

Art never worked for the Fairbanks Exploration Co. Unusual!

They remember the Linck family when they came to Alaska. Jack is the King Regent this year.

Dorothy tells about Harold Ickes when he came to Alaska and Fairbanks. Everybody busted his butt making a nice banquet with Alaskan foods. Very nice affair, and Ickes was not gracious and obviously bored with the whole thing. Dorothy playing background music for the affair and heard it all. Fairbanks people hurt by his inconsiderate attitude and remarks.

Art tells about going back to Washington to protest high rates for the ferry that operated across the Tanana River and Delta River junction near Delta (high rates to discourage trucks so freight would come over government-operated railroad). It cost \$9.27 a ton on the ferry. Art and Gene Rogge one day put Art's truck on the ferry and stole the ferry. Gene cut the telephone lines so the operator had to go to Richardson Roadhouse to call town. Operator was Cap Flannigan. They got into trouble but didn't land in jail.

Another time Art got into trouble was when Pollastrini threatened to kill him over a freighting deal that Pollastrini failed to pay Art for (for tractor and plow time).

Their children:..One teaching school and giving music lessons in Coos Bay  
Another daughter in Roseburg, six children.  
Another son out of Portland  
Ted the youngest, counselor and teacher

Early mayor of Fairbanks: Dorothy remembers that Murray Smith was mayor in 1912 when her father was the district attorney. She remembers Mayor Tom Marquam at the time of the president's (Warren Harding) visit. Marquam had recently married one of the belles from the "line" and ladies of the town were aghast that a prostitute (newly made respectable) would be an honored guest and ride in the parade (one story told by Mrs. Clara Rust has it that some of the gals in town went to the mayor and told his honor to marry that gal he was living with before the president arrived). At any rate, Dorothy remembers Mrs. Marquam was wearing a hand tatted dress over pink chiffon and rode in a car of honor in the parade. President Harding, Herbert Hoover and their entire party were wearing heavy wools and were very uncomfortable since it was one of the hottest days in the summer (July 15 or 16, 1923).

Dorothy remembers Wiley Post and Will <sup>Rogers</sup> Rogers visit. Howard Hughes vist later, too. Ben Eielson, Harold Gillam. Art very fond of Gillam.

Dorothy remembers vividly when Eva McGown came to Fairbanks on the Valdez stage line (horse drawn). Came in 1914. She was introduced to Alaska through Mrs. Jessie Bloom who had been a student of Eva's in Ireland. She got Eva to writing to Arthur McGown of Fairbanks and Eva agreed to come over and marry him. He was not the best husband in the world, Dorothy allows, but Eva was good to him and very faithful. Dorothy said Eva met George Parks, then a Bureau of Land Management (dept. of interior) and later governor. She thinks Eva had a "thing" for Parks all those years. Parks never married and still lives today in Juneau. Eva met him on that trip in from Valdez, Dorothy said.

Irene Sherman...Dorothy remembers the fire in which Irene was so badly burned. Irene's mother was the daughter of the people who ran the Third Avenue Hotel. She remembers Irene's mother as "not too bright". Anyway, she married and had Irene. Later she became interested in a Negro man. One night Irene and two of "Dirty Face" Porter's children were in the cabin across from the Eagles Hall. The children had been locked in the cabin. They started a fire and the stove flared up catching the balloon ceiling (cheese cloth and wall paper) afire. Two children were burned to death and Irene scarred horribly for life. Dorothy always remembers Irene wearing a hat with a veil...never seeing her face until later years after Irene was years older. Mike Dalton tells of taking Irene to lunch during Golden Days and having the Mayor (Harold Gillam Jr.) as special guest. Irene had never been in tall building in Fairbanks before. They went to the Petroleum Club...all decked out in Golden Days garb.