

today is Dec. 31 1983 in the home of  
Robert Tregobo and I am interviewing  
him on the great depression

Interview with  
Rob Tregobo  
by  
JAME Budd

"Where were you Born?"

RT National mine

What year were you Born in?"

RT 1914

What did you think about stockmarket?"

RT The present stockmarket or the past

me the Past

RT Oh I dont know much about the stockmarket  
back in those days

Did you wait in Bread and soup Lines?

RT No

me Did you like Hoover?

RT Yah he was alright

me Why did you like him?

RT he was trying to do what he could at the time  
I am sure very little I guess

me Did you ever sleep on the benches?

RT No

me Where were the trains coming in were there trains  
to national mine national mine

RT Yes there were trains always coming ~~to~~ to the  
Power mill and Tilden mine till the mine  
shut down.

me

Did you go to school?

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yes

me

Did you drop out

ET

No I went right through school.

me

where there alot of drop outs?

ET

oh yes mostly kids dropped out after 8th grade

me

did you get a good education

ET

yes

me

Did you get a class ring

ET

yes they had a class ring

me

& pituces

ET

No pituces

me

NO pituces

um

Q WAS there a Basketball team?

A Yes there was a basketball team

Q Were you on the basketball team?

A Yes 1931 and 32

Q Were there lots of competition?

A Yes more competition than you have now I guess

Q Laugh

A We were only a class school and we had to play class C and some times B

~~Q~~ um

Q How important was a car?

A Well I guess got along with out one more ways nice to have

Q Did you walk places?

A Walk every almost for as town + so on

re

Did you ever go to the movie

RT very seldom

re

Did alot of kids <sup>that</sup> you know go to the movies

RT No, no there wasn't cause they didnt have the money to go.

re

Did you work

RT <sup>work</sup> after I finished high school.

re ok

Q was there alot of rich people in this area?

RT no I guess not

re

What did your father do?

RT he work at a hosting engineer in the mine

re

Did you have much money?

RT No not to much

re

Did you listen to the radio?

RT Ya we got a radio in 1937

Q Did alot of kids listen to the radio

RT whenever change they got they listened

Q where there any banks in this area?

A just the two banks in ISphering now

Q Did they closed?

RT yes they closed

Q Did your father lose alot of money?

RT No we didnt have any to lose

Q Did you or your family work for the CCC or the WPA

RT yes I work the WPA

Q Did you play monopoly?

RT Never heard of the game

Q what were the weddings like back then?

RT small <sup>of course</sup> no big money deals they hold up I guess

Q How were the funerals?

RT funerals lots + lots of people attend funerals in those days just about every car in the town attended

was there any doors in National mine?

Q Yes there was a male doors back in the 1930's

me were you in it?

RT No

me was there much crime back then?

RT much time

me No crime

RT Oh no oh no no crime at all to speak of every body left there doors unlocked.

me Did your family or you feel poor?

RT No we didnt feel poor we felt like the other families I guess we didnt have any thing so make good of what we had

me were the pits of National mine well they once mines?

RT Yes the pits that are fenced in now were before the depression once working

Q Did the mines close

RT Yes they did close

MC Well

MC Was there Solons Beer then?

RT No No Not in till 1935 till the Beer come back in Sultins

MC Were there dances and that?

RT Oh Yes they had a softball team had to get money some were so they put on a dance every Saturday night and people would go there and pay 15 cents to sponsor they ~~base~~ or softball team I mean

MC There was a baseball team right?

RT Softball team

MC Softball

RT Well years before that they had a baseball team

MC Were there girls + boys or just boys

RT Just Boys



Q Did they have much competition

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A Oh Yes they played everybody in the U.P.  
in fact we played the national tournament in  
Chicago in 1932

Q Did you listen to the first side chats on the Radio?

A Oh Yes

Q Well thank you very much for your information