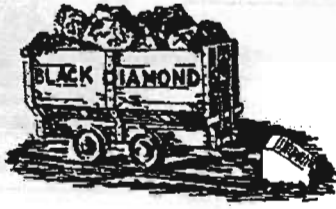
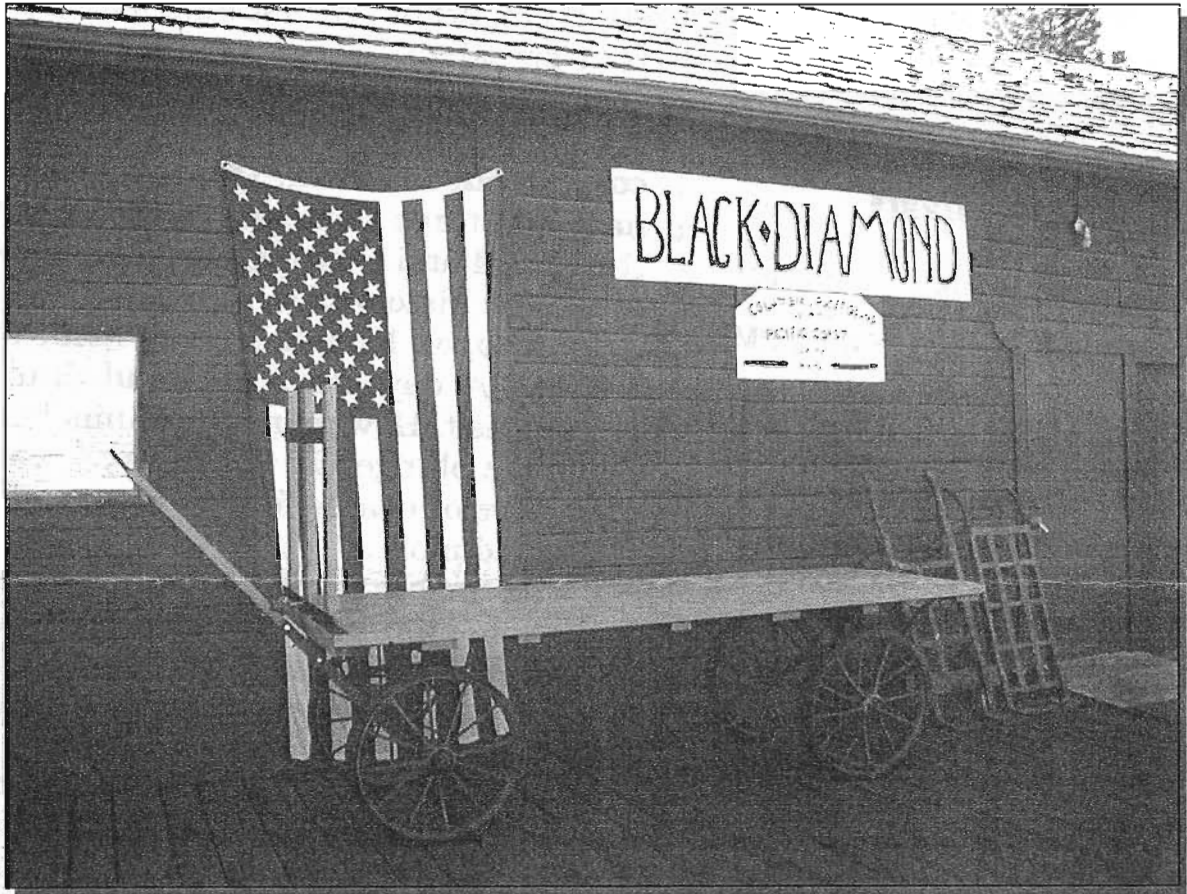


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PAYING OUR RESPECTS

As the world mourns the loss of the victims of the September 11th tragedy, our hearts and prayers are with those families that were touched by this act of terrorism.

Patriotism has been renewed all over the nation. The world changed on that day, and it may be a long time before we know the extent of the impact it will have on all of our lives.

As Americans have always done in the past, we stand united.
May God Bless America.

**Board meetings held every
3rd Thursday of the month @
1:PM
Members are encouraged to
attend**

The Museum Is Located At

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Museum Hours

Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sunday 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Special Tours May Be Arranged By
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Don Mason

I thought the members should have a status report of my first nine months as your president.

Our staff takes pride in our hosting the many groups of children that have come to our museum. This last year we have had three elementary schools send their third and fourth grade classes to learn about the history of our area.

Also, we have had many home schoolers, YMCA, daycare, scouts and church groups visit. How many museums have a dynamite plunger for kids to try, a caboose to explore or coal to feel? We have all of these and more.

At the other end of the age scale, we have many retirement homes bring bus loads to tour. We give a brief history lesson and then let them browse all of the displays. It is easy to talk to the seniors about coal because they all used it to heat their homes. The children, on the other hand, have to have the use of coal explained to them.

We are signing up new members and increasing our photo collection, along with documents of the past. Our space is getting limited, but we still have lots of room for photos and documents. So, please share your family albums with us. It is our source of getting a complete description of Black Diamond. We only borrow the pictures, copy them, and then return the originals back to you. Keep that in mind. We need your help.

