

"Growing Up in Milesand Community"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
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- 010 1915: came in covered wagon from Pecos Texas
birthdate: April 29, 1908 (in Ariz.)
- 030 1910: had ranch in Mexico; left because of revolution
- 055 Homestead was 6 mi. from Milesand; first school attended was Center.
- 075 Didn't like farm or cattle business
- 084 1906: her parents, Slayton's, came from Sulfer Springs, Texas.
- 123 Her father mixed mortar
- 130 1918: had dry year - sold cattle; his father left home to work in
Arizona copper mine.
- 144 Children helped: picked up cowchips, hauled water, milked cows.
- 190 1928: fight over location of Center school; burned down after built.
- 227 Going to grocery store to sell produce every Wednesday afternoon
during summer; received dime.
- 265 Summer church revivals
- 300 Discusses early music, play parties, and swinging games.
- 393 1925: finished high school at Richland (local school)
- 418 1926: started writing science fiction stories
- 438 20 years old: sold first story for \$25
- 470 As child made up stories while working in farm
- 564 Early 50's: wrote comic strip called Beyond Mars
- 578 1957: got master's degree at ENMU
- 580 Taught a couple of years at NMMI

SIDE TWO:

001 1964: received doctrate degree at University of Colorado
009 1964: began teaching science fiction course at ENMU
011 Descertation: H.G. Wells: Critic of Progress
045 Discusses growth in the field of writing science fiction
057 1949: science fiction convention in Cincinatti
065 Conventions grown; last one in Loas Angelas 2,000 people
087 1965: attended convention in London
090 1970: attended convention in Germany
100 Grand welcome and reception in Tokoyo, Japan
125 Manuscripts are in Special Collections at ENMU
188 Does most of writing during school holidays and vacations
200 enjoys teaching
220 tries to write one book a year
243 Wife makes him takes breaks while writing
280 Examples of how stories become real while writing.
358 Blanche operated children's-wear shop for 30 yrs; retired Nov., 1971
372 Two children: Adeil Lovern (Portales)
Kim Harah (Calif.)
405 Since retiring Blanche plays golf, bridge, and bowls.
485 He plans to keep writing
598 Both like Portales