

"Farming and Homesteading in Roosevelt County"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
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- 017 1902: parents came to Roosevelt County from Texas
1905: he was born (figured from age
- 062 115 schools in county at one time
- 070 Telephone lines on top of wire fences
- 080 Describes early schools
- 190 Describes early houses; use of trundle beds
- 200 1902: parents built first house 10 mi. W. of Portales haouse and
furniture cost \$100.
- 222 Ate well; chickens and garden produce
- 260 Had windmill; kept perichables in milk trough
- 284 1903-04: father planted 54 acre apple tree orchard
- 318 "plaster" - common term for mortgage
- 325 1914: bought place from people scared of Pnacho Villa
- 340 Raised catfich in tank; fed fich clabber from milk.
- 394 Fuel: used brush from apple trees and cow chips.
- 432 Saturday washing and bath
- 515 Milking cows
- 535 Making butter
- 559 1916: bought first car
- 580 Building of power plant by Rogers & Ward; plant unsuccessful
- 615 1910-12: first irrigat on; developed in early 20's
- 637 1938: bought land for \$7.50 an acre; top price for land \$10 an acre
- 663 War Finance Board refinanced cattle

- 707 Early 20's: cattle \$10-\$12 a head
- 720 1925: Security State Bank went broke
- 760 Bought third tractor in community; \$900 for tractor and equipment.
- 840 1931: has best crop but got least for it.

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- 003 Labor for harvest were Easterners
- 020 1933: International Harvester Co. helped farmers.
- 027 1928: married
- 063 1934: got out of debt
- 095 Wife had to feed 50 broomcorn hands
- 158 1932: wife taught school at Floyd; \$100 a month
- 197 She finished college at West Texas
- 273 1952: became State Senator; discusses school consolidation.
- 305 1955: left farm - came to Portales-established Farm Bureau Insurance.
- 311-411 School consolidation issue
- 413 Served in State Senate 18½ yrs.
- 422 Political Life of Roosevelt County and N.M.
- 462 he was first senator represented from Roosevelt County alone
- 480 state reappointment
- 505 Roosevelt County represented well; mentions: Bryant, Mirrors, Jones, Wall, Kennedy, Co Howard, and Burroughs.
- 530 Roosevelt most conservative county in state
- 551 referred to as "Little Texas"
- 568 Senator Bob Wood replaced him
- 590 Recalls first campaign against Senator Wall
- 650 Reasons for dry county

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Legislature - 2 Nov 11*

*Some 2000 acres - 7-11-11
School consolidation - 1-1-11
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