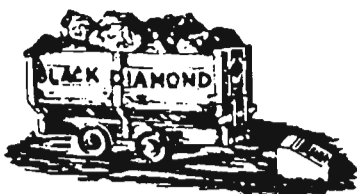


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IN MEMORIAM

Mary Minaglia——A Black Diamond Pioneer.

Aunt of Victor Evans and Katherine Truman

Memorials Received From:

Jack Kombol——from William Kombol

Tony Merlini——Louise Pagani

Wm. Petchnick——Mr. & Mrs. Bud Simmons

George & Helen Manowski——Georgia Larange

Jo Ray, Mr. & Mrs. Bud Simmons

Mary Minaglia:——Mr. & Mrs. Harold

Whitehill, Carl & Ann Steiert, Rose

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Callero.

OCTOBER MEETING

The Fall meeting of the Historical Society

was held on October 11. The agenda for the meeting centered around discussing whether the Black Diamond Day Celebration in June was considered a success or should some changes be made. After some indepth discussion it was decided to go back to the original format and call it a picnic instead of Black Diamond Day. There would be no program or booths. Everyone would be asked to bring their lunch or make other plans for eating. The idea is for everyone to get together and visit. We encourage all members to let us know how they feel about this change. Which type of celebration do you prefer? Would you want it to be dropped all together? Your opinions are important.

President Bob Eaton reported that the building project is finally getting into full swing. The cement work is all done and the wood struct<sup>ure</sup> is taking shape. A good attendance was reported at the Museum during the summer months.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas party will be held on Dec. 6. This is the first Sunday of December. Everyone is invited to attend. It will start at 1:00 p.m. in order to give people time to enjoy and still get home before late. If anyone has any ideas as to something special they would like to see done at the party, please, feel free to let us know, as we welcome suggestions.

BUILDING PROJECT


The new addition to the Museum is proceeding nicely now. The cement work is all finished and the walls are beginning to take shape. Thus far we have been favored with good weather. The goal now is to hurry and get the roof on so that when the weather changes the workers will be able to go on with the work somewhat sheltered. The Thursday Crew with the aid of a couple other volunteers have been working an extra day, Saturday too. They begin at 9 a.m. and work into the afternoon. They would welcome anyone willing to help. Just show up either on Thursday, Saturday or both. The wages are terrible but the food is guaranteed to be great!!! Cle Una, Howard Botts, and Gary Ott thanks for helping

CABOOSE

Everyone has been very excited around the Museum since the news is out that we are going to get a caboose for in the front part of the Depot. Gary Grant spotted one at the Snoqualmie Railroad Depot. He asked them if they would sell. They said "Yes." They wanted \$1400. for it. We considered it and in view of the other projects which we are committed to, namely the new room and publishing the book, it was out of our reach. It was suggested that we write to them and make a lower offer. We wrote a letter asking if they would consider a lesser sum. For a down payment of \$200, they agreed to hold it for one year. In the meantime, William Kombol made a donation in memory of his father, Jack Kombol which more than covered the down payment. We decided to go for it. In the meantime, we are trying to get a Grant to complete the payment and help with the reconstruction. It will need quite a bit of work done to it. The vision of the red caboose parked at the far end of the track spurs everyone on.

CALENDARS

The 1988 calendars are now on sale. We will be putting them into some of the business places and they will be at the Museum. They can, also, be obtained by mail. Requests may be sent to: B.D. Historical Society, Box 232, B.D. 98010 The price is \$6.00 which includes tax. By mail, add 90¢ for postage. So far the people who have seen them like them. This year's issue is dedicated to David Garrett, a native of Black Diamond. Dwight Garrett, his brother made a generous donation which made it possible to publish this year's issue. Once again, this year's sales will determine whether we keep on having one next year.

DUES! DUES! DUES! 

A serious reminder:

Some members have not paid their 1987 dues. The 1988 dues are due very soon. In fact, January. If you have a check in the box and want to remain a member please let us know by sending in the dues. The Newsletter is funded with the dues money. With prices going up all the time, we could be in trouble,

MUSEUM ATTENDANCE

This past summer has seen many people viewing our Museum. There have been almost 4000 people who passed through since June. The past few weeks have had several bus loads of school children coming in. The pupils from Lake Wilderness School, Shadow Lake and Tahoma have been the most recent. A nice group of Cub Scouts from Winterwood visited, also. They looked great in their uniforms and many merit badges. We give them each a small sack of coal as a souvenir. We have given out several hundred in the past few months. We are grateful to the Palmer Coking Coal Co. for supplying the coal.

Once again, people from many places visited the Museum. Some of them are:

University of Pisa, Italy	Amherst, Maine	Oslo, Norway
Chattanooga, Tenn	Kerkrade, Holland	Innesbruk, Austria
Colorado Springs, Colo	Bath, Maryland	Saranac Lake, N.Y.
London, England	Omaha, Neb.	St. Paula, CA.
Fairbanks, Alaska	Osaka, Japan	Tuscon, Ariz
Palm Desert, Calif.	Lake Worth, Fla.	Caseyville, Ill.

