

and many others, just kinda sends a little tingle down your spine. I was quite amazed with the statement that Senator Bellmon made the other day in our local paper. He mentioned that he took office in Washington that it was accustomed at this particular seat where he sat for the guy to carve his name inside the desk drawer, and he said this desk was, all the desks, were put in the Senate in 1839, and he said that he pulled out the desk drawer and here was William Howard Taft, several other names. He said that all of this was recognized, and the name right above where he carved his, was Senator Robert F. Kennedy. And, again, I think that he is what, is now, at least, is an appreciator of history.

#### EDUCATION IN INDIAN TERRITORY

Well, looking briefly at education in Indian Territory, I want to take you way back. I think in order to tell properly the story of education in eastern Oklahoma from the time of the disillusion of the tribal government til the very first few years in our state, it's probably necessary to survey the educational progress of the area from the very beginning to right now. To approach the problem in terms of segments, if you take any particular area of history and you just look at one part, generally, this creates wrong ideas and very erroneous conclusions. I think that you heard it said, that you can take a Bible and prove anything by using the one verse. So the present rose out of the product of the past, activities of any people before they could properly be judged, must of necessity be studied and understood, so therefore, it seems appropriate at least to me to glance back as far as we can and look at the picture that's painted by the Five Civilized Tribes and the religious agencies working among them from the removal from Georgia and Tennessee up until roughly 1898. I think in terms of education