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Leonard

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resident

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Jerry Newlan (Sternig) from Pat Sternig and Michael Norton and Lennie Witt

Klara Signani from Joe and Eileen Zumek

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party will be held on December 11, at the Museum
starting at 1:00 p.m. We are eager to have as many as possible attend and
see what has been accomplished during the year. It will be a good chance to
pick up your copy of the new book. Please put the date on your calendar.

DECEMBER

What ever happened to.....?

In talking to people at the Museum there are many times when that
question is asked. We recently had the pleasure of communicating with a
former Black Diamond resident. It seems that Ralph Banhero ran into Clyde
Johnson at a football game. He told him about the Historical Society and
said he'd tell us about seeing him. We communicated and he wanted to join the
Society. For those of you who were in Black Diamond in the 1930's, his mother
was Mrs. Whipple who clerked at the P.C. store. Clyde lives in Tumwater. He
is married and the father of 2 boys and 2 girls. He has followed the teaching
profession. He spent 35 years in the classroom and 25 years coaching. He is
now a member of the Society and we are glad to have heard from him.

BLACK DIAMOND, MINING THE MEMORIES

At the general meeting in October the members who attended were treated to a preview of our book. The name is "Black Diamond, Mining the Memories". Cory Olson, who with his wife, Diane are responsible for putting all the collected materials together, told about how the information has been laid out, how it is being indexed etc. It will have 250 pages and 150 photographs. Everyone who listened to him was really excited and eager to see the finished book. It is at the printers now and should be for sale around Thanksgiving.

Most people do not realize how many hours are spent on such a project. It has taken nearly ten years to collect all the information on the more than fifty tapes. This involved driving many miles to the homes of persons being taped. Many hours were spent in the taping, listening to tapes, editing and then re-editing. Permission on the final copy was necessary from each person quoted. This meant another trip to their homes. Diane and Cory Olson Carl Steiert and Don Mason are to be commended for their tireless efforts. At the time that the copy went to the printer the finances of the Society hit a low because of spending on the new rooms of the Museum. The Grant money which was to come had not been received. Bill Kombol stepped in and gave us a bridge loan which took care of the necessary partial payment when going to print. We thank him very much for his generosity. We really appreciate it.

Since all this effort has gone into producing the book, it behooves us all to see that the efforts have not been in vain. We are open to any suggestions as how we can sell it. We hope that all members will spread the word about it and tell their friends. The book will sell for \$12.95 plus tax which brings it to an even \$14.00. Those being mailed will require \$2.40 additional for postage.

CUR LITTLE OLD CABOOSE

Saturday, October 22, was the big day when we finally got our caboose. It took a lot of calling and planning on the part of our president, Bob, to get all units coordinated and working together. The caboose was to be hauled by Bill Bremmeyer but at the last minute he was not able to do it. Through the efforts of Ben Gingrich the Walker Logging Company supplied the low-bed truck which did the job. The caboose was loaded at Snoqualmie by the crane belonging to their railroad. When it arrived in Black Diamond a crane donated by the Fuget Sound Power and Light Co. lifted it onto the wheels. They had been pressure washed and painted by the Thursday Gang.

At first sight the caboose looks in rough shape. The Thursday Gang is eager to dive in and begin work on it. We are fortunate in having a man who worked on these cabooses at Pac-Car living in Black Diamond. His name is Al Shay. He has offered to help. It will be great to see it transformed. Many have asked if plans are to paint it red. Right now we think so since that is the color that comes to mind when one is mentioned.

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ADDITION

The new addition is proving to be three rooms of beautiful display space. The downstairs has been painted and is beginning to receive articles which will be shown. The 1890 Barber Shop is completed. Virgil Holman the Barber who has allowed us to use it, supervised its installation. The school room and kitchen areas are almost finished. Nancy Nicholas has been a great help in painting and arranging things. Our Thursday Crew has consisted of only about 5 men on most days. They have been working very hard. We feel sure that our membership will be pleased with what they see when they come to visit.

