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IN MEMORIAM

Harry Hammond, former Black Diamond resident.

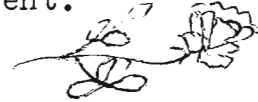
Elizabeth Johnson, Society member, San Leandro, CA.

Ardis Lessard (Botts) sister of Paul, Donald, Muriel and Beth.

Mabel King, longtime Black Diamond resident

Gerald Lombardini, son of Livia Lombardini,

Agnes Moulden, long time area resident.



MEMORIALS

Enis Remolif from: Frank & Fran Potochnik

Elsie Shay from: The Thursday Gang.

Gerald Lombardini from: Esther Babb.

Larry Fontana Family, Ann Donati

Gino and Ruth Picini

Agnes Moulden from Palmer Coking Coal Co.

Jack Truman from: Mary Elder.

Elizabeth Johnson from: Elinor Sabine

Ardis Botts Lessard

Emery Lessard, Donald Botts

Beth Van Buskirk, Carl & Ann

Steiert, Olga & Everett Swann

NEIGHBOR DAY

The October 3rd Neighbor Day celebration was a really successful Day. Many people came and visited and exchanged memories. One can't begin to name all the "Old-Timers" who attended. We had hoped to lure some of the new folks in Town so they could meet and hear the stories of those who have lived here before. Perhaps in the future we will be able to do it again. To those who did attend.....Thank you for coming....The door is open all the time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party will be held on December 5, at 1:00 p.m. We hope that there will be as good an attendance as there was on Oct. 3. We are looking forward to a great crowd. We can all share our memories of the good old days. We will be having hot Cider and all the usual Christmas Goodies.

Merry Christmas

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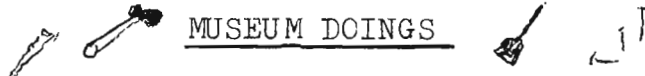
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LABOR DAY RAFFLE

We were very grateful for the good response that was shown by all members to the raffle. After all the responses were in the total intake was
The following persons were winners:

The quilt was won by Bernice Brunell, Kent. The Painting went to Ruby Duncan. The other prizes went to: Rose Guidetti, Grant Griffin, Jackie Cedarholm, Marlene Bortleson and Mary Chilcott. Total proceeds were \$1265.00

Many people sent extra donations over and above the ticket book cost. One member from Enumclaw who asked to be anonymous sent in \$250.00, Generous donations have been made by: Esther VanDer Heyden, Archie Morgan. The Puget Sound Power and Light Co. sent us a check.

Thanks to all of you who supported this effort. It is really appreciated.



Once again the Thursday Crew has had a busy month. We are at the stage where much work is being done without it being a showy situation. First of all the men built a new wall and footing for the northwest end of the building. It took a lot of digging and cement work but it now puts the whole building on a new and solid foundation. Bob Burdick has been a busy man with the paint brush. They rebuilt one of the baggage carts which had had much bad lumber in it. Bob painted both carts a bright green. They built a display table to be used downstairs. Much of the machinery items are having stands built in order to display them best. They seem to find things to do all the time.

Pres. Robert Eaton has been absent while he takes a two week vacation. He and his family have been touring the South Seas.

There is being a good Burglar and fire Alarm system installed. It is one which should protect us from many dangerous situations. It is being installed by Auburn Security Systems by Ray Erven.

Attendance



Once again we are having a very busy year. Since January we have had 7800 in attendance. There are many groups of children from schools, many retirement homes and Church groups. There are people from all over the world on the guest register. We recently had visitors from:

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| <u>Amsterdam, Holland</u> | <u>Indeo, CA</u> | <u>Colorado Springs, CO</u> | <u>Arkansas</u> |
| <u>Ladysmith, B.C.</u> | <u>Medford, OR</u> | <u>Hastings, Minn</u> | <u>Argentina</u> |
| <u>New Mexico,</u> | <u>Florida</u> | <u>Norway,</u> | <u>Hawaii</u> |

Carl is getting many requests to come to some of the schools and show the slide show and talk to them about the "Early Days." He recently showed the show at a Maple Valley Historical Society meeting.

Charles Corlett and his Mining Town Exhibit are always a big hit with the visitors. Carl has learned to run it, also. Between the two of them they really put on a good show and sometimes ham it up!!

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Railroad Avenue has been a big part of Black Diamond's early history for a long time. Right now the building which has in the past few years been known as the "Countrycraft Mall," has been sold by Elaine Griffin. It's new owners are Dan and Denise Drillewich. It is now known as Black Diamond Antique Building. They have put in beautiful glass windows with stained glass designs. They look great. Inside you will find many interesting things.