Don Mason, President

Membership Rates

Individual, Annual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Organization	\$30.00
Lifetime	\$100.00
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Secretary	Dee Israel

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Don Botts, Jackie Cedarholm, Steve Israel, JoAnne Matsumura, Gino Picini, Joe Zumek

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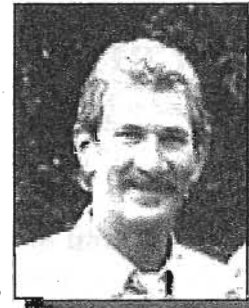
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FROM THE EDITOR



In light of all that has happened in the world recently, I am proud to be an American. America may not be perfect, but it is still the best country in the world. In America we have the right to speak out about what we believe in, and the freedom to elect our leaders. I salute the many brave Americans who have put their lives on the line for this country through the years to keep it free.

I have always exercised my right to vote for the leaders of our government, for it is only then that I have a right to complain if I feel that they are not doing a good job.

It is that time of the year that we elect our leaders of this society. Please send in your absentee ballot or better yet, come to our annual membership meeting on October 14th and vote in person.

Steve Israel

FIRE RESISTAND FILE CABINET

The volunteers have been making great strides in improving the way we operate this museum.

We have good people helping to keep this place running by taking on projects, setting goals and meeting them.

One of these goals is the purchase of the fire resistant file cabinet for the office. As you can see, we still have a ways to go, but with a sustained effort we will make it happen.

Please help with your donations or ideas to raise money for this special project.

\$600.00—
\$500.00—
\$400.00—
\$300.00—
\$200.00—
\$100.00—



SECRETARY'S REPORT

August & September



Up until now, the newsletter has been published immediately following each of our quarterly membership meetings. At our last Board meeting, it was decided, we should change that publishing date to just before each quarterly membership meeting. This would be a reminder of the coming meeting and hopefully more members would attend.

Steve Israel newsletter Editor asked for the Board's approval to add more pages to this newsletter to accommodate all of his news and election information. This in turn would increase the amount of postage. The Board felt all of this information needs to be got out to the membership, so approved the increase for this issue.

It has been suggested the Museum should come up with some kind of handout or activity booklet to give to visiting youngsters to occupy their minds. Does anyone have any ideas for this booklet?

Gino Picini has been doing some research on us having an Italian Day Celebration. He has found that there are actually a lot of Italian Day celebrations around the area, but perhaps less in the Spring. He suggests we have ours in the Spring, or incorporate it in with our Labor Day celebration.

There has been talk about changing the 12:00 - 3:00 weekend hours at the Museum to 11:00 - 4:00, but we do not have enough docents to work the additional hours. We have a lot of tours scheduled and need more volunteer docents. However, docents do not have to be on a regular, full time schedule; we also need that occasional helper. Do you know anybody that would volunteer to be a docent?

The Board has approved the new By-Laws for the Society and they are available for all Society Members to look over. The members

will then be able to vote for or against the acceptance of these By-Laws at the Annual meeting on October 14, 2001.

Officers and Board Members have now been nominated and elections for those positions will be held at the annual October 14, 2001 meeting. **Be sure and vote.**

Don Mason advised everyone that after the meeting on October 14th coffee and cookies will be available, and at 2:00, Bill Luke will be showing a video entitled "Return of the Galloping Goose No. 5"

Submitted by, Dee Israel, Secretary

BY-LAWS

A special committee has worked long hours (with the help of other organizations that include the Association of King County Historical Organizations) researching, refining and updating the existing By-Laws of the Black Diamond Historical Society. The Board is now ready to present these amended By-Laws to the Membership for their approval.

Copies of these By-Laws are now available to the Members for examination. If you wish to read the By-Laws as they have been amended, they will be available upon request at the Museum during regular business hours.

On October 14th at 1:00 pm, at the Annual Membership Meeting, the Membership will have the opportunity to accept or reject the amended By-Laws as written.

Please plan to attend.

Steve Israel,
By-Laws Committee Member

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For August and September, 2001

The Black Diamond Historical Society now has over 288 members. Since our last newsletter, we have had 10 new members join the Society. These new members are:

Bill & Elsie Parkin (They actually joined last quarter, but it seems, I missed including them in the list of new members.) **David E. McLaughlen, Richard McAninch, Don & Joan Malgarini, Mark & Scott Mason, Ann Taylor, and Patrick J. Walsh.** We are also pleased that **Margaret, Don and Marilyn Covey** have given us their new addresses and we have been able to get them put back on our membership list.

We are happy you have all joined us and hope you are as excited as we are to share knowledge of this area's memories and people. We also want to thank those of you who have recently renewed your membership. The support of the members is what helps keep your museum alive.

On your mailing label, if there is a red check, your dues are due. If it has been checked, please send me your membership renewal form and your membership dues; or let me know why you feel it is in error. Otherwise, you may be dropped from our membership and I don't want that to happen anymore than you do.