As usual, our Thursday Gang is appreciative of our gals who bring in their lunch. Rose Guidetti has done a good job in getting the cooks. We invite any other cooks in the area to take part in the lunch program. It would be greatly appreciated plus taking some of the load off of the few faithful. Call Rose at 886-2858 if you are willing.

Recent cooks:

<u>Evelyn Dal Santo</u>	<u>Shari Kuzaro</u>	<u>Dorothy Botts</u>	<u>Nancy Nicholas</u>
<u>Marlene Bortleson</u>	<u>Rachel Fagnon</u>	<u>Linda Maks</u>	<u>Rose Guidetti</u>
<u>Helen Manowski</u>	<u>Ann Steiert</u>	<u>Lucille Barner</u>	<u>Gertrude Botts</u>

THE 1890 BARBER SHOP

Virgil Holman is the barber responsible for the wonderful new display at the Museum. It is a complete Barber Shop consisting of an ornate backbar and mug rack, a padded barber chair, an antique wash basin. Not to mention an 8 ft. Barber Pole along with mugs, 28 razors, linens and some old pictures. It is really a nice display and gets many interested comments from those who view it.

Virgil was born in Sargent, Neb. in 1917. He became a Barber in 1938 after first working for three years in a door factory, then in the shipyards and for a time with the Greyhound Bus Lines. He had his Shop off of Pacific Highway South on Military Road until 1979 when he retired. He lives at Lake Morton with his wife of 49 years. They have two sons.

He has joined the Historical Society. We are grateful for his generosity in letting us show the Barber Shop.

The History of the Barber Pole

The Barber Pole has a wonderful and interesting story to tell, and its presence keeps this story alive. It is the oldest distinguished mark of any profession or craft, dating back before the birth of Christ. History tells us that barber service was rendered to the public 6,000 before. The art of hair and beard trimming (barbering) medicine (Herbs) dentistry (tooth pulling) and surgery (blood letting) were all performed by the same operators in the early history: they were called Barber Surgeons. Due to the services that they rendered and especially to the Royalty, the Barber-Surgeons were the most respected and protected men living. They held their respect of thousands of years.

During their practice of surgery, which consisted only of blood-letting or bleeding the disease, a white cloth was used. They would rinse this out leaving blood stains, hang it in the doorway of their bussiness to dry, thus the origin of our present day Barber Pole. As the years passed by the hundreds, this original badge has been changed to the present attractive glass red and white emblem which represents professional grooming service. The doctors and Dentists have all branched from their original profession long since: however the Barber Pole still remains the property of the artistic barbering profession.

MARTY

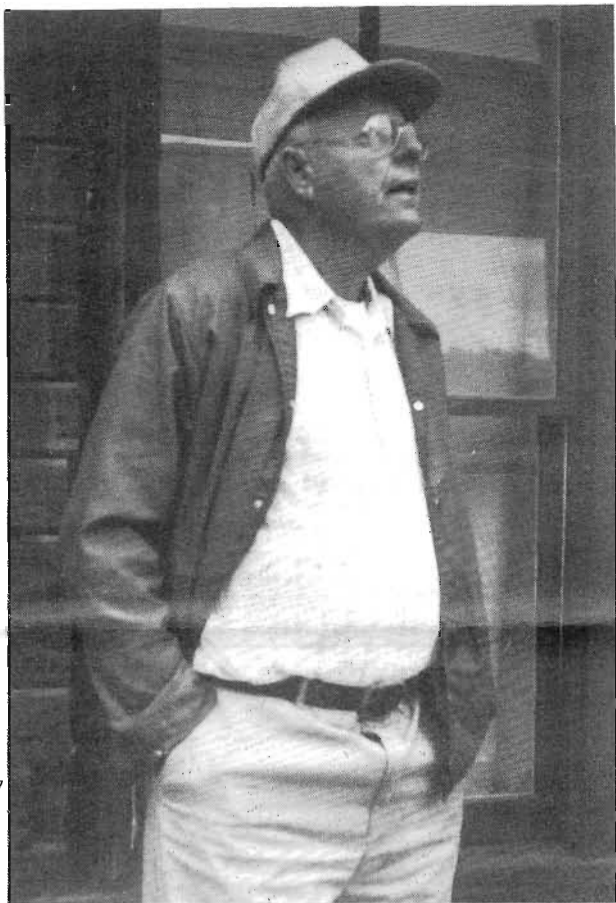
Eight years ago while the Society members were holding a Christmas Party a man walked into our lives. He was Martin Moore. He had seen an article in a Seattle Paper about our project and was interested in seeing what was going on. We had been asking for more men to help with the work. His first words were, "Just thought I'd come out and see what the hell's going on." When he left he said, "See you guys on Thursday." We had been told that before so we were somewhat skeptical. True to his word he was there on Thursday and every Thursday since with the exception of a couple vacations. Martin tells us the following about himself:

