

Tape 44 Side II Mildred Siegel
no introduction

- 000 Retires 1964. Comes to Idaho at age 60. July 13, 1904-birthday-Michigan. Mig-nickname.
- 009 Skills/hobbies. Handwriting analyst. Took courses. Good pay. Advertised in National magazine--large response. Tells of man from South Illinois who wrote to her--could tell he was sick.
- 050 Craft shop-plastics, silver, enameling, lapidary work. Yard work. Likes outside work-splitting wood getting difficult though she likes it. Traveling especially--all over U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, Hong Kong, British Isles, Baja, Yucatan, on way to Central and South America. Wants to travel while she can--couldn't while parents were ill.
- 069 President of International Association of Professional (Personnel?) Women. Hasn't been active lately. American Association of Retired People--active from beginning. Getting more powerful and more organized now. She knew Ethel Percy Andrews--dynamic personality. Questions purpose of studies on aging. Very well set financially--foresight. Can't understand dreading retirement. Helped set up pre-retirement planning group at her insurance company. Guest speakers. Plans of people who were going to retire.
- 120 Volunteer work. Retirement-of one particular co-workers she had in Milwaukee.
- 138 1958-Who's who Among American Women. (award)
- 145 Nashville. Adopted son as a single parent when not common practice. Mother lived with her two months before birth, from Tennessee hills. Tells of girl's life-pregnancy. How she met mother. Never planned to marry but wanted children. Adoption laws of state of Tennessee prompted her action at this time. Got baby in exchange for helping mother before hand and paying hospital expenses. Mother desperate--financially and emotionally. Born while she was out-of-town traveling. Wanted boy. 1944
- 200 Her son. College education. Good students. Wants to be helicopter pilot in service in Army. She agrees. He made it. She pinned on his wings. He goes to Vietnam--set offensive. Lots of medals. Vietnam changed him--now a real hard worker. He works in real estate now and doing well.
- 228 Adoption. Children are your children--like you were the natural parent. Take a chance when you adopt. Pediatrician at birth asked her if she was sure about idea. Did not experience any hostility about this unorthodox idea--people supportive. Her son did not resent not having father or knowing he was adopted. Has to tell him the story of his real mother and father. She would like to know what happened to her but her son has no desires.
- 267 Difficulty finding someone to take care of son while she worked.

- 267 Widow woman finally helps--but takes son to beer halls with her. Another woman takes over couple years later til he goes to school. Her brother took over when she had to travel out of town. Reflects on not getting married--"got enough problems." Son would travel with her-New Orleans.
- 287 Discrimination on the job. Wage differences--pushed for her own recognition by company. Talks of other women she worked with who experienced problem with pay discrimination. She helps one get better wage by pleading her case to the VP. Does this often but only subtly. Discusses managements attitude toward male/female employees. Change comes through peaceful/quiet agitation. However, talks of some women who don't want added responsibility of promotion. Talks of brothers reluctance to be promoted also. Women more reluctant to transfer etc.--things necessary to promotion. She never hesitated.
- 330 Women' movement mostly for the birds-especially certain occupations. Going overboard. All for women's rights but sometimes over doing it. Unions going too for also. Too much freedom. Discipline in schools lax today--she couldn't take it. During WWII takes job teaching freshmen boys--usually a man's job. Talks of one boy and how much of a discipline problem he was. She physically restrained him.
- 352 Doesn't like idea of men housekeeping--changing traditional roles. Only wife can be mother. Family is weakened enough these days. Marriage, and children a commitment, as is life itself. Discussion of modern independent women. A woman left alone late in life--having to go to work after husband dies and kids are gone.
- 382 Values higher here in schools than in Detroit--but changing. Discipline for kids at home important for school discipline. Importance of family in promoting respect. (Muriel speaks up in background quite often.) Talks of father, his family, and his educational background--riduculed for going to school. Education stressed by both parents. Effected her life.

Audio quality--fair.