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Harrie Hughes, Martin Nuppie

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Side A

Harrie Hughes talks about a recently viewed KTVF program about the youth problem in Fairbanks. Harrie thinks the youth program in Fairbanks is excellent and some of the problems are much greater in the adults. He attributes some of the problems in the youth with a lack of concern by some groups and individuals. He talks about Griffin Park, Weeks Field which has been converted to housing, Anchor Park, and the lack of parks for youth. He thinks adults should set an example for the youth.

Harrie Hughes comments on the recent election in the city of Fairbanks. He was a candidate for office. He filed within the legal advertised closing date when filing for office. The city council passed an ordinance change without public hearing. He doesn't think this act was legal, honest or just. He thinks any citizen has the right to question an illegal act. There were seventeen who filed for office after the legal advertised closing. Harrie thought there had to be a set number of days after filing and before the actual election. He thinks it was illegal by all the council members to make this change.

Side B

Martin Nuppie was born in Buffalo, New York on December 2, 1868. He came to Alaska after living in Minnesota and Kansas. The yellow fever was very bad so he decided to leave. He went up to Tacoma, Washington in 1889. He went to Dawson in 1902. He stayed there for three years. After a stay in California he came to Fairbanks. He was in St. Michaels for a couple of weeks. He joined Mort Stevens who was headed up to Iditarod to do some freighting. Martin landed in Ruby first. He came up the river on a boat. The boat had been assembled at St. Michael on the beach. This was in 1911. It didn't look very good in Ruby to him so he decided to go to Fairbanks. He joined Mort Stevens. They traveled in a scow that had an automobile engine in it. It was made into a sternwheeler. They landed in Fairbanks. Arthur McConnick heard about him coming up the river and met him at the dock. Arthur bought a business in downtown. He had it for six years and the big fire came through and burned everything down. He talked about retiring.

Harrie Hughes talks again about the city council passing an ordinance change.