

life I have always grown up since I was small. All my playmates and best friends are all full-blood Indians, full-blood Osages, but now like my son he doesn't have a full-blood Osage to play with, course, he has friends just as good as I do, but as I was saying as I grew up I knew all the older Osages in the Hominý district I've seen them all pass on into eternity and there's just a few older ones left and its seems like I've come from one generation to another and I look forward to the new generation and the challenges that the world offers these young people and its just one of those things that was on my mind today and I'd like to say that my people are trying in their way to retain their heritage and that they, it seems like they're losing their fighting a losing battle and as the tribes on the eastern shores of the United States are, more or less , ceasing to exist as a tribe and it seems like to me the trend is coming further west and it's now come to Oklahoma and engulfing our people here. The younger people are more or less trying to resist the trend and retain their ways of the tribes, but they have to learn the new methods of life. They have to go away from the older people to go to school to attend these classes and to learn to tell us, to get along in the white man's world, After they attend their institutions of higher learning, they have to obtain employment in places out of the reach, of the ways, of the older people and they can't come back to the ways of the older people as much as they would like to and they marry on the outside of their tribe. The tribe does keep all the people on their tribal rolls. They are now over 8,000 Osages registered on the rolls of the Osage Agency and talking about the younger people that have migrated to the other areas of this country. They obtain employment and they try and they're successful in every way and they attend the schools, their childrens attend the schools,