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Tape # 23

Dr. Howard McDonald

Length: 60 min

"Life in Early Days ~~in~~ Portales"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs  
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- 008 1902: his mother's parents came here from Okla.  
formed Joe Howard & Son Real Estate which served as a  
locater for other homesteaders.
- 054 Office was on corner where Post Office if now in Portales.
- 909 He is worker in Democratic Party.
- 096 1907: his dad's parents moved to Portales from Amarillo  
Frank P. McDonald served as mayor of Portales.
- 145 1907: his parents were married on Thanksgiving Day in Portales
- 175 1920: his present home built; 3 generations have lived in  
house; remodled in 1952.
- 223 1929: father establishes Piggly Wiggly franchise here no  
credit-cash or exchange of produce.
- 258 Cows were kept in city lots.
- 290 Delivered butter made by grandmother process of making butter  
described.
- 400 Only trip he made as a youngster were with stock judging team  
in high school.
- 428 Attended McMurry college in Abilene; received B.S. degree  
1933: received Doctor of Optometry degree from USC
- 435 1932: married
- 498 Parents strong Methodist; remembers building present church
- 531 Speak of early county politics - very few Republicans

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- 077 Believes reason Roosevelt county is conservative is because its income is dependent on agriculture candidates given poor financial support.
- 125 1920's & early 30's: higher population in Roosevelt county than now.
- 150 1948: he and Dr. Lamaster built first modern motel-El Portal Motel (now Sands Motel)
- 200 Partnership in Ford Motor Co. 3 or 4 yrs.
- 202 1948: he and Mr. Bynum started Bynum Motors (on Lovington Highway)
- 220 Discussed early ice plant and use of ice
- 300 Use to hang beef in porch through winter was cold and had snow drifts of 8-9 ft.
- 405 Believe highway diverted water through town
- 463 Portales Springs was never without water
- 487 1939-40: had sheep at Portales springs