

for admittance in the Mission School near Anadarko, known as J. J. Methvin Institute. That was founded in 1890. You were accepted into the school. And the first unwelcome initiation that you experienced was a haircut. J. J. Methvin called in four of his fastest men and strong men to catch you and to subdue you and cut your hair! You were raised completely in the Kiowa culture. You grew up with a minimal knowledge of English and scant contact with the white world. The instruction at this school was not satisfactory, because the goal was to stamp out anything that was Indian. You did not begin to appreciate your schooling until you had learned to speak English, and fell in love with a beautiful girl that later became your wife.

You remained in school until the Methodist Church decided to close the school in the year of 1906. You were then sixteen years of age. When then completed your school work, sixth grade, you were employed as a boys' advisor.

While a student at J. J. Methvin Institute you were attracted to a beautiful daughter of Luther and Virginia Sahmaunt, of a prominent Kiowa family. You carried on a courtship, of course long distance, with her, and it finally came to a beautiful climax when you proposed to her and she accepted. Then the marriage took place in Lawton, Oklahoma, where Judge Armstrong, Comanche County, and witnessed by the County Sheriff. Your first impressionable moment experienced when you, as a bridegroom, discovered that you did not have enough money to purchase the marriage license or pay for the judge performing the ceremony! But the kind judge gave you an opportunity--a few days to rake the money up! A fear came upon you that the marriage may be annulled, so you made effort-daring efforts to raise the money and pay the judge's fee in full. The amount was approximately five dollars!

After your marriage to Nannie Sahmaunt, you made your home in the Mount Scott community, north of what is now Meers, Oklahoma. Here were