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TITLE: KNIK Pioneer Audio Reels

COLLECTION NUMBER: B1963.012

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: 1961-1962

Extent: 26 reels

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Ruth Briggs

Administrative/Biographical History:
KNIK was Alaska’s first FM radio station and one of the first stations in the nation to begin what is now known as “Smooth Jazz.”

Scope and Content Description:
The collection consists of 26 7″ reels of ¼” magnetic audio tape containing oral history interviews with Anchorage pioneers, recorded by Ruth Briggs of radio station KNIK in 1961 and 1962, for the program “Alaska Speaks.” For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in fair condition. Audio condition not assessed at time of processing.

Technical Access: An open reel magnetic audio player is required to access materials. Technical notes on speed and format included for each reel, below, when known.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquistion and Appraisal Information

Processing Note
Reels recanned in 2014; original housing discarded.

Note
Reels 21 and 23 missing as of 2014.

RELATED MATERIALS

SUBJECTS
Smith, Gene
Bliss, Elizabeth Holmes, 1887-1979
Davey, Alva Erickson, 1926-2005
Montgomery, Ebba Erickson, 1918-2011
Coates, Elsie
Lakshas, Mary Bagoy, 1913-2014
Faroe, Doris Bagoy, 1920-2000
Reeve, Robert Campbell, 1902-1980
Snider, Gerrit Heinie, 1886-1972
Bowden, Francis C., 1903-1972
Harrison, Lorene, 1905-2005
Jones, Charles Ray, 1914-1970
Logan, Balfour John, 1906-1974
Jensen, Mamie Johana Feusi, 1906-2001
Senft, Clela Iva Lint, 1892-1970
Avakoff, Harry, 1884-1973
Olson, Ethel Egan, 1902-1976
Brown, Nellie Shepard, 1891-1978
Reed, Frank Metcalf, 1912-2012
Irwin, Bert E., 1889-1967
Gill, Victor, 1906-1977
Cuddy, Lucy Hon, 1889-1982
Thomas, Lowell Jackson, Jr., 1923-
Crosby, Mattie “Tootsie,” 1884-1972
Pomian, Fred, b. 1884
Lott, Frank, d. 1973
Lott, Margaret “Peggy,” 1902-2006
Marston, Muktuk
Patterson, Lois
Anderson, Oscar, 1883-1974
Carlquist, Helen Elisabeth Niemi, 1903-1994
Donatello, Jean Landstrom, 1923-
Leayman, Harry
Fry, Art, 1912-1994
Rettalack, Athol, d. 1993
Walker, Frank, 1887-1982
Dodson, James M., 1902-1969
Hilscher, Herb, 1902-1987
Laurence, Jeanne
Watson, Grace M., 1881-1966
Lottsfeldt, Sophia, 1907-1975
Meier, Bertha Crawford, 1915-1918
Ruttan, Evelyn, 1912-2004
Higgins, Clara, 1902-1980
Boylan, Hilja Reinikka, 1914-1994
Bowden, Lulu Irene, 1904-1926
Green, David, 1904-1971
Rood, Joseph Sidney, 1901-1979
Nerland, Stuart G. “Jerry,” 1928-
Hervey, Stewart D., 1895-1994
Watson, Harry, 1885-1964
Brown, Alice Hedberg, 1912-1973
Jones, Eleanor, b. 1886
Detailed Description of the Collection

Reel 1
Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400’
   Side 1
      2. Elizabeth Bliss. KNIK interview. OK but dull. 8-30-61.
   Side 2

Reel 2
Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400’
   Side 1
   Side 2
      1. Francis Bowden. KNIK interview. 7 ½ ips. 8-25-61.
      2. Lorene Harrison. KNIK interview. 3 ¾ ips. 8-28-61.

Reel 3
Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400’
   Side 1
      2. Charlie Jones, pt. 2. 30 min. Refer to edited tape.
   Side 2
      1. Mrs. Iva Senft. 10-11-61 RB.
      3. Lois (Mrs. Fred) Patterson and Ethel Egan Olson. 10-6-61. Air 10-21-61 9 PM. “Alaska Speaks” 1-4-63.

