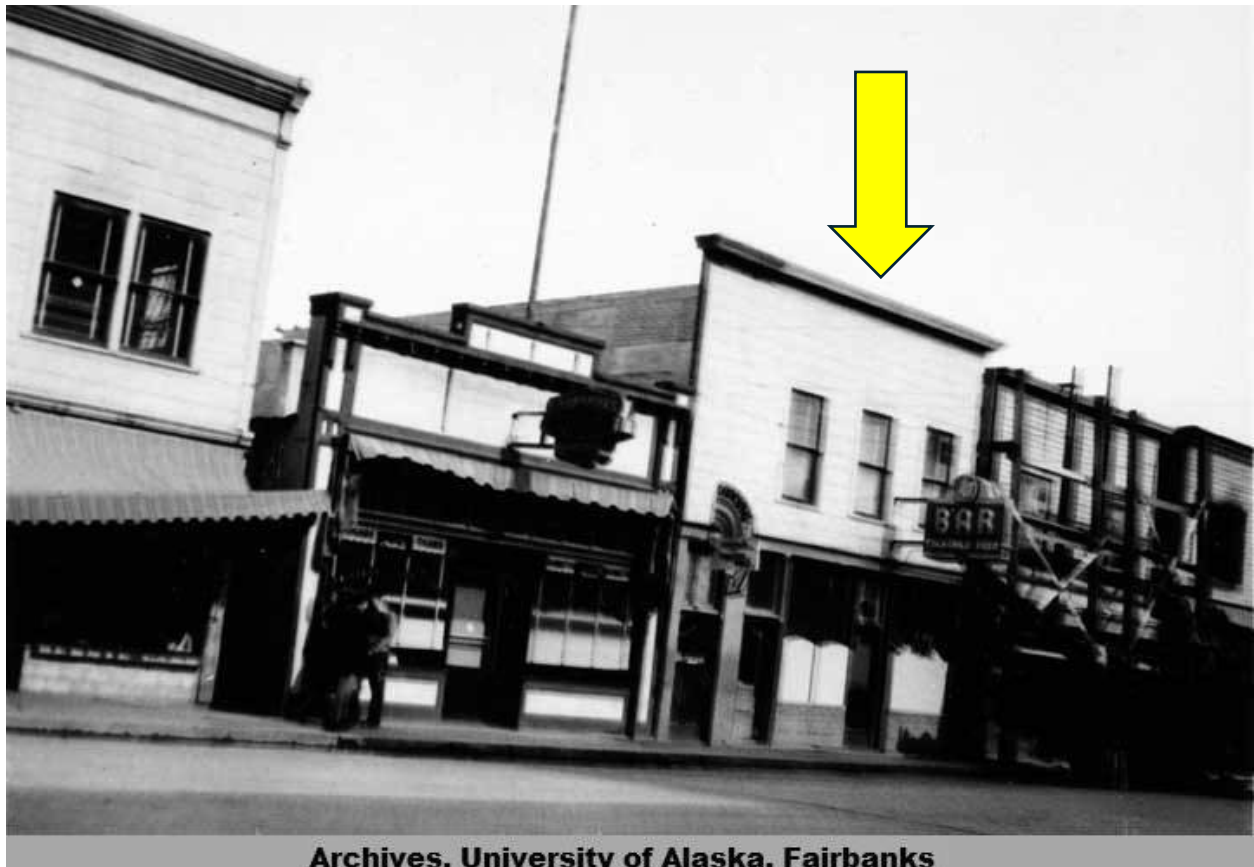


## Cottage Bar

504 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. 1939 – 1950

501 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. 1951 – 2003



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First location.

