

Tape 37 Side I Milly (Martha) Burroughs
Audio quality-good

- 341 Starts. Questionnaire information. First place she lived in Idaho, W_____. Came in 1939 by car. Starved out in depression in Alberta, went to Ohio to parents home for depression. Grew wheat in Canada (no details). Gives family ancestry.
- 364 Mother and father. Mom was not allowed to take a job by her father. But had graduated from Normal School. Resented not being allowed to work. Father born during Civil War-speaks of life in Tennessee during war.
- 384 Reads from book on attitudes towards gifted children that she has just written. Reads about father. Ph.D in Latin from Johns Hopkins. Self-taught forestry. Mother a housewife.
- 400 End.

- 000 Starts. Mother-Rh facotr may have been cause of miscarriage. "Never risked any more " kids. Brother-retired in Florida.
- 022 Married at age 29. Parents marriage unhappy-discouraged her. Opposites in every way. Decided early not to marry--a "mess." Afraid of other kids when young. Ohio. Isolated in school. New law in Ohio--teachers had to have some high school education. College hearby initiaties classes to educate teachers (1912). She attends. Gave me permanent dislike for teaching. Too restrictive--censored dating, contracts, etc. "Teachers should be sexless" they thought.
- 077 Carried mail in WWI. Young men to war, older men to Detroit-Ford paid \$5.00 per day. Rural mail carrier. Took test. First woman mail carrier in country. No obstacles--desperate for workers. Had wanted to be car mechanic-mother opposed. All men went to war it seemed.
- 103 Reads letter of acceptance of her resignation from mail route. Goes back to school. Head post master took bets with other carriers that she would /wouldn't stay for a year. Letter mentions fact she was woman. Delivered in buggy.
- 121 Over came fear of dogs. Had to get away from home, grandmother dominated family. Cold in winter on route--people friendly towards her. Took 8 hours in good weather. Starts at 5:30 a.m. 100 boxes in 27 miles. Roads difficult.
- 155 Horses used on mail route. Problems in ice. Quit when 21, goes to college. Clark University-majors psychology. Mom manages money for her to live on. Scholarship. Masters in one year. Worked Massachusetts School for feeble minded. (Waverly) Training for giving psychological tests.
- 183 Does survey of reforms schools in state. Tests children. (Massachusetts) Goes home-mother ill. Got job in Columbus Ohio. Bureau of Juvenile Research. Dependents and delinquents. Hardened her over the years. Does this for 4 years. Includes social work.
- 204 About 25 has identity crisis when mom dies. Realized she was leading mom's life vicareously--was pursuing her mothers goals. Took winter off-moped around. Tried more juvenile research. Couldn't take it. Quits. Hops on bus. Heads west. Had been corresponding with future husband.
- 217 Goes to Hermiston, Oregon. Meets husband's sister. Gets engaged. Buys wedding dress in Seattle. Husband was wheat farmer in Alberta. Stayed in cabin all winter in Oregon. Spring, goes to Alberta. Husband came out originally on freight train.
- 231 Wheat farms required mechanical ability back then. She hated housework--husband had done this before. She ran tractor, he did washing--claims it was harder to do wash.

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Continuation

- 240 Highly sexed. (Very candid!) Mother conditioned to be under sexed. Father insensitive. No sex education at home--got it from psychology books in library. Husband was older. This was his 2nd marriage.
- 261 Gap in tape. Mother-sex repulsive, life was dirty. Puntanical up bringing. Wrote books. Murder mystery-worte with husband. Published summary in Idaho Peace Officers Magazine.
- 284 Prejudices. When she worked testing some places wouldn't allow women in with bobbed hair. Introverted and quiet about herself.
- 298 Taught high school when her kids stated to college. Was dissatisfied with schools. Started when she was 48. Changed schools and levels every few years. (Even Cheney.) English, home economics. Her approach was for money management. Then had to teach physical education. Retired 1962.
- 315 Taught psychology at Cheney. Liked that more-she didn't had to motivate then, they already were. Taught at Fairchild Air Force Base.
- 326 Life would have been different if husband hadn't died. Raised in rural area-had chores. Chopped wood, etc. Nieces/nephews in city-less chores--need to learn to get along without people.
- 336 Birth control. Good today. Contraceptives-cocoa butter-blockage. Melts eventually. "If injested you might gain weight--that's all." Rubbers. Cocoa butter more satisfactory. Abortions. Society against. Knew of this among delinquent girls. IUDs(?), diaphragm--if you had a lot of money. Abstinence-not a choice.
- 352 Women's movement. Wonderful. Overdone a bit, like all movements. Long overdue. Feelings of women as inferior and teaching as inferior needs to be overcome. Husband--was special for his generation. Independence-have to be committed to something other than yourself. Writing has kept her alive.
- 365 Daughters. rural life style. Milly spent 3 days in nursing home--got paranoid. "Don't like people my age or kids."
- 377 Depression-goes to Ohio. WWII-didn't affect her at all. Today replay of the 20s. Commitment to science declining. More irrational, intellectual (Mencken). Politically--much the same. Moralistic-marijuana (gap) Bootlegging-altered like todays illegal drugs. Worries about atomic war. Robt. Frost-The Paths Not Taken-her philosophy. Wonders what it would have been like to continue her child psychology job at Stanford.

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000-014 Starts. Book title--Retreat from Excellence.