Are you looking for a special gift for a close friend or relative? If they are interested in the history of Black Diamond and it's surrounding area, you can purchase a membership to the Black Diamond Historical Society as a gift for them.

Membership dues are as follows:

Individual = \$10.00

Family = \$15.00

Organization = \$30.00

Lifetime (Individual) = \$100.00

Dee Israel

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

IN THE NAME OF:
Dorothy Hedges

DONATION MADE BY:
Steve and Dee Israel

MONETARY DONATIONS

The museum wishes to thank Garnet Kaiyala for his generous donation as well as Jackie Cedarholm and Thomas & Mary Gething for their monetary donation towards the purchase of the Welsh Flags.

The fire resistant filing cabinet, that we are planning on purchasing for the museum office, costs about \$600. So far we have received enough donations to cover half of that.

The Black Diamond Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the Law.

----true event.

A recent visitor asked, "I heard you have Black Diamonds here" "Where can I find some diamonds?" He looks at the coal plant, "this is real diamonds!?" He left happily with real "Black Diamond Coal" and the coal plant recipe!

I still have not found where Society member **L.B. Nanovich** is. His newsletter came back with the statement that he was no longer at the Federal Way address that we had for him. Can you help?

Dee

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WE WERE (2) YOUNG FELLOWS HAPPY TO BE A PART OF BLACK DIAMOND HISTORY AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR THOUGHT AND HAPPINESS OF THE TIMES WITH YOU AND THE TOWN!!!!

SINCERELY

GORDON V. ROBERTS AND CONRAD
"COKE" ROBERTS

**BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON
(MY HOME TOWN)
1923 to 1941**

REFERENCES:

Mining the Memories (book by Diane and Cory Olson) and The Newsletter (B.D. Historical Society)

INTRODUCTION:

What a great, little happy town to grow up in!! It had everything; good schools, theatre, entertainment, great friends, churches, lodges gardening, community affairs and a rich tradition in spotting events. You can believe the Victor .G. Roberts family participated in all of it.

In reading the reference material listed above I missed any recall of what it was like to live on state highway 169, which was the main thoroughfare through Black Diamond, as it wound from Renton,, Maple Valley, Henry's Switch and on through Green River Gorge or over the new bridge to Enumclaw. We lived on this main drag, just north of the Ball Park, with such neighbors as the Fowlers, Merryfields, Tonkins, McDowells, Rhodes and McTurks.

In my youth my real hero's were my teachers, such as Miss. McNamara, Miss Helen Hathaway, Mr. Gildo Rey, Mr. Edson and of course Mr. J.W. Norman. Above all though stood a very special one, who was the energetic, leader of our community, Mr. Henry Babb. It seemed to the kids he ran the whole town and was special in providing we

kids with theatre, movies, sports, education YES, everything we wanted.

THE STORY AND THE THANKS:

Having said that let me go back to how it all started for us in our favorite town!! The coal, they found in Black Diamond in 1880 was a fine grade and there was plenty of it. Within a short time, the land was homesteaded and in turn sold to the Black Diamond Coal Company. Now ready to get started, they brought in carpenters and the town was underway. To get all the machinery needed to run a coal mine they soon laid the track and brought in the Columbia & Puget Sound narrow gauge railroad to our railroad avenue doorstep. Coal was KING and the town was bustling, soon to arrive at a population of nearly 3500 residents.

The V. G. Roberts family moved to Black Diamond in the year 1923, some 40 years after the Pacific Coast Coal Company moved its operation from Nortonville California, up to this coal-mining site, located some 30 long miles south and east of Seattle. Pay was good for the miners. A hard working miner might make upwards of \$10.00/day when the ordinary were only making two bucks a day.

When we first got to Black Diamond we lived on Lawson Hill, but, soon found our family living near the ball park on State Highway 169.

Let me tell you of a few things that caught my brother's and my attention as we grew up prior to starting school in 1929.

The Show Hall

We remember vividly going to see a silent movie called **DRACULA!!** Mr. Glenn, who ran the theater, came out on the porch to holler and report the show was read to begin!!! All of the miners came running out of the Pool Hall Tavern to pay and get ready for the show. Well if

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Bella Lugosi, the star of the show, ever scared hell out of two kids we were the ones. When the show was over we ran as fast as we could for home and when we got there I can remember asking my Dad to check all the closets, because the ending of the show stated that there really was a Dracula!!

Another thing that caught our attention, was a visit by the Painless Parker Dentist truck which drove up in front of the Pool Hall to announce they would pull anyone's tooth for free. We watched intently as 3 miners (half crooked) came out of the tavern to have a tooth removed. We remember the dentist waving the teeth and announcing how painless the removal was. We didn't buy that. In fact, anytime we had to go see our local dentist (Dr.. Mallory) it was a thing of panic.

From the Koerner Confectionary we also remember the Holy Rollers putting on their plea for salvation in front of the Pool Hall, It was not an overwhelming show, but it drew our attention enough to go see all this Holy Rolling.