I was born in Russellville, Ala. on Nov.30,1917 I grew up on a farm. I went to Jacksonville State Teachers College in Jacksonville,Ala.

I got a teacher's Certificate. I taught for two years. I could not buy groceries so I changed professions. I spent 3 years in Baltimore,MD. building airplanes. I moved to San Francisco and helped build submarines. Someone told me there was a city called Seattle, WA. so I detoured through Saudi,Arabia for 2 years and wound up in Seattle, WA. I've never got enough money to leave.

Martin has been a real Godsend to the Museum project. He comes each week from his home in Seattle and works all day. He has done many jobs in his life and we have benefited from his knowledge. He tells everyone that one of the reasons he comes is for the great food the cooks provide. He says he has yet to get a poor meal.

All of us who work with him feel that we are richer for having been able to work with him. To put it in the language he has taught us, "He's a Helluva great guy and good friend."

Medical Terminology for the Layman

Note: The following article was given to us by Dorothee Botts. We all got a chuckle out of it.

<u>Artery:</u> The study of fine paintings	<u>Nitrate:</u> Lower than the day rate
<u>Barium:</u> What you do when CPR fails	<u>Node:</u> was aware of
<u>Cesarean Section:</u> A district in Rome	<u>Organic:</u> Musical
<u>Colic:</u> A Sheep dog	<u>Outpatient:</u> A person who has fainted
<u>Coma:</u> A punctuation Mark.	<u>Post-operative:</u> A letter carrier
<u>Congenital:</u> Friendly	<u>Protein:</u> In favor of young people
<u>Dilate:</u> To live long	<u>Secretion:</u> Hiding anything
<u>Fester:</u> Quicker	<u>Serology:</u> A study of English Knights
<u>G.I. Series:</u> Baseball games between teams of soldiers	<u>Tablet:</u> A small table
<u>Grippe:</u> A suitcase	<u>Tumor:</u> An extra pair
<u>Hangnail:</u> A coat hook	<u>Urine:</u> Opposite of your're out
<u>Medical Staff:</u> A doctor's cane	<u>Varicose Veins:</u> Veins which are very close together
<u>Minor Operation:</u> Coal digging	
<u>Morbid:</u> A higher offer	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to thank Roberta Falk and the Palmer Coking Coal for the use of their copying machine. Roberta has been most gracious in doing the work for us.

Our new schoolroom boasts one pupil thus far. He is a little boy who came from out of State thanks to Charles McLoughry who lives in Grants Pass, Ore. He was brought to us by George and May Savicke as they passed through. Thanks a lot for the effort. We have room for a few more kids if anyone knows of them.

George Morris sent in a generous donation toward the Caboose restoration. We really appreciate it.

Harold Almy and Jack Reeves brought in tools which will be displayed. We thank them for thinking of us.

On the day the Caboose was moved it took many hands to keep things going. It turned out to be a very smooth move, due to some of the following people: Ben Gingrich, Will Fogelberg, Martin Moore, Bob Eaton, Carl Steiert, Joe Kuzarq, Jeff Bowië and Rick Luther who directed traffic. We thank each one of them for making the venture a success.

