

Ole's arrival at Eagle. People in Eagle were expecting her. She landed at the beach and deposited her gear in the roadhouse. Then she walked to the village to see about her school and quarters. She arrived the first of October and villagers were eagerly awaiting their new teacher. Someone told her to take a stick with her because of the vicious dogs. She met two Indian boys and they wondered about the new teacher ...with a stick (Ole is a very, very gentle woman). She found the school and got her food from the Northern Commercial Co. and luggage moved to her quarters.

Her school had 25 children in it. She taught there 13 consecutive years. Her first Christmas she got sick on some Indian food and got very, very homesick. Said if she could have left then she would have gone home and never returned...but she didn't have a way and by spring she didn't want to leave. She lived in the village...the only white person there.

Stouts and Barney tell about Ole walking down to the town of Eagle (about 3 miles). She had a fast stride and carried a lantern.

Ole was born in Norway near Oslo. Her birthday: July 25, 1897.

She met Barney in 1929 when he arrived in Eagle. She says "But he didn't even see me!" She tells about nursing the sick in the Indian village. Delivered many babies. The first delivery was awkward for Ole, but the second she did was Silas Stevens and from then on it was okay. "From then on it was one after another," she says.

In 1930 Ole and Roberta Steele (Stout now), Alice Roberts and Mrs. Steel walked to Chicken, about 100 miles. They took two horses that carried their camping gear. That was the same year that Ben Stacey fell into the dog pot and got so badly burned (from boiling dog food). He was epileptic and had a seizure. He was so badly burned he died of the burns soon after.

The Army Signal Corps disbanded at Eagle about 1911, Roberta said.

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