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Novatney, Dorothy

Dorothy Novatney Slide Collection, ca. 1945-1955

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PROCESSING: The slides were numbered and in alphabetical order by village, probably by Dr. Novatney. They may have been numbered for a slide show. Some numbers were missing. Original order was maintained, however, staff re-numbered the slides so they are in sequential order. Images are housed in mylar and acid-free folders.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dr. Dorothy Holverson Novatney came to Alaska in 1940 when she was 35 years of age. She taught English at the high school in Ketchikan and then moved to Fairbanks to teach at the University. In 1945 she became the first Supervisor of Elementary and Secondary Education. Her responsibility was to inspect schools throughout the state and report back to the commissioner. By 1947 she became Deputy Commissioner of Education. She resigned from the Dept. of Education in 1956 and was subsequently asked to start a community college. She originated Juneau-Douglas Community College which later became the University of Alaska Southeast. Dr. Novatney was the first Director of the new community college. *[Excerpted from: "The Names Behind the Buildings at UAS," Whalesong, February 20, 1998, p. 4.]*

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection includes slides of rural schools and school personnel throughout Alaska in the 1940's and 1950's. Images were probably taken by Dr. Dorothy Novatney as she traveled around Alaska as Supervisor of Elementary and Secondary Education and then as Deputy Commissioner of Education. As the slides were numbered, it can be assumed they were used for reporting back to the territorial Department of Education in the form of a slide show. Each slide is identified presumably by Dr. Novatney.

INVENTORY

Identifications are taken from the slides. Numbers in parentheses were the numbers originally written on the slides, probably by Dorothy Novatney.

1. Adak, former school in old military Adm. Bldg. (2)
2. Adak, school - new & modern (3)
3. Adak, school from Bering Building (4)
4. Akutan, village - from harbor - Bering Sea (5)
5. Akutan, village from school (6)
6. Akutan, quarters & school (7)
7. Akutan, teacher & children (8)
8. Aleknagik Lake, Bristol Bay (9)
9. Alitak, village from harbor (12)
10. Alitak, school & quarters (13)

11. Allakaket - air strip, Koyukuk River (14)
12. Allakaket, village - rear (15)
13. Allakaket, village - front looking east (16)
14. Allakaket, school (17)
15. Allakaket,, teacher's quarters (18)
16. Anchorage H.S. (19)
17. Anchorage, quonset school & office once (20)
18. Anchorage, Woodland Park School (22)
19. Andreafski, St. Mary's Mission from Yukon River (23)
20. Andreafski, St. Mary's Mission, gym & boys dorm to left (24)
21. Andreafski, St. Mary's Mission, good bye to visitors, travelers (25)
22. Aniak, unloading cargo (27)
23. Bethel, school building (29)
24. Belkofski, village - from harbor - Pacific water (30)
25. Belkofski, unloading the supply barge - the Star in distance (31)
26. Belkofski, unloading the barge - village in distance - Greek Church (32)
27. Chignik, North Star - A.N.S., at dock (36)
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29. Council, village - ghost, 14,200 in area gold rush days (43)
30. Council, village street, now deserted (44)
31. Council, school - now closed - at one time Presbyterian Church (45)
32. Crooked Creek, school (48)
33. Eagle, Indian village up river from Eagle - Canada (?) 11 miles away (54)

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36. Ekwok, village on Nushagak River (60)
37. Ekwok, school (61)
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39. Fortuna Ledge, school (66)
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55. Kobuk, school, teacher and pupils (95)
56. Kobuk General Store, Mr. & Mrs. Brown & daughter Mae & her husband Toni Bennhart (?) (96)

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58. Kobuk, jade nugget & owner C. Sheldon (98)
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