

Ben had a

Steam engine in Livengood. /Generator and ran shows once a week. Ran picture show twice a week in winter. Summer he was too busy for shows!

Happy birthday singing (94 years old). Cake with nine candles for 10 years each and a short one for four years...pass the bottle of Calvert's again!!! (You're only 94 once!)

Hobbies? Reads all the time. Likes history. No fiction.

Blue parka man? Never did know who he was. Close call in all his years prospecting and mining. Nothing serious ever happened.

Bears: Tells of shooting a grizzly as he and a man named John Patterson were heading toward the Circle country. Had his pack horse and Ben was ahead on the trail. Bear was downed but he shot it again for good measure and the bear charged... collapsed and died just before he got to Ben. And Ben's gun was empty.

Ben married Annie Laurie in Seattle by a magistrate. She was his sweetheart before he left home. Same age as he (died about 15 years ago when their cabin at Livengood burned...she was crippled and could not get out) . Ben used to fiddle when her brother was a caller at the quadrille dances. Had so many tunes in his head that he could give them a different tune every dance every night. Remembers Vic Durant playing at the old Olnes (Alaska) camp.

We talked him into getting out his fiddle. His fingers are old, bent and look almost crippled...but he could really play the fiddle!