

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 ^{Ray's} 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. ^{started by Englishman named Dick Stone} 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, Koyohok, 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 Ak. 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 + ^{also the} 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 + R. A. Jackson, a surveyor, to survey Chatanika R.
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

horn + 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 ^{headwaters} White River ^{9 horses} -
Bob Foulkison & 2 mules ^{did packing all} - went
back to Nuzena in Spring -

Fall to ^{headwaters} Shooshanak - 3 glaciers
guided ¹⁴ people over - Skolai, Frederica & Noozena
Arrived in Fox Oct 4 - [?] (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.