

Black Diamond Historical Society



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In Memorium

Russell Collins ... Born in B.D. 1915. A lifelong resident of the area. The husband of IVA.



Memorials

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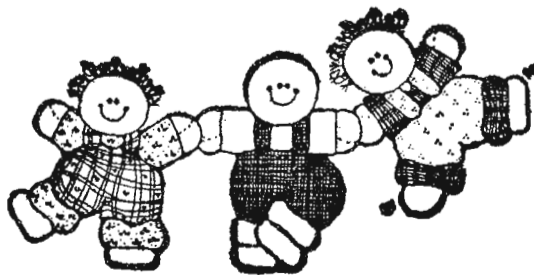
Mary Carnino.... Gail Kuzaro

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 14, 1996 1 P.M. at the Museum.

Please try to attend this meeting. It is up to each of us to do what we can to make the museum successful and to keep the history of Black Diamond alive. We would love to see each of you at the meeting.



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Anniversary for the Historical Society.

June is anniversary month. Sunday June 9 has been set as the date for the open house at the Museum. Attend the meeting on April 14 to make a suggestion or two for what we should do. The "Open House" will be on a Sunday so that those of you who work will have an opportunity to see the changes that have taken place as well as chatting with some old friends.

There have already been approximately 1000 visitors to the Museum this year! That is truly a great many people for our small museum.

As has been the case for some time now, only a small handful of volunteers has been doing the job of host or hostess. More bodies would be helpful. Call the Museum or Don Botts to give a little of your time to this worthwhile cause.

Rose Guidetti would be happy to hear from you too if you would be interested in fixing a lunch for the Thursday work crew now and then.

President Bob Eaton is working very hard on two specific projects... and again YOUR help would be appreciated! Really three projects.

The first is the Country Store. The Thursday gang has been working on this for a while. Items are needed for the displays. Look around and see what you may have that you have forgotten all about but which would add a lot to our little store. Monetary donations are always welcome also.

People who are willing to work on Thursdays are always welcome. The Thursday crew has dwindled to a very small group and we could use more help.

The Old Candy Store.

^{em}Remember the candy store that sat up where the Eagles now have their lodge? It was on the upper corner near what is now First Avenue and Baker Street. We hope to have it sitting there again before too long.

The building is now down in Morganville and is empty. It was the home of Warren Bruckner for many years. That area has now been purchased and is to be developed into a housing area. The new owner has offered the building to the Historical Society.

It will take a great deal of money and efforts to get this feat accomplished. The cost of moving the structure is a high one for us as well as the materials which will be required to restore it.

Besides donations we are asking for information on what you can recall about the store. What did it look like, especially inside. What did you do there? There are many stories to be told I'm sure. Write them down and pass them along to us.

We are seeking grants money for this project but we will not be able to get enough to cover the whole project. This would be an ideal way for some of you to make a contribution to preserve more of the history of Black Diamond.

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VIDEO

Several organizations will be joining together to put together a video about Black Diamond. The Black Diamond Historical Society will head the efforts but will be assisted by the Black Diamond (King County) Library Board, the Welsh Club of Enumclaw, King County Landmarks Commission, several individuals including two of the teachers from the Black Diamond Elementary School ... Julie Weinbrecht and Jim Meisner.

Some of the assistance will be in the form of grants and some contributions. More contributions will be needed and again this is an opportunity for you to give to the Society. Any donations will be mentioned as contributors to the project.

This is a giant undertaking. It will take many hours of taping and editing to make it a worthwhile project that will deliver the message.

Many people are finding it important to preserve our history and this is an ideal way to do that job.

Once completed it is hoped that the tapes will be available to the schools and the library so that every one may view them.

All of the topics will be discussed at the general meeting on April 14.

Do plan to attend.

"It is not so much our friend's help that helps us as the confident knowledge that they will help us."

INSTALLMENT PLAN BLUES

I bought myself a Ford machine,
Filled her up with gasoline,
Cranked 'er and the dern thing got away.

