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Spaight, longtime area resident.
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Black Diamond Grade School

MEMORIALS

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Andrew Beneditti - Everett & Olga
Swann, Mrs. Charles Kravagna
George Hazen Joe & Eileen Zumek

MUSEUM ATTENDANCE

Museum attendance has been very good so far this year. It is remarkable how many areas are represented when you look through the guest register. One day recently, on a Thursday, we had nine states and a couple overseas visiting us. Charles Corlett has had many chances to display his fine display showing the mining town and mine car going down the slope. Carl has shown the slide show to several groups. They all seem to enjoy what they see and are most appreciative. The latest count is 7965. We know that that is conservative...many don't counted.

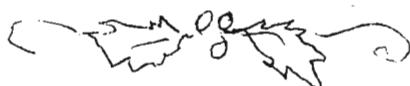
"CHRISTMAS PARTY"

The annual Christmas party will be held on December 6, at the Museum at 1:00 p.m.. Everyone is invited to attend. We are hoping that there will be a good attendance. Bring a friend with you. Let's make it a super Party!!!!

" THE WAY IT WAS"

Christmas was always such a time we looked forward to when we were kids. There were no sales lots full of trees on the corner. We went out and cut our own. All the churchs would have special services for their members. At St. Barbara's Catholic Church the men would get together and create a lovely Nativity Scene on one portion of the Altar. It depicted a whole hillside with the important figures down in the foreground complete with the crib and animals. After the religious observances were over the Show Hall was the point of interest. There was always a program and treats for the kids. We didn't have all the sophisticated and very expensive things that we have now and learn about through TV but we really did treasure the things which were given to us. It is pretty well agreed that most of us were from families that did not have much money to spend but we were all in the same boat....poor but we didn't know it. That was a real equalizer and we all survived!!

WE HOPE THAT THE COMING HOLIDAYS WILL BE THE VERY BEST EVER!!
HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



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"THURSDAY DOINGS"

The construction work on the two new rooms is completed. There is a bit of finishing to do . Decisions are being made on how to display different items. These are jobs that take time and thought. The steps outside have begun to show wear from the many persons who have used them during the past 15 years. One step was rebuilt and the other repaired. Bob Burdic has been wielding the yellow paint brush to call attention to possible "stumble spots" because we do have quite a few elderly people and we want to make it as safe as possible.

For quite a while we have felt the need to replace the door coming off the deck into the meeting room area. It was very old and let in a lot of cold air. The men have been working on it now. Because of the building being so out of shape it has taken a lot of fitting and adjusting to get it to look right. It is looking very good right now. It is a wide door so that people in wheelchairs can easily use it. There will be a ramp built ,also.

The Society can be very proud of these dedicated men who have been working so hard. Bob Eaton has been kept very busy being Society President and then being a "Gofer" for the workers. Each man has been putting in a long day and each has a specialty that he does best. They work very well together. Don Botts, Joe Kuzaro, Phil Werle, Gerald Bainton, Martin Moore, Bob Burdic, Carl Steiert and Charles Corlett make up the usual crew. We will be missing Joe Kuzaro who has flown the Coop and gone to Arizona for a while.

The men always kid about waiting for their lunch since that is the only pay that they receive. Once in a while someone will have a small problem or comes late etc. They always kid about "docking" them some food at noon. We have yet to hear a complaint about what they get.

The ladies who provide the lunch have been coming through in a great way. Rose Guidetti has been doing a good job in filling each Thursday. In real fairness to the good ladies who have been keeping the problem going it is time that some of the other local members participate in the program. Although we were kidding in the words above it is true that this is the only pay that the men do get and they have saved us a lot of money by donating their time. It really is not fair for a few ladies to bear the whole burden of making the lunches. Please , think about it and give Rose a call at 886-2858. Rachel Fagnon has been bringing lunch each week since the program began about 12 years ago. She and her husband Lou drove over from Normandy Park each second Thurs. Due to illness in her family she will no longer be able to do it. We want to thank her very much for her years of dedication.

Ladies who served since the last Newsletter are: Hazel Werle, Puyallup, Jewel McCloud, Marlene Bortleson, Jill Sena, Rose Guidetti, Elsie Parkin, Linda Maks, Elsie Parkin and Rachel Fagnon.

" GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY "

The Society recently received a donation of \$100.00 from James Fagnon of Enumclaw. It was in honor of his parents' Golden Anniversary. Congratulations to Lou and Rachel Fagnon. Our Best Wishes go out to both of you.

