

in Talequah called Camp --. We call this one down here Luther Haven. And I help start this one in '48. Cause I wanted the kids of the panhandle the campin' experience. Cause to me, camp life is still the ideal training ground, because you shut out much of the world, and you have natural Christain living. Eat, and sleep and play and everything together. To me that's what we need too--and that I found too, that you get boys and girls from all different neighborhoods and camp was--was the Bible class on the river bank. We had--at Luther Haven we had this stone steps right over looking the Illinois River, under the shade tree, and the Bible sitting out in the open. This to me was one of the finest thigs that we had. Remember one of the deans of camp told me a remark, he said that a boy forgot his Bible in the camp here boy had to stay in tents and the early days. And the girls all got to stay in the cabins. And the boy forgot his Bible and the girl said, oh that's all right you can sit real close to me and look at my Bible. And the dean made the remark here, any boy and girl that studies the Bible together don't have to be worried about very much. And this I found is true. You have to have faith in young people. You can't appraoch them with the spirit of suspicion. That's what I've always appreciated about camp, I've had young people come to me that said they were afraid to talk to their pastor at home but they would tell me things in confidence. I could go to many towns when I started boys and girls camp in 1950. When we there at Talequah. Here the children of the campers who had first come to my camp, young peoples camp, were coming to this camp.

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