

"Ersa Major" was the name of the high school year book. Talks about same and reads from same. Superintendent of school in 1917 was F.S. Farrar. Teachers were Daphne Moody, Ralph D. Matthews and Henrietta Myrick (sp?). Amante describes people mentioned. Talk about the advertising in the book. She mentions locations of businesses.

Harry Avakoff...she knew him when he first came to the country (w/aking in from Valdez). Amante never went to Valdez. Her first trip outside Alaska was in the spring of 1932.

Talks about marriage. Took train to Dunbar station from Fairbanks after the wedding and then took Hanson's sled and horse to Minto, Manley and Tofty. He was 12 years her senior and she does not like to talk about him. Apparently it was a very unhappy marriage for both. She did say, however, that she agreed to stick it out until the children were grown. All boys born

Amante retired in 1963 from her job with the federal jail (first a cook and then matron). Comes back to Fairbanks each summer but missed 1966 because of broken bones from auto accident. Then the 7th of July that year she had her gall bladder removed. Later that year, when the new Presbyterian Church in Phoenix was being dedicated, she walked through a plate glass window and cut up her legs. In the fall of 1967 as she was driving down the Alaska Highway, a man hit her head. He got broken arm; she got a broken leg, ankle, ribs.

Her brother Einar Tonseth worked in the early years in grocery stores. He later went to work for Laverne and Bailey grocery. He was city magistrate once. He also worked short time as a deputy marshall in 1944 . She recalls how she and Einar took a couple insane people and a prisoner outside for incarceration.

Einar retired from the city job and he and his wife bought a home in Spokane. He died five years ago.