(Were there other tribes at Riverside when you were there?)

Yes, the only other two tribes were Caddoes and Delawares.

(Were all the teachers white?)

Well, in my school days there, I remember there was one Indian teacher. She's now retired, and lives out east here about six miles. She told me that..well, it was my good fortune to learn to tell time through her.

(What was her name?)

Helen Pickard. According to the records that I have, she's 78 this past year, going on 79. She finished Westchester Teacher's College in Pennsylvania. That was in Philadelphia.

(What tribe is she?)

Wichita.

(She could talk Wichita with the kids?)

No, she didn't talk Wichta out there. Oh, she might perhaps just talk to somebody but I never did hear her.

(What do you remember about the first year you were there?)

Oh, we work in the little sand box, you know. We play Hiawatha, everything. Almost every day. And we used those blocks and drew some pictures with crayons. Maybe go to the blackboard, and she would teach us to write a litter or a number, like that. I think she was a nice teacher. I always thought about this..this Miss Holmes.

(When did they start teaching you subjects?)

Oh, about first or second grade, somewhere in there. Taught us to read and spell.

(Were you picking up English pretty well by then?)

Yes, I think, I thought I was. Just my thought, I guess. Yes, we just pick it up (English) among ourselves. I mean the boys, we didn't mix too much with the girls. They were strict on us. Even as youngsters. There was a line you can go, and there was a line the girls could come this way..as long as you got permission.

(Were boys and girls mixed in the classroom?)