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Time Names & Places Subjects covered

- 04-54 Mrs. J. Daniels, G. McGowan Harry's arrival in Telluride in 1916. He was born in 1907. He came here with his mother from Missouri, who was a printer. Mother worked for Gene McGowan on the San Miguel Examiner for years. Grandmother arrived later.
- 54-172 B. Schuler, W. Taylor, W.B. Bonata Harry started to school here in the 5th grade, then quit while in high school to work at the Tomboy Mine. He stayed at the boarding house at the mine. Describes his work as a tripman with Esbe Schuler. He was paid \$4 a day and \$1.50 a day was deducted from his paycheck for room and board. Harry describes living at the Tomboy. There were pool tables, a bowling alley and card room. About 200 or 300 men worked and lived there. Dances and movies were held. Stages were run up from town for people to ride to the dances once a month. Lots of poker games. Harry set pins at the bowling alley. Describes the men coming to town once a month (on payday) using horses from the livery stable. The stage coach went up everyday, winter and summer. There was a school at both the Tomboy and the Smuggler.
- 172-255 M. Daniels, Art Carlson Harry left Telluride in 1927 when the Tomboys shut down and looked for work in Arizona, then went on to California. He stayed with cousins and got a job working with the water works in San Pedro, digging ditches. After being laid off there, went to Los Angeles to work for the power company also digging ditches. Describes job of burying cable to lay power line for the city. He worked at night. After being laid off there, he traveled to various mine in California & Utah before settling in Butte, Montana.
- 255-300 J. Clark He worked in the copper mines in Butte, Montana where he met Marie, the girl he married. They left Butte in 1931 and returned to Telluride to see his grandmother who was very ill. She died shortly after their arrival. There was no work in Telluride, so he went to Rico and worked in the St. Louis Mine for about a year before it closed. After that he worked at various jobs until he heard about a mill being built in Alma. Worked there until he was laid off, and they moved back to Telluride and he worked at the Telluride Mine.
- 300-338 Ben Grimes Describes working one summer for Western Colorado Power Co. and then worked at the mine during the winter. Started working full time for Western Color Power Co., in 1936 and retired from the company in 1972. He and Marie lived in his grandmother's little house on Pacific Street, and later bought their own house.
- 338-427 J. Moore, J. Foster, Goldsworthy Talks about working at the Tomboy Mine as a switchman for the Power Co. Describes the power lines and the switching there. He and Marie lived in the Junction house for 1 & 1/2 years. They were the only residents there besides the watchman for the mine. Describes their life there. The snow was 14 feet deep during the winter. They measured 48 feet of snowfall during the winter and measured 48 inches of water in the spring. They had 2 phones, one to Ouray and Silverton

and one to Telluride. Describes riding the tram bucket up and back during the winter, when they came to town on pay days. Speaks of how they spent their time there and the work he did.

427-506 Gustafson, Tom
Reeves They moved back to town and he worked for the Powers Company as a lineman. Talks about the work he did. Describes the power line to Ouray and Silverton. Story of building the power line over Ophir Pass in 1942 and 43. Describes the wagon trail used earlier that went over the top of the pass. Mr. Gustafson was the Superintendent of Western Colorado Power Company at the office in town. He previously had owned grocery stores in town.

506-511 Speaks briefly of the Trout Lake Flood.

511-547 P.C. Schools Describes the many Lake Hope trips he made to open and close valves to fill Trout Lake. Speaks of how the system worked. Trips were made in the spring and fall. They walked from Matterhorn on snowshoes. Would leave town at 3 a.m. and be at the Lake Hope at 7 a.m. and then return. It usually took 3 or 4 hours to walk up. There were always the danger of avalanches.

547-594 L.L. Nunn Worked as line foreman for several years. Describes the flume systems from Ames hydro plant. Speaks of the water wheels at Ames that controlled the water and the complicated engineering that L.L. Nunn had used to construct the Ames plant to control the water. Talks about the 3 families that lived at Ames before the 40 hour week came in; then 4 families lived there. Speaks of the school house above Ames, 2 schools at Ophir and Old Ophir and 1 at Matterhorn. There was also a school at the Alta mine. Stage line went every day from Telluride to Alta Mine up the Boomerang road.

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64-170

J. Daniels, B.
Daniels, J. Lawson,
Doc Castle, Pilchers,
K. McKnight,
Wiznays, Bob
Alexander, Oda
Collins Speaks of the train schedules from Durango and Ridgway. Two trains a day. Passenger train every day. Everything was shipped by rail, as there was only a wagon trail down the canyon. Cattle were shipped to Kansas City to market. His uncle had a dairy on Turkey Creek. He lived there in summers and moved to San Miguel in the winters. Bob Daniels owned a dairy on the mesa on Vance Creek. Jake Lawson had a large ranch for which Lawson Hill was named. Speaks of Dr. Castle, a veterinarian that lived on the ranch his parents had homesteaded. Names other dairies that were located on the mesas in summer months and moved to San Miguel in the winter. Describes delivering milk door to door for his uncle. Smuggler and Tomby bought 60 to 80 gals. a milk a day. Bob Alexander owned a dairy at Society Turn. Names all the dairies.

170-201 Describes social life as a young married couple. Lots of dance and card parties. Harry belonged to the Odd fellows Lodge and Marie belonged to Rebekahs. Dances were held at the recreation hall and the Finn Hall. There was a large Finnish community.

201-250 Goldsworthy, Speaks of the bank closing in 1929, before he moved here full time. Talks of the depression. Stories of the bootlegging in town. Moonshine whiskey was transported out of town on the trains, illegally. The ticket takers in Ridgway always called the people in town and warned them when the Federal agents boarded the train. Speaks of warm community feeling in Telluride.

- 250-321 Gifford, & Hicks, H. Crozier, McGowen, Esther Daniels
 Tells the story of walking to Telluride from Rico on snowshoes when his mother was ill. Road and railroad were both closed to traffic because of snow. Harry walked back to Rico that same night. Speaks of the Ajax snow slide that killed the 2 women. Describes the cyanide plant burning down on July 4th in 1918. The company built a new flotation system after that in the new mill. Speaks of friends in school. Talks about high school initiation.
- 331-392 Pekkarine, Goldsworthy, McAdams,
 Discusses the Pekkarine family and their store and shoe shop. Names various stores in town. Speaks of the member of the Pekkarine family.
- 392-426 H. Beisch, F. Wilson, Long
 Speaks of Beisch and Wilson who owned the drug store. Describes Beisch murder. Talks about the Pella's Beer Garden which was running during prohibition. Speaks of Long's clothing store.
- 426-446 Gustafson, P.C. Schools
 Harry worked as foreman of the line gang for the Power Company, and later was in charge of the office after Gustafson retired. Speaks of the Illum power plant and the people that worked there.
- 446-476
 Names various doctors in town through the years. Parker started the Dr. Parker, Dr. Tidd, American Legion Hospital. Names some of the sheriffs in town.
 G. Wagner, Speaks of Wichman's Brewery and talks about people that held county
 Wichman, G. Warrick offices.
- 476-516 Priest, O'Kelly, McCreay, J. Oberto
 Names teachers he had. Fifth grade teacher was Mrs Priest who owned Priest Lakes at Matterhorn. There were around 30 students in grade school classes and a total of 50 or 60 in high school. Speaks of the recreation hall.

Esther Daniels
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