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Kiesler, Mary (Prutch) - Angelica Kempton - Dorothy Parker

July 30, 1991

Interviewed by Irene Francis

Irene Francis interviews Mary (Prutch) Kiesler, Dorothy (Haley) Parker and Angelica Kempton on July 30, 1991.

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00:00	typhoid, teaching, good stories, born in Aguilar, moved to Trinidad age 7
1:45	died from typhoid 1914, lived with aunts and uncles
4:00	school in Florence, mining Phantom Canyon
4:45	teacher, took exam and passed with 2 years high school age 17, Augusta School
9:00	Keating Post Office
11:30	Billington to Mingus Ranch with a casket, horse to car and back, good stories
17:15	cabin, Wetmore for groceries, Bob the horse, 10 ft. of snow
19:30	2 miles from cabin to ranch, 5 mile walk, too much, quit teaching, Mrs. Beeman sent the curriculum
21:30	1940-41 Georgiana Kettle called her to teach, move school to her ranch, Wixson Divide
24:15	Dorothy Parker speaks
26:15	\$85 month for janitor work and teaching
28:15	1940 Fairview school, Triple A program, deferred land
31:15	Angelica read about six people in a snowstorm, three days at the ranch, game: Drink or Smell, not enough liquor to go around so winners drank and losers got to smell, reading from documents: 808.81 "Not So Long Ago", 920 "Rain and Rainbows" Kie
43:15	Dorothy Parker story being in labor in snowstorm, met nurse Chesley in Silver Park
46:15	this ends and repeats
49:45	World War II rationing, reading, trades, no cash
54:00	still war talk, feeding people passing through

56:30	lettuce and peas to Florence via Westcliffe RR
57:00	1945 sold ranch and cattle and got a job at the chicken hatchery in Florence
59:00	polio
1:00:00	in Florence until 1971, Farmer's Insurance, and taxes, husband worked at Corly Coal Co.
1:03:30	"Rain and Rainbows" Mary Prutch Kiesler
1:06:00	didn't speak English at school, teacher would send her home until she could, finally age 7
1:09:00	reading from book, teaching at Vineland
1:13:30	hollyhock dolls and corncob dolls, 1927 after after high school to Gunnison College (cost \$500) then to Augusta summer school
1:17:30	taught in a grainery, Augusta school burned
1:20:30	would crawl in a hay stack in storm to not freeze
1:24:00	taught summers for live certificate
1:28:00	\$1 per week, then to Adobe school, Canda school, Mrs. Eikleman, 1st white child, lots about the schools
1:32:15	sudden change topic Italy
134:00	Canda school, Rock and Rod, pros and cons school consolidation
1:42:15	end