This building has a long history of businesses which were in it. The very first building was somewhat smaller and was the first Post Office Building in Town. Up until then the mail was gotten from the Store which occupied the now Saloon building. The original building was built in 1910. Koerner's Drug Store occupied it for several years. The First Bank in Town was in there. Later Alice Davies had a Confectionary in there and gave many pleasant memories for the children to remember. It housed a couple small stores after she left. Les and Elaine Griffin bought it and had an Art Gallery for a while. It was then turned into a Mall where several persons had booths and sold a big variety of hand crafts. Now it is a Antique Building. It is well worth seeing.

That short stretch of street housed several other buildings. Right next to the just mentioned building was the home of Fred Garrett. They were the grandparents of Dave and Dwight Garrett. Dwight was born in that house. They later moved over into the Wabash area.

Next to the Garretts there was a building which housed the Barber Shop. They had good barbers and did a lot of shaving and beard trimming. When there were special events such as boxing at the Theatre the men would often change their clothes at the Barber shop. Carl Steiert remembers shining shoes for a small pittance. He had to sweep up the hair and keep the hot water going for the rent of his shoeshine chair.

The Star building of that street was the ShowHall. It was first a Town Hall and as time went on it was enlarged and many events were held there. Before the movies different organizations would put on Plays, musical events, and different contests. There was a lot of music in Town in those days and people who played in the bands would give solo performances. Later they had young boys Boxing matches. In the very early days they would use the floor for roller skating by moving the benches out of the way. Later when the movies came they built a slope to the floor so that the seats were elevated. When the movies were being shown there was always a full house. Tickets hovered around 25¢ and sometimes a dime. It was a very special place for everyone.

Most of us working on Railroad Ave. now wish that we had had the foresight to have saved the building.

Railroad Avenue is showing a lot of spark compared to past 20 years. Dan and Denise have done a great job on the Antique Building. The Baker Doug Weiding is adding to the original building by building some new buildings between the Bakery and the Barbershop. The Saloon is open now and progressing. The Eagles' Hall and the Museum are always busy.



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COAL TODAY

The following article is taken from a book called "Facts About Coal" It is printed by the National Coal Association, Washington D.C.:

The increasing substitution of coal for oil as a generating fuel by Utilities, as well as the use of coal generation to meet new demand, has benefitted a series of separate economic inputs, which together contribute to sustained longterm GNP growth.

Consequently, while the economy has grown in real terms by 51 percent since the early "70s, domestic coal use has risen by 81 percent over the same period.

Additionally greater coal use has had a profound impact on America's energy security. The 130 percent rise since 1971 is equivalent to 3.1 million barrels of imported oil daily.

Overall, U.S. used 888 million tons of coal in 1991, with utilities accounting for 87 percent the industrial/retail market for 9 percent, and the remaining 4 percent, going toward the manufacture of iron and steel. When exports are added to domestic consumption, the total demand for American coal for the year was 997 million tons.

Coal is used in some form in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Four states — Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana are the largest individual coal consumers.

Beyond its importance as a major source of energy, Coal use also results in a variety of positive economic impacts throughout the economy, including the creation of jobs and production of revenues in the mining, transportation and support industries. According to a 1990 study by Pennsylvania State Univ. economists. When exports are added to domestic consumption, the total demand for American coal for the year was 997 million tons.

In the 1990's coal use has almost become synonymous with the generation of electricity. Today eight out of every 10 tons of coal consumed in the U.S. is used by an electric power plant. Coal's share of total electric generation has increased from 51 percent in 1980 to about 55 percent at present. Utility coal use has risen by 36 percent over the last decade.

While the relationship between coal and the electric utility industry can be traced back to the first practical electrical generation stations a century ago, the bond has considerably strengthened since the 1970s due to rising oil and natural gas prices and unstable supplies and slowdown in the development of nuclear power.

For coal, this same period has been marked by substantially higher productivity, improved labor relations and a net decline in real prices. By steadily increasing the use of coal, utilities have been assured of a stable supply of energy at reasonable cost, benefits which are eventually felt throughout the economy.

Did you know?.....

Coal provides about 60 percent of the total amount of electricity used in the United States today.

Coal mining is one of America's great basic industries providing \$21 billion annually in direct economic impact.

Coal is actually "buried sunshine" because it originated from prehistoric plants that lived some 300 million years ago.

In 1990 the U.S. mined and consumed over 1 billion tons of coal for the first time.

Coal provides employment for about 130,000 miners directly and a total of 1.1 million workers throughout the economy.

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The following article was taken from an account in the Renton Chronicle:

The early history of mining was laced with violence and there are many stories told of long crippling strikes and frequent labor troubles.

The Chinese, who worked the Renton Mines first, suffered racial discrimination throughout King County at various times.

In 1885 by common consent of labor leaders, they were driven from the Newcastle, Black Diamond and Renton mines, and from industries in Tacoma.

There was much bloodshed and more than a few killings, but the few lawmen of the day condemned the labor leaders actions.

One of the longer strikes on record occurred in Renton and lasted three years.

Strike breakers were brought in to work the mines and the miners themselves subsisted on charity and sometimes on the fruits of the small farms many of them owned.