GEORGE FULFORD

Those of us who have lived in Black Diamond most of our lives can recall many colorful characters who added to the color of our lives. One such man was George Fulford. He came to Black Diamond in 1903. He was born in Wales. He lived in Black Diamond until his death in 1936. He was a handyman and a carpenter. He earned his living doing odd jobs for people in town. He was an avid lodge joiner. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters. He belonged to the F.O.E. and was the Eagles secretary for 17 years. He was a small man. He had a sense of humor all of his own. He was known to say some very funny "off color" things from time to time. He, also, liked to take a nip once in a while. When he got to "feeling good" he was heard to sing the following song:

When Father papered the parlor  
 You couldn't see him for paste!  
 Daubing it here, daubing there  
 pasting paper everywhere.  
 We couldn't find our piano  
 It was broad and rather tall.  
 We think it's behind the paper  
 Father pasted on the wall.

We have Rachel Fagnon to thank for remembering the above verse.

Our Memorial Garden received many compliments this past summer. The wooden barrel planter bloomed steadily. We have Marlene Bortleson to thank for bringing in the evergreen shrub and surrounding it with Marigolds. It added a bright touch of color to the platform. Thank you, Marlene.

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FRANKLIN RESEARCH

Research on the Franklin area is always continuing. Recently a group of people who lived in Franklin met at the home of Mary Elder at Green River Gorge and shared memories. Those participating were: Mary Elder, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fosnick, Francis Marchx, Regina & Harold Whitehill, Walter Riverside and Elsie Johnson. Don Mason and Carl Steiert taped the conversation. There was a discussion about the Polish Cemetery which was located at the Gorge area. That was called the Flat lands. They recalled that there was also, a Protestant Church in the area. Regina Whitehill told of being called out of school along with three other girls to be pall bearers for a small child who had died. She said it was when the Lilacs were in bloom and she thought of the experience whenever she smelled Lilacs.

They recalled that there was a post Office, a Company Store, a Tavern and a Meat Market run by Butch Wymmer. There were peddlers who came in and brought various items such as clothing, grain for the animals and of course, the Ice Cream man. They all remembered Cheyenne, who had huge bundles of clothing to sell. He bought his merchandise from McDougal Southwick in Seattle. It was agreed by all that he was tremendously strong. He also came to Black Diamond. The subject of going to Seattle was discussed. They all agreed that the trips were very special and rare. The people bought most of their goods right at home. The items that the store carried were many. Many people shopped the Sears Roebuck Catalogue. In fact, some of the miners were told that they had better shop at the Company store if they valued their jobs. The section known as Dog Town burned in 1913. They all remembered everyone trying to save their possessions. The Coal Company rebuilt the houses. Their school was a large three room building. It seems as though most of the time there were three teachers. Then for a while one teacher taught everyone. This was when the mining operation was having a slump. Later on they had three teachers again.

An event of great interest was the motorcycles trying to climb a big cinder dump. People came from all over the area to watch climbers trying to reach the ~~top~~.

A very pleasant few hours were spent in reminiscing about their childhood days. There are many more memories recorded on the tapes. These will be included with other materials uncovered while researching Franklin.

*Remember to get your calendar. They  
make good Christmas Gifts —*

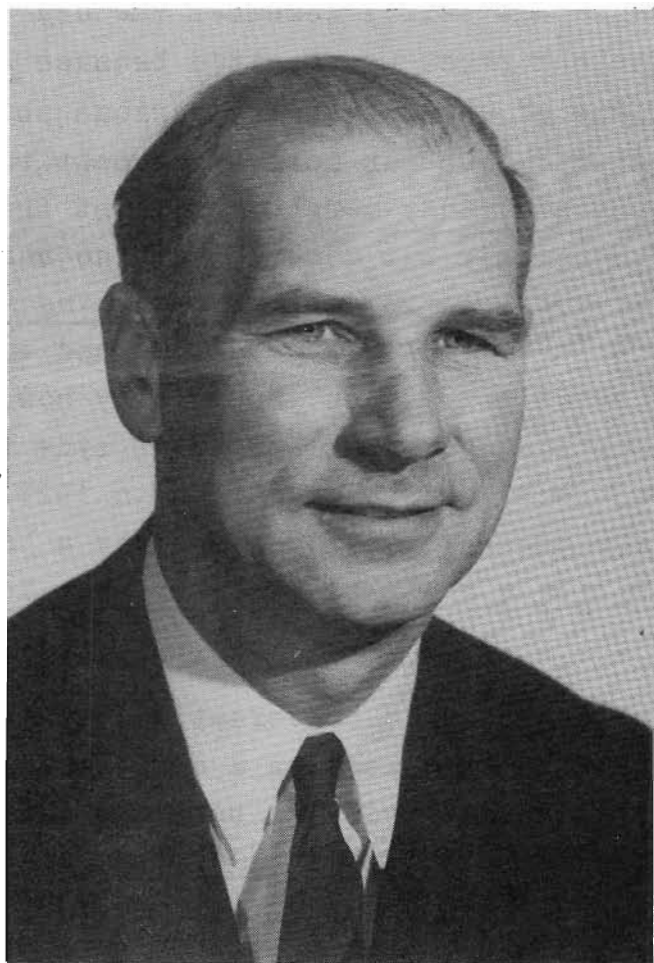
PRESIDENT ROBERT EATON

Robert Eaton was born in Waltham, Mass. He and his wife, Emma, have been married for 46 years. They have three children and 12 grandchildren.