Frequently, a minstrel, road show, or, medicine show would come to town. The medicine show would draw a full house because they had free entertainment, like dancing bears, or other animal acts and cowboys and Indians. Also, they would advertise great products like Cloverine Salve, which would cure anything, like a cut or sore, or Ginseng Tonic, which was advertised as being able to make you a new person if you drank it!!! For purchase of these products you would get a gift. Sometime a cutlery set, or beautiful glass wear. Everybody wanted that so they would get the salve or the ginseng and a ticket, which would give you the gift sets on the last day of the medicine show's run. As it turned out though only the first in line got the set, the rest got maybe a spoon or a glass. Boy, were the miners upset. They screamed and

hollered, to no avail. So a bunch of miners got together and said they would go to the next town the show visited and let all the naive know what a shill and scam the minstrel show was. They were unsuccessful in their effort!!!

Sports was a big part of our life, and the 169 highway gang was a part of it. We had winning basketball, soccer and baseball teams. Ivor Merryfield had a tryout with the Rainiers, While Coke, Gordon, Ivor, Tommy Zumek and Stan Celigoy played on the Renton American Legion baseball team which went on to beat Seattle, Lynden and were one game away for playing for the State Championship. In Basketball the same players found themselves playing against Vashon Island for the state class B high-school basketball championship. It was a great part of our lives and part of the passion of living in a community dedicated to sports, education and certainly was an exciting part of growing up.

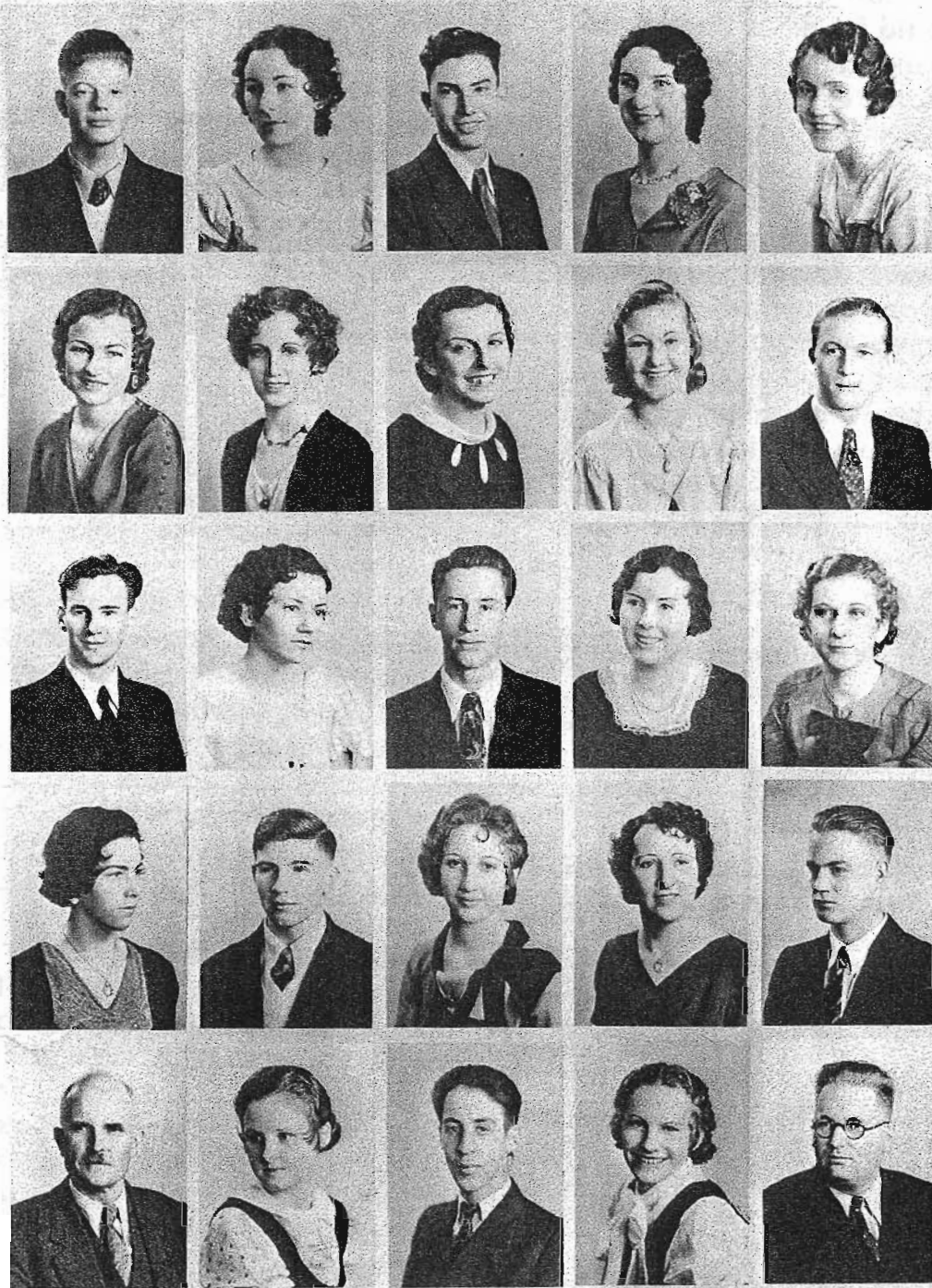
Today, most of the 169-highway gang is arriving at our 80th birthdays. Coke, a graduate of the University of Washington, became coach, counselor, coordinator and a respected educator at Grandview and West Seattle High Schools. Ivor became an executive of one of the largest and most successful auto parts Unions in the city of Seattle. Gordon, and other Black Diamond residents Frank Stebly and Frank Gugurich graduated from Polytechnic College of Engineering in Oakland, California. Gordon went on to graduate from the Air Force Schools at Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland California and from the Aircraft Engineering Maintenance School at Yale University. From this he worked at The Boeing Co. in Seattle for 38 years watching Boeing grow from furniture maker to the leading airplane manufacturer in the world.