OUR JAIL

Our little jail is the most photographed building in Town. Since it was placed in its present site thousands of people have gone through it. Many have taken pictures of their group on the porch etc.

After some research we think it was built circa 1905. It is built like a juggernaut with 2x4s stacked to make the walls. The inside doors were reproduced by Nat Pennacchi from information supplied by Carl Steiert. He lived in the neighborhood and as a young boy was familiar with it. He tells of going with his friends and checking out the jail whenever there was a new "customer".

The following are memories submitted by Jim Vernarelli:

The Black Diamond jail was built sometime between 1900 and 1908. At the age when I was 5 and 6 years old the Jail seemed to me it was well weather beaten then. So I would say it was built in the early 1900's.

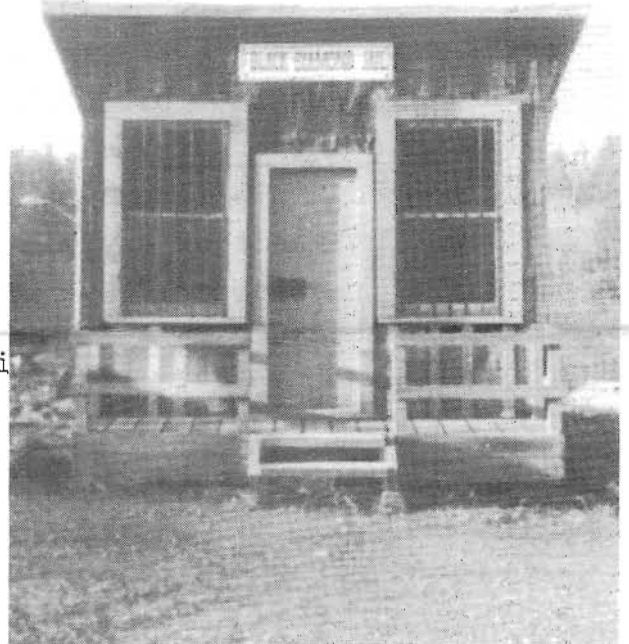
The Jail was pretty well active with inmates on the weekends in the early 1900's.

One of the famous inmates was named Ben, who was a guest in the Jail about every weekend. He was great to get in fights over the weekend and always would end up with a broken nose.

Tom X Davies, who was the Police of the Town at the time. would always throw Ben in Jail as soon as Ben would get in fights so to prevent him from ending up with a broken nose. Tom X Davies would put Ben in Jail on Saturday nights and release him the next day or night.

One time when Ben was in Jail he got very dry from drinking booze. His friends being sorry for him, decided to get him some beer to drink. To get the beer to him they climbed up the roof of the Jail and lowered the bottles down through the chimney. This was done in the daylight.

Tom X Davies from the street above would stop to see what they were doing. Knowing what was going on, he would just shake his head and walk away. He



Jail Cont'd

figured that poor Ben being in Jail, he could do no harm.

