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IN MEMORIAM

Nadine Sambrano— Daughter of Esther
 Babb, mother of Greg, niece of James and
 Duda Vernarelli

Frank Callero— Member of pioneer Callero
 Family.

Walter Sigmund— Husband of Emma,
 father of Fred and Suzie, brother of
 Pauline Niemczyk.

Florence and Evan Thomas,— parents of Lois
 Zumek, Grandparents of David and Frank.
 They were the oldest residents of Black
 Diamond. Evan was born here and Florence
 came at an early age. They were married
 just a few days short of 75 years. They
 lived through the historic times of our
 Town. They were ages 97 and 95.

MEMORIALS

Helen Harp— from— Mary Grgurich

Patricia Earley— from— Marian Di
 Pietro

Louis Rosso— from— Banchemo Family, Mary Grgurich

Mary Ungherini— from— Banchemo Family, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Evans

Nadine Sambrano— from— Werna Hawk, Ruby & Ethel Duncan, Carl & Ann Steiert
 Jack, Barbara, and Joe Schemnitzer, Margaret Vernarelli

Frank Callero— from— Victor & Ada Evans, Charles & Irene Thompson,
 Banchemo Family, Carl & Ann Steiert, Rose Guidetti

Walter Sigmund— from— Lynda Maks, Joe & Eileen Zumek, Frank & Helen
 Manowski, and The Lawson Hill Sewing Club.

Evan Thomas— from— Carl & Ann Steiert Tom & Vi Campbell,

Edith Metzler Everett & Olga Swann Elsie Marchetti Gerri Pierce

Joe & Eileen Zumek Lois Zumek Pauline Kombol Jewell McCloud

Jennie Johnson Louis & Rachel Fagnon Frank & Helen Manowski

Florence Thomas— Mr. & Mrs. Everett Swann Louis & Rachel Fagnon

Pat Sternig Carl & Ann Steiert Jennie Johnson Lena Church

Pauline Kombol Frank & Helen Manowski Elsie Marchetti

Joe & Eileen Zumek Brownie Francisco

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Christmas Get-together which will
 be held at the Museum on December 2. Festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. We hope
 that there will be a good turnout of members. The ladies will provide their
 usual Christmas treats. Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2. at 1:00 p.m.


NOTE: Copies of the book "Mining the Memories" are still available. They make
 great Christmas gifts!

"Happy Holidays"

THURSDAY DOINGS

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the worn planks on the platform were going to be replaced. Thanks to the generosity of Bill Bremmeyer, who supplied the planks, the Gang has rebuilt the whole platform. It is really nice. The boards were impregnated with a preservative and should last a long time. The planks are thicker than the old ones. These are 3 inches thick.

The next project on the agenda is the building of more rooms on the back of the building. This will be the last such project possible because there is no more land available. It will be a 16 x 35 addition with two floors. In part of it they hope to be able to setup an audio visual room so that some of the many slides can be shown. Thus far they have been working on the foundation. The Autumn rains haven't done anything to make their work easier! They, also, ran into some very large rocks which had to be removed. They looked like they might have come down in a very early slide. Thanks to the helping hands and equipment of Gary Gomes and Keith Olson using City machines and to Jack Hope using heavy duty machines belonging to Palmer Coking Coal the rocks were taken out. There is much hand digging being done to get the site ready to pour the cement foundation. The excess dirt is being carted off by Brad Anderson to use on his property which is behind the Museum. The men are really getting a work out in all the mud

COOKS 

Once again we would like to applaud the following ladies for bringing lunches to the hard working Thursday Gang. They are:

Marlene BortlesonElsie ParkinJewell McCloudRachel FagnonAnn SteiertRose GuidettiDorothy BottsLucille BarnerNancy Nicholas

The men really appreciate the lunches. Since that is the only compensation they get, it is a small price for a lot of hard work. If anyone would like to help it would be appreciated. Call Rose Guidetti at 886-2858. It is not a hard job.

MUSEUM ATTENDANCE

Once again this year has shown a good attendance through the Museum. Thus far there have been 3183 who signed the register. We are told that only 40% are known to sign. That would make our attendance in the neighborhood of 7950 for the year through October. Throughout the year there are many school groups who attend. The latest was a group of Geology students from Bellevue Community College. Many retirement Homes have us on their list of places to visit. We still have people from all over the Globe visit us.