 "HELP NEEDED" 

In an earlier issue we put out the call for people to help with the work of "sitting" the Museum on weekends. With the new additions the place is just too big for one person to keep an eye on everything. So far we have had only two persons who responded...Carl and Betty Falk. Don Botts is in charge of getting people to serve. As it is now Don and Carl Steiert have been filling in. It consists of giving three hours once a month. Please, let us hear from you.....

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"THE BAKERY"

The following is taken from "Mining the Memories" Victor Evans childhood recollections.....

Victor Evans: I was born in Black Diamond in 1916. Its kind of unusual. I was born in the bakery where my father was a baker. Being a twinm they thought I was rather puny although I weighed five pounds. To keep me warm --there were no incubators available--they laid me down near the baking oven. That old baking oven served as my incubator. I used to crawl around picking up raisins that fell on the floor.

My twin brother, Vincent, and I were one of the attractions at the Bakery. There was another set of twins born in Black Diamond fairly close to when we were born, but they were not identical twins. It used to keep my mother busy keeping us dressed up and all in shape for all the people coming in to see us. She said it was a real headache. We were on display all the time. People used to come in to see us and then buy their goods. We were kind of an advertisement. I can remember ever since I was a baby that I was always more or less on exhibition. It gave me a particular part in my personality where I tended to avoid new people because I tended to avoid being looked at.

My father came to Black Diamond in 1910. My mother worked at the Bakery so she had a lot of contact with my father. They were married in 1913. They didn't have any children until 1916. In Black Diamond that was unheard of. Where were the children? It got to be sort of embarrassing. Well it made up for it when the twins came along!

The Bakery was owned by the Lapham Brothers at the time that my father was there. My father had been working in Seattle and there was a job advertized for a baker in Black Diamond. He had worked in some large bakeries in San Francisco and was there during the earthquake. He became interested to find out what was to be found in a mining town. So he came to Black Diamond.

The oven was the same one presently found in the bakery. Pop used to say there was a regular baking routine. He'd fire the oven about 4 o'clock in the morning. Then after the fire had burned down he'd sort of rake it to the side. The fire in there would heat the bricks. The heated bricks did the actual baking. My father could put his hand in an oven and tell when the temperature was about right. The bread would bake first. Then the pies and then the cakes and cookies came last. Gradually the oven would tend to cool down.

He did all the main part of the baking. My mother used to help with some of the chores and with lot of the details like icing the cakes. My Aunt Mary Minaglia used to help when my mother was not available.

Pop used to produce several hundred loaves each day by hand. He had an unusual technique for molding the bread into loaves. In the old days most baker would take a chunk of dough and use both hands to mold it. Pop could mold two loaves at a time, one in each hand. He was quite strong.

Pop told a story about when the first cake mixers came out. A salesman came to demonstrate. Evidently the fellow wasn't sure about the speed and strength of the machine and turned it on. Pop says." Here comes this cake batter all over the bakery. The fellow had set it on High Speed." This set pop laughing. They didn't buy one of the mixers--at least while pop was there.

Lapham did the delivering. They owned the place but were not bakers.

