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In Memorium

- Fred Benedetti——Black Diamond Pioneer
- Rose Crivello——A member of an early
 pioneer family.
- Clark Brown——Father of Dorothy
 Botts.
- Ed Niles——Black Diamond High
 School Graduate.
- Kathi Gingrich——wife of Ben, mother of
 Mary Anne, Elizabeth and Smith

MEMORIALS

- Mary Minaglia——from——Dorothy Maragliano
- Fred Benedetti——from——Marian Di Pietro
- Ed Niles——from——Everett & Olga Swann
- Clark Brown——from——Donald Botts, Donald

and Lucile Myrick, Carl and Ann Steiert and John & Jill Crivello
 Kathi Gingrich——from——Ethel and Ruby Luncan and Carl and Ann Steiert.

THANK YOU

Ben Gingrich and his family has asked us to express to all, their thanks for
 the many acts of kindness expended to them during the time of the loss of
 their wife and mother, Kathi Gingrich. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 6 was the date of the Annual Christmas party. Many members attended
 and a good time was had by all. There was much visiting done and everyone had
 their fill of some very nice treats. The "Goodies" were provided by members.
 The day was concluded with a slide show.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING



Please pay special attention to this word about the next General Meeting.
 It will be held at the Multi-purpose room of the Black Diamond Grade School
Don Mason has made arrangements with Jerry Hedlund and Green River College to
 bring a special slide show about Franklin and the "Dig" that has been done
 the last two years. Much valuable and interesting material has been put
 together.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Grade School. It will be open to
 the general public. There is a lot more room in the school which is the reason
 for having the meeting there. The business meeting will be held to a minimum

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MARCH 13 2:00 BLACK DIAMOND GRADE SCHOOL

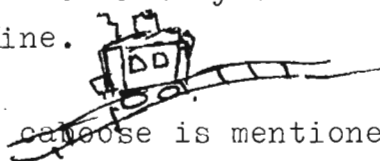
BLACK DIAMOND DAY

At a recent Board meeting the subject of continuing Black Diamond Day in the same manner as has been done the past few years was seriously considered. Many felt that the program and booths distracted from the primary reason for having it, namely visiting. After much discussion it was decided to go back to the format of having an "Old Timers" Picnic this year and seeing if that accomplishes the goal of everyone getting together and visiting. Because the Old Timers' picnic had originally been held in July, it was decided to try that date this year. That would get away from the end of school activities that both parents and grandparents want to attend. We would still like to have some input from the membership on this decision. As it stands now, the date set was July 17

At this same Board meeting three new members were presented to fill the vacancies left by the resignation of Elaine Griffin, the deaths of Frank Costi and Louis Zumek. They are Charlene Birklid, who lives with her family at Chub Lake, Julie Weinbrecht, our 4th grade teacher and history buff and Cory Clson, husband of Diane Clson. They live at Clay Mine.

CABOOSE

The excitement is growing each time the ~~caboose~~ is mentioned. There have been several donations towards the purchase of the caboose as memorials. The following persons made donations:



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| <u>William Kombol</u> | <u>Ida Lapham</u> | <u>Mary Darby</u> | <u>Esther Vander Heyden</u> |
| <u>Lennie Witt</u> | <u>Elsie Marchetti</u> | <u>Forrest Williams</u> | <u>Max & Sylvia Manowski</u> |

An application for a Grant was made to the Preservation Office. While no official notice has been sent us as yet, we are told that we will be getting \$2500 which will be applied to the restoration. If plans proceed as scheduled, the caboose should be coming into view by late Spring. Plans are to bring the under carriage in first and restore it and then place the body on after.

