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TITLE: Eklutna Vocational School Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1980.026

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1942-1943

Extent: 26 items, .2 linear feet.

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Hettie Pointer.

Administrative/Biographical History:

Hettie Pointer moved to Alaska in the early 1940s to be near her daughter, Hortense Hanshew, wife of U.S. Hanshew, for whom Hanshew Middle School was named. According to her granddaughter, Mary Pointer of Anchor Point, Alaska, Hettie Pointer worked as a cook at Ft. Richardson during the war years. In the mid-1940s, Hettie lived at and worked as a cook at the Eklutna Vocational School. The Eklutna Vocational School was built by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Education in 1924 to house and educate children orphaned by the 1918 influenza epidemic in Alaska. A fish camp was built and maintained by the school as well, to provide training in subsistence fishing and to help provide food for the children. Courses at the school were mainly vocational training classes. By 1930, 110 students were enrolled at the school. In 1946, the school's buildings were condemned and the school was permanently closed. Hettie Pointer died in 1963 and is buried at Angelus Memorial Park in Anchorage, along with her daughter and son-in-law.

Scope and Content Description: The collection consists of the 1943 yearbook of the Eklutna Vocational School, and 25 photographs of the school's buildings, students, teachers, athletic teams, clubs, and events. The yearbook includes senior wills, descriptions of school clubs and activities, faculty information, and names of class members.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated February 21, 1980 by Hortense Pointer Hanshew. The collection was previously owned by Mrs. Hanshew's mother, Hettie Pointer.

Processing Notes: Photographs which were originally contained in the yearbook have been removed and placed in a separate folder.

Separated Materials

Notes

RELATED MATERIALS

SUBJECTS

Eklutna Vocational School--Students--Yearbooks.

Eklutna Vocational School--Photographs.

School yearbooks--Alaska--Eklutna.

Vocational education--Alaska--Eklutna--Photographs.

Vocational education--Alaska--Eklutna--Sources.

Alaska Natives--Alaska--Eklutna--Photographs.

Alaska Natives--Education--Alaska--Eklutna--Photographs.
Alaska Natives--Education--Alaska--Eklutna--Sources.
Vocational school students--Alaska--Eklutna--Photographs
Vocational school students--Alaska--Eklutna--Societies, etc.
Alaska Native students--Alaska--Eklutna--Photographs.
Teachers--Alaska--Eklutna--Photographs.
Eklutna (Alaska)--Photographs.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Periodicals

B1/F1

.1 – Eklutna Vocational School yearbook for 1943; 36 pages are stapled between brown cardstock. Cover reads “Nethotda-ah 1943.”

Series 2: Photographs

B1/F2

- 1.1 – Photograph. Handwritten on verso: Supt. Ludy; Nethotda-ah, 1943. [School superintendent Reginald Ludy.]
- 1.2 – Photograph. Handwritten on verso: front. [Evening view of front of school complex.]
- 1.3 – Photograph. Handwritten on verso: (Eklutna); (not photo file); Nethotda-ah, 1943; album; Boys Dorm; Girls Dorm; Dining downstairs; Hosp. [View of school buildings with mountains in background and railroad track in foreground.]
- 1.4 – Photograph. Handwritten on verso: Eklutna; Nethotda-ah, 1943. [Another view of school buildings.]
- 1.5 – Group photograph. Faculty, Nethotda-ah, 1945.
- 1.6 – Group photograph. Seniors, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.7 – Group photograph. Juniors, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.8 – Group photograph. Sophomores, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.9 – Group photograph. Freshmen, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.10 – Group photograph. Junior High, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.11 – Group photograph. Intermediate Grades, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.12 – Group photograph. Primary Grades, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.13 – Group photograph. Student Council, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.14 – Group photograph. Busy Bees, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.15 – Group photograph, Girls Glee Club, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.16 – Group photograph, Boys Glee Club, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.17 – Group photograph, Girls Basketball, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.18 – Group photograph. Boys Basketball, Nethotda-ah, 1943.
- 1.19 – Photograph. Home Economics, Nethotda-ah, 1943. [Three girls are standing around a table, preparing food.]
- 1.20 – Group photograph. Practice Cottage, Nethotda-ah, 1943. [Group of younger students with teacher in front of building labeled “Knik Hall.”]
- 1.21 – Group photograph. Eklutna. [Four students pose under large sign that reads “Eklutna” with car parked nearby.]

Loose photographs:

.2 – Photograph. Eklutna Christmas Party. [Children and one adult with wrapped Christmas gifts, Christmas tree, and costumed Santa Claus.]