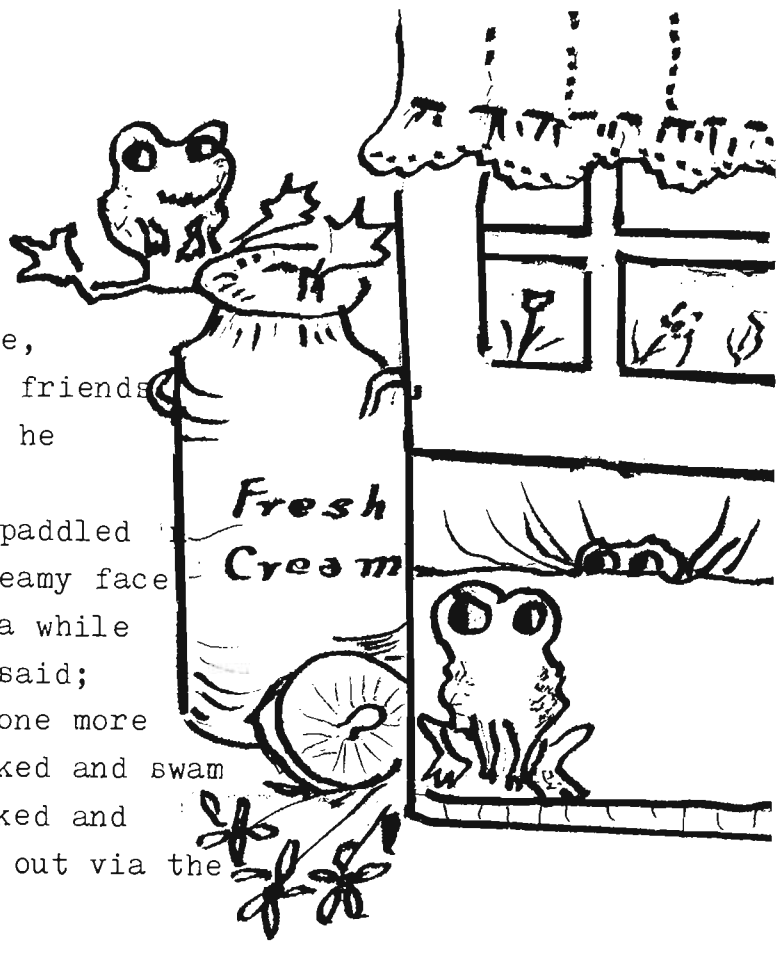
They used to deliver in Enumclaw and Buckley. Some went to Ravensdale. There were a couple of Boarding Houses in Black Diamond who used a lot of their bread.



Nov 1992 "THE TWO FROGS"

Two frogs fell into a can of cream or so I've heard it told; The sides of the can were shiny and steep. The cream was deep and cold. "Oh! what's the use? croaked Number One, 'Tis fate no help's around. Goodbye, my friends Goodbye, Sad World." and weeping still he drowned.

But Number Two, of sterner stuff. Dog-paddled in surprise. The while he wiped his creamy face and dried his creamy eyes. "I'll swim a while at least," he said or so I've heard he said; "It really wouldn't help the world if one more frog were dead." An hour or two he kicked and swam Not once he stopped to mutter. But kicked and kicked and swam and kicked, then hopped out via the BUTTER!!!!



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

The sales of the book "Mining the Memories" have continued all during the year. Some of our biggest outlets have been The Family Grocer and the Summit Inn. We want to Thank Fred Fredericson and Evan Morris for their help. We hope that members will keep them in mind for Christmas. We have heard nothing but good reports when they are sold. Many people have come back for seconds and thirds. Another item we have for sale:

We now have a T-Shirt with the Society's Logo on it. They are a good quality white cotton with a black design. They are selling for kids \$8.00 Adults \$12 Sizes run from small thru extra large adult. They look very nice. You might keep it in mind as a Christmas gift.

"THANKS THANKS THANKS"


A big thank you goes to Regina Whitehill for having some photos enlarged and donating them to the Museum. We will soon be putting together pictures on the new Multiplex which has been donated to the Museum by Dwight Garrett. He also, has given us another showcase.

Robert Barry and his wife Katherine come clear from Edmonds to visit us and to bring more for our collection. Bob has many items which he has been collecting over the years. Each time he comes he brings something for us. This time it was a Milk-Cooler. We thank him for thinking of the Museum.

We were recently given a very old homemade machinist's lathe. It came from the Renton Historical Society. Our thanks to them too.

Gale Kuzaro brought in a very nice, old baby crib. It will be on display soon. She, also, brought in two lovely evening dresses which had belonged to the McDowell Family. We are very eager to get them on display but are hampered by the scarcity of manequins. If anyone knows a source we would appreciate being told about it.

Our special thanks go out to everyone who has been thoughtful in bringing these items to us. We really appreciate it.


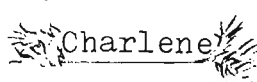
 See You December 6

One thing that we are constantly reminded of is how vry beautiful the countryside was when the first settlers came to the area. The abundant rivers and lakes were such a far cry from the arid California landscape. One of the places on the map is a small lake called Black Diamond Lake. It is better known as Chub Lake.

We have no records which show or who first settled around the lake. The farthest back is that the first family was named Arbams. They lived there for many years. They later sold to a family named Sharlock. The Sharlocks lived there for a while ~~Then~~ Mr. Sharlock died. His widow later married a man named Adolph Jazbec. They lived in a large house built by Cornell Manowski. It caught afire and burned. A fire truck on its way to help crossed an old wood bridge and sunk down. It was no help for the house burned down.

