and wagon and but ice from the cold storage plant where they had an ice machine. The ice wassso heavy that he used three horses for the trip. When they got to Lawson Hill everyone had to get out and help push. Our dog, Shep, always ran along with us on this trip. He ran up and down the hills along the route.....he probably ran about 200 miles when he went along.

Jim Vernarelli remembered seeing the Marchx family bringing in the ice. "They used it to make good homemade ice cream."

Jim also tells about the hockey games on Lake 14:

"Years ago, Lake 14 uses to freeze up. Different groups would have their hockey teams. They would go down there and play. An then the snow.... they'd bank the snow all around it, you see.

The two top winners, they'd have a big doings. They had several of the kids who would go and hustle the puck up. Whe it went ofver the bank, they'd skate and go and get it for them. They would be with that team.

Anyway, they were going to have a big time. They got that Italian fellow, California, to make a ravioli dinner for them. He was cooking for them them.....all men. Their wives, they sent them somewhere else. It was supposed to be a "doings" anyway.

Gee, these kids, they thought they were in on it. But the team said, "No! No! Kids can't come."

"The kids felt pretty bad. There they couldn't come.....gonna have a big raviolli dinner.....California, he was quite a cook, he was making it and somehow these.....oooooh! they were mad!!!!!!!"

"Cold Winter Cont'd

" It was at night, you know. I don't know who it was that suggested it. They had an outdoor toilet, you know. They had a kind of walk going up to it. The kids said, "Let's take that thing and move it back from where its at. We'll get them guys!"

"Of all the poor innocent guys that got there first.....you know who it was?.....Poor California!!"

He went out there and BANG! he went in. Gee, they used a garden hose and everything to clean him up. The poor guy....it was him. He was an innocent guy. Oh! and they were mad! Boy! Those kids!!!"



Arvid Larson

In the year 1919 the Diamond Stage Company began its daily runs to Seattle. The proprietors at that time were Grove, Meyers and Larson.

Arvid Larson worked at many trades before coming to Black Diamond. He worked on Swedish boats as a seaman. He did construction work and was a milkman in Seattle before coming to Black Diamond.

He later became a partner with Evan Thomas. In 1952 he decided to retire and sold his portion of the Company to Carl Steiert. They were no longer operating the Stage Line.

He was a very kind and pleasant man. Everyone who rode on his bus always felt that they were being personally cared for. He went out of his way to do many favors for his passengers. Through all the years he always kept his delightful Swedish accent.

TODAY

I built a wall around today
To shield me from tomorrow
And all the things tomorrow may bring
that lead to pain and sorrow.
I closed the doors of yesterday
and all that might remind me

Of troubled seas and memories
of worries left behind me
I took today and made it count
by filling every minute
With all I had, the good the bad
And lived it to the limit.

Don't forget:

February 10 is the next General meeting.

Annual dues are now due. If you find a check here They are due. If in doubt, contact us and we will check.

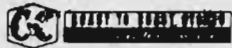
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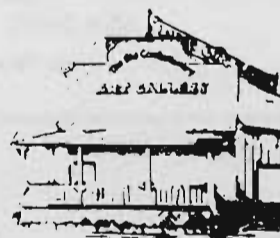
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