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Time	Names & Places	Subjects covered
00-150	J.Cheney, Buck Deal, Slim Parson,	Story of Audrey, the famous nude picture, painted by Jim. Cheney. Frank recites how he came into possession of it. Speaks of gambling house owned by Parson and Buck Deal. Describes the process of high grading conducted in Jim Cheney's house.
150-225	Snodgrass	Story of Snodgrass and his mysterious disappearance. Names various "houses" on the line in the Red Light District.
225-282	Dick Liner, Snodgrass	Speaks of all the bootlegging during the 1920's. Story of federal agents raiding the town for bootleg whiskey. Names various mines that were operating and closed around 1920. Snodgrass always warned the business people that the federal agents were on the way into Telluride. Describes the bars that had traps to dispose of the liquor. Dick Liner, a moonshiner, had a still 3 blocks from the drug store.
282-349	C.D. Waggoner, Basich, J.W. Eanes, Porter	Speaks of the bank closing in the fall of 1929. Tells story of C.D.Waggoners may financial loans in town, the trip to New York to try to keep the bank open, the failure, and the resulting scandal. Speaks of Mr. Waggoners life after he was released from jail.
349-389	H.Basich, E.M. Arthur, J.C. Anderson,	Story of Basich's murder. The murderer was caught in Ophir, he was tried and sentenced to Canyon City for life. Frank gives some history of the Busy Corner Pharmacy and how he becamed involved with it.
SIDE B 00-30		Continues story of purchasing Busy Corner Pharmacy. He owned and operated the drug store for 47 years before he sold it in 1971.
30-195	C.D.Waggoner, The Big Kid, Suitcase Joe, Tom Kelly, Christmas Tree John, Jim Clark, Jesse James, H. Miller	Names various town characters and tells stories of how some of them got their nick names. Describes them. Recites great story about Tom Kelly (Slide Kelley Slide), a baseball player who was on the 1st baseball team to tour the world. Story of Jim Clark who robbed the bank with Jesse James. Came to Teluride and was hired as the marshall to clean up prostitution and high grading. He accomplished a lot of good things for the town before being killed by a group of hired outlaws.
195-249	Tarkhoff, C. Wallisky Temption, Skees, Zaterstroms, Borchards.	Story of Nucla being settled by group of socialists in the 1880's. They built the water ditch from Ute to Nucla, by hand with pick and shovels and hand graders. Story was told to Frank by H. Tarkhoff whose parents were among the first people in group. Names various people in the group.

Borchard

249-290

Story of sisters first teaching job on 3rd park at Nucla.

Diamond Lill, Jew

290-415

Fanny, Jew Bee, Bill Treasurer, Big Billie, Bessie Young, Speaks of and describes the Red Light District which was on Pacific Ave. Stories of different "girls" on the line. A lot of different nationalities among girls. The girls were examined by doctors every 2 weeks, and were not allowed on main street to solicit. Describes saloons and gambling houses. Story of Big Billie. She came over from Silverton and bought the Silver Bell, after remodeling it. Tells story of old Silver Bell burning. After the mines closed down, the girls in the Red Light District left town. Speaks of the many changes in town after the Red Light District closed.