

Mike Foster
 Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Balko
 & daughter Phyllis
 Mrs. Susan Bickley
 Mr. Ted Bilberry
 Mr. Charlie Turner
 Mrs. Ledbetter & Mrs. Marie Keller (twins)
 Mrs. Laura Fullerton
 Mr. Hampton Byrd
 Mrs. Fessie Byrd Hill
 Mr. J. B. Kyden
 Mr. Bill Perkins
 Mrs Ruth Bilberry
 Mrs. Grace Bilberry

"Lingo Community Reunion in City Park"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
 August 6, 1972

- 009 Mike Foster: born April 9, 1953; son of Adus & Linda Foster.
- 029 Mr. Harvey Balko - Pres. of Lingo Comm. group; came in 1924.
- 040 Mrs. Susan Bickley - Sec. of Lingo Comm. Group.
- 048 Mrs. Harvey Balko
- 057 Phyllis Balko: born April 15, 1954
- 064 Mr. Ted Bilberry; father came here 1910-had wagon yard and feed business; Ted Bilberry worked in Santa Fe for Commission of Public Lands for 18 yrs.-was Director of Oiland Gas Department.
- 136 Mr. Charlie Turner - came in 1906
- 153 Miss Estelle Johnston (Introduces Mrs. Ledbetter and Mrs. Marie Keller - came in 1906) (twins)
- 169 Mrs. Laura Fullerton
- 182 Mr. Hampton Byrd - came in 1912
- 195 Mrs. Fessie Hill - family homesteaded in 1910 parents Mr. & Mrs. Ted Byrd
- 220 windmill for water - wells on ranches
- 265 mentions Ghandi Valley between here and Roswell
- 293 covered wagons - had to pay \$2.50 for 5 gallons of water going through Mescalero Sands
- 373 burned "shinery" in stove; also used cow chips
- 332 had 2 trunks, washing machin, and sewing maching in wagon
- 400 1918-20 cattle prices dropped putting many ranchers out of business
- 439 big land buyers - Lingo: Harvey Balko; Dora: Joe Burney, J.D. Hayes

- 471 Mr. J.B. Kyden: came in 1930's
Mr. Bill Perkins: came to Drewett Community in 1915
- 505 Mrs. Ruth Bilberry - came to Lingo Sept., 1910; was 18 yrs.
old came with husband Olin Bilberry.
- 520 lived in half-dugout; wall-dirt 4 ft. deep-lumber 6 ft;
dirt floor
- 563 burned cow chips for fuel - also some mesquites
- 581 drilled for water; 165 ft. deep - about \$1 a foot
- 631 around 1914-15; mentions whiskey stills used by homesteaders
was sold for profit
- 682 got rough around 1915-18; range wars; Jim Golden disappeared
- 794 believes winters were colder and had more rain in past
- 843 Mrs. Grace Bilberry 81 yrs. old today (Aug. 6, 1972)

Side Two

- 005 Mrs. Grace Bilberry (daughter of Mrs. Ruth Bilberry) Dean born
Oct. 19, 1913; Dr. Garmany delivered in hotel.
- 023 mother had to "ride the range" - see after cattle
- 036 mentions her having to "throw the cattle back"
- 048 thinks ranch was a lonely place
- 061 mentions nesters and terrible things they did to ranchers
- 098 describes cowboys
- 110 hung beef on windmill tower during winter
- 120 always ate big meal at breakfast
- 124 had few vegetables except potatoes
- 127 people would bring back apples from around Roswell
- 134 only came to Portales twice a year; used country store
rest of time
- 148 ground corn at gristmill
- 166 recollects very poor family
- 177 Miss Estelle Johnston was one of first teachers at Lingo
- 185 recalls mother sewing father's lip with needle and thread;
no anesthetic
- 218 mentions seeing "jack of lantern" and marages
- 254 enjoyed listening to prairie chicken and quail in early
morning
- 270 discuss horses