Bob's life story reads like a story of Superman. He was in the United States Navy. He received an Honorable Discharge after serving 20 years. He is a member of the Chief Fleet Reserve Association. After retiring from the Navy, Bob worked for Seattle City Light from 1954 to 1979. He worked there 25 years. He was an Electrical Maintenance Engineer. He is president of the City Light Employees Association.

His interest have been varied. He was a Boy Scoutmaster. He liked to square Dance. He worked with teenage square dance groups.

He is still active in the Lake Sawyer Community Club. He helped build the



Community Hall at Lake Sawyer. He was elected Water District #86 Commissioner. He spends much time with the Marine Patrol on Lake Sawyer. He is an officer with the Patrol. He has lived on Lake Sawyer for 30 years.

The Black Diamond Historical Society was very fortunate on the day that Bob decided to come up and volunteer to help us. Since then he has worked very hard to make things better. He has served as president for several years.

He is truly a working president. He does a lot of the paperwork for getting funding for need<sup>ed</sup> projects plus getting in and doing manual labor too. Most everyone who has worked with Bob feels that they have gained a good friend and associate. We are grateful to him for joining us.

BLACK DIAMOND BOOK

From Diane Olson:

Many of you have asked if a history of Black Diamond will be published. Yes, Indeed! Work is progressing on a book that will cover Black Diamond's first 50 years. We hope to release it in about a year in coordination with the Washington State Centennial Celebration in 1989.

The history will, also, include many colorful memories of the 40 people we have interviewed as well as some 60 photographs from our outstanding collections.

Artifacts Received

A framed collage of photos taken at the last Black Diamond Day Celebration. from Ruth and Lou Adeock.

Leaded glass windows for the new addition from Nancy Nicholas

A large wooden table and benches from Joe Kuzaro and Joe Romedo.

An error was made in a credit last issue. The butter churn and wooden bowl was donated by Michael Norton and not Pat Sternig.

Single trees to complete the Logging Sled Display from Martin Moore.

SEX EDUCATION CIRCA 1927

From your Editor:

How well I remember the day that Eileen Zumek was born. The whole neighborhood was excited because Mrs. Kelly had given birth to a baby girl. Some of us were really curious about how this whole miracle of birth came about which was normal for most to year olds. Muriel (Evans) Wing and Ann (Becker) Eddy were my two best friends. We discussed the whole subject thoroughly but came up with no answers. Muriel finally decided to settle it once and for all. "I am going to go home and ask my Auntie Deb." she declared. She marched home and confronted her Aunt, asking just how did babies come to be. Especially how did they get into their mother's tummy. Her Aunt gave her a slap up side the <sup>Head</sup> and told her to quit talking dirty. So much for sex education in 1927. In light of the knowledge dispensed at the present time, we had many a laugh through the years over the incident. Muriel's Aunt Deb was Mrs. Dave Jenkins with whom she lived.

NAMES FROM THE PAST

While having a conversation with Vi Campbell recently, she mentioned that she had been keeping a scrap book for many years. She was kind enough to allow us to bring it home and browse through it. It was like a walk down Memory Lane. How many of the following names do you remember?

School Superintendent <u>Albert Weatherbee</u>	Bus Driver <u>Arvid Larson</u>
Store Manager, <u>Harry McDowell</u>	Mine Owner <u>George Wake</u>
Postmistress <u>Annetta B. Tonkin</u>	Teacher <u>Gladys Cobb</u>
<u>Dr. H.L. Botts</u>	Store clerk <u>Frank Cross</u>
Mine Super <u>Paul Gallagher Sr.</u>	Store Delivery man <u>Tom Jardine</u>
Outside Foreman <u>Mike Bassinger</u>	Soccer enthusiast, <u>Peter Deardan</u>
Postmaster <u>Ray Rosso</u>	Soccer Player <u>Rudy Dernac</u>
Football Star <u>Joe Paglia</u>	PCCC Maintenance Man <u>Henry Babb</u>
Bakers <u>George &amp; Leone Zipper</u>	Mine Maintenance Man <u>Dardo Lombardi</u>
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Thursday lunch time always provides for an exchange of ideas, experiences and sometimes verse and stories. The following was recited by Ted Barner:

My Job

It's not my place to run the train.  
 The whistle I can't blow.  
 It's not my place to say how far it is allowed to go.  
 It's not my place to shoot off steam nor even ring the bell  
 But let the damn thing jump the track  
 and see who catches Hell!

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