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of Black Diamond

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Lifetime resident of Black Diamond.

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former eighth grade teacher. Husband
of Jeane.

Michael Norton _____ Former fireman and
longtime Black Diamond resident.

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pioneer.

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AKCHO MEETING

On April 24 the Association of King County Historical Societies held their monthly meeting in Black Diamond. The meeting was held at the Eagles Hall. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. After a short business meeting a program on the history of Franklin was presented. John Hanscom, a professor at Green River College spoke of the beginnings of the Town. Gerald Hedlund and Mark Vernon presented slides showing some of the artifacts which were unearthed in the Dig which has been going on for the past several years. Don Mason and Carl Steiert showed slides of the Town as it was in the days when mining was going on. Because of his intense interest in Franklin, Don Mason has been given the title "Mayor of Franklin". He deserves it since no one person has worked so hard to bring to life the history of the Town.

We would like to thank Eagles Lodge Aerie 1490 for the gracious use of their hall. The Historical Society really does appreciate their generosity.

"LET'S GET ACQUAINTED"

The next general meeting will be held on June 3 at the Museum at 1:00 p.m. It is going to be a special meeting with the theme "getting acquainted!" We are going to try and get some of the newcomers in Town to join us. It will be a good time for members who have not seen each other for a while to visit. We would like to see a good turn out. Much progress has been made and we'd like to visit with all of you too. Remember put it on your calendar JUNE 3

We want to welcome our newest Lifetime member, Keith Timm Jr. We welcome you to the Society, Keith.

OTHER GIFTS FROM COAL

Most of us who have lived in the era of coal think of it only as a source of heat and ability to make steam. This is not true. Charles Payton, our preservation Advisor, recently called our attention to the many things coal is used for and sent out printed material which has been an eye-opener.

Have you ever seen a big steel mill at work? Steel is made from coal. One way to make steel is to mix iron ore, coal, and limestone in a furnace. The coal is set on fire, and air is blown through the furnace. Soon, the iron ore melts and can be drawn off. Some of the coal has melted into iron and become part of it. Such iron is called steel.

Chuff, chuff, whoo-oo, whoo-oo! Coal runs many of our trains. The train you just heard may have been a freight train. It may have been bringing food or machinery to the people of your town. Maybe the train was a fast passenger train, carrying mail and people. Have you ever visited a factory? What makes the machinery run?

Today many machines run by electricity. But what makes the electricity? Unless there is a big waterfall or a big dam near your town, the electricity is probably made by steam engines. The steam engines are run by coal.

So it is really coal that toasts your bread in the morning and gives you light to see by!

Perhaps your furnace at home is run by coal. The coal fire heats water or air. The hot water or steam goes through radiators, and heats the air in each room. Or hot air from the furnace may be piped to each room.

What a fine red dress-or-shirt-you're wearing! That red color comes from coal. The bright blue of your blue sweater comes from coal too.

Our unlucky ancestors had to wear dull black, gray, and brown clothes most of the time. Colors to dye cloth came mostly from vegetables. There were only a few bright colors, and they were expensive and hard to get. Now, with dyes from coal, we can all look like parrots or rainbows!

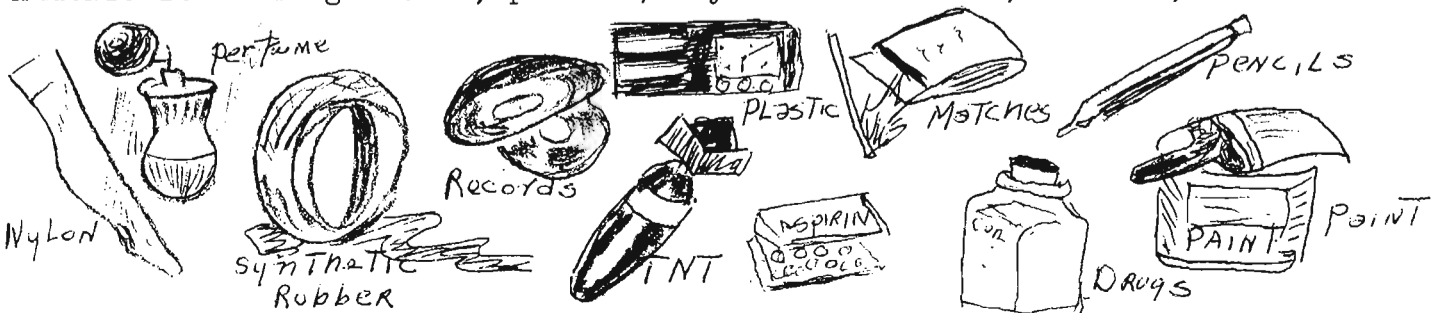
Coal gives us many perfumes. All sorts of lovely smells, and flavors for desserts, can be made from a lump of coal.