But ill feelings between the miners and the strike breakers often ran high, and when there was gun play, the ill feelings were carried as a grudge for years.

One story of an incident that occurred in a strike at Franklin was told. Fighting had broken out between the miners and the imported strike-breakers. The wife of one of the miners heard news that a neighbor of hers, Mrs. Jones had been shot in the head by a strike-breaker. When the woman's husband came home, he found his wife kneeling on the floor with her head stuck in the oven. In her simplicity, she told him that whatever happened she wasn't going to be shot in the head like Mrs. Jones had been.

Franklin was destined to have problems with its mines. There were strikes and then disaster in the mines. In 1894 there was a disastrous fire which killed 37 men. Headlines in the Seattle paper were very descriptive:

The headlines read, "Death at Franklin," and the first paragraph said, Death silent and terrible visited the little mining town of Franklin yesterday and 37 stalwart miners were cut off in a moment's notice and scarcely without warning. Black Damp, like the demon of destruction it was, engulfed them while they were vainly striving and struggling to reach fresh air of Heaven outside.

The account tells how a fire started in "breast No 62" on the north side of level six. How a ventilating fan was shut off by mistake and a door at the bottom of the shaft left open, so smoke and black Damp reached the miners on their way out.

"CHOO CHOO TRAIN" S A "COMIN"

If you happen to be on Railroad Ave. and hear the sound of a train coming into the Station you will get the feeling that was around in the "Good old Days" when the trains did come in. Charles Corlett has made a sound track of a train on the rails and blowing its whistle. It is very realistic. Thanks Charlie, it's really great.

FRANKLIN

On Friday Oct 29 we had a tour of Jr. High students from Cedar Heights School. They are doing an indepth study of Franklin. At the same time we had a group of Senior Citizens from Seattle visiting. One of the men in the tour had been born in Franklin and had a wealth of knowledge about the area. His name is David L. Davis. It was a perfect timing and he really did a good job of talking to the students. It was a very successful day. We had 85 people come through the Museum.

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Dues are due - Have you paid yours?

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THE GREAT SOCIETY

The following was donated by a disgruntled Politician:

Father, must I work to eat? Oh!No! my lucky son.

We're living now on Easy Street, with dough from Washington.

"We've left it up to Uncle Sam. Now don't get exercised, nobody has to give a damn, We've all been subsidized.

"If Uncle Sam treats all so well and feeds us milk and honey, Please tell me, Daddy, where the heck he's going to get the money?"

"Don't worry, Son, there ain't a hitch in this here noble plan: he simply soaks the filthy rich and helps the common man.

"But, Daddy won't there come a time if we take all their cash, when they'll be left without a dime and things will go to smash?"

"My faith in you is shrinking, Son, you nosey little brat."

*You do too damn much thinking boy, to be a Democrat."

NINETEEN NINETY THREE

It is hard to believe that the year 1993 has just about gone and we are on the threshold of a New Year once again. We feel that much has been done on the Museum project and we have many persons to thank for the success.

We want to thank all of the people who have given their time to keep the place open. Donald Botts has been chairman in charge of getting people. Some of his helpers have been:

Donna Gouchenour
Mary Chilcott
Verna Thompson
Carl Steiert

Ethel Duncan
Don Mason
Teri Majowski
Paul Botts

Florence Garrett
Phil Werle
Charles & Dorothy Corlett
Charles & Betty Falk

Rose Guidetti has been in charge of getting cooks for the Thursday lunches and has been doing a good job. The following ladies have responded:

Vivian Bainton
Hazel Werle
Jewell McCloud

Linda Maks
Jill Sena
Evelyn Dal Santo

Elsie Parkin
Marlene Bortleson
Rose Guidetti

Cindy Jarvis

Bob Eaton deserves a word of thanks ,also. Not only is he the President of the Society but he spends much time and money seeing that the working Crew has supplies and things to work with on the many jobs that they have done. He has attended many meetings and kept us in touch with other organizations. On a good Thursday the following can be seen working:

Robert Eaton
Don Botts
Charles Corlett

Martin Moore
Robert Burdic

Carl Steiert
Joe Kuzaro

Daryl Bainton
Ted Barner

We hope that the New Year will be as successful as this one has been. We would like to see more members take part in activities even if it is just to do a short visit and encourage the rest of the gang.

We want to thank Matthew Jarvis, our Thursday Vacuum Boy. He is doing a good job. He is learning to do other jobs too.

A note from the Editor:

It has been 15 yrs. since I did my first issue of the Newsletter. It was in December of 1978. Since then there has been much ground covered. I am finding it harder with each issue to keep from repeating myself. I would like to find someone who would like to take over the job. I would be willing to work with anyone interested. It has be^en suggested that we publish just twice a year and perhaps add a page or two. It would help a lot if members would make suggestions as to what they want to read about. I hope if anyone has ideas on this subject you will let me know.

Thanks to all of you....

Don Steiert

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