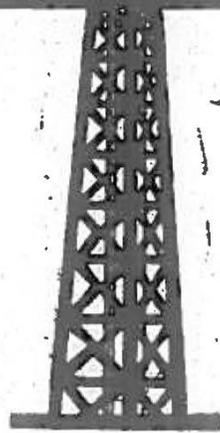


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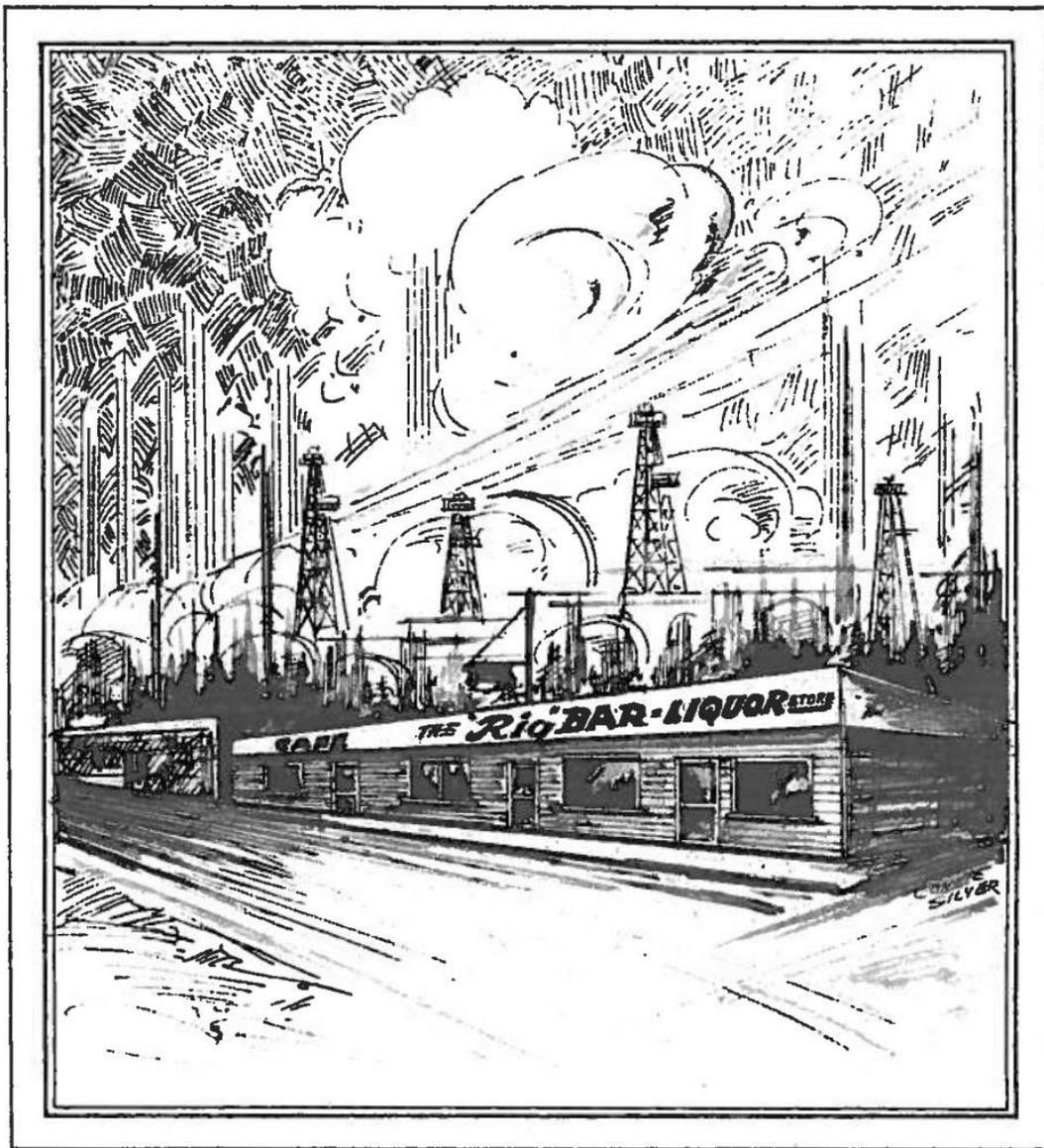
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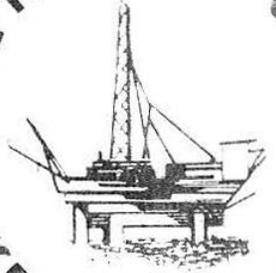
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OBITUARIES

Anchorage Daily News (AK) - Friday, January 26, 2001

Author: Staff

Kenai

Longtime Kenai resident **BILLY MCCANN** died Jan. 24, 2001, at the Sitka Pioneer's Home. He was 84.

Memorial services will be held 1 p.m. Sunday at the Kenai Merit Inn.

Born William Addison McGinty in Grano, N.D., on June 25, 1916, to William Patrick McGinty and Myrtle Gertrude Leeson McGinty. He was the first of five children.

Mr. McCann moved to Washington as a young man, where he began his boxing career. He changed his name to Billy McCann for professional purposes and was a popular boxer in the lightweight division during the late 1930s, especially in Alaska, where he won several championships. He stayed in Alaska and worked as a bartender at several cocktail lounges in Anchorage before moving to Kenai to work as an electrician at the Wildwood Military Base. Mr. McCann also worked on the construction of the Alaska Pipeline. **After moving to Kenai, he was a partner in the Rig Bar and later owned the Royal Redoubt's Black Gold Cocktail Lounge.**

Mr. McCann made many friends in the Kenai area and was a well-respected resident of the community. He served as a Kenai city councilman for the first full City Council in 1960 and later served on the Kenai Borough Assembly from 1967-1969. He was a founding member of the Kenai Bill's Club, which later became the Elk's Club. He was also an active member of the Lion's Club, the Kenai Chamber of Commerce, and many other community organizations. Mr. McCann was a generous man who was always willing to help. His family and friends said of him, "Billy McCann, always a quiet gentleman who tips his hat to a lady."

Mr. McCann is survived by his brother, Eugene H. McGinty of St. Louis, Mo.; his sister, Audrey Cathleen McGinty Medcalf of Poulsbo, Washington; 11 nieces and nephews; and 13 great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Peninsula Memorial Chapel.

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*In 1970, I was part-owner of the **Rig Bar**. One Sunday, the phones were not working properly – we could make calls but not receive any. We called the phone company but they made no real effort to fix the problem. After about half an hour, I called them and told them that the **Rig Bar** had the responsibility for receiving calls on any fires in Kenai and sounding the fire alarm. Fire department volunteers would then go to and be dispatched from the fire station (located where the art center is now). When phone service was still not restored, I had Fire Chief Archer call them and express the importance of having our phone in working order. In 15 minutes, the phone company had someone there to fix them. The telephone chief kept shaking his head, “Imagine, a damn bar having a fire dispatch phone.”*

Billy McCann - from the book *Once upon the Kenai*