One of these days, you may be taking medicine from coal. Aspirin is made from coal. The wonderful "Sulfa" drugs come partly from coal. A pain-killing medicine that dentists use is also a gift from coal. So is medicine that fights malaria. Malaria is a disease carried by mosquitoes.

Coal gives us another way to fight mosquitoes, flies and other dangerous insects. DDT, the fly-killer is a coal product. So is the weed-killer 2,4-D.

What kind of material can be made out of coal, air, and water? That's right NYLON-Nylon stockings and underwear last a long time, They are easy to wash and last a long time. Nylon blouses and dresses need little ironing. Nylon yarn can be knitted into warm silky sweaters and socks. Nylon umbrellas quickly dry off after a shower.

Parachutes for airplane pilots today are usually made of nylon. Nylon is stronger than most other kinds of light-weight cloth. In a sudden sky-ride nylon is less likely to split. Other things that coal is used for are: plastics, motor fuel, antiseptics, paint, synthetic rubber, TNT, moth balls, Ammonia for refrigerators, pencils, dry cell batteries, matches, and fertilizer.



THE BEST RUM CAKE EVER

1 or 2 quarts Rum	1 tsp Baking Powder
1 cup butter	1 tsp. Soda
1 tsp. sugar	1 tsp. lemon juice
2 large eggs	Brown sugar
1 cup dried fruit	nuts

Before you start, sample the Rum to check for quality. Good isn't it? Now go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup etc. Check the Rum again-- it must be just right. To be sure the Rum is of the highest quality, pour one level cup of Rum into glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat. With an electric mixer beat 1 cup of butter in a large and fluffy bowl. Add one seaspoon of thurgar and beat again. Meanwhile make sure the Rum is of the highest quality. Try another app. Open second quart if necessary. Add 2 arge leggs, 2 cups fried druit and beat til high. If druit gets stuck to beaters just pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the Rum again, checking for tonsaicisistricy. Sample the Rum again. Next sift 3 cups of pepper or salt (really doesn't matter). Sample Rum. Sift pint of lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thugar or whatever color you can find. Wix mell. Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350 gredees. Now pour the whole mess into the oven and ake. Check the Rum again and bo to ged.

NOTE:

The above recipe was given to us by Ted Barner. He refuses to say whether it is "Home tested" or not.

TOURS TOURS TOURS

Because of the mild weather and early spring the tourists seem to be with us already. There are people from all over the globe visiting already. We have been having many school tours. Many youth groups such as the Scouts, are coming through. We try to give them a guided tour...tailoring it to their age and attention span. We give the kids a sack of coal so that they will know what it is like. The coal is given to us by the Palmer Coking Coal Co. for which we thank them very much. Since we first began giving the little bags away we have filled many hundred sacks. What we use is the small sandwich bags. In June there will be three days when 180 children will be coming from the Shadow Lake School. Tours are booked into August and September already. We get many good comments and thank-you notes. One group of scouts made a very original poster with drawings and their thanks on it. One of the boys is interested in bees. He owns five hives. He brought a jar of honey for us.

NAME YOUR PHOBIA

Do you have a phobia? Here are the names of some fears:

Acrophobia————Fear of high places.
 Aerophobia————Fear of draft or fresh air.
 Agoraphobia————Fear of crowds of people.
 Algophobia————Fear of witnessing or experiencing pain.
 Amaxophobia————Fear of riding in cars.
 Apheophobia————Fear of being touched by someone.
 Astrophobia————Fear of Thunderstorms.
 Autophobia————Fear of being alone.
 Automysophobia————Fear of personal uncleanliness.
 Aviaphobia————Fear of flying.
 Bathophobia————Fear of high objects.

PHOBIAS, Cont'd

Claustrophobia————Fear of enclosed places.
 Doraphobia————Fear of touching hair or fur of animals.
 Ereuthrophobia————Fear of blushing.
 Hydrophobia————Fear of water.
 Nyctophobia————Fear of the dark.
 Pyrophobia————Fear of fire.

NEW ARTICLES

A word of thanks is due to the following people for adding to our artifacts:

Esther Van Der Heyden donated a large folding table which will be put to good use, also, a unique case in which to put an alarm clock,

Tony Janovich.....A very old Royal Vacuum cleaner.

Mrs. Elinor Sabine...A scale for weighing gold was sent from San Leandro, CA.

Gail Kuzaro.....A collection of 3000 buttons. They are now mounted and framed. They make a collage of flowers in a vase. It hangs in the Museum.