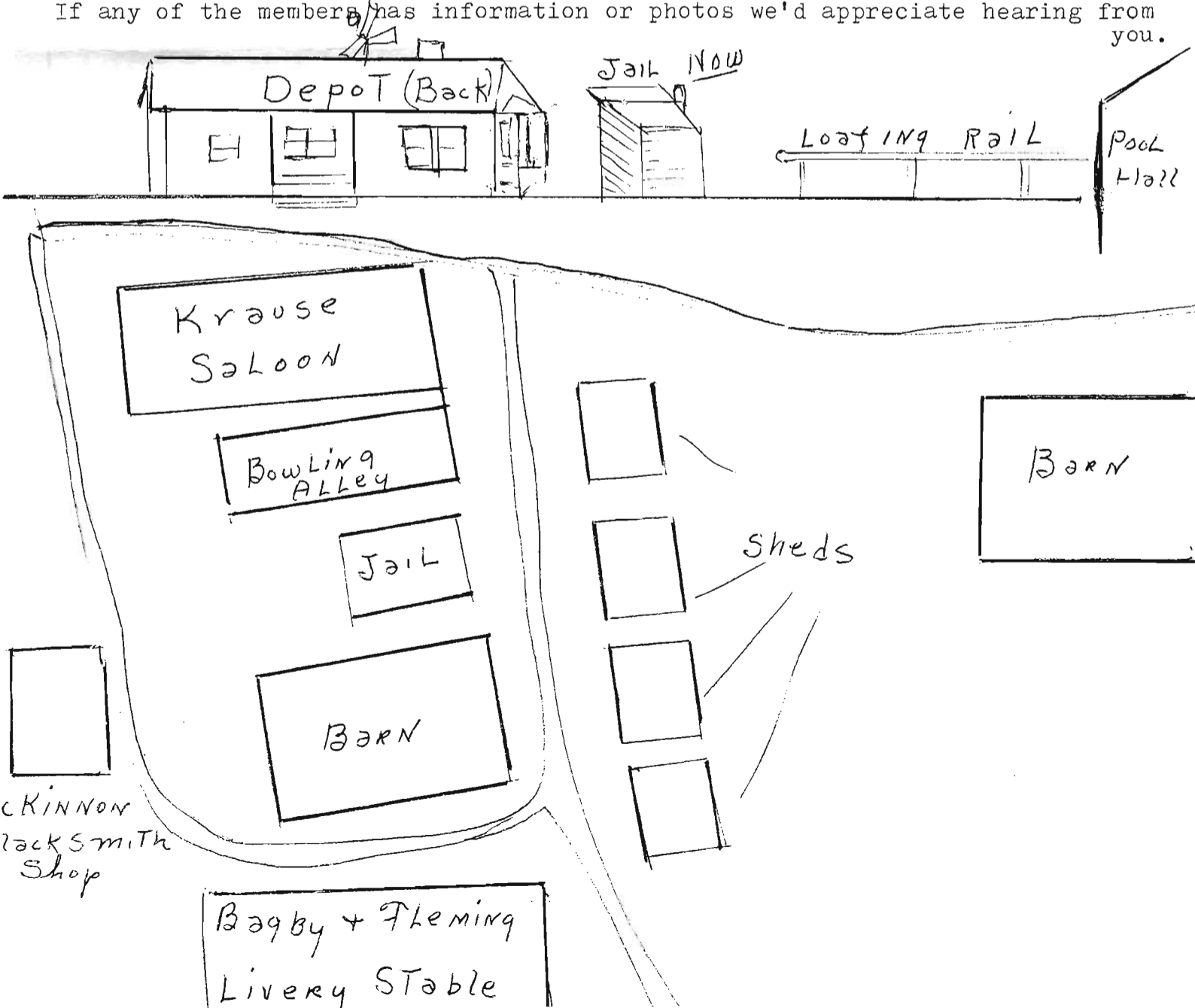
All the trials of the inmates of the Jail would be taken to Judge Davies court. He had an old shack out behind his home which acted as the Court house. This is how all the sentences of the poor inmates would end up: \$10.00 fine and cost \$ 15.00—always more than the fine. That little shack of a Court house sure more than paid of itself!

Judge Davis could have made a fortune in Hollywood Western Movies brcause he looked perfect as a western judge with small gray whiskers, a squeaky voice and wrinkled face.

Tom X Davies, the Town Policeman from the late 1800s and 1900 was a grand old man. He was one in a million, very kind and considerate. Imagine Black Diamond at the time, 3000 population and one policeman. It was a great town at the time

The Jail was moved from its original site behind where it now stands to the yard of Helen Harp. Her husband used it as a utility shed. She kindly consented to let the Historical Society have it. They restored it and it has been going strong ever since. Its sole occupant has scared many a visitor when they peek into his cell.

Below is a sketch of the area behind the depot where the Jail originally was located. This is one section of the Town that we do not have much information about or any pictures of the time when it was fully occupied. If any of the members has information or photos we'd appreciate hearing from you.



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