

in the Colony community.

As a young boy, I visited in Colony many times when we lived in that community and it was one of the interesting things in the summer to go to Colony to do our weekly trading and then we would sure go down to the Indian school and see a good baseball game. There was a good diamond--there was lots of shade at the edge of the ball park and these Indian teams--Indian boys were good ball players. Among the Indians that I can remember were Stonehammer, Wolfchief, Joe Stumblingbear, Stonehammer Creepingbear, and Mastameha Wolfchief, and of course, the white boys that played with them to make up good teams. These Indian boys, of course, were good athletes and the Indian teams always gave you a good ball game when you could see them play. Later, of course, the schools in the later years have developed basketball teams more than they have baseball.

Yes, at one time Colony was a thriving trade center. Not only was the school there, but there was a bank, two general merchandise stores; and the King brothers, of course, who were pioneer residents of the community established the merchantile company there that included hardware and implements. There was always one or two blacksmith shops, a grist mill, a feed mill, and a gin. There was an Odd Fellow Hall and drug store and dentist and one or two doctors much of the time. Sometimes the doctors were connected with the schools, sometimes they were operating independently. The community remains a trade center, but it does not have the business that it had in the thirties.