Black Diamond Firemen: A fire hose cart. It was used in the early days before there was a Fire Department.

Lois Zumek.....Two cracker cans which were often used as cannisters. They held Saltines and Krispies crackers. Also, a tool used to puncture salt boxes before pour spouts.

THURSDAY DOINGS

After the Thursday Crew finished with their final touches on the Caboose they started to build a small building to house the hose cart which was given to them by the Black Diamond Fire Dept. The hose cart was the only means of fighting fire in the early days of the Town. They were kept in small sheds located at strategic places in Town. When an alarm sounded men would run for the nearest hose cart and connect it to the hydrant. Many interesting stories have been told about towing the cart to the fire and getting it working.

The shed they have built is as near a replica as they could get. They had to rely on old photographs for their design. It stands next to the jail.

The next big project they are going to tackle will be the replacement of the platform boards. There has been much traffic on the platform and some of the boards really need replacing. Plans are being made to get the lumber cut and put down when the weather is mild.

Before they began the Hose cart shed they built a small coal car. It was built on wheels used on a car from the Draghi Coal Mine. It turned out great. It now has a load of coal on it and sits on the rails in front of the caboose. A false bottom was put in so that there is not as much coal in it as it appears.....lots of good comments.

After the platform is completed they are going to build another room in the back of the depot which will house more displays and a video room. Space is getting to be at a real premium. There are many pictures and slides which people are not being allowed to see because we don't have the display space. We hope to be able to show more pictures and slides of the area. Much thoughtful planning is being done before the project gets under way.

Note: We need help on getting lumber for the platform. Do you know of a source where we might get lumber or logs which can be cut to platform size?



The members who help provide the Thursday lunches are familiar with the voice of Rose Guidetti. She has been responsible for the success of the whole lunch program. It has allowed the workers to have an uninterrupted day. The men compliment the cooks and declare that they have yet to have a poor meal. Rose calls the ladies and schedules their "lunch day". This has taken a lot of time and dedication. Rose is a charter member of the Society and has been helpful in all the projects which the Society has been involved in. We really appreciate all she has done. The following is a biography given to us by her daughters:

Born August 29, 1912, Rose L. Callero is today a "Coal Miner's Daughter". She is the daughter of two Italian immigrants, Dominic and Rosa Callero. She is the fifth child of four brothers and two sisters., who were raised in the old part of Black Diamond known as Clay Mine.

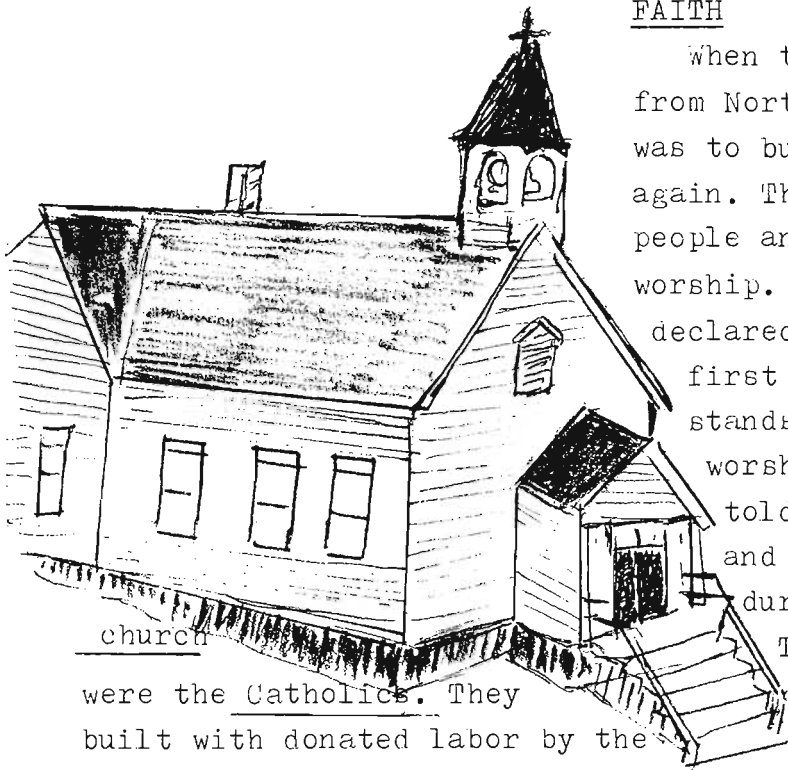
Rose completed first through 12th grade in the Black Diamond School graduating as valedictorian from Black Diamond High School in 1930. Rose is helping plan her 60th class Reunion for this summer. She achieved her goal of becoming a registered nurse in 1933, when she graduated from Cabrini School of Nursing in Seattle.