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**GRAND**  
**Opening**  
At 7:30 o'Clock  
**TONIGHT**

**Olympia and Pioneer  
Beer on Draught**

**All Popular Wines Will  
Be Served**

**ZAPEL'S**  
**COTTAGE BAR**  
2 Doors from News-Miner

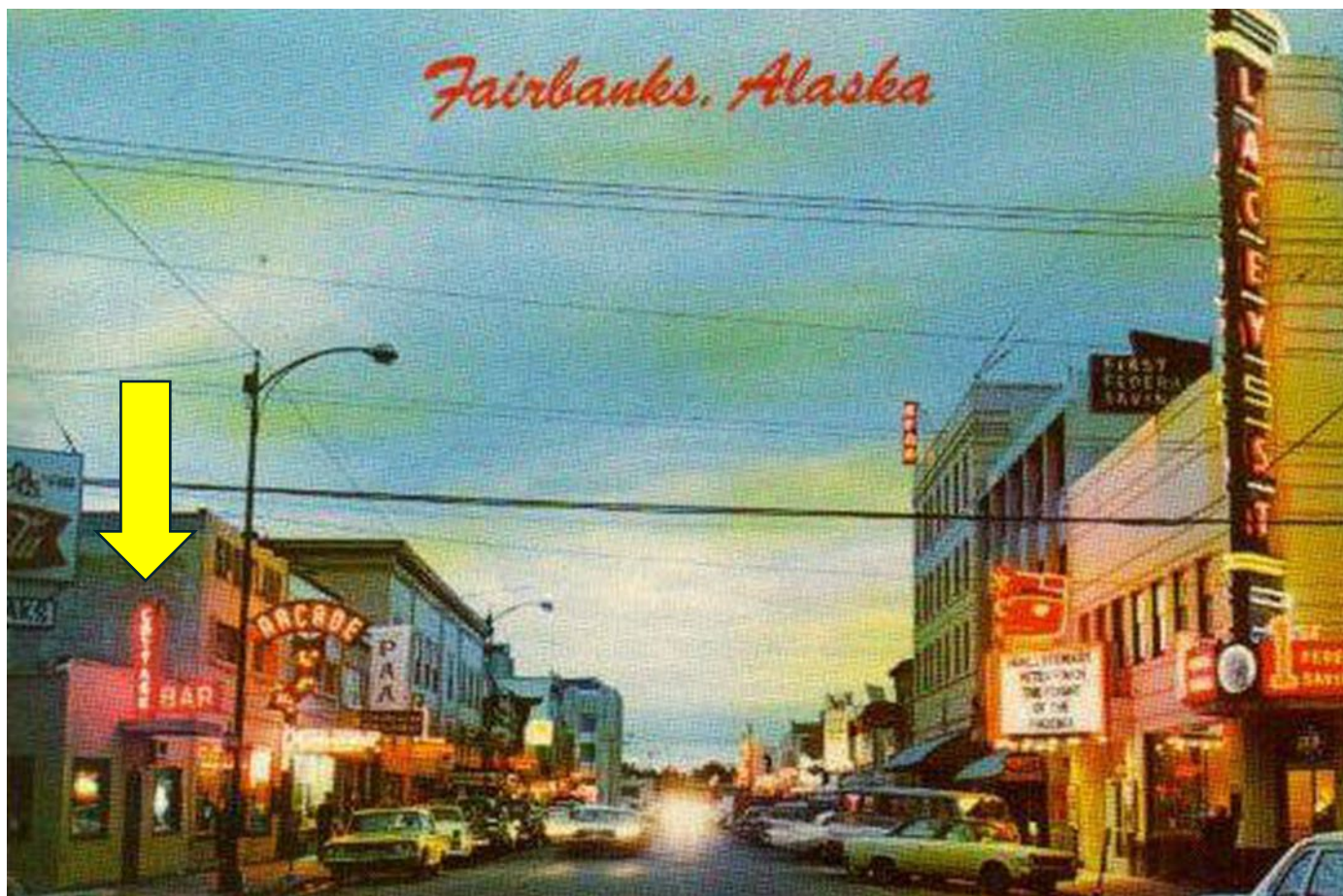
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WHEN IN  
**FAIRBANKS**  
Drop In At  
**Zapel's**  
**Cottage Bar**  
AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE



for a  
**Real Glass of Beer**  
In a Friendly Atmosphere  
—Also—  
**ULTRA-MODERN  
UPSTAIRS LOUNGE**

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Second location.

