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Tape # 24

Mr. & Mrs. W.O. Dunlap, Jr.

Length: 90 min.

"Ranching in Early Roosevelt County"
Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
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- 005 1898: parents and 3 boys came here from Snyder, Tex. in covered wagon; homesteaded.
- 050 Father plowed railroad fore guard from here to Pecos River.
- 070 Hauled lumber from Amarillo for first house they built.
- 100 John Fairley's father was first school teacher in this part of country.
- 110 He didn't like school; his second grade teacher kept a whole class 2 yrs. so she wouldn't lose her job.
- 138 1913: entered high school at Portales
1918: graduated
- 179 1921: Silver City Normal school passed exam and began teaching
- 200 Father was locater for homesteaders
- 264 Recollects first soldiers going to WWI; included those chasing Villa
- 278 1912: kept 40 head of buffalo for Buffalo Jones who went to Africa.
- 311 Dunlap, N.M. named for his father
- 335 Around 1912: had 11 saloons in Portales; witnessed saloon fight.
- 436 Discusses herding buffalo and riding wild horses and buffalo.
- 665 Principal at grade school in Tatum - met wife there,
- 725 Herding cattle

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- 009 Had 3 banks close that he had money in.
- 044 Chivarees as wedding customs
- 065 Has problem with bed bugs at many places.
- 114 Went to Las Vegas Normal for summer school
- 141 1924: brought back from Ruidoso first evergreen tree ever used as Christmas tree at Tatum; previously cut down dead tree and wrap branched with gree.
- 170 Two teachers run off by students at school near Mountainair; he disciplined students and began coaching them to play basketball and track.
- 237 Roosevelt County didn't pay teachers well; top pnes \$75-90.
- 260 1924: principal of Melrose school and soon held capicity oc superintendent.
- 322 Broke cigarette smoking of Melrose students.
- 405 Use of whippings as teacher; threat by student's parent.
- 438 1959: sold ranch
- 485 Had 6 children, 4 teachers
- 581 Roping jackrabbits, coyotes, and antelope
- 632 1929: mail route from Dunlap to Ft. Summer
- 690 1935: lost 1/3 of 15-1600 sheep in blizzard.
- 825 Government intervention helped ranchers
- 850 W.O. Dunlap - born: December 19, 1987
not oldest resident of Roosevelt county but most knowledgeable of times.

Very Good

Skips around but fascination, stories of early times