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ALBERT MAKESCRY, PONCA

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CONTINUED TALK ABOUT SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

We noticed everybody was talking English. It wasn't hard then.

(I imagine when one person got to talk, you know, it kinda made it a little easier. They kinda interpreted.)

Yeah.

(When the other student kids...)

Yeah, we had one like that, that knew more about English than we did cause he used to tell us, you know, and explain to us what it's all about. That's how we got to learn.

(Do you remember any of your classmates down there?)

Yeah, there's some living, Albert Waters, Ken Hageman, Woolsy Walking Sky. Not very many of us living now. They are all gone, all these are just young, Frank Waters, Delbert Waters, James, Jim Waters, and Woolsy, and Kenneth Hagemen, myself, I guess, that's about all.

(What did the, you know, down in that school, I don't know whether it's at your school or not. But they had some kind of, they taught those people over in our school over there, some kind of trade. They have a little diary out there and farmed a little. And the girls, the girls worked in the laundry and kitchen. I guess, it's the same way here, wasn't it?)

Yeah, same thing, uh-huh. (Static)

(So did we.)

Yeah, some were little boys, you know. You know, how, six, seven, eight years old, we used to milk cows in them days, you know. Yeah, we used to