

Lola Tilly
interviewed by
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Intro. Goes back to January 1929. Teaching @ U. of Minnesota.

Bunnell wrote letter to that U. for 2 Home Ec. teachers.

" interviewed her. She was fascinated by his account of the University. She said she couldn't stay but one yr. Bunnell returned to U of A in March, wired her a contract. She decided to give it a try.

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She took two weeks to get there. Arrived on a Sunday night. Went to Nordale Hotel and to dinner. Bunnell was waiting @ Hotel when they returned. Sent car in morning to take them to university. Brought Eileen Sewell, my lady, who was working on her Master's degree.

Narrow rd. through pear bog w/ a turnaround so cars could wait to get past. Only 2 or three
(66) "I thought 'what am I getting into!'. It was the most godforsaken camp I'd ever seen, there were only two or three houses between Parkbanks and the University."

071-80

Rms in Hotel were \$45.00/month - ate most meals @ the Hotel Cafe across the street. That old road served for passenger cars though there was no bus then.

~~Ran~~ Road on the "Bill Car" to University. 15¢/trip

With coupons it was 25¢ round trip.

Took a bus. Paul Grimonds (?) bus / broken down half the time - quite an innovation.

80-86

Sometimes road would wash out. Prof Chase stood there and carried the women across the washout to where there was a bus. Bus began in 1931. ~~He was~~

96-92 She never expected blacktopped rds in Alaska. - one of the finest things to ever happen.

92-102 @ that time there was only the old Havi buildg where the Bunnel Bldg stands now and 2 frame houses. Her and Homer. President's house was at the corner as you turn into where Gilson Bldg is.

102-116 Well travelled faculty. Basters & Poto taught in Syria, Ryan taught in the Philippines. She had just recently travelled in Europe. Impressed by hospitality in town. 4 Churches - Catholic Episcopal, Christian Science, Presbyterian. She attended the latter. Young founded in 1902, now in Alaska land.

116-131 A Bunnel anecdote - tourists offered him a tip. He did everything. Dug the vegetables for the Home ec class from the garden (near where Bunnel is).

131-162 He could visualize the buildg of the U. Had high standards and aided the students financially. Set up a study hall. Bunnel was on the job 24 hrs. day. Knew everything.

162-201 Bunnel was pleased w/ equipment. It was pretty good. Worked out a good program. An old DC range and Hobart mixer. Had ~~Ranges~~ ^{some} Keregas ranges. A coal stove. Had no refrigerator. A cooler. Used the fire escape as their freezer, Before Berkeley foods came out. Set up classes to the individual needs of the students.

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No budget for the dept. until late 50s

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Dr. Bunnell was aghast @ the objective test and the cost involved in copying them. Dept. on 3rd floor then Explain archaic phone system.

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Camp Cookery Course. Minnie ~~say~~ came in for 7 min Short Course after took the course. Explain anecdote of ~~travels~~ Minnie asking her how to cook biscuits w/ no utensils. "Just wanted to know if you knew" said the coursdough when she finished explaining correctly.

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Another story about an old timer living in a shack above food service on the hill who would take leftovers and leave them outside to freeze.

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Campus activities. Cances and such. Mention the corsages that were the first to be flown in for Junior prom. Lola did the make up in the plays! Used to be a student taxi - after would run to Model Cafes for sandwiches.

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Bunnell used to hand-address the "Collegian". Tells of Bunnell's great "detective" work. Bunnell didn't miss anything.

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Tell of Her Eickson's heroic trips to help to save the crew of a Russian ship caught in ice off Russian Coast. Also his demise during one of those trips.

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Then took fruit as a token of appreciation rather than flowers in those days.

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Geo Geist. He worked w/ Geist on the story and research on his artifacts. "Eskimo Hood Havers, Eskimo Homes, and Eskimo Childrens Toys, Eskimo Clothing." - article she wrote. Published in Journal of the Economics.

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She also published a list of books on Alaska in ~~Alaska~~ Journal of Home Economics for the convention in Seattle.

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Bunnell stays. Hated flying. Did not even want his faculty flying. Did not approve.

530-587

Bunnell went back to Wash. to get funds from Smith-Teever funds to set up Coop Extension service, claiming all of Alaska was a Rural area. Bunnell felt that U of A should do as other universities - formal commencement. Waited and hoped to be accredited (1935).

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First concrete building was the gym, now the old museum. Bldg in the '30s. Last commencement was in 1963, when Dr. Pills retired - held in the gym - top floor of Ellison.

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She retired in 1963. College became a university in 1935.

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Bunnell had very strong objections to his faculty being married. She was married in 1937. Thought she would be through @ the U. She wanted Bunnell to be the first to know. Wrote him @ the Legislature.

035-056

He liked knowing about secrets - never said a thing about it. Bunnell recalled her in WWII. Worked for extension service for the rest of the yr. 1942. Fall 1943 went back to head of Home Ec. Great pressure to close U. They took over main building and Hess hall. Lower floor of their Bldg. Bldg. for U.

055-073

Girls moved back to Old Club dorm. - 7 women.
Night classes, short courses. Liz. Bradford was
student body pres (1943).

Thelma had a hospital in Hess Hall, had barracks &
dining room on top floor of Pan.

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Bunnel very interested in Home Ec. department. Erickson
built in late '50s.

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Blueprints for Home ec. department (1949)

She spent all her extra hours going through catalog for furnishings.
In 1960³ moved into new department. Same yr. Skurland moved
Arthur next door Home Ec. 1953 - Accreditation Comm. visits
university again. Need a nursery school and Home Phys
house.

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Nursery School and Home Phys. House. Talks about childhood
ed, daycare centers and nursery schools.

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Dr. Wood & her retirement. She feels good about seeing
many former students on the streets and around the towns
of Alaska.

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"However, when I speak of the old days I would not
wish the old days on anyone because I'm just thrilled
to death to be part of history in the making and to see
our great University."

Dr. Bunnel had the vision. Was good to have Dr. Moore
and Dr. Katz carry on w/ innovations. Dr. Wood came
next. She has served under all four presidents.

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She went back to school in the summer to update her
teaching degree. Loves sub-teaching - teaching grandchildren
of former students.

213-275 When Dr. Wood came, she knew she would be retiring in 2 yrs. There was no tenure then. Anecdote about Dr. Wood and her conversation w/ him about tenure.

Retired in 1963- Prof Emeritus and hon. doctorate degree awarded then.

275-345 She was Senior member of faculty for many yrs, both in age and years of service. Young faculty is typical of Ugh. She had a very wonderful time here.

Bill has always said Prof Emeritus means being "out of a job and damn well deserving it."
Bill and Zola ~~seems~~ reminiscing.