

During the war years in Skagway Vern flew tourist up and over the Chilkoot Pass. One day he saw a reflection from something in the water and discovered a Japanese submarine. Reflection was from the periscope above water. Reported it to Vandual (spelling uncertain) who was the Customs man there.

Again Bookwalter and Poling recall Gov. Gruening. Poling said he taught Clark Gruening, the governor's grandson, in fifth grade in Juneau.

Asked interviewer if she knew Rosamund Weller of Fairbanks. Yes. Vern knew herein early days when she was just a child and Vern was driving a fancy car for a millionaire.

Poling talks about writing history of the Nome school system. Nome was a big town in early part of century, and its school system was used as a guideline for establishing state school system. His thesis (done for master's degree) is microfilmed and available at university in Fairbanks.

Talk about recent deaths in Nome. Drunk driver swerved across road late at night and killed two people and injured another. One who was killed was Louie Sagana, one of the best carvers on the west coast, Poling said.

Bookwalter probably would like to leave Nome for warmer climate but his wife likes it in Nome.

During tapes Vern talks about the siding (plywood) on his house that is not nailed down securely. At 82 he's still climbing up on ladders and working on his home.