Reel 4
Scotch polyester, 1200’
   Side 1
      1. Mr. & Mrs. Stolt. 9-14-61.
   Side 2
      1. Frank Reed. KNiK interview. 9-21-61.
Reel 5
Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400’
   Side 1
   Side 2
      1. Mrs. Warren (Lucy) Cuddy. 27 min. 11-1-61.
Reel 6
Scotch plastic, 1200’
   Lowell Thomas, Jr. 12-27-61. [cf. reel 17]
Reel 7
Scotch plastic, 1200’
   “Note: Side 2 is ok, Side 1 is only half there.”
      Side 1
         1. Providence Hospital. 7 ½ ips. 1-23-62.
         2. “Tootsie” Mattie Crosby. 30 min.
      Side 2
Reel 8
Scotch polyester
   Side 1
   Side 2
Reel 9
Soundcraft, 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’
   Side 1
      1. Mrs. Lois Patterson and Mr. Oscar Anderson, King & Queen Regent of Rondy ’62. 30 min. Started 2-7-62. 2-16-62 [air date?]
      2. Helen Carlquist. 2-7-62. 25 min. Aired “Alaska Speaks” 4-6-62, 12-21-62
   Side 2
      1. Evelyn Martin and Oscar Donatello [Dominic Donatello?]. 35 min. 3-16-62 9:30 PM.
2. Harry Leayman, Art Fry, Athol Rettaleck. 25 min. 2-16-62. Note: cut before tape runs out, ends in mid-sentence.

Reel 10
Audio Devices, red oxide on plastic base, 1200’
Side 1
1. Ray Peterson. Good. 45 min. Start 3-12-62. “Alaska Speaks” re-air 5-25-62. Hold for EW and re-air. Nov. 1978: Tape is not Ray Peterson but a music section of a radio show, Billie Holiday and other jazz of the era. MDB

Reel 11
Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’
Side 1
1. Frank Walker. Very good. 40 min. Monophonic. Tracks 1/2. 3 ¾ ips. 4-9-62 rec. Started 4-10-62. 4-20-62 [air date?] 

Reel 12
Scotch
Jim Dodson. 30 min. 7 ½ ips. 5-3-62. Re-air on “Alaska Speaks” 6-8-62. “Is not here”

Reel 13
Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400’
“Note: 55:36 had been erased from Side One (#1 & #2 partially)”
Side 1
1. Herb Hilscher. 6-22-62.
2. Jeanne Laurence. 5-4-62.
Side 2
2. Mrs. Thomas Bell. 12-6-61.
3. Augie Hiebert. 12-7-61.

Reel 14
Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’
Side 1
Side 2
1. Evelyn Ruttan. Excellent. 8-16-62.
2. Clara Higgins.

Reel 15
Scotch plastic, 1200’
Side 1
2. Lou (Mrs. Francis) Bowden. 3 ¾ ips. 5-18-62.

Side 2
1. Dave Green. Very good. 45 min. 3 ¾ ips. On “Alaska Speaks” 4-28-62

Reel 16
Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’

Reel 17
Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’
Lowell Thomas, Jr. 5-31-62. [cf. reel 6]

Reel 18
Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’
1. Jerry Nerland. 7-10-62.

Reel 19
Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’
Side 1

Reel 20
Irish mylar, 1800’
Side 1
1. Alice Hedberg Brown. Not complete. 25 min. 7 ½ ips. Air date “Alaska Speaks” 12-7-62.

Side 2
1. Eleanor Jones. 15 min. 7 ½ ips. Air date “Alaska Speaks” 12-7-62.
2. Mattie Bailey. Good. 40 min. 3 ¾ ips

Reel 21
[Missing, 2014]
Side 1
1. Phyllis Ingersall. 9-1-61.
2. Cathryn Bittner. 9-5-61.
3. Olga Doheny. 9-6-61.
4. Thelma Osborne. 9-12-61.

Side 2
1. Sandy Brown. 9-14-61.
5. Helen March, (part 1)

Reel 22
Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400'
“Alaska Speaks: at home with Ruth Briggs, KNIK-FM”
   Side 1
      1. Selma Smith. 8-31-61. 1-5-61 (9:30 PM)
      2. Mumford. 9-27-61. Bad tape, bk. sound, half missing

Reel 23
[Missing, 2014]
   Side 1
      1. Helen March (part 2)
      2. Jo Henson. 9-21-61.
      3. Pat Jones. 9-26-61.
      4. Van and Ruth Moore (Kitchebox) 9-29-61.

   Side 2
      1. Senator Ernest Gruening. 10-3-61.
      2. Mrs. Saul Silverman. 10-4-61.

Reel 24
Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200’
Bob Bartlett

Reel 25
Scotch plastic, 1200’
Evelyn Martin & Jean Donatello (sisters). 35 min.

Reel 26
Scotch plastic, 1200’
“Started at 7 ½ ips and changed to 3 ¾ before interview start”
   Side 1
      1. Ed Week

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