

(This is Boyce Timmons and we are in Tahlequah, May 6th, 1967, and I am in the house of Mr. Bob Duncan. And with me is Mr. Lucian Butler and Mr. Jim Tyner and they are going to do a little reminiscing about the days in Cherokee Male Seminary.)

"WALK-OUT" AT THE SEMINARY:

(You were telling awhile ago, Mr. Duncan, about the--camping the marching on the schools now and what you did one time in the Male Seminary.)

That was a long time ago. On April Fool Day, April 1st. Then it would be three score and thirty seven days on the Seventh of May--three score years and thirty seven days. See, on 1st of April and 7th of May; that would be thirty seven days, wouldn't it?

(Uh-huh.)

sI thought I was giving a speech when I started off. It's more than thirty seven days. I won't get to make a speech but that is the way I would do it if I was going to. They marched away from the seminary instead of marching on to seminary--they marched away, and stayed all day.

(It was a kind of school walk-out?)

Called a school walk-out, just the--I don't know what you'd call 'em--the timed ones stayed at home; Oliver and that bunch. (Laughter by all).

(You didn't stay at home did you?)

I stayed at the Seminary. Anyway they come home late in the evening and they, the council and faculty, held council the next day. Then the next day, why, they took the whole--I think there were 62 in that march--62 boys in that march--62 boys; football, baseball players and all. And they paddled all 62. Six men teachers paddling at the same time.

(Wholesale punishment?)

Wholesale punishment. They all took it but one boy. One boy decided he wouldn't take it. He was tough, tough, anyway. When it was over, he didn't report to the particular room to take the punishment. They used that west room under the rotunda, you remember Jim? Uh-huh. And they had the women teachers guarding the door on either side and the ones that weren't in the paddling line; we were outside.