

Here's A Pioneer - Van - Frank Young  
6-16-54 . . . 1-6-55 Very noisy record

In 1905 Frank Young sold Fbx 1st  
newspaper. Tanana Miner published  
in Spring 1905 by Geo. Bellows.

Supplies must have come on Yukon R.  
by freight -

Cost 25¢ - 2 sheeted paper. Sold on  
Streets - 1st & 2nd ave only place  
with any sidewalks -

Young was about 12 then - Never  
had any difficulty with people on  
the street - enjoyed miners &  
gamblers playing roulette.

Went into Tanana Saloon, one  
time a man bought 25 or 30 papers &  
gave them to him to sell over.

Most of the news was local - of  
mining & strikes.

W. F. Thompson was the man in  
Tanana Saloon - he started News-Miner  
in 1907 or 1908 -

Tanana Miner burnt up in  
fire of 1906.

Fbx Daily Times or Alaska  
Citizen was next paper &  
then News-Miner -

1906 fire took all waterfront property. School was not affected. ~~Young~~ Young didn't go to 1st little school but to the one on 2nd in Ford block where <sup>Ray's</sup> parking service was at time of interview. Busbee boys, Charlie Creamer and Freddie Johnson also went to school there.

Host mentions that "recently" hotel corp tried to build there & discovered land was still in trust to townsite for school playground.

Youngs family 1898-9 came from Guel to Dawson & then to Fbx in 1905. Father ran Branch cafe in Dawson and if he remembers correctly the old Model Cafe in Fbx.

Side 2 Youngs mother still alive, living w/sister Mrs Hossick(?) - She was 84 at time of interview.

Young played w/violinist Vic Dehand. Played in 1st movie theatre located where Orpheum is in 1954. <sup>started by Englishman named Dick Stone</sup> Quite a number of orchestras in early days. Played dances at Fox and Chalaniba.

Played in orchestra pit during  
movie - drums, piano,  
Slide trombone.

Used to work at Times as a printer's  
devil. located on 1st ave, just  
other side - right below old fellows  
Hall + library. Old Pioneer  
Hotel + California Saloon (1 block big)  
were in that area - used to be  
main part of town.

Used to get Seattle P.I. or  
San Francisco Examiner every  
4-6 weeks, sold on street for  
\$1 apiece.

Young did some mining -  
Ruby, Koyukok, Shoshana,  
Iditarod, Marshall -  
he refers to them as Stampedes.

Young met Burning Daylight -  
Eliam Harnish was real name.  
Story of Harnish waking London up  
at Dawson w/ the phrase "come on,  
get up, you're burning daylight."

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Very Scratchy  
78 RPM

Tape 5 Side 1 cut 2

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Celebration of V-J Day by the  
Tundra Army at Nome Aug 14, 1945

Buzzy Walters: Celebration at school -  
over 300 natives - drummers on  
floor - small space in front for dancers  
Chief John \_\_\_\_\_ of King Island  
Eskimos maybe conferring Eskimo  
name on Mauston -

Mauston Speech -

Side 2 - Native Eskimo Celebration  
King Island Eskimo Dance + Music  
Buzzy Walters made record for Major  
Mauston -

Dance, Music + Applause

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Here's A Pioneer - E. H. Stroecker 1/21/47

Male Announcer gives program title -  
Sponsored by Pioneer Cab. Co. + Joe Kobel (?)  
KFAR 16" Disc 33 1/2 RPM Host: Bramstedt (?)  
Prominent local banker - Family from  
San Francisco - mother suggested he  
visit Alaska April 19, 1900. 35 days to  
get to Dutch Harbor - Rugged but  
enjoyable Trip. Couldn't get to  
Nome due to ice.

Swam off ship in middle of Pacific.

Had been semi-pro ball player +  
Dutch Harbor people wanted them to  
stay + play ball -

Dutch Harbor filled w/ ships -  
Much gambling - wouldn't care  
to live there if poor climate  
Williwaw - gust of wind made  
10-20 ft waves -

Never reached Nome - stopped  
Nansen Bay (?) + Port Moller. Saw  
poor Indians living in cliffs -  
Lots of animals - took in  
rivers of Bristol Bay - Landed  
Goodnews Bay - Ick River - to  
Bethel -

Met Dr. Romig + <sup>also the</sup> collector of  
Census - Dr. Kelbuck - Cherokee Indian

Ran water wagon for Jack Brazil  
"While he was on his jamboree".

Stamped to Kantushina & staked some  
ground.

R. A. Jackson, a surveyor,

Went with them + for Murphy of Murphy ditch in Nome survey.  
Stayed til June. Helped pack mules into  
Fairbanks.

Went upriver & cut large raft  
of logs 110 ft long for store wood.

John Loomis, Supt of Roads  
Under Mr. Sugg about to  
start winter road to the Delta.  
Cooked 4 days for crew & became  
horse packer until Oct 1. The Klock, King  
& Loomis had mail contract -

Went in small boat w/ Fred  
Date down to Tanana - had to  
sled part way - Reported for mail  
Snowed 3 days & froze river - Kept at  
that all winter - worked for Peoples  
Store (where Nordale is now) - Peoples  
sold out & Wood got him to  
work for bank.

In 3 months was head teller &  
in 6 was cashier.

~~Close~~ Close: also Wed. even at 7:30 -

Tape 5  
E. H. Stracher

who was Moravian missionary was  
going up river to take census -  
Went 650 miles to Stoney &  
Yellow River -  
Went back to Dutch Harbor &  
Frisco -

Passed up position in Hawaii to  
come back up. To Valdez - over Valdez  
glacier - got snowed in - mined in  
Summer - 2nd Spring went into  
Slate Creek - 1903 Spring went  
to Nuzena country with Adolph  
Smith -

Summer  
wintered  
at White  
River

Were staked to get on <sup>headwaters</sup> White River <sup>9 horses</sup> -  
Bob Foulkison & 2 mules <sup>did packing all</sup> - went  
back to Nuzena in Spring -

Fall to <sup>headwaters</sup> Shooshanak - 3 glaciers -  
guided <sup>14</sup> people over - Skolai, Frederica & Noozena  
Arrived in Fox Oct 4 - <sup>?</sup> (1905 maybe)

15,000 people + 20,000 dogs -  
Cleary + other creeks looked  
like they had masts w/ all the  
poles sticking up.

In ~~December~~ dug foundation  
for California Saloon.  
Went to creeks - got job with  
Swiftwater Bill underground mining.