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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."¹

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.

¹ Alaska Integrated Media web site, <http://www.alaskaim.com/knik/>. Accessed online January 29, 2015.

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

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated to Cook Inlet Historical Society by Ruth Briggs of KTVA in 1963. Transferred to Anchorage Museum.

Processing Note

Reels recanned in 2014; original housing discarded.

Note

Reels 21 and 23 missing as of 2014.

RELATED MATERIALS

KAKM "A Walk Back in Time" Oral History Interviews, B1999.002

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
Martin, Evelyn Landstrom, 1915-1991
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
Hiebert, A. G. "Augie," 1916-2007
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

Bailey, Mattie Mathison, 1894-1977
Smith, Selma, 1903-1984
Bartlett, Edward Lewis, 1904-1968
Week, Ed
Anchorage (Alaska)—History—20th century
Alaska—History—20th century

Detailed Description of the Collection

Reel 1

Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400'

Side 1

1. Gene Smith. KNIK interview. Very lite. 8-29-61.
2. Elizabeth Bliss. KNIK interview. OK but dull. 8-30-61.

Side 2

1. Mrs. Richard Davey (Alva Erickson) and Mrs. Joe Montgomery (Ebba Erickson) (sisters). 10-13-61.
2. Elsie Coates. About 45'. 10-16-61.
3. Mary Lakshas and Doris Faroe. 10-23-61.

Reel 2

Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400'

Side 1

1. Bob Reeve. KNIK interview. 3 ¾ ips. 8-22-61. Aired 9:30 6-29-62.
2. Heine Snider. KNIK interview. 3 ¾ ips. 8-23-61. Aired 9:30 6-29-62.
3. Francis Lotti. KNIK interview. 3 ¾ ips. 8-24-61. Aired 9:30 6-29-62.

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

1. Charlie Jones, pt. 1. 30 min.
2. Charlie Jones, pt. 2. 30 min. Refer to edited tape.
3. Senator Bob Logan. 30 min. Aired 10-9-61.
4. Mrs. Marcus Jenson. 15 min. Aired 10-10-61.

Side 2

1. Mrs. Iva Senft. 10-11-61 RB.
2. Mr. Harry B. Avakoff. Aired 10-2-61.
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.
2. Nellie Brown. 9-15-61.

Side 2

1. Frank Reed. KNIK interview. 9-21-61.

Reel 5

Scotch tensilized polyester, 2400'

Side 1

2. Bert Irwin. 32 min. 10-30-61. Played 12-22-61.
3. Victor Gill. 28 min. 10-31-61. [Air date] 1-12-62.

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

1. Fred Pomian. 25 min. Aired 2-26-62.

Reel 8

Scotch polyester

Side 1

1. Frank & Peggy Lott. 30 min. 1-18-62. Played 9:30 PM 2-2-62.

Side 2

1. Maj. Muktuk Marston. Very good. 50 min. Played 3-9-62 9:30 PM.

Reel 9

Soundcraft, 1.5 mil acetate, 1200'

Side 1

1. Mrs. Lois Patterson and Mr. Oscar Anderson, King & Queen Regent of Rony '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.
3. Grace Watson. 11-24-61.

Side 2

1. Sophie Lotsfeldt. 12-5-61.
2. Mrs. Thomas Bell. 12-6-61.
3. Augie Hiebert. 12-7-61.

Reel 14

Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200'

Side 1

1. Bertha (Mrs. Edwin) Meier. Good. ½ hr. 5-15-62. Re-air "Alaska Speaks" 6-15-62

Side 2

1. Evelyn Ruttan. Excellent. 8-16-62.
2. Clara Higgins.

Reel 15

Scotch plastic, 1200'

Side 1

1. Hilja Bolyan. Good. 30 min. 3 ¾ ips. Used 12-15-61 9:30 PM.

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'

Sidney Rood. Good. 3 ¾ ips. 5-18-62. Re-air "Alaska Speaks" 6-1-62 & 11-2-62.

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.
2. Col. (Ret.) Stewart Hervey & wife Dollie. 7-11-62. Re-air "Alaska Speaks" 11-16-62

Reel 19

Scotch 1.5 mil acetate, 1200'

Side 1

1. Mrs. John Berg. Darling! 30 min. 7-23-62.
2. Harry Watson. Very good. 40 min. Finishes on Side 2. 7-25-62.

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.
5. Carl Lotsfeld. 9-13-61.

Side 2

1. Sandy Brown. 9-14-61.
2. Mrs. F.S. Bailey, Sr. 9-15-61.

3. Mildred Hammill. 9-19-61.
4. Bruce Kendal. 9-20-61.
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.
5. Ed Stephan, Irene Gore. 9-29-61.
6. "Belle" Simpson. 10-2-61.

Side 2

1. Senator Ernest Gruening. 10-3-61.
2. Mrs. Saul Silverman. 10-4-61.
3. Ralph Rivers. 10-5-61.

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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