IN CONCLUSION:

Thanks to a great little town and to the special people as we made our way through a happy & successful life. We dedicate our success to all of you who are carrying on traditions of OLD KING COAL.

SINCERELY

Gordon & Conrad (Coke) Roberts, 2001



BLACK DIAMOND HIGH SCHOOL..... CLASS '33

RAISTON PHOTO SEATTLE

CLASS OF 1933 PHOTOGRAPH

Row 1

Albert Wesley

Margie Hope

Paul Botts

Elizabeth Manowski

Bernetta Harrington

Row 2

Genevieve Niemczyk

Margaret Jardine

Elbe Lombardi

Phyllis Chilcott

George Savicke

Row 3

Walter Riverside

Pauline Sigmund

Art Winbeckler

Ada Brodie

Loretta Stella

Row 4

Vera Hughes

Charles Kessner

Livia Vernarelli

Thelma Ronald

Eino Johnson

Row 5

F. W. Cobb

Lorraine Tyler

Victor Lombardini

Helen Maks

O. C. Eidal

SCHOOL DAYS---1933

By JoAnne Matsumura, Technical Researcher, June 2001

The hand written scroll of the Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class of 1933 Black Diamond High School was generously donated by Mrs. Harriette (Emil) Rossi. It is reprinted here in its entirety.

CLASS WILL

“Last Will and Testament of the Senior Class of 1933 Black Diamond High School.

Friends of the Black Diamond Hi School, you are here assembled to listen to the last will & testament of the Class of 1933. In a course of busy life it has often been my painful duty to assist at affairs of this kind, but never before have I had the satisfaction of administering to the estate of one who, in the last hours, seems so highly intelligent and so thoroughly able mentally, as was the present descendent. While the breath grew every moment, feebler and feebler, the eyes seemed to grow more and more intelligent as though the wonderful sights of the hereafter were meeting and cheering the changing vision. All the friends of the deceased have been remembered and every gift has been meted out with careful judgment.

IMPRIMIS

We, the Senior Class of the B.D.H.S. being in the full possession of all our mental faculties and having no fear of anyone before our eyes, not even the Superintendent and the other teachers, we do, hereby, devise, will, bequeath, and convey our various earthly possessions and all the appurtenances and hereditaments thereunto belonging to the persons hereinafter mentioned to be by them held in undisturbed possession thru the length of their mortal spans.

First to the world at large the commodity, which we have had in great abundance, and which the world most sorely needs, our entire stock of common sense.

To the B.D.H.S. we bestow our admiration for the good, the true, and the beautiful, hoping it may become so plainly embodied in its constitution and by—laws the “He who runs may Read.”

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To the Board of Education we bequeath our desire for the betterment of the School of Black Diamond in every department to continue with their high and local standards as previous.

To the teachers, principal and superintendent of B.D.H.S. we convey our meekness and politeness and our ability to follow instructions, which we have gained largely thru their careful teachings.

To the Juniors who will soon become the Seniors we bestow all the mistakes, blunders, inaccuracies and lapses committed by us during the last exciting year of our most exciting life. We further bestow to the Junior Class as a whole our ability for successful undertakings.

To Ardis Botts, Victor Lombardini wills 'the care of his seven children to be brought up among the higher standards of life (sweet things).

To John Ruppert, Ada Brodie leaves her technic of vamping (be careful John).

To Dwight Garrett, Genevieve Niemczyk leaves her slender figure (think you can use it, Dwight).

To Blazy Schwab, Loretta Stella leaves her blonde curls and her ability of being at in public (wouldn't Blazy look cute in little curls down to his shoulders).

To Cleo Bryant, Thelma Ronald leaves her love for a sister—in—law (and O, what love).

To Jack Chilcott, Margie Hope leaves her ability of making and breaking dates (try and break her record Jack).

To Bill Wieltschnig, Vera Hughes leaves her ability to keep her man (get your girl, Bill, & hang on to her).

To Ellen Olsen, George Savicke, leaves his handsome strut (wonder where he got it).

To Lois Thomas, Charles Kessner leaves his ability to arouse teacher's anger (be careful Lois, and always sit facing the front).

To Mike Susnar, Pauline Sigmund leaves her bashfulness (watch out, Mike).

To Lily Lloyd, Albert Wesley leaves his freckles (he wants to get rid of them).

To Arthur Eltz, Bernetta Harrington leaves her technic as a basketball player (oh, won't we have fun).

