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Frank Stebly Jr. A lifetime resident
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Amelia "Mollie" Maks. Mother of Don and
Betty. Widow of John, a longtime resident
of Black Diamond.

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"MINING THE MEMORIES "



Sales of the book, "Mining the Memories" are somewhat slower than at the very first of it's issue but they are still being sold. The stock on hand is such that the Board discussed it at their recent meeting and decided that it would be the better part of wisdom to order more books. Contact is being made with the publisher now and more should be on their way soon. We're asking all who have not as yet purchased one of these books to consider doing so. You will have a treat in store for you.....

LABOR DAY

Don't forget the Annual Labor Day Celebration. Plans are to have an entry in the Parade again this year. The Museum will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday. We hope to have longer hours on those days. The Labor Day Committee is really planning a lot of festivities for the week-end. There will be a Soapbox Derby on Sunday and a Bed Race. There will be announcing of the special awards and games for the kids. Monday will begin with the Annual Parade and events scheduled all day long. If it follows the pattern of past Celebrations it will be a big day for everyone.

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MUSEUM GOINGS ON

This past month has been a very busy and exciting month at the Museum. In the last week of June, Monica Harte and two other women came out from KIRO Channel 7 Television and did a short segment on the Museum, It was broadcast on July 2 on the show called "Inside Line". It turned out very well and many people have visited the Museum since saying that there is where they first heard of us. Carl is getting a lot of kidding about being a TV Star.

A week later we were visited by Jon Hahn, a writer for the Seattle PI. We had a very nice visit with him, renewing acquaintances since he has been to Black Diamond before. He gave Black Diamond a real shot in the arm with an article in his paper a few days later. It told of the work being done on the Museum and about the people working there. It really brought out the visitors. Visitors since the first of the year number about 4677. Again, they come from all over the world. The publicity which we have been getting has awakened some of the ones in the nearby areas. We certainly thank the News People for their great treatment and consideration in their stories.

We are constantly getting more articles to display. The most recent ones are: Dennis Boxx is a constant contributor. For a long time we have been looking for a scissors phone to put into the Depot Agent's desk. Dennis has been responsible for getting part of it for us. He, also, is responsible for many of the coins and tokens we are showing. His latest are two 50¢ pieces dated 1926 The Racetti Family brought in a beautiful Fur Stole worn in 1906 by their mother. The fur is said to have been caught in the Black Diamond area but they don't seem to know exactly what animal it is from. It is very thick and shiney Syd Niemi niece of Frank Stebly Jr. brought in his School sweater. It will go on display soon.

John Morganti, a former resident and old time Black Diamond citizen has promised to bring out a complete Blacksmith Shop which will go on display in the new basement room. The Crew is very excited about it.

Robert and Katherine Barry of Edmonds are Society members and are also, tool collectors. Thus far they have brought out the following:

1. a beautifully restored miter box patented in 1885.
2. A board of various wrenches mounted for display.
3. Three open end wrenches measuring about 4 ft. long. HUGE
- 4 Cabinet makers wood clamps.
5. Voltage recorder used by Puget Power
- 6, Tools used on wood wire-wrapped pipes.
7. A tool to adjust steam boiler flues.
8. A Pean tool. It was used to pean steam boiler tubes.

Francis Simon. Of Ravensdale Way brought in a very old meter box used in houses.

Progress is being made on the new addition. The foundation is just about ready for the floor construction to begin. They had to shore up and put in many posts where the addition joins the old structure. It won't be long until that work will be finished and they can proceed with work that goes along more rapidly. It is going to be great when completed.

Each Thursday sees a lot of progress made. It is really hard work. The men are doubly appreciative of the nice lunches being supplied by the members. There has been no response to the invitation issued in the last issue. We could use more cooks. It is not a hard job and would be no problem if more would take an interest and help out the program. These men receive no other

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MORE MUSEUM DOINGS

Payment for their hard work and these cooks are saving the Society money. How about it ladies?....Call Rose Guidetti at 886=2858. You will get a kick out of some of the noontime stories that are exchanged.

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT.....

A woman died and went to Heaven. It was more beautiful than she'd ever imagined. She couldn't wait to show it to her husband (when he eventually arrived) because he was an eternal pessimist.

A year later her husband joined her and she took him on a tour.

"The sky, the flowers, the music and the people...Heaven is truly Heaven isn't it? she exclaimed.

He surveyed Paradise briefly, then said, "Surely and if it weren't for you and your doggoned OatBran we'd have been here five years sooner."

COAL MINING

The earliest recorded discovery of coal in Washington was in 1833 when an Englishman from the Hudson Bay Co. described coal outcrops along the bank of the Toutle River near its junction with the Cowlitz River. In 1846 more coal was found in this area, but there was no mining as coal had no value during that early period of Territorial development. The next recorded coal discovery was in 1852 on the shore of Bellingham Bay. Captain William Pattle while inspecting timber in the area, had his attention called to coal outcrops along the shore by local Indians. He and several men working with him, filed a claim and opened a small mine. They removed a small amount of coal thus initiating mining in the Territory. During the next year, 1853, a more ambitious undertaking was started on one of the partner's claims which resulted in a shipment of 150 tons of coal to San Francisco. In the meantime, 2 miles north, a coal seam was exposed as a result of a large tree having blown down during a storm. Bellingham Bay Co. eventually developed the coal reserves. These reserves supported large scale operations until 1955 despite numerous turnovers in names and managements, fires, and other difficulties.

