REEL 2

Reel 2 opens with talk about the Black Hawk Squadron of fliers who came to Fairbanks.

Mrs. Roth was afraid of Fairbanks. Afraid of the saloons, the prostitution "line". She kept the two girls confined. They were introduced to books early and did a lot of reading. Only thing Dorothy was afraid of in Fairbanks was the sled dogs that were tied up behind the hotels. No cars then. Miners and trappers and visitors used dog sled transportation and hotels had dog kennels just as they have parking lots today

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Dorothy and Art saw Don Adler this week. Reminded them of stories of Don playing for a living...many times on the "line" Mike Dalton tells story about Adler (which he told himself just a few days prior on tape) about how he was blackballed by Cap Lathrop in Cordova and Fairbanks, and how Don starved to death almost (thank God for a good rabbit year). Finally Don got a job as organist and pianist at theatre when Lathrop was hard up for musician and Don ended up as vice-president of Lathrop Co.

Dorothy recalls how she and Klondy Duphrene played for the silent movies...Dorothy on piano and Klondy on the violin.

Some early school superintendents she remembers are Philip Nolton, Lester D. Henderson, W.K. Keller.

Seh graduated from high school here in the spring of 1922. Mary Burglin in same class as were Clifford Smith, Jim Lavery. Jim Lavery was too good to go to the new school at College, the elder Lavery said. Jim ended up a bum almost in Seattle area, Art said.

Humorous story about Roth and Bunnel's court proceedings. Bunnell was the judge. Roth the DA. One attorney chewed too much tobacco and the judge would recess temporarily and order the attorney to go use the spitoon. Chawing tobacco leads into a bear story by Dalton told to her by Ed Janeau when he spit in a bear's eye and saved his own life. Ted tells of scaring off bears with a hopt and holler and waving of arms.

Art Loftus was born July 21, 1897 in Tomohawk, Wisc. He came to Alaska first in 1915 on a two masted sailing schooner. Returned in 1921 at the Hurricane Gulch Bridge job for the Alaska Railroad...hauling gravel. He worked at one time with Jess Rust laying water pipe for summer yard and garden use in Fairbanks.