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Mrs. Hazelwood Moore Baker  
and daughter, Miss Aileen Baker

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"Early Days in Portales"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs  
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- 006 Hazelwood Moore Baker, born in Seaborn, Texas - moved to Portales in 1910.
- 011 Grandparents: Johnathan Moore and Lucy McCleary - lived in Moss, Tenn., merchant, farmer, and judge.
- 025 Parents: S.S. Moore (born in Tenn.) and Myrinca Tilla (born in Weatherford, Texas).
- 032 Mother's aunt, Mrs. Hazlewood, raised her mother when mother's parents died.
- 041 She recieved her first name from this aunt.
- 043 Five children in family: Myrtle, Lucille, Stanford, Hazlewood, and Brian Jay.
- 053 Father, S.S. Moore, had dry goods store in Portales.
- 062 Lots of saloons in Portales when they came in 1910.
- 068 She was about twelve years old when they came.
- 084 Attended school in Portales; Mr. Robert Dean was Superintendant. Mr. L.L. Brown was one teacher; went to old Central Grade School.
- 100 Approx. 1914-18: had a football team; good girls basketball team.
- 109 Had a dance at Chamber of Commerce building.
- 128 Sister, Lucille Cumby, taught in Portales for 27 years.
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175 Sister, Myrtle, attended University of Texas; worked in First National Bank here; went to work in bank at Ardmore (?), Oklahoma; went to work for oil company - Noble Drilling Co.; retired and moved back here in 1943, kept books for SEA Cattle Co.
- 189 Mrs. Baker's house on W. Second Street is noted around town for its size and beauty.
- 196 1942: Myrtle bought all of what was left of the H-Bar Ranch (360 acres)

- 200 Half of old headquarters (adobe house) were left; lots of cotton-wood trees.
- 212 Mrs. Sally Bronc, Sunday School teacher, wanted class of 14 to join the church; after church went to Hopper's Tank (Taylor McCassland's place) and were baptized.
- 247 Have engraved plate of H-Bar Ranch made for Portales Drug Store (was made in Germany).
- 260 Approx. 1890: H-Bar Ranch started by George Tremell (?) and Jim Newman.
- 266 They filed where springs were at H-Bar and on springs at DZ Ranch near Arch.
- 270 Had drift fence to keep cattle from mixing with other cattle.
- 283 Approx. 1896: Bob Wood (stepfather of Eddy White) was foreman on H-Bar Ranch.
- 292 Myrtle bought her rights from Tremell.
- 297 1948: She sold 140 acres on West side for the Country Club.
- 306 On East side she sold 70 acres to Portales Airport.
- 309 160 acres still left between Country Club and airport belonging to family; C.M. Baker farms on it.
- 338 1912: (from newspaper of Mrs. Burroughs) Mr. Burton Smith of Tolar had apparatus which he claimed would locate oil and demonstrated it on H-Bar Ranch (more facts).
- 359 Clubs and organizations: Myrtle - Baptist, Woman's Club, Garden Club. Lucille - Baptist, Eastern Star. Hazelwood - Central Christian, Woman's Club, Eastern Star. Father was 32 degree Mason.
- 387 Aileen was born in Portales July 1, 1918.
- 401 Dr. Williams and nurse, Miss Bell Beck, delivered in home.
- 440 Early friends: Marie Neer, Francis Estelle Bryant, Winifred May, Mildred Lions, <sup>now</sup> and Mildred Carr.
- 454 She graduated from Portales High School in 1935; senior sponsors: Chet Brown and Iris Bonner; typing teacher Leona Brown; P.M. Bailey (journalism - The Rams Tale); Mr. Golden - Superintendent; Mr. Steiner (?) - principal; Mr. Daniel - Librarian.
- 478 Went one year to Oklahoma College for Woman - Chickasha.

- 480 Second year, 1937, graduate from Eastern (Junior College).
- 485 Were no buildings between their present house and administration building (7 or 8 blocks).
- 497 Administration only building; Dr. Donald McKay was president.
- 503 Took music lessons from Gillian Buchanan.
- 508 Had watermelon feast in the fall for new freshmen (wore green beanies)
- 515 Dances, football team, basketball team, picture show - Yam Theatre.
- 534 Had dances at Woman's Club and Hotel Clovis.
- 540 Mrs. Baker relates experience with sand road between Clovis and Portales.
- 567 After graduation from Eastern, Aileen lived with Myrtle and attended Tulsa University and graduated.
- 574 Worked for Gulf two years and then went to work for Noble Drilling two years.
- 580 1946-54 taught school in Portales.
- 585 Went to UCLA to work on doctorate.
- 587 Taught at Occidental College for eight years.
- 591 Taught at Colorado State College for several years.
- 605 Portales Drug: Mrs Brian J. Moore's father, Mr. Wood, bought drug store and had when plates of H-Bar were made; Dr. J.E. Camp was pharmacist at drug store; was sold to Superintendent of Schools, J.B. Long.
- 645 Dr. Pearce and Dr. Hensley mentioned.
- 682 Discusses families coming with all of belongings in box cars.