She wouldn't wait 'til I got in
Now I own a pile of tin...
But still I walk right up and pay.

Up and pay--- Up and pay,
So much down and so much every certain day.

She wouldn't wait 'til I got in,
Now I own a pile of tin.
But still I walk right up and pay.

Author unknown

Thanks to Charlie Corlett for this little piece.

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Mining the Memories.

This wonderful book by Diane and Cory Olson is still available at the Museum. If you have not read it you really should do so. And it makes a great gift for anyone .

The book was created after several members of the Society talked to some of our first Black Diamond citizens and placed those conversations on tape.

While I've read ..and reread... the book, I was still looking for more and have taken the time to listen to part of the tapes.

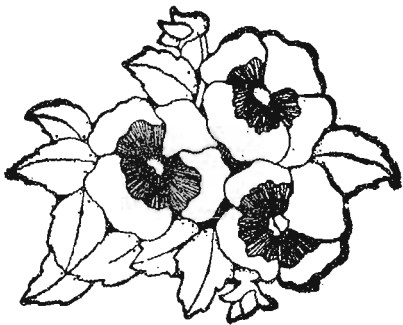
It has created an interest in wanting to know more from other people who were here in the earlier Black Diamond but also I think we need to add to that history.

What about those who have been here since the late 30's and the 40's. This is also history. We need to keep up with the more current past so that so much of it is not lost as has happened with the earlier years.

When you think about it even the early 50's is a time frame that is now 40 years old. We need to be recording some of the events and recollections from that era.

How much our world has changed during the past 40 years. If you are interested please contact me ... by letter preferrably at this time. Our address is on the front. Love to hear from you.

There are still a couple of you who have contacted me and I have not gotten around to setting up appointments. Don't despair... I will get to you soon.



HAPPY
EASTER



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I REMEMBER WHEN...

Mom's Medicine Made Us Well

By Wanda Denson of Big Spring, Texas

MY MOTHER always wanted to become a nurse—a goal she never accomplished. It didn't stop her from practicing her own tried-and-true homegrown methods of healing on her farm family, however!

Whenever I came down with a "stomach bug", out came the bottle of castor oil. To make that dreaded remedy more palatable, she'd mix it with freshly squeezed orange juice. The attempt to turn it more appetizing failed miserably...but, I must admit, it *did* oust the bug.

As for cold viruses, Mom had a surefire cure—one that tasted much better. At the first sign of a snuffle, she put on a pot of chicken soup.

A cough? She'd sprinkle dabs of turpentine on a flannel cloth, lay it across my chest and pin it to my nightgown. A raw throat? I'd get bits of fresh butter mixed with sugar to soothe it.

Mom was an early proponent of preventive medicine, too.

Any time I accidentally stepped on a rusty nail, she poured kerosene into the washbasin. "Now," she'd direct, "soak your foot in this so you don't get lockjaw." To this day, I'm not certain if it was the kerosene or simply Mom's determination I have to thank—whatever the case, I escaped tetanus entirely!

Needless to say, none of the utilities we take for granted today were available in our rural area then. Our only heat source in winter was a potbellied wood stove in the front room. After baking our bodies next to it each night, we had to sprint into bitter-cold bedrooms.

Shivering, I'd crawl between icy sheets—where my feet invariably found a warm lump beneath the covers. That lifesaver was some heated sadirons wrapped in a towel...placed there by Mom to keep me from "catching pneumonia".

Mealtime provided another healthy opportunity for Mom. Annually, she canned enough produce from her big garden to cause the cellar shelves to nearly buckle under the abundance of jars. "Eat your vegetables; they're good for you" was a constant reminder.

We know now, of course, that Mom was absolutely right in that advice. Something else she realized long before researchers confirmed it was that too much exposure to sun rays could be harmful.

