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Douglas tells that at the end of the previous tape he was telling about being the grand president of the Pioneers of Alaska, visiting various igloos around the state. That was a great experience for his wife and him.

He didn't expect to know anybody from Kodiak since he has only been there for a couple of times, but as soon as he got into the Igloo there, somebody mentioned Tim Twitchell. Douglas knew him since he graduated from the University of Alaska the following year Douglas started there, in 1935.

Tim was the first Eskimo from the lower Yukon to graduate from the University and the first Eskimo who was admitted to the Masons.

He also made a memorable trip to Petersburg and saw some of the people he had gone to school with in grade school and high school.

2:18 Margaret says that Douglas is very much involved with the University. He attends the reunions and his children have gone to the University of Alaska. Douglas tells that he attends the reunions every year and has received his 50-year pin 3 years ago so he's eligible to be in the honor class every year and makes a point of going. There's always people who date back to his village. They have three generations of university [of Alaska] graduates. Douglas graduated in 1943, his son Larry graduated in 1969 in electrical engineering and his other son Jerry graduated in 1971 as a civil engineer. Now he has two grandchildren who are studying, and Douglas hopes they will graduate as well. One, Jessica, is a junior this year and his grandson, Jeremy, is a freshman.

4:08 Margaret says that she's looking at a pictorial history that was put together by Colp family and tells that Douglas has got lots of awards for his involvement with the community and mineral industry. He says that if he lives to be 86 years old, he has seen two centuries.

Margaret thanks for the interview.

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