To Hannah Love Davies, Paul Botts leaves his ability of making excuses for skipping school (how often does he miss).

To Mildred Cottier, Eino Johnson leaves his ability to become a butcher (don't cut your finger Mildred).

To Alvera Malgarini, Margaret Jardine leaves her ability to grow tall (wonder if she needs it).

To Frances Zumek, Livia Vernarelli leaves all her parking alleys (think you'll need 'em Frances).

To Jenny Parkinson, Elba Lombardi leaves her wonderful technic of writing love letters (Elba gets a lot of practice).

To Johanna Savicke, Helen Maks leaves her wonderful ability of performing on the stage (she's wonderful).

To Sylvia Santi, Phyllis Chilcott leaves her style of dancing (it's time to get your partner Sylvia & keep in step).

To the B.D.H.S. as a whole Elizabeth Manowski her world famous laugh (smile darn you smile).

To the Freshman and Sophmores collectively and individually, we convey, our powers of saying the wrong thing in the right place, or the right thing in the wrong place. Just how this is accomplished we are unable to say. Each one will need to work the matter out for himself or herself. There is no doubt that much benefit will result from the effort.

Our well known capacity for exaggeration we bequeath to the community at large, whose favorite topic is "minding other peoples business".

Our power of prolixity we bequeath to those people who can never give a reason for the hope that is in them. Our power of being silent when silence is best, we bequeath to those mighty talkers to whom may be applied Shakespears remarks about Stratonias: "His reasons are as two grains of wheat hid in two bushels of chaff: you may seek all day ere you find them and when you have them they are not worth the search".

Signed

Elizabeth Manowski

FROM THE ARCHIVES

By JoAnne Matsumura

The generosity from our members and community at large never ceases to amaze us. The following artifacts are gratefully appreciated, and helps to better interpret the history, which is part of our heritage. We offer one correction to our list from the last newsletter; the milk bottle tops should read "**Holst Family Dairy.**" The artifacts recently received are from:

Frank Grgurich - eighty year old water pitcher from the Elizabeth Ellen Brown family. Also ration coupon books of Elizabeth Ellen Brown with leather case.

Jackie Cedarholm - temporary ration card, wallet size, of Glen Cedarholm. Also a postcard of an outhouse cartoon.

Rosemary Konoske - cloth with scenes of St. Barbara's Church and environs of Black Diamond.

Clayton Mead - snapshots of the John Henry Mine, July 2001.

Clayton Hamilton - tools from the "Indian mine".

Glen C. Moore - two oil lamps, about 90 years old.

Bill Luke - large chunks of Colorado coal.

ROOTS & BRANCHES CONNECT AT THE MUSUEM

BY: JOANNE MATSUMURA

Whoever said that a Museum wasn't a neat place to hang out to find your roots, hasn't been to the Black Diamond Museum! Branches of families have returned digging & mining for memories to their deep roots in Black Diamond. They come in hopes upon arrival and are in awe at what their ancestors have given to preserve the heritage. They leave with some understanding of the life and times of a miner's family in a company town. The Museum is the strong trunk for the roots

and branches.

New member Jean Kelly, granddaughter of **Joe Kraus** (Krause Saloon), met Tom & Beth Deady, owners of the property where the saloon once stood. Walking the landscape and admiring the surroundings gave special meaning to Mrs. Kelly.

There is the young Welsh lad, 6th generation descendant of **John John** who died in an 1894 mine disaster, who came with member Marcia Lee Berg. With eye surgery pending he was delighted to have Charles Corlett give his demonstration of the model mine workings to better understand his heritage. Having seen the 1894 lamp that survived was a special treat for the Corlett's and I. The young lad was so inspired that he wrote a story and won student of the year award.

Six more descendants of miners who died in that same 1894 disaster came to the Museum for information and made similar connections.

The descendant of "Corner **Joe Paglia**" came with hopes and left with stories from the Thursday crew and had a special experience of her own.

We met descendants of **Dave Rodes** and **Earl Stelflue** who marveled at the exhibit of school memorabilia and heard stories from Beth VanBuskirk and Muriel Waldo, classmates of their ancestors.

The show hall/theatre operator, Yvonne Rayment was surprised the theatre was gone and missed the connection with Joe Zumek to talk about the store

The descendant of **David Botting** recently came and took in the sights at the Museum and became a member that day.

We are looking forward to meeting the descendant of **Matt Starwich**, whose name has recently come to us, so that we can swap stories and show the Museums artifacts to her.

The Nordic Heritage Museum, Finland section has recently discovered that Black Diamond had a Finnish community and is now working with us to share information.

Another member and descendant of **Alfredo Prunilla**, with only snipits of information

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1892 COAL MINE REPORTS: by Bill Kombol

Beginning in 1887, Washington's State Inspector of Coal Mines began issuing an annual report of their inspection of the coal mines and ventilation of coal mines. This series of articles for the Black Diamond Historical Society Newsletter is a verbatim transcript of those portions of the annual reports dealing with the coal mines of Black Diamond and Franklin.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COAL MINE INSPECTORS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1892

by David Edmunds, Coal Mine Inspector, First District

KING COUNTY MINES.