We want to thank Elaine Griffin for doing a great job of manning the place on weekends. The following persons have been doing it:

Ethel DuncanDonna GauchenourFlorence GarrettVerna ThompsonDonald BottsElaine MeadMerna HawkJewell McCloudDon MasonCarl SteiertClarice HayesMary Lou FlotheMarilyn Pedersenn

There is always a place for more volunteers. Anyone willing to help can call:

Elaine Griffin 886-2663NEW ACQUISITIONS

New things are coming in all the time. The latest are:

Kathleen Mecham _____ An early adding machine

Ren Collecchi

The Masonic Lodge _____ A duplicating machine

5 gal Kerosene can

David Sprakl _____ A \$2.00 bill

Don & Ruth Adcock

Community Center _____ 2 posting Machines

A teacher's desk
from the Cumberland
School

Al Giannotti _____ A miner's lunch box, a scale, a BIG sausage stuffer

EARLY ACTIVITIES

As we talk to people who visit the Museum, we are often asked the question "What did people do for entertainment in the early days before the advent of radio and TV?" This provoked some thought and the following are some of the memories that have been revived.....

One segment of the Community were the people with Church affiliations. The Congregational Church had many members. David Reed was the minister for many years. He was assisted by his brother, John and Rev. Bushell. They had many activities for the youth. There was Sunday School and at special times such as Christmas they would put on programs.

The Presbyterians had a minister named Robinson. They, too, had things involving children. St. Barbara's Catholic Church was being led by the priests from St. Martins' at Lacey, WA. Christmas was always a special time. They had a portion of the Church near the altar made into a hillside depicting the land where Christ was born. It was beautiful. The Bergman Family lived in the Parish House for many years.

The Show Hall was the gathering place for many events. Here different lodges and groups would hold their monthly meetings. They put on plays and sponsored talent shows. Here much amateur talent was displayed...all the way from singing to playing solos on musical instruments. Traveling shows were an attraction.

One man in particular came with his wrestling bear. He was a strong man and performed feats such as breaking big ropes apart with his bare hands. One man in the audience scoffed at his performance and declared that he would perform a greater feat yet. His trick was to blow up an inner tube with his mouth and break the tube. He proved his point.

From time to time a traveling Shooting Gallery would set up shop in the area between the Barber Shop and the Show Hall. Here the sharpshooters in Town would meet to compete. They used a 22 rifle. Figs Minighini and Mr. Bagby, who owned the livery stable, were especially good.

On nice days many people would walk up the track to Franklin. They would take a picnic lunch and spend the day. The track was, also, a favorite stroll for courting couples. Quite often they would be followed by kids wanting to see.

Many people would go to the surrounding lakes to swim and fish. They were so beautiful before the influx of buildings. There was a sense of serenity that has been lost. Lake 12 was a particular favorite. The resort was run by Pete Frederickson, Dr. Mallory, Morg Davies and Mr. Jensen. It had a nice area for swimming and a large water slide.

Sports played a big part in the entertainment of the people. Everyone turned out for the games and cheered their favorites. They played Soccer and Baseball mostly. There was basketball in the schools. For some reason football was never as popular as the rest. The teams were very competitive. They would play the neighboring coal town teams. More often than not the day would wind up with a fight. Fists would fly and the Fans would get into the scene.

Halloween was a very busy time and sometimes very hazardous. The pranks were worse than those played in this day. Outdoor "Facilities" were especially at great risk. They liked to find one with an occupant in it. They would tip it over, door side down scaring the person inside for sure.

The Town had a good Band which gave concerts and won many prizes in the State. Hunting and fishing provided much activity. This is how it was in the days gone by. As the auto came people ranged farther away from Town. The Radio provided entertainment where imaginations could be used. TV robbed us of that.

BLACK DIAMOND TODAY

Black Diamond today is turning into a rapidly growing community. Howard Botts, our Mayor, and his associates at City Hall are constantly faced with making major decisions concerning the rules and regulations governing the growth. Over the past few years there has been a steady number of homes being added. There is a cluster of 30 new homes at the north end of Town called Diamond Glen. There are at least five developers who are proposing to build in the area. The population is now in the neighborhood of 1500 people.