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Once again we want to say a word of thanks to the firms who have been kind enough to take out an ad in our Newsletter. We are grateful to them and ask that our membership, wherever possible, show their gratitude by patronizing these firms:

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| <u>Country Craft Mall</u> | | |

CALENDARS



We had been hoping to be able to report that the 1988 calendars would be going like hotcakes. Not So! There is not enough help in selling them. Joe Dal Santo has been a super salesman. He sold 50 calendars. Rose Guidetti and Verna Thompson have sold quite a few too. We want to thank the new owners of Zumek's Family Grocery for selling them for us. They sold 50. Mail orders have been few.

Once again we ask for input from the membership. We want to do what pleases the most people. Please feel free to write and express your opinion.

THURSDAY DOINGS

There has been a full Crew of workers on Thursday and sometimes a few extra. The good cooks have still been providing these men with great lunches. Rose Guidetti has done a good job in lining them up. The following have served in the past few weeks:

<u>Dorothy Botts</u>	<u>Gertrude Botts</u>	<u>Nancy Nicholas</u>	<u>Norma Gumser</u>
<u>Rachel Fagnon</u>	<u>Rose Guidetti</u>	<u>Linda Maks</u>	<u>Ann Steiert</u>
<u>Frank & Helen Manowski</u>	<u>Marlene Bortleson</u>	<u>Evelyn Dal Santo</u>	<u>Lucile Barner</u>

Lunch time is the time for the men to relax a bit. Many experiences are shared and stories told. Many subjects are covered. At a recent lunch the subject of women shopping was discussed...brought up by the Christmas shopping sprees, no doubt! Joe Kuzaro was heard to say that he has decided that when he dies he will be cremated and his ashes scattered around the Bon Marche. In that way he would be sure his wife would visit him regularly! Many funny stories are told.

There is still room for more cooks. If you could spare a couple of hours occasionally you will be rewarded with the pleasure you give. If enough people would volunteer the number of times that it would be necessary to serve would be few. Thus lessening the load of those who have been so faithful. These have to be the easiest men in the world to cook for. They all say they haven't had a bad meal yet. Please call Rose at 886-2858 if you are willing to help.

NEW ADDITION

The work on the new addition is showing much progress. The doors and windows are in and the siding has been put on. Work is now being done on the wiring and inner walls. The entry into the main body of the Museum will be made soon. Everyone has been working very hard. There has been some Saturday work as well as the usual Thursday Crew.

Plans are being made for putting the displays in the new section. It is hoped that we will be able to create a diorama of a kitchen and a school room. The window from St. Barbara's Church has been installed in the new section and now has light shining through it. It is protected by an outer plastic window as are the two lead glass windows which were donated by Nancy Nicholas. Virgil Adams, the grandson of John Davies, has offered to donate an ice cream table which had been used in the Candy Store. That with the other artifacts from the store will enable us to make a John Davies corner. Florence Garrett has donated some show cases which will be put to good use.

ARTIFACTS

Even as we plan the interior of the addition, new items are being brought in. We have recently received the following:

From: A.W. Mull, Federal Way, A caboos lamp, two railroad lanterns, two brakeman's hats, an old mop bucket and some railroad order papers.

From: Lt. & Mrs. Brubaker, Niantic, CT. a small toy truck bearing the inscription Black Diamond Coal Company.

From: Margaret Vernarelli a old grinding wheel used in the area and owned by her husband, Rome.

On January 17, Lena Church brought to the Museum an exquisite picture of Jennie Edwards and her sister, Margaret. It is in a very ornate and beautiful frame. Jennie is now 99 years of age and Margaret is 96. They wanted the picture to be in our Museum. They lived in the Lake 12-Franklin area when they were children. We thank Lena for bringing it to us.

????????Salamander????????

Mary Darby recently brought in a cook book which was given to her mother and Father when they applied for a marriage license in 1911. It is called "The Seattle Brides CookBook". The recipes are really interesting and tell us what was available and popular in those days. We know that in early times many people raised animals for food. Many recipes for brains, tongue and other parts of animals are noted. Many versions of recipes as we know them now were cooked. Breads, pies and puddings were made but with measurements in ounces, pints, flour in pounds. The following recipes were included:

Snow Pancakes

Time, five minutes---make a stiff batter with four ounces of flour, a quarter pint of milk or more if required. A little grated nutmed and a pinch of salt. Divide the batter into any number of pancakes and add three large spoonsful of snow to each. Fry them lightly, in very good butter. Serve quickly.