Patricia De Nardo Schmidt – 1970's

# Quinlan jury visits lounge

The jury hearing the first-degree murder case against 65-year-old William B. Quinlan paid a surprise visit to the Cottage Bar on Second Avenue yesterday afternoon, scene of the March 14 gunshot slaying of Scott Arthur Stone, 38.

Quinlan is charged with shooting Stone to death during a conversation at the Cottage after Stone had spent an afternoon of drinking and shooting pool.

The jury was empaneled just before noon Thursday after nearly four days of interviewing prospective jurors. There are five men and eight women on the jury, including an alternate who would serve if any regular juror became ill during the trial.

The trial, originally scheduled for five days, now is expected to run into late next week.

Assistant district attorney Harry Davis, heading the case for the prosecution, traced the

events leading up to Stone's death as the stateviews them.

In his opening statement, Davis said Stone, Harry Dowdy and Kitty Smith had been drinking at the Leprechaun Bar, also on Second Avenue about a half block from the Cottage Bar.

He said Stone wanted to show Kitty Smith how well he could shoot pool with his artificial arm and Stone suggested they go to the Cottage, where he felt the pool tables were better.

Stone lost an arm and leg four years to the day earlier when he attempted to start his automobile and a homemade bomb exploded. Police have never solved that case.

At the Cottage, Davis said, Stone played some pool, then took a seat at the bar between Quinlan and Smith. He left the bar to start his car, then returned to his seat.

Davis said he would produce witnesses who saw Stone and

Quinlan talking together just before a shot rang out and Stone lay dead on the floor between two pool tables.

He said he would produce a witness who saw Quinlan put a gun into a shoulder holster after the shooting, step over Stone's body and exit through a rear door to the bar.

Police have never recovered the gun used in the killing. The gun is described as a .357 magnum revolver with a 2½-inch barrel.

"Someone must have seen the actual shooting," Davis told the jury, "but thus far, no one has admitted seeing it."

Davis said he would show a motive for the shooting: "It's very simple," he said. "The motive is Linda Duvick (who at that time was Stone's girlfriend and used the last name Stone).

"I'm not saying she hired or suggested the killing done, or she would be on trial here, too. But I

will prove she was the cause of Stone's death," Davis said.

Davis painted Linda Duvick Stone as a woman who played older men — especially construction workers such as Quinlan was — for their money.

Davis said as many as 15 persons may have been in the Cottage Bar at the time of Stone's death.

Testimony during the preliminary hearing of the case last summer named several who were in the bar at the time: Linda, who was a bartender there; Lewis Kinda, the owner of the bar; David Alexander MacKenzie, Phillip Eugene Neff, Elyse Ray Knutson, Harry Dowdy, Kitty Smith, Richard "Scotty" Thibedeau, Terry Franklin and Jack Smith.

Thibedeau and Franklin were attempting to revive Stone when police arrived the night of the shooting.

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March 14, 1974, shooting death of Scott Stone by William Quinlan inside the Cottage Bar.

Quinlan was later found innocent.



John Hagan/News-Miner  
**HISTORY** — Trapper's Tavern, at right, at the Corner of Lacey Street and Second Avenue, will close on June 22. The historic bar, once known as the Cottage Bar, is shown above in a 1983 News-Miner file photo.

# Last call

Downtown tavern to close its doors

By CHRIS ESHLEMAN  
 Staff Writer

A recognizable corner bar is leaving its location at the corner of Second Avenue and Lacey Street, a move that will whittle to one the number of downtown bars left from the pipeline-era heydays.

Trapper's Tavern — better known as the Cottage Bar before a 2003 name change — will close at the end of the month, said Jim Brown, an officer with Serino, the company that holds the bar's liquor license. The space will be taken over by the next-door neighbor, the clothing company Big Ray's, which plans to expand.

Big Ray's co-owner Monty Rostad said his company bought the building that houses both the bar and his store last year. On Thursday, he stood on the sunny, southwest corner of Second Avenue and Lacey Street, describing the changes to come.

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2003: Cottage Bar name changed to Trapper's Tavern

2007: Trapper's Tavern closed

Location is now Big Ray's