

coming off. We got muddy up to our hips, and some of us had these old paste-board suitcases, we couldn't afford anything better, come all to pieces, and we ended up by carrying our clothes under our arm. We got Chilocco and some of the boys had big black felt hats, you know, cheap hats, and they had faded, and these boys had striped faces. (Laughter) And of course, the old-timers laughed at all of us, which was kinda funny in a way, but I don't know, kinda disgusting. Anyway, we went on in, and I met Archie Tagg for the first time there. I later got acquainted with him. He was known as Nigger Bill, that was on account of a dog that he had following around all the time. So at that time I entered the sixth grade then. That was on Monday, after we'd got there on Saturday.

#### MANY OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES - GAINS STUDENT REPRESENTATION

So the first year wasn't very eventful for me. I was just another person in the cog there, and went to school, entered the building trades. Didn't do very much, joined the different societies, Sequoyah Club. I joined the Sequoyah Club, because Sequoyah was an Indian name to me, in Cherokee. So that's how come me to join that club, which was kinda a speech or dramatic club. Then the second year then, I entered speech contests, placed second. And that was about all I got into that year. But the third year then, I placed first in speech contest. And the fourth was just about the same thing. Then I got interested in athletics, fourth year, played junior high football, basketball, played on the class teams. Then I tried out for debate, didn't make it that year. But I did get in the Operetta group, did a lot of singing. My fifth year, then I made the debate team, became a member of the school quaretet, choir, glee club, was in all the pageants. By the way, the first pageant I got into was called Oklahoma, which we depicted the Trail of Tears, out on a