Macaroni as usually served

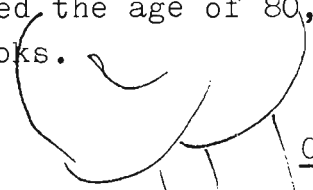
Time, to boil the Macaroni, half an hour, to brown it, six minutes. Take half pound of pipe macaroni, seven ounces of cheese, four ounces of butter one pint of new milk and one quart of water, and some bread crumbs. Flavor the milk and water with a pinch of salt, set over the fire and when boiling drop in the macaroni. When tender drainit from the milk and water. Put it into a deep dish, sprinkle some of the grated cheese amongst it with part of the butter broken into small pieces. Place a layer of grated cheese over the top. Cover with bread crumbs and melted butter. Brown the top of the macaroni with a Salamander or before the fire turning it several times to brown. Serve quickly and as hot as possible.

NOW....Does anyone know what a Salamander is? If, so let us know.



DUES! DUES! DUES!

It is that time of the year when dues are due. In going through the Membership Book, we find that we have some who have not paid their 1987 dues. Im fairness to the rest of the members we'd appreciate having that taken care of. We now have **62** members over 80 years of age. We have 148 regular Life members, There are 110 yearly members. That makes our membership 320 total. If anyone has reached the age of 80, please, let us know so that the change can be made on the books.



CLOUD BURSTS

Crime and Punishment

It used to be that Papa dealt out a stern code of discipline to Junior. Then the safety razor took away his razor strap. furnaces took away the wood shed and tax worries took away his hair and the need of a hairbrush. That's why kids are running wild today. Dad ran out of weapons.

Logical?

Daylight Saving Time: an idea that came from an old Indian chief who cut off one end of his blanket and sewed it on the other end to make the blanket longer.

Don't criticize pot holes. They're one of the few things left on the road that are still made in the USA.

Going into court is a dangerous thing. You're putting your fate in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

BOOK PROGRESS

Diane Olson reports that progress is being made on the Black Diamond Book. It is a long and tedious task to transcribe and edit the many tapes involved. However, Diane says that things are pretty much on schedule. We hope to have them for sale in the Fall especially in time for Christmas giving. As yet no definite title has been chosen. If any of you have any suggestions, please, feel free to send them to us for consideration.

One of the people who were interviewed is a lady by the name of Dora Shafer. She lived in Black Diamond during the Strike of 1921. Her husband was principal of the Grade School. They were in the position of trying to be at peace with both the strikers and those who did not go out. It was sometimes a very delicate situation for them. She has related of of their experiences. The following is a bit from a letter she wrote about the house in which they lived.

Dora tells us:,,,,,

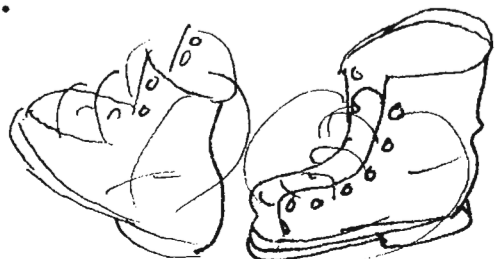
The school Board bought a little 40 year old house(never painted) and as an extraordinary concession tacked a bathroom on the back which brought our abode right up against a huge slag pile. Someone remembered that once upon a time a load of good coal had accidentally been spilled and the poor strikers dug into it to retrieve it, thereby opening up air channels and the whole thing caught fire. So we lived enveloped with smoke for two years. I had a perpetual red nose and not from the best know and most common reason! We were spared a house fire by some miracle.