The property and the Lake are now owned by James and Charlene Birklid. The have done much to beautify the whole area. They both work at Boeing. One thing that they do and enjoy is raise LLamas. all of us are learning much about the stately animals.

They keep very busy. Not only do they work at home but they contribute much to the Community. Charlene has been a moving force in the Town's annual Labor Day Celebrations. They are a very much appreciated addition to Black Diamond.

Jim  Charlene 



Four ages of man

1. When you believe in Santa Claus.
2. When you don't.
3. When you are Santa Claus
4. When you look like Santa Claus.

Happiness

Happiness is like perfume. You can't give it away without getting a little on yourself.



" BURMA SHAVE"

The first Burma Shave signs appeared along the roads in early 1935. They were the inspiration of the Odell Family. Leonard and Clifford Odell had noticed that the ads then were not flattering to people. They inferred that people were either smelling bad , had cracked toes , Advertisers from Fleischman's Yeast to Feenamant were preaching the doctrine that infrequent and faulty bowel movements were both a national disgrace and a grievous personal failure. The Odells had a sense of humor and decided to change that trend. One of their first billboards read: He played the sax/ Had no B.O./ But his whiskers scratched/ So she let him go. Soon the idea expanded and they were the delight of motorists for many years.

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We hate to lose a customer
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Early to bed, early to rise

was meant for those old fashioned guys
Who don't use
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This will never come to pass
Aback seat driver out of gas.
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"A FIERY TOPIC"

For the past several months the subject of arson and fires being set has dominated many Newscasts. Reading and hearing all these reports has made us think about how fire protection came to be in our Town.

When the Town was first started there was a great hazard from fires for the homes were all heated by stoves and fireplaces. There was no water system as we know it now. It was quite a while before there were hydrants and trucks.

The first place to have water was at Mine 14. There was a pump there. It had water which was pumped from Mud Lake. When the alarm sounded the men had to run to the mine and turn the water on. Gradually there ^{were} hose carts placed in spots around Town. They had hoses on them and were housed in small sheds. The men would run to them and pull them to the nearest hydrant. In winter these were very unreliable because the Lake would often freeze as would the hoses. Fire warnings would sound from the Mine Whistle. Later the alarm whistle was placed on the building that is now the Country Craft Mall. The first real firetruck was purchased in 1947. Since there was no building to house it, it was stored in the Diamond Garage's empty building on Railroad Ave. Part of the building was where the Saloon's new Eatery is now. There was, also, a truck called a Cosmopolitan which was donated to the Town by Dwight Garrett. Later a Fire Station was built where it now stands. That was the former site of the first church in Black Diamond. It was Congregational. Other denominations used it too.

The first Fire Chief was Tom Zumek. Frank Zumek was, also, chief for a while. Others who served as chief over the years were: Kieth Timm, Ronald Poleski, Charles Capponi. The present chief is John Bukosky. Over a period of time many buildings have been burned. One of the earliest was the Company Store which sat in the area near the Bakery. It was a big fire. We are told that the train in the tracks in front of it was used to pull the building down so as to not spread the fire to other buildings.

In 1912 there were several buildings across the street from the Depot where the Eagles now have property. They caught fire and burned in 1913. They included a Meat Market, Two hotels and a small bakery. The Pacific Coast Coal Co. Later built a large hotel there in 1918. It had 67 rooms.

One of the problems that the volunteer fire fighters had was that most of them worked out of Town during the day. There were not enough men to cover. Carl Steiert remembers when a fire was reported in Morgansville. It was a grass fire. He was the only fireman in Town. Jim Manowski, a young boy at the time, hopped onto the Firetruck and went along. They put the fire out.

The Fire Department has 2 trucks, a Rescue Truck. These are supplemented by a Station near Lake Sawyer. As many as 80% of their calls are Aid Calls.

The Fireman add to their funds by selling a good licorice candy. It looks like coal and is really good. Visitors at the Museum get a kick out of it and often buy some to take "home". There is a replica of the early hose cart at the Museum. There are plans to mount the early siren at the Museum also.

A much used and requested recipe:

Betty Crocker Cake Mix Cookies

Ingredients: 1 pkg. favorite flavor
 cake mix
 2/3 cup oil
 2 eggs

Put 1/2 pkg mix into processor or mixer. Beat well and add remainder of cake mix
Bake 350 oven about 12 min. Makes about 30 cookies. All mixes are good. Add nuts, raisins, chocolate chips or any other favorite goodie. A bit of cloves in chocolate is good.

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