Mom *never* went outside during the daytime without putting on her sunbonnet. In fact, on one rare day when everything seemed to be going wrong and she'd reached the edge of her frustration, Mom blurted out, "I feel like getting my bonnet and taking off somewhere!"—proving once and for all *nothing* would make her forget her headgear.

Looking back on all she did, I can see why it was such an unusual occasion if Daddy went into town to fetch the doctor. And, while my mother never did become a nurse, I did...partly, I'm sure, due to her inspiring influence.

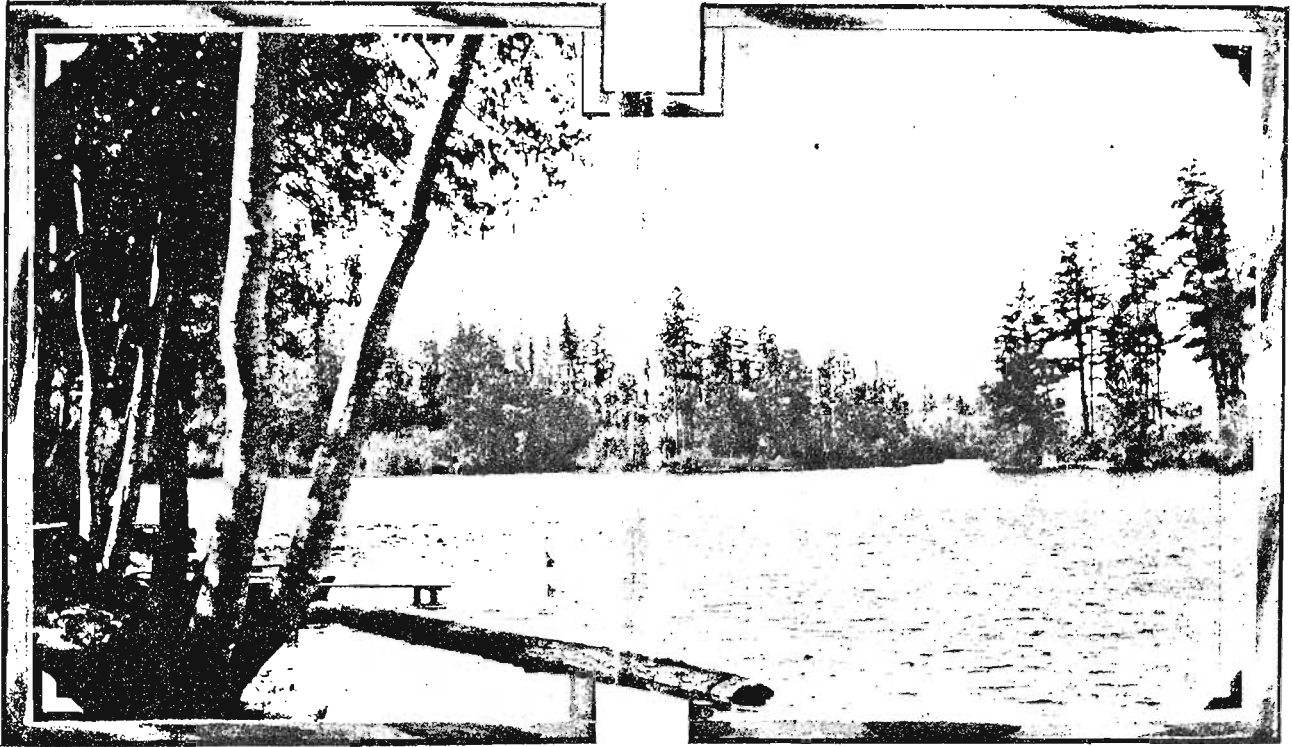
These days, when I hear doctors recommending chicken soup for their patients, I have to smile. They're just now discovering things that I learned about firsthand over 50 years ago, growing up on the farm!

REMEMBER? If you have a similar nostalgic story to tell, please share it. Send it to "I Remember", *Country Woman*, 5925 Country Lane, Greendale WI 53129. We'll send you a \$50 check if we end up printing your recollecting piece!

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