FRANKLIN MINE (Operated by the Oregon Improvement Co.).

A large volume of air is taken down, but a considerable quantity of it would return to the fan before circulating through the working faces. Yet the rooms were fairly ventilated. The long wall system of working has been introduced, and it is successful. The width of four rooms (under the pillar and room system) is worked as one face, thus taking out a larger amount of coal from the area developed than from the pillar and room system. Less timber has been used than formerly, and less resistance offered to the air current. A crush was affecting the timber in the north gangway of the fifth level, but they were being renewed. The main slope was driven from the sixth level up to the fifth. All the coal being hoisted from the sixth, the coal from the fifth being conveyed through a counter chute to the lower level. Preparations are being made to sink the auxiliary slope for another level. A larger pair of engines have been put in, and a larger output will be made in the near future. Fire damp is given off and several have been burned, but none fatally. Boilers reported in good condition.

BLACK DIAMOND MINES (Operated by the Black Diamond Coal Co.): *No. 14.*—I found this mine in good condition upon each of my visits. Ventilation is good and well conducted to the face of the workings. Drainage is good and the roadbeds dry. The long wall system was commenced during the year. Panels or blocks are laid off by first driving a chute from the lower level to the one above; this chute is being used to bring the timber down, instead of having them taken up the pitch, which is a great saving in labor, as a large quantity of timber is used to support the roof until the panel is entirely worked out, then it is allowed to cave. All the coal from each panel thus far worked has been successfully taken, and the coal is more merchantable, the coal being taken out in larger lumps, and less slack than formerly. A small seam overlying No. 14 is being worked on the same plan. A chute is driven through the rock from 14 and the coal taken out through it. This part has a separate opening to the surface for ventilating purposes. A separate split of air is made for each section of this mine, thus giving each part a supply of fresh air. Some fire damp is evolved.

No. 2. — This mine is well ventilated; it has two splits, one for each side. As there are but four rooms on each side, the air has but a short distance to traverse. Fire damp is given off. Drainage is good. The water is hoisted in a water car to the surface. The slope has been sunk 400 feet during the year, all the work being done in the lower level. The slope has been crushing and breaking the timber, which has been renewed. The pillars next to the slope should have been larger.

No. 12 Mine. — This mine is located about two miles to the north of Black Diamond. A large quantity of air is produced by the fan, but is not taken as well through the working faces as the other mines, yet each room was found in a healthy condition. A large quantity of it is lost through the brattice before it reaches the face of the gangway. The cross cuts between the rooms are made too small, which is very obstructive to the air current. The roof is very bad here, and considerable trouble is had to keep the air passages free from rock. Drainage is good. No fire damp given off. Reports of the good condition of the boilers of each of these mines received.

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LIST OF NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS.

- January 11. James McCready, fire boss at Franklin, slightly burnt by gas.
- March 31. Alex Jackson, laborer at Franklin, caught between mine cars.
- April 30. George Allan and Hiram Campbell, miners at Franklin, by fall of coal.
- April 20. Daniel McGuire, fire boss at Franklin, caught between cars, fracturing two of his ribs.
- September 7. Wm. B. Russel, miner at Franklin, slightly burnt by gas.
- September 25. Thomas D. Jones and David W. Jones, miners at Franklin, severely burnt by gas.
- November 15. John W. Harper, miner at No. 2, Black Diamond, severely injured by rock falling upon him.

TOTAL NUMBER OF TONS SHIPPED FROM EACH MINE FOR 1892.

<i>Name of mine</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Franklin	73,500
Black Diamond Nos. 2, 12 and 14.....	80,935

This does not include the consumption at the mines and the mining towns.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

<i>Name of mine</i>	<i>Inside</i>	<i>Outside</i>	<i>Total</i>
Black Diamond No. 2	32	12	44
Black Diamond No. 14	74	39	113
Black Diamond No. 12	70	12	82
Franklin	185	35	218

AIR MEASUREMENTS

<i>Name of mine</i>	<i>Cubic ft. per min.</i>
Black Diamond No. 2	29,760
Black Diamond No. 14	10,420
Black Diamond No. 12	33,600

found the resting place of his ancestor in the Black Diamond Cemetery and will soon arrive to mine for more memories in the Museum.

So many more stories to tell, it is not our intent to forget anyone. We know there are others who came and we missed learning of their connection to the roots and branches of their Black Diamond forefathers.

It is due to the generosity of gifts in donations of artifacts and documents from our members, community individuals, and civic leaders that provide the Museums volunteers the opportunity to assist visitors with their quest for information to their heritage. If it were not for your earlier contributions, we could not serve our visitors as well. This is indeed, "The Best Town On The Map." Keep those cards, letters and stories coming. We love hearing from you!