.3 – Photograph. Eklutna Industrial School. Mildred and Ann Simeonoff, twin sisters from Kodiak.

.4 – Photograph. Eklutna Industrial School. [Group of students singing at school function, possibly graduation ceremony; 2 men also sit on stage, which is decorated with tree branches.]

.5 – Photograph. Edward Pagana [female], 1944 Valedictorian, and Mr. Ludy, Superintendent.

List of names referenced in 1943 Eklutna Vocational School annual:

Ahvakana, Stephan

Aimeonoff, Anna

Alec, Herbert

Alec, Julia

Alec, Katherine

Allen, Walter

Ananatoc, Nick

Anderson, Arthur A.

Anderson, Dorothy

Anderson, Ernest

Anderson, Pauline

Anderson, Robert

Andola, Carl

Andola, Elsie

Andola, George

Andrewvitch, Herman

Antoski, Louisa

Ashworth, Evelyn, Postmistress

Ashworth, Walter A.

Aveoganna, Bertha

Aveoganna, Hazel

Barber, Billy

Berg, Albert

Berg, Carol

Berg, Pearl

Bergmans, Esther

Bergmans, Rev. Arthur

Bolt, Felix

Bowen, Freddie

Bowne, Clarence

Boyle, Florence

Brawner, Mr. A.H.

Burns, Dan

Charles, Norma

Chase, Michael

Churchill, Jennie
Chute, Ethel "Beaver"
Cole, Dorothy G.
Cozette, Billy
Cunningham, Clara H., Nurse
David, Helen
Davidson, William
Davis, Louise M.
Dean, Julia G.
Delphin, Agnes
Depperman, Frances
Derendy, Andy
Dozette, Helen
Dozette, Laura
Edwards, Florence
Edwards, Leo
Englishoe, Marian (Marion?)
Ezi, Alberta
Ezi, Benny
Ezi, Elizabeth
Ezi, William, Jr.
Fennessey, Mr.
Ford, Celia
Gabriel, John
Gardner, Billy
Goodlatau, Mae
Greenway, Eleanor
Gregory, William, Jr.
Hertz, Mr.
Hertz, Mrs.
Hollman, Jacqueline
Housler, Mae
Hubbell, Hildegarde
Hutte, Arthur
Hutte, Jackie
James, Frances
Jimmy, Clara
John, Maudrey (Maudry)
Joseph, Catherine
Joule, Vera
Juneby(?), James
Kaveolsek, Harold S.
Keating, Mabel
Kinzy, William F.
Knox, Charles
Kokrines, Elsie

Koutchak, Anna
Kuzakin, Xenia
Lawney, Eugene
Lawney, George
Lawney, Kenneth
Lohr, Alice
Longcarp, Margaret
Ludy, Reginald, Superintendent
Luke, Elsie
McCormick, Florence
Mensoff, Annie
Miller, Marion
Milligan, Lena
Mingus, June
Munson, Henry
Munson, Oscar
Murphy, Katy
Megevnanna, Henry
Newman, Alice
Newman, Bertha
Nickolie, Evan
Noble, Hilda
Notti, Beverly
Notti, Josephine
Ogden, Mrs.
Osbekoff, Irene
Oskolgoff (?), Sophie
Oulette, Margaret
Pagano, Edward
Pagano, Frank
Painter, Olivia
Panchine, Jennie
Perry, Clare
Peters, Mary
Peterson, Ernest
Pitka, Elsie
Pitka, Lillian
Pitka, Nancy
Ponchene, Mary
Rasmussen, Conard
Rasmussen, Effie
Rasmussen, Margaret
Resoff, Miss
Rogers, Mrs.
Rogers, William M.
Schaeffer, Harriet

Schetzle, John B.
Seller, Kathryn D.
Shanigan, Nick
Simeonoff, Anna
Simeonoff, Mildred
Solomon, Mardow
Solomon, Paul
Standifer, Elsie
Starr, Edna
Stevens, Frances
Stevens, Frankie
Stevens, Silas
Strom, Margaret
Sunrise, Annie
Sweetsir, Vivian
Tagarook, Peter
Talaak, Isaac Bennett
Thoahun, Anita
Thomas, Morris
Tobuk, Alice
Tooyak, Alice
Tooyak, Madeline
Underwood, Lena
Vincent, David
Vincent, Leon S.
Vincent, Marilyn
Vincent, Ruth A.
Wheeler, Chaplain
Williams, Jimmie