Black Diamond cows were allowed to wander willy-nilly and some smarter amongst them discovered that the school cottage walls were warm at night. They took their repose by lying up against them, especially the bedroom wall. The bell cow tossed her head disdainfully at regular intervals between which we had just time to doze off into sleep. The bell fastened to her neck hit the wall with a band and a sonorous clang. "Cow-mares" is often worse than a "nightmare". We petitioned the School Board for a fence. They responded nobly---i.e. they built the frame of a fence then waited for fate to find the pickets. We waited, also, but the cows did not. "Nothing to it!" they said and stepped right through the opening between the posts and 2x4s and resumed their restful repose for the night.

Note: The above story is just a small example of what our book will contain. The cottage mentioned by Mrs. Shafer was the one cuddled next to the First Presbyterian Church in the area of the now City Hall.

THE OLD SHOE LAST

My old shoes had started wearing out, they needed mending badly I took them to the old wood house and showed them to my Daddy. He took my shoes and smiled a bit. Then he said "What an awful task!" But I knew he didn't care too much; he sort of like the old shoe last. I watched him quickly get it out then square himself upon a seat and shape thick leather to the sole, Much like a tune his hammer beat. The thing I like the very best was when he trimmed the edges round. The job was done and then my shoes seemed new. My feet no longer touched the ground.



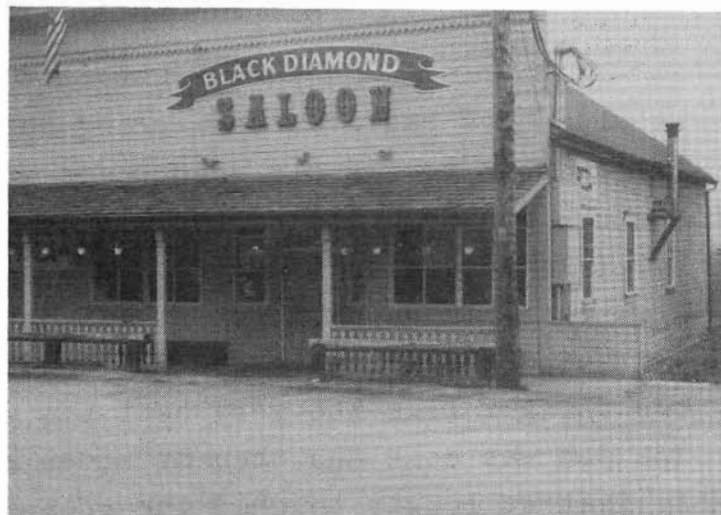
SALOON SAGA

As we have been exploring the history of Railroad Ave. and the businesses that have been on it over the years, we have been told many times that the first store was a log building located where the present saloon now stands. We were told that when the need for a larger building was felt, the then owners simply built their new building up around the first store and used the old building for firewood as they needed it. Our wish was to have a photo of that first log building. Recently we received a picture of it from Ruth Stowe of Seattle. The picture below shows the building on the right.



As the years went on the store added a warehouse. That portion later was used as a meat market, a gymnasium. For a while the Fairchild Motor Company from Auburn had an agency in it. In 1919 the Diamond Stage Company operated a bus line and auto repair shop from there. When Prohibition was declared the Krause Saloon closed its doors. Morgan Davies and Jack Medica opened a Billiard Parlor in the store building. In the early 1930's when Prohibition was lifted it became a tavern. The names of Grover Kertis, Chambers, Al Robinson and Rex King come to mind as owners of the tavern. It was purchased by Les Griffins. They sold it to Jim McCray. He did a fine job of restoring the old building. It is now called the Black Diamond Saloon and is owned by Bill Hutchinson.

In it's lifetime the old building saw many stories take shape in the lives of the miners and residents of the Town. The famous "Loafing Rail" provided place for the exchange of much conversation and experiences.



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