

(Did you have to take all of these?)

Yes, but the girls got out at noon sometimes to go to home economics all afternoon. That took us away from our academic work. Sometimes they were out all day to cook.

(How often was that?)

Oh, two weeks out of every month. I'd say, we only went to school half a day. The teachers were lazy; they didn't teach us anything. When I got to Haskell, I had to work. It wasn't a good education, I don't think. I couldn't have passed the entrance exam to a college. Some of them weren't even qualified to teach.

(Were they older women or young?)

My English teacher was fifty years old. She was too lax; we didn't have to turn in our homework. If it wasn't done, we could turn it in the next day. They were mostly older women. If they had been younger, like some of you who just graduate from college, maybe I would have learned more. (Juanita has stressed to me several times that I should get as much education as I can. She later expressed an early ambition to study law.)

(Did they pay you for any jobs?)

I baby sat. Father sometimes brought me money from home. We worked like grown people. I'd rather my children worked with their heads. 12, 14, 16 year old boys had to run the boilers at the laundry--watch to see that they didn't explode. That's unfair.

(Did your husband ever work there?)

Yes.

(Did you say that you were required to attend church, or was that your