The early settlers of the Territory needed and valued the coal, which was familiar to them. Also, California's population was experiencing a phenomenal growth, and its lack of coal provided an immediate export market on the Pacific Coast during that time. San Francisco was the largest market at that time. Coal deposits of Skagit, King, Pierce and Kittitas Counties were waiting to be discovered. One occurrence after another was found and prospected during the years after the Bellingham discovered. Coal was discovered on the Black River near Renton, and a mine was opened the following year. The coal fields of Issaquah and Newcastle areas of King County and coking coal of the Carbon River and Wilkeson area of Pierce County were discovered a few years later. The coal in the Roslyn area was discovered around 1871 and their production began in 1886. By this time the industry was well-established throughout the coal-bearing regions of the State. Annual coal production grew from 5,000 tons in 1860 to 100,000 tons by 1876. It exceeded a millions tons a year. By 1890 coal ranked second in importance to lumber as an export of Washington.

The Black Diamond Mining Co. began to mine the Green River Coal Fields in 1882 after spending two years prospecting and evaluating the area. Their first

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COAL MINES, Gent'd

mine was Mine 14 named after the land section and located just above Jones Lake in Black Diamond. The Town of Nortonville, California was moved to the area and the population boomed. Great coal production was made during the next few years. About 40,000,000 tons of coal have been mined and it is estimated that only 20% of the coal has been touched.

BLACK DIAMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

The Town of Black Diamond can now boast of a great Community Center. It is located in a large building in the north end of Town which was the former First National Bank Building. It took many years of hard work to obtain the money and get all the necessary paper work attended to. The effort was spear-headed by a very dedicated citizen of Black Diamond, Dorothy Botts. She works with a Board of people who represent both seniors and youth in the Town. Right now there are plans afoot to move the old School Gym from its location in the school yard to a spot on the property right behind the old Hospital. It will serve as a youth center and provide a place for much activity. The old gym has historic value in that it was originally located in the Mine 11 yard during the 1921 strike. It housed the strike breakers. It was later moved to the school yard and saw much use in the intervening years. Everyone is very excited about the move and what it can mean for the kids in Town.

The Community Center is a very busy place. They serve lunches to the Seniors. There are programs for the children and a latch-key program. There have been classes held in oil painting ceramics, drivers education and many special informational programs for all ages are available.

Dorothy and all the people who have worked with her are to be complimented and thanked for their dedication. It is a nice facility of which we can be very proud.

BY ANY OTHER NAME !!!!

In recent converstation with people coming through and to the Museum there has been an interest shown in the colorful nicknames which were used in the early days. For a period of time it was sometimes hard to remember what the person's real name was since the nickname was constantly used. Here are some of the many names;

Frenchy	Big Arturo	Chapa	Shorty	Flick
Scotty	Cougar	Beefsteak	Commanuche	Pug
Boots	Tuffy	Skinny	Teenie	Curley
Beans	Buller	Knobby	Lefty	Flying Frog
Stumps	Husky	Handsome Bill	Bluejay	Sheik
Peanuts	Squirrel Tail	Tots	Winkie	Lump Coal Bill
Moose	Monk	Red	Tug	Bullfrog
Cut	Corpuscles	Molly	Duda	Chick
T.R.	Punky	Goofy	Figs	Deno
Bones	Zuke	Cherry Nose	Strangler	Andy Gump
Catfish	Butch	Fitter	Mouse	Splash
Stiffy	Dutch	Hoss	Rip & Slash	California
Sonny	Two-gun	Cheyenne	Chink	Montana Bill

ROSES, ROSES. EVERYWHERE

Now is the time to visit the McCloud Rose Gardens. Once again Jewell and her son, Mike have a wonderful display of roses. They have nearly 1000 roses in bloom at this time. One has to see the display to appreciate it. Words cannot describe the beauty. Many hours of hard work and attention goes into creating such a lovely display. The Garden is located behind the Grade School. You turn in the road by the Post Office and you can't miss it.

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"Whatever did you do to amuse yourselves in the summer back in the olden days?" This is the question often asked of the "Old Timers" in this area. The question set us thinking about what we did do in the early days. This was before radio and television had taken over the lives of the people. We had many things near us to amuse us. One of the biggest assets were the many lakes and resorts which we could visit.

Lake Twelve was just a few miles out of Town. It was first owned by Pete Frederickson, Dr. Mallory, Mr. Jensen and Morgan Davis. Later Mike Bassinger became part owner and finally sold to John and Verna Thompson. It was once known as Crow Lake..

