

Faces in the History of Inta.

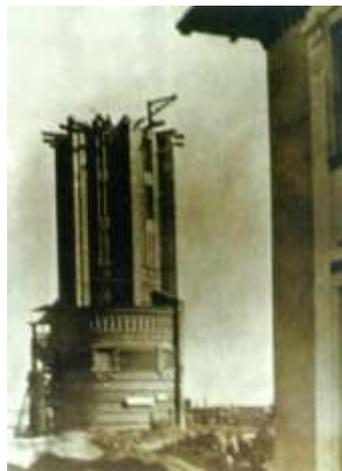
The story of my native town Inta is the story of its people. The town started dozens of years ago, many years before the Great Patriotic War. In 1912 huge deposits of coal were discovered in the north-east of the Komi land. In 1924 people arrived to the place to build mines and a railway, to extract coal and deliver it to different places of the country. In 1943 the first coal was sent to the blockaded Leningrad.

Most people who came here first were prisoners. They were sentenced to living in GULAG camps and working.

People of different origins and backgrounds were among the first settlers. Famous scientists and artists, statesmen and military men were to live and explore the wild land. They worked hard to build the railway to connect the far north with the mainland of the country.



Many dwelling houses and buildings were erected by prisoners. The one of them was Arthur Tamvelius, a Swedish architect. He engineered the Water Tower; today it is the main local hallmark.



Building of the Water Tower



The today's Water Tower

Among the people who were to live here were poets Yaroslav Smelyakov and Lev Karsavin, screenwriters Aleksei Kapler, Valeri Frid and Yuli Dunsky.



Y.Smelyakov



L.Karsavin

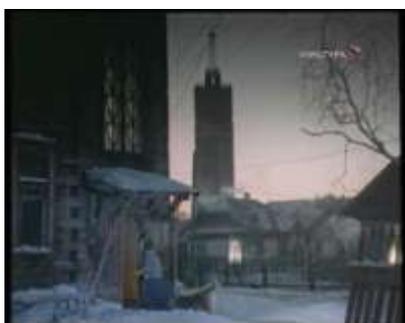


A.Kapler



V. Frid and Y. Dunsky (Inta, 1955)

Two famous Soviet films “Zhili-byli starik so starukhoy” and “Slutchay na shakhtie №8” were shot in Inta (Dunsky, Frid, scriptwriters).



“Slutchay na shakhtie №8”



“Zhili-byli starik so starukhoy”

We hope the name of Yevgeniy Urbanskiy, one of the brightest film actors, will be never forgotten. He lived in our town and finished School №1.



Inta is the motherland of some noted Soviet sportsmen. Ice hockey players Viktor Zhluktov and Vladimir Tsyplakov, a basketball player Andrey Lopatov were born in our town.



Viktor Zhluktov (CSKA)



Vladimir Tsyplakov



Andrey Lopatov (CSKA)



The Head of the Komi Republic, Vyacheslav Gayzer, and the Chaiman of the Komi State Council, Marina Istikhovskaya, are the natives of Inta.



Vyacheslav Gayzer



Marina Istikhovskaya

Lots of celebrities visited our town in different periods of time. Famous actors and actresses, poets and writers never missed a chance to visit the place. Bulat Okudzhava was fascinated by the winter beauty and the wooden architecture of Inta. He devoted one his poem to our small north town.

*Сверяйте любовь по минувшим дорогам.
Где каждая в душу ложится верста,
Я многое видел, я помню о многом,
Но в сердце моем остается Инта.*

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