Railroad Ave. is still a busy street. Along with the growth of the Museum the Old Confectionary is now called the Countrycrafts Mall and contains many small shops where beautiful handcrafts are displayed and sold. The Bakery is still going strong. They have added a room which is now a Deli. They sell very good food. Sad to say, the old saloon building still stands empty. Everyone hopes that someone will get it going soon. Brad Anderson has remodeled and rebuilt the old house behind the Depot and made the area into a very nice spot. He makes and sells Hot Tubs. Right next to him Tom Deady has a workshop where he produces beautifully made wooden furniture.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has decided to add more space to their building by extending it toward the back. They had the proposed area dug out with a backhoe. It was a big job since it was dug into the hillside. In the process of digging they exposed a coal seam. It is thought to be part of a large seam called the "Big Dirty" so named because it was of inferior quality.

The Grade School enrollment is growing. This past summer it was necessary to enlarge the multipurpose room and bring in 3 portables in order to take care of all the students.

Right next to the school is the old gymnasium. It is of historic value. It was originally built down at the Mine Eleven yard to serve as barracks for the strike breakers. Later it was moved onto its present site and during the WPA years was worked on and enlarged. Plans are being explored to move the building onto another site and use it for ball games etc. for the kids. In the same area one can visit the beautiful rose gardens which Jewell McCloud and her son, Mike have. When in full bloom, they are a sight to behold. They have over 1000 bushes from all over the world.

For a long time there has been a need for a Community Center. Dorothy Botts and a group of people have been planning ways to get one built. When the First Nat'l Bank of Enumclaw decided to move their branch to Four Corners The Center Board was able to purchase the bank building and convert it into a Community Center. Here both the Seniors and Young People will be able to make good use of it.

A nice addition to the Town has been a group of 31 homes in the area where the old Housing Project was once located. It is called Rainier View. The homes are for senior citizens. It has nicely constructed houses and landscaped yards. It is an asset to the Town.

In Morganville, Mario Sorci who owns Anesthesia Equipment Supply Co has built a large building right across from the Dinner House. It will house various activities relative to his business. It will, also, be the new home of the Black Diamond Library. Until now the Library has been in the City Hall.

The afore mentioned Dinner House is the building which originally was the Gattavara Store. After being a saloon and other businesses, it has been now remodeled into a very nice eating place run by the Donohue Family.

St. Barbara's Catholic Church and the First Presbyterian Church are still located on Lawson Hill. Both Parishes are doing well and flourishing. The

BLACK DIAMOND TODAY Cont'd

Chapelwood Baptist church is located on Highway 169 going north. It, too, has a large congregation.

At the foot of Lawson Hill stands the very busy City Hall. Facing Highway 169 there is a Mini-Mart and the Diamond Auto Parts. Across the street is the B.D. Hair Design, Diamond Auto Rebuild and the Black Diamond Automotive Shop. It is a very busy intersection.

In the spot where the old Masonic Hall stood there is now a new brick building taking its place.

When one goes north on 169 you come to more business buildings. The offices of Lawyer Barry Kombol and Dr. John Loney flank the new Community Center. The Family Grocer which was formerly owned by the Zumek Family is now owned by Fred Fredericksen and Rod Adler. It is a very nice store. Rod and Fred have been very supportive of all Black Diamond activities. Going on you will pass the offices of Palmer Coking Coal Co. Here many important decisions are made by Bill Kombol and his staff. In the background you can see trucks moving from the new John Henry Mine.

Further on and to your left, you will see the Diamond Auto Wrecking yard. Next to it is the famous Meat Market owned by Frank Zumek Jr. Here you can purchase the famous old-fashioned Kolbase and home-cured hams. People come from far and wide to purchase them. They are a credit to the Town.

As you continue on you will pass Boots' Tavern built many years ago by Boots Pierotti. The garage next to it specializes in servicing Nissan cars. Across the street from it is a huge mobile park containing 120 homes. Just beyond it is an Auto Shop and a Sports Shop.

This pretty well paints the picture of Black Diamond as it looks today. There are many new people and a concerted effort is being made to get to know them. It would be great to revive some of the old time togetherness.

TED SAYS

The Thursday lunch sessions would not be the same without a story from story teller Ted Barner. This is one he told.....

"It seems that there were two ministers who died and went to Heaven. To their surprise they were sent by St. Peter to sit with the regular people. Then a taxi driver was admitted through the Pearly Gates and given a real royal treatment. The ministers protested, asking, "why him?" St. Peter said, "Because he scared the HELL out of a lot more people than you two did."

The following was printed in the Enumclaw Courier Herald July 22, 1910:

The waiter who bawls out his order to the cook in the kitchen may soon be as extinct as the dodo; but his cries should live on forever.

