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In Memorium

Thomas Albert Garrett father of Delbert

Bernice Barnes wife of Henry

Helen Plass Long time Black Diamond resident

Frederick Davies Born in Black Diamond

Ellen Helena Barkell Delamoy Born in Black Diamond

Elizabeth Jasso Parkerson Long time Cumberland resident

Memorials

Albert Garrett

Delbert Garrett

Ray Bisyack

Elsie Marchetti, Chick & Irene Thompson

Edwin Metzler

Clara Hudson Murphy

Memorials

Contributions

Bill Bremmeyer, Muriel Waldo, and Eva Litras all contributed in the names of Ann & Carl Steiert in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Labor Day and the big celebration is just around the corner. We need your ideas and help are needed NOW. Contact Bob or Ann if you have anything to offer. Or show up Tuesday August 29th at 7 P.M. at the museum. Looking forward to seeing you there!!!!

I am still looking for article, stories and such to share in the newsletter. Give us a call or write to us. I do have two people to contact from the last edition and I have not forgotten them, I will be in touch soon.

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Family History:

The following is a letter which we recently received in response to our request for information from our members on their families.

Our many thanks to Irene Thompson for her contribution.

It was snowing March 3rd, 1918 when Harry & Elsie came to Black Diamond from Buckley, they moved in one truck and a horse drawn buggy and 5 kids Bill, John, Clara, Vi, and Chas (Chick). Elsie was born later in 1920.

Harry had been working in Buckley on a farm for \$50.00 a month and a house.

In Black Diamond he had a job cutting props for the mines, also working his teams on the Company roads for \$8.00 a day, \$4.00 for him and \$2.00 each horse. That was big money!

He also cut and hauled wood to the bakery for \$4.00 a cord with the help of the boys. Every year he would raise two pigs, one for lard and one for hams and fresh meat.

Frank Macray lived at the big hotel (the Eagle Hall is there now). Frank was there with his cup, he caught a cup full of blood and drank it. Gramp would say he didn't know who he stuck, Frank or the pig.

In 1919 he bought the livery stable (That was down behind the Historical Society). There were five horses; lumber, a horse, a classy buggy and five horses for \$1,000. He did use the horse as there was an undertaker in town.

Later on he and the boys (Bill, John, and Chick) hauled coal to the miner's homes, shoveling all on and off the truck. 80 pounds per shovel made one ton. One ton was 2,000 pounds. One shovel filled a coal shuttle for the house.

Almost every one in town had cows. We had open range, but there were no black berries in town like now. But you sure had to watch where you walked!

Grandpa loved sports, he watched every soccer and baseball game he could.

Only Chick and Elsie Marchetti are still living.

Harry died Sept. 22, 1944 at the age of 72.
Elsie died Dec. 22, 1963 age 81.

Mr. Thompson was my father-in-law And my best friend.

Irene T.

Hope you enjoyed the story from Irene, I know I did. Perhaps it stirred a memory or two for you. Let us hear from you about your family or friends.

Again, Thanks to Irene... this kind of story will keep our history alive.

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The gift of encouragement.

I often wonder if we realize how much our words mean to those around us.

While sharp, critical words erect a wall between people, words of encouragement and appreciation build bridges.

We suffer from a great shortage of good, sincere appreciation these days. There are hundreds of critics around, but the person who takes the trouble to commend and encourage is all too rare.

No one is perfect, but everyone possess some good, even lovable traits. The lovability needs to be regognized and fed.

Act on your good impulses....

The great novelist and poet George Eliot remarked, "I not only want to be loved, I want to be told that I am loved..."

The biggest disservice we render to ourselves and to others is when we feel inclined to compliment and encourage someone, and then remain silent.

The confidence another person has in us may encourage us to do what we otherwise might be afraid to try.

In 1875, Alexander Graham Bell traveled to Washington, D.C. to arrange for patents. During his trip, he visited the director of the Smithsonian Institute, Joseph Henry, who was very enthusiastic about Bell's theory for telegraphing speech. But in the conversation Bell confessed he did not have the grasp of electricity that he needed to develop the theory. "Well, Then," barked Henry. "Get it!"