In 1934, in St. Barbara's Parish, Rose Callero became Rose Guidetti when she married a lifelong resident of Black Diamond, Frank Guidetti. Frank and Rose lived the early part of their marriage in West Seattle and Bremerton, Moving back to Black Diamond in 1946, In 1984 Frank and Rose celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows in front of 100 or more family and friends in St. Barbara's Church. They had three children, Albert Guidetti and Arlene Hendrickson, both of Black Diamond and Diane Renner of Lake Tapps. Rose currently lives in the same home she shared with Frank and her children. She is now the proud grandmother of eleven grandchildren and of six great grandchildren.

Rose remains active in the St. Barbara's Parish, where she belonged to the Altar Society for many years. She enjoys her involvement in the Black Diamond Historical Society and loves to bring a special lunch to the workers.

But most of all, Rose loves her family. On any day, you can find anywhere from one to a dozen family members who "just dropped in" for one of Rose's famous baked goods or a cup of homemade soup.

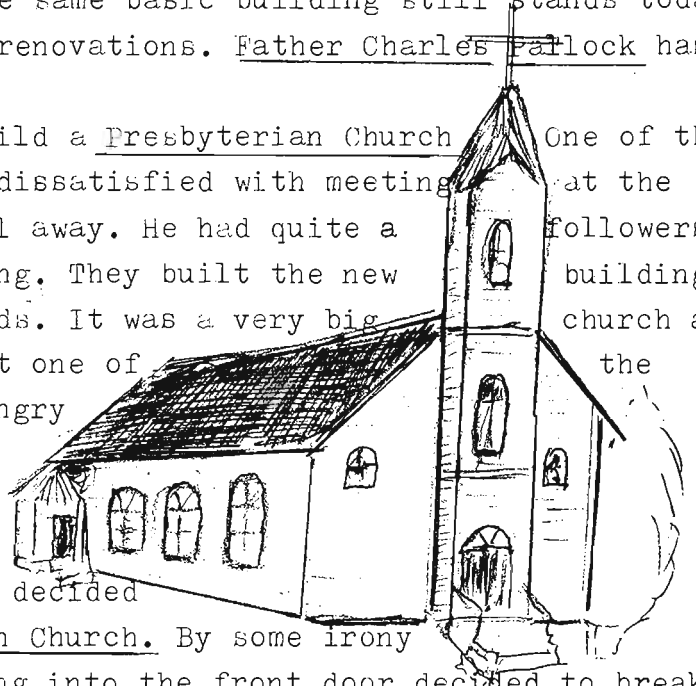


FAITH

When the first settlers came to Black Diamond from Nortonville the first thing they had to do was to build their homes and get established again. They were for the most part christian people and soon felt the need for a place to worship. Morgan Morgans the Town's superintendant, declared that one church was enough for all. The first church was built where the Fire Hall now stands. For many years it was the center of worship for all denominations. We have been told of the Sunday School gatherings, programs and festivities that took place, especially during Christmas and Easter.

The first group to leave the Congregational church were the Catholics. They built with donated labor by the parishioners. The cost of the building when completed in 1911 was \$2227.20. The same basic building still stands today. Through the years there have been some renovations. Father Charles Fallock has a flourishing congregation.

In 1914 there was a movement to build a Presbyterian Church. One of the more powerful "bosses" at the mine was dissatisfied with meeting at the Congregational Church and wanted to pull away. He had quite a so they decided to get their own building. They built the new building on the lot which the City Hall now stands. It was a very big church and had many active people. We are told that one of the original Morgans from Morganville was angry about the move and vowed that he would never set foot in the new building. He did not go there for many years. The story goes that when he died his family decided to have his services at the Presbyterian Church. By some irony of fate, that was the day the steps going into the front door decided to break as his casket was being carried out. The Church lasted until 1958 when it caught fire and burned down. It was a huge spectacular fire in the middle of the night After a short time the Congregation built another church farther up on Lawson Hill. The piece of ground on which ^{it} is located has historic value in that it is the site of a coal dump for Mine No.2, one of the early mines in Black Diamond.



The newest church in Black Diamond is the Chapel wood Baptist Church located on Highway 169 going north. For many years the attendance varied according to the rise and fall of the population in Town. Right now all congregations are growing and extremely busy. The traffic on Lawson Hill on a Sunday morning is very busy, with the population explosion all around the area the churchs will be soon bursting at the seams. Each church has served an important purpose in the lives of people in the Community. During times of both joy and sorrow they have been a source of support.



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