It had good swimming areas and was used by hundreds of swimmers. There were swimming lessons given to the local children. BoB Campbell was one of the first instructors. There was a huge slide which the swimmers would slide down. There was a dance pavilion. One of the specialties given were square dance lessons. It was a very popular lake. Many people walked up to it. In the summer the kids spent a lot of time there.

The whole area was surrounded by lakes. Right in Black Diamond there was Lake 14. It was a small resort. It was used for swimming and fishing. The resort had a very small structure on it and rumor had it that much activity other than swimming went on there. It was, also, called Jones Lake.

Chub Lake or Black Diamond Lake was a good place to fish. It was located on what is now Abrams Drive. The land on part of the lake today is owned by the Birklid Family. They are raising Llamas.

It was just a short distance to Lake Sawyer. There were two resorts there. One called Paradise and the other Lake Sawyer Grove. It was owned by the Ludy Lochow Family. The fishing was always good and many picnics were held in the resort areas.

Many people went to Green River Gorge for their outings. There was a resort and a dance pavilion there. They would fish and explore the beauty of the Gorge. They would often have a Motorcycle Hill Climb near Franklin. Riders from all over would come and try to climb the old coal dump. It is said that nobody ever made it over the top. Many good meals were served at the resort.

In Black Diamond, also, there was little Mud Lake. It was not a great swimming spot but there were always "varmints" to be caught and studied. It had a lot of frogs etc. In the wintertime it was great for skating.

Venturing further out of town to the north, there was Lake Lucerne. It was mostly a residential area. Right near it was Lake Wilderness. It was a large lake contoured into two sections. One was owned by the Gaffney Family and the other by the McKinneys. Here the fishing was good. There was good swimming and a big dance pavilion on the McKinney side. Here your editor used to play her saxophone in a dance band. We played from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. and were paid \$2.00

Shadow Lake was in that area. It, too, had good fishing and swimming. It had a dance band and each weekend was livened up by Kye Fox and his musicians. Lots of dancing, drinking, some fights and fun.

Lake Retreat was a little beyond Ravensdale. It, too, had a place to fish and swim. For a while there were, also, dances. The Black Diamond Old Timers Picnic was held there for many years.

See You Labor Day

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SUMMER TIME (Cont'd)

There were many lakes in the area. There was a Ravensdale Lake. There was Ginder Lake which was located on property owned by a homesteader family named Ginder. To the east of Black Diamond there was Deep Lake. It was known for it's good dances on Saturday night. It was of much interest to people because there was much discussion as to whether it was bottomless.

If one was not inclined to go to a lake they could walk up the track to Franklin. It was a favorite stroll for many people, especially courting couples. Some of the kids would follow the couples and make a nuisance of themselves. The walk was great because there was so much natural beauty around.

For the grown-ups there were many places to spend Saturday night. The largest dances were held at Krain, The Masonic Hall in Black Diamond and the Morganville Hall. There was even a Finnish Hall on Lawson Hill. Each Hall had its following. Here people danced and mingled. Occasionally there would be a fight on the outside for added excitement. There was always a good crowd.

The Town always ^{had} something going on for the people. Many plays were acted on the stage of the old Show Hall. Lodges and other organizations often put on shows. The Black Diamond Band, also, was a source of entertainment. They would often put on concerts at the Ball Park. Frank Carroll was their leader. They took many prizes in State Competitions.

These lovely lakes provided much interest and amusement for all the people in Town. The children were good at creating their own amusements. Almost every night when the weather permitted the different neighborhoods would have their kids out in the alley playing games such as "Run, Sheep, Run , Kick the Can Hide and go Seek and Tag". The ball park was a popular spot in those days much as it is today. There Baseball and Soccer were played. There were times when a boxing ring was set up and amateur events called, "Smokers" were held.

In retrospect the "Good Old Days" were just that. It gives one pause to think whether some of the modern inventions such as TV, Nintendo and VCR are such wonderful inventions after all. Way back then, the children had to use their own ingenuity to keep themselves amused. Those were the days.....

BULK...The Goddess of Overeating

John L. Anderson wrote a book called, "German Humor or On the Fritz". It is a very funny book. It is a book about all the things Germans are credited with.

Germans believe in solid food! Food with substance! Food with fiber! Food with corners! Food that puts some meat on your bones and meat on your meat.

None of this food as visual art stuff! A delicate translucent broth means that someone let the chicken escape. A lone asparagus spear on the side of the plate means you forgot the red cabbage.

German children think of food as their Duty to their mothers. A duty is something one does gladly to keep all hell from breaking loose in the house. German mothers give up good jobs downtown to stay home and prepare "proper" meals. Out of Dutiful gratitude for concern for their well-being German kids eat like Banshees.

German business people are often reluctant to attend business lunches. Raised in the cult of BULK they fear that they may lose control in the presence of beefsteak. That sort of enthusiasm might unnerve a new client particularly a Californian deeply into Tofu and Bean Sprouts.

High School hot lunches and restaurants that consider sauerkraut a vegetable are holy in the cult of BULK.

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