Later Bell wrote to his parents, "I can never tell you how much those two simple words encouraged me."

Two simple words CAN change a life. So, NEVER hesitate to offer your encouragement.

(Adopted from and article from Health Wise and Dr. Dale E. Turner.)

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New around Black Diamond.

Diamond Village... Located on Roberts Drive, this is a new concept in housing for Black Diamond... detached condominiums. Although classified as condos because of the common lot, they are individual homes.

The units are styled after the older houses in Black Diamond. The size of the homes and their yards are similar too, to those of the historical coal mining town.

The Sports Shop... has moved a few doors down and built a new facility.

The old building which was the sport shop is now a dual purpose facility housing a therapeutic massage service and on the lower level will be C J Bakery featurering donuts, cakes, breads and cookies.

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Thursday Crew Activities

This past few weeks the crew had some sunny weather to work in so has taken advantage and been doing many things outside.

There are new steps leading down from the roadway. Work is in progress in cleaning under the building again. More dirt is being removed. Dirt?! Well maybe rocks, hardpan and clay would better describe what is there. Ask Donald Botts about that.

Charlie Corlett is working on the cardex display.. old cars and trucks will be the theme of this display.

Joe, Bob and Carl are busy with a variety of projects. Ted, Evan, and Gerald stop by to offer moral support if nothing else.

Ann is always busy on Thursday. Along with all the work going on there are always many visitors on Thursdays. Our museum is a very popular place.

There have been some mixups with the lunches lately to feed these hungry workers... maybe you could volunteer to fix a lunch now and then. Give Rose Guidetti a call at 886-2858 or call the museum number 886-2142 on any Thursday.

A look back at what was going on ten years ago with the Thursday crew.

The two weeks before the Black Diamond Day were really a challenge to the crew. They wanted to have the mining display at the north end of the building completed as well as the two new buildings.

The simulation of a car being pulled from the mine took much work. The Power Company dug a hole into which a huge pole (donated by Dan and Nancy Nicholas) was to be placed. The wheel on top was obtained from the Mine 12 area where it was uncovered by the big "Blow-Out" on the Green River Gorge Road. It was extremely heavy to handle. Archie Eltz manned the back hoe and guided the pole into place. It had been raining and the hole kept filling with water making it an uncertain situation!!! Evan Morris helped the crew maneuver it into place. The whole area was a muddy mess. At one point Evan was heard to say, "How the heck did I get mixed up with you guys?!" He was standing in mud over his show tops. Palmer Coking Coal Company donated cinders and Chuck Cpponi paid for a load of gravel which was delivered in a truck donated by Bowen Construction Co. Larry Capps lent his expertise in leveling and spreading the materials on the railroad bed.

As you can see it has taken a LOT of people and donations to get the museum where it is today. We've come a long ways in the past ten years.

We send our thanks to every one who has been involved with us and our efforts to preserve our wonderful Black Diamond History.

When a land forgets it's legends,
Sees but falsehoods in it's past;

When a nation views it's sires,
In the light of fools and liars;

"Tis a sign of it's decline
And it's glories cannot last.

J Fairfax Blakesborough

Thanks to Charlie Corlett for sharing this with us.

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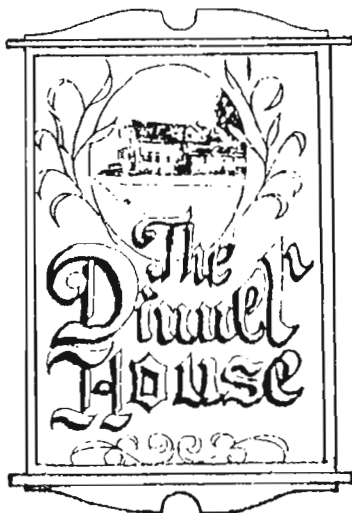
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