

Tape #9

Mr. Bolly Boykin and wife, Pauline

Length: 60 min.

"Homesteading"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
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- 004 1898: Both sets of Bolly's grandparents, Turners and Boykins, came from Texas and hemesteaded near Dora.
- 042 Grandfather Boykin ran sheep; wasn't popular with cattlemen.
- 047 Parents: William Hinton Boykin and Sarah Elizabeth Turner.
- 079 Father used to run meat market with Tom Caraway: Tom and Bill's.
- 098 Buttermilk Smith mentioned.
- 109 Parents separated and father went to Dalhart, Texas.
- 129 Mother was alteration lady for Joyce Pruitt's (grocery, hardware, and dry goods).
- 131 Mother married Mr. A.J. Goodwin.
- 140 He attended old Central Grade School.
- 147 Recalls school events: 158 classmates, 169 graduates from Portales High School in 1921.
- 177 Lee Johnson, Leon Slaten, and himself built new school summer after his graduation; earned 50-60¢ an hour.
- 196 Went to Oregon because Inba Humphrey (previous Portales resident) wanted him to come play football.
- 225 1922: Attended Oregon State; was 160 lbs. and 6'2".
- 233 Also went to UNM and NMSU.
- 236 Went to college playing football for eleven years; was paid \$160 a month besides schooling.
- 256 Played for NMSU while a senior in high school.
- 262 Compares today's football with that of the past - better equipment.

- 285 Portales High School Football: 1921 had fourteen men on the squad, names his teammates, didn't have coach, Mrs. J.B. Priddy took players to ball games.
- 386 Recalls playing Amarillo, Canyon, Roswell, and Clovis.
- 390 Dances were main social events.
- 411 1916-18: Pauline's father had homestead at Elkins.
- 417 She attended Roswell High School then got a job in Clovis; came to Portales for a dance where she met Bolly.
- 425 1933: They filed on homestead fourteen miles south of Buchanan; lived there three years; cost \$65 to build stone house.
- 436 Lived in tent before they built house by themselves.
- 470 People would come from sixty miles to play bridge.
- 512 1928: He worked for Santa Fe Railroad as fireman; laid off in 1929.
- 580 Later went back to work for railroad; became engineer, last years he worked made \$126 a day but only worked about ten days a month.
- 620 Mentions a switch from coal to diesel fueled engines.
- 648 Mr. Price and Mr. Slaten were two of the coal dealers here.
- 673-735 Recalls incident in which brakeman was killed.
- 758 Was fired three times by Santa Fe.
- 785 Served forty-one years for Santa Fe Railroad; retired 1971.
- 795 He really liked working for railroad.

(Side Two)

- 001 They have two children: Larry and Linda; both graduated from Portales High School and now have families of their own.
- 027 Recalls saloons in Portales and remembers a man being shot in one; used to collect bottles and trade them in.
- 055 Milked seventeen cows twice daily for Murrill's Dairy while in school.
- 072 Use to have four wagon yards in Portales; gives owners and locations.

- 110 Helped W.D. Dunlap take care of forty-eight buffalo of Buffalo Jones during summer; hard to herd.
- 157 Tells stories about Big Johnson.
- 180-225 Compares today's life with the past.