JoAnne Matsumura

RECOGNIZING OUR VOLUNTEERS

DOCENTS

Don Botts
Mary Lou Bovee
Mary Chilcott
Charlie Corlett
Dorothy Corlett
Ethel Duncan
Donna Gouchenour
Nadine Hulseay
Don Mason
Anna Morris
Evelyn Sharpe

THURSDAY CREW

Don Botts
Jackie Cedarholm
Charlie Corlett
Dee Israel
Steve Israel
Bill & Betty Luke
Don Mason
JoAnne Matsumura
Clayton Mead
Gino Picini
Joe Zumek

COOKS

Marlene Bortleson
Beth Deady
Ethel Duncan
Donna Gouchenour
Rosemary Kanoske
Nancy Mead
Elsie Parkin
Jill Sena
Beth Van Buskirk
Eileen Zumek

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

“Holiday?” You may ask! “Isn’t it too early to mention holidays? Well, not really. This is the last newsletter before the holidays.

The Museum will be closed:

Thanksgiving **Nov 22**
Christmas **Dec 22 - Jan 4**

WHAT’S A DOCENT?

How do you know if you want to be a docent if you don’t know what a docent is? Welcome to “Everything you ever wanted to know about a docent, but were afraid to ask.”

Funk & Wagnalls says: “A person licensed to teach in a university, but without regular faculty rank; a tutor.”

In our Museum a docent is the person who greets visitors, answers questions, shows them around, and in general: makes you them right at home.

GUESTS

By: Don Botts

During the months of **August & September** we had **986** visitors to the Museum. Some came on specially arranged tours, some set out for a day’s outing with the Black Diamond Historical District as their destination, and others were just in the neighborhood and decided to stop in.

There were visitors from 8 States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Montana, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and here in Washington.

There were also people visiting from Canada, England, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and South Wales.

ARCHIVES WISH LIST

Full body long johns to display in the washhouse.

Application For Membership or Renewal



Name (s) _____ Day Phone _____ - _____ - _____

_____ Eve. Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Annual Membership Fees

Cash Check

E-Mail _____

New Renewal

Signature _____ Date _____

Individual \$10.00

Family \$15.00

Organization \$30.00

Lifetime (Individual) \$100.00

Make Checks Payable To: BDHS

Mail To:

Black Diamond Historical Society

P.O. Box 232

Black Diamond, WA 98010-0232

Donations for _____ \$ _____

(For our bookkeeping records, on all checks please note what the check is for: Dues; Donation; Memorial; Etc.)

Date:

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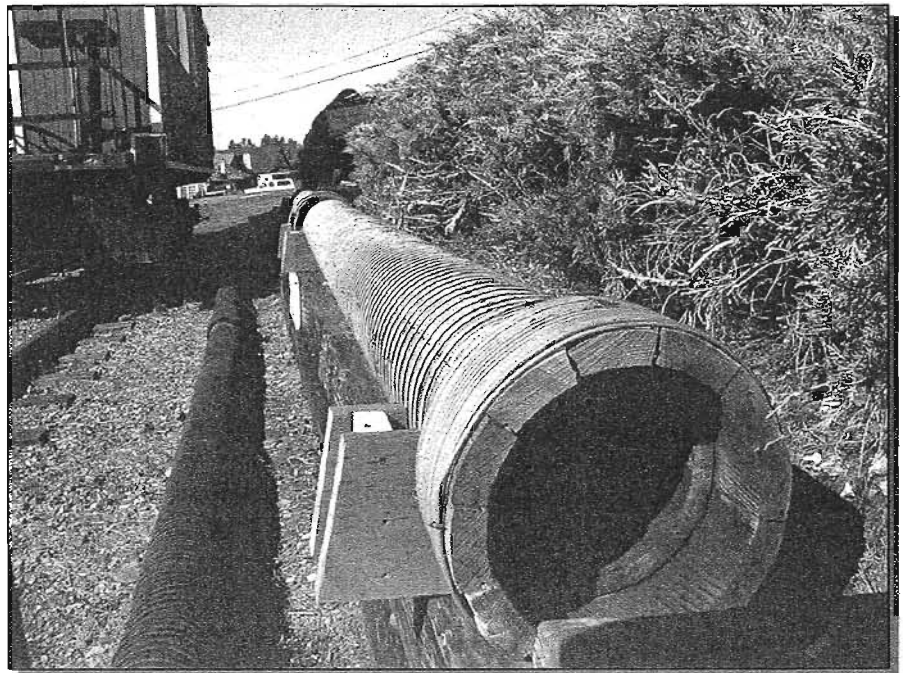
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ON THE GROUNDS

On the East side of the Museum we now have a display of old wooden water pipes. These water pipes were donated to us by Ravensdale. Up until recently, they were still using wooden pipes, and these were in the warehouse as inventory. The pipes are in like-new condition, and have been cleaned and preserved for you to see.

There are many items on display outside the Museum, so if you are in the area, even when we are not open, stop in to see what we have on the grounds.



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Address correction requested

**Red check on label indicates
your membership is due.**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

**1:00 P. M.
Sunday October 14**

**All Members
Are Encouraged
To Attend**

Elections!

**See inside this issue for
absentee ballot.**

**The Black Diamond
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is a non profit organiza-
tion. Our funding comes
mainly from donations,
dues, and some grants.

The restoration and main-
tenance of the Museum and
its contents are done by
volunteers.

To donate your time or
money would be a great
way for you to help pre-
serve our history.