"Mutton Broth in a hurry," says the customer:

"Baa-baa in the rain! Make him run!" says the waiter

"Beefsteak and Onions," says a customer

"John Bull! Make him a ginny," shouts the waiter

"Where's my baked potato?" asks a customer.

"Mrs. Murphy in a sealskin coat!" shouts the waiter

"Chicken croquettes." says the customer

"Fowl ball!" shouts the waiter.

"Hash." says a customer

"Gentleman wants to take a chance!" shouts the waiter.

"I'll have hash too," says the next customer.

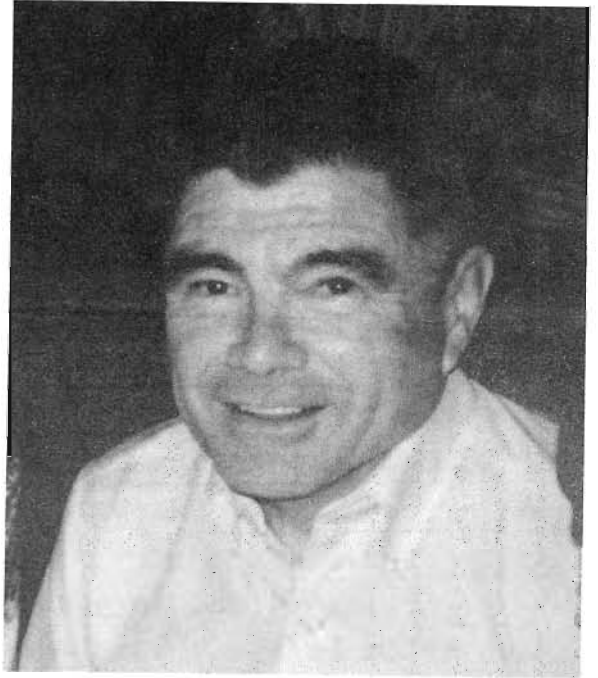
"Another sport." shouts the waiter.

"OUR EVAN"

During the lifetime of most of us we are privileged to become acquainted and work with special people. This has happened to all of us who know and love Evan Morris. He has been a mover and shaker on almost all projects that have taken place in Black Diamond for many years. The whole Historical movement has benefited from his interest and help.

Evan was born into the Jack Morris Family on January 27, 1922 in the Enumclaw Hospital. He attended the Selleck Grade School and graduated from the Enumclaw High School in 1939. He attended Washington State University. When World War Two began he joined the Navy in 1943 and served as a pilot.

He has a brother, Jack and two sisters, Pauline Kombol and Betty Falk. In 1948 he attended a Miners' Picnic which was held each year and always a big event. Here he met and became acquainted with Joan Hope. It was a special day for both of them for they were married shortly after. They became the proud parents of three boys and four girls. Their names are Evan Jr., Clinton, John Anne Marie, Jeanine, Kathleen and Sara. They have two granddaughters, Lauren Landis, daughter of Anne & Tom. and Hailey Thompson, daughter of Kathy & Ron.



During his life Evan has had many responsible positions. He was president of the Pacific Coast Oil Co in Seattle in the 1960's. He belonged to the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce where he served as Vice-President. He served for seventeen years on the King County Housing Authority 1951-1967. He has been a member of the Black Diamond Fire Dept. since 1954 and still serves on it. He has been a Lifetime member of the Black Diamond Labor Day Committee. He was declared "Man of the Year" in 1972. One of the things he helps with is the Sound System which is needed for the announcing that goes on on Labor Day. He, also, has a great selection of music which ranges from the Lawrence Welk days to the modern. He is often called upon to provide music for special occasions in Town. He and his Family now operate the Summit Inn at 4-Corners.

He is charter member of the Black Diamond Historical Society. There have been many occasions where we have been in a bind for something and Evan has been able to help us out. We always enjoy having him come and visit us on working days for he always adds to the spirit of fellowship that the Group enjoys. It is our privilege to be his friends.

CALENDARS

The Historical Society will not be publishing a calendar this year. However David Sprau, a member who is knowledgeable about railroads, is once again publishing his calendar. He gives a percent of his profit. We have them on sale now. They sell for \$6.00. They are a nice calendar.

Thank you Thank You Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make 1990 a very successful year at and around the Museum. It takes many hands to accomplish the many things that have been done. The next year holds promise of being an equally busy one. We invite everyone to come and take an active part.

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