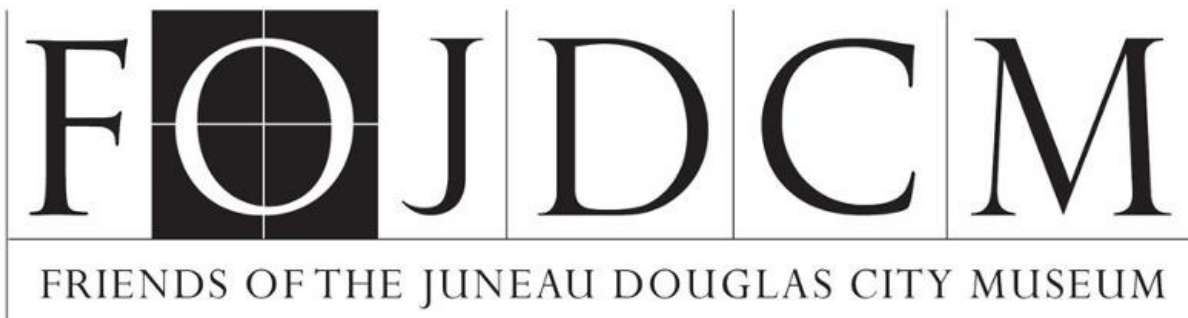


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DENALI LEAVES FOR FINAL TRIP AS JUNEAITES WAVE FAREWELL

October 3, 1954--The strains of Auld Lang Syne echoed and re-echoed over Gastineau Channel last night from the Alaska Steamship Company's S.S. Denali as she put out into the stream, southbound from Juneau on her last call to this port, and on the last sailing of Alaska Steam's scheduled passenger service.

Juneaites who thronged to the ship before departure time at 10:30 to say farewell to friends and members of the ship's crew or just to be there for the last passenger sailing, filled the front of the big dock. Among them were old-timers who had traveled on the Alaska Line since its early days in the passenger business and newcomers who had made their first trip to Alaska on a company ship.

Just before departure time the music of "Aloha" and "Anchors Aweigh" were played over the ship's loud speaker system that brought a note of added sadness to the occasion and smiles of passengers and those ashore were strained as the gangplank came down and mooring lines were cast loose.



Denali at Juneau, 1939. ASL PCA-134-304-3



IN SERVICE for the remainder of this season to Southeastern Alaska ports, the SS. Denali is scheduled to sail from Seattle on August 22, September 4, September 17 and October 1. Measuring 335 feet in length, 51 feet in breadth, and having a displacement of 6,480 tons and a gross tonnage of 3,365 tons, the twin screw SS. Denali accommodates 175 first class passengers.

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Passengers from Juneau numbered several who are making the last passenger trip as a sentimental journey. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Wellman Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weidman, and H. L. Faulkner.

Allen Shattuck, who came to Juneau in 1897 on the little steamer George W. Elder from Portland, joined his brother, the late Henry Shattuck in his steamship agency here and they were the first agents for Alaska Steamship Company in 1899. The Holbrooks are longtime travelers on Alaska Steamship Company steamers, having first come north in the 1920's. They made a special point of leaving at this time, a little earlier than usual for their winter home in California, just to travel on the Denali on her last passenger voyage. Faulkner, attorney and Juneau resident since the early 1900's, took the Denali by choice to Ketchikan on a business trip.

Ship's officers were on deck to talk with old friends--Captain Albert McCabe, Master, who first made the

Alaska trip as a ship's passenger and returned in 1927 as an Alaska Line skipper. And Joe Stollery, who made his first trip to Alaska in 1907 and has been a chief steward since 1910 on most of the ships of the Alaska Steamship Company.

Joe stayed on deck most of the time the Denali was in port at Juneau and was at the rail as the ship put out from the dock. "Adios" he whispered to an old-time friend who had traveled on "his ships" since way back.

Captain McCabe feels there is going to be nostalgia for ship travel by Alaskans, and "we regret that it may work a hardship on those who may be unable to fly. We're going to miss our passengers and I believe they're going to miss us."

Henry Green, Juneau agent for the Alaska Steamship Company, was among the last to leave the dock as the Denali pulsed out. Green served as a purser for the Alaska Line aboard its ships for a number of years before he entered shore service with the company. "We're going to miss our passengers, and our long standing friendship," he too, said, as the liner pulled away, on its final trip southbound for Seattle.--*Daily Alaska Empire*, abridged.