

Tape begins with Sim talking about his multiple sclerosis.

He served in Territory's legislature one term. Ernest Gruening governor then (1950) All four recall Gov. Gruening.

Former Gov. Parks: Sim has known him since he came to the Territory. Gov. Parks was governor (appointed) from 1925 to 1933. He has lived in the MacKinnon Apartments 41 years. He was the first governor to occupy the governor's offices in the capital building in Juneau. Sim helped Parks on protocol when dignitaries (particularly military) came to Juneau on vessels. Sim designated as Parks' naval aide (un-paid, honorary position).

Parks came to Alaska in 1907. Head of cadastral Survey, issued patent for the City of Kodiak. Warren W. Taylor was commissioner at Kodiak (Sim knew him there during war) and was a railroad man out of Cordova. MacKinnon knew Warren Taylor and Sig Wold in Cordova. Sim remembers Bart Gillespie who went on with Seabees into the Arctic to look for oil in Pet 4.

Sim tells humorous story about pet crow the sailors at Adak had....crow stealing Sim's hat and braid...

More talk about Governor Parks...meeting President Warren Harding in 1923 and traveling with the president in Alaska; remembers early Valdez names; staked out and surveyed Anchorage.

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Other old timers in Juneau? Charlie Skuse, George Skuse, Larry McEachney, Waino Hendrickson's older brother Esho.

Sim says Gov. Parks was in the Army in World War I. His friendship with Sect. Interior Wurtz that caused him to be appointed governor of Alaska, Sim believes. Sim tells about some of the interesting things Parks did in early days.

Sim tells about copying old photographs. Takes picture of old photos and then re-prints them. Working on a voluntary basis. He had copied more than 6,000 old historic photos to date. Gave them to state historical museum and then sent them to the historical collection. Works with Bob DeArmond.

Hazel said her father built his first building on South Franklin Street in 1901. It is still standing and is occupied by Mary Joyce, the old lady who owns and operates the Lucky Lady Bar. Hazel said the building had about 10 rental rooms used as hotel rooms. She said she remembers Jack Dalton coming in occasionally.

Brandt recalls that Sim was one of the commissioners for the Territorial Department of Police. Others serving with MacKinnon were Bill Healy, E.B. Collins, Jerry Williams and Irving McK. Reed.