

White Mountain Teacher—

Mr. Cola Dingee Passes

Cola A. Dingee, at 74, passed away at his home city of Olympia, Washington on April 26 from a cardiac arrest.

Cola Dingee will be remembered by those native students who attended the White Mountain Industrial School at White Mountain during the late 1929's and early 1930's.

Cola, along with his wife, Ruby, came to Alaska to teach at White Mountain, he as a maintenance mechanic and mechanics teacher and she as a teacher.

Cola Dingee was an enthusiastic machinery man and he was instrumental in getting the native young men at the school interested in mechanics. He was, to

the very last year of his life an enthusiastic outdoorsman.

He and Mrs. Dingee during their life together have made extensive trips to Canada, Alaska and elsewhere to camp and to fish. They did this year upon year.

Mrs. Ruby Dingee was responsible in arranging a way for the editor of the Tundra Times, Howard Rock, to work his way to Seattle on the original North Star, a government supply ship.

Rock then made his way to Trail, Oregon to study art under the tutorship of the late Max Siemes with whom he studied for a year and half. Siemes later thought that Rock should get a little more formal art training.

After the arrangement with the then Bureau of Education, Rock went to the University of Washington under a \$900 a year loan agreement.

Mrs. Dingee discovered that Rock had art talent and encouraged him.

Cola Dingee was buried after the funeral services at the Lacey Funeral Home Chapel, Lacey, Wash. on Tuesday, April 29. Rev. Walter A. MacArthur of the First United Methodist Church of Olympia officiated.

The services were accompanied by the songs, How Great Thou Art and Sweet House of Prayer.

Mr. Dingee is survived by his wife, Ruby.