didn't have any state funds or anything; it was all a religious undertaking. 'Bout the only big contributor we had in Oklahoma was Lou Wentz. I know two different times he gave us $20,000 in the spring to finish out the year with. I traveled 80 weeks - by coming along I traveled 80 weeks - talking and I carried the books, and traveled with them all over the U.S. I was offered schooling in Germany, if I would go. They wanted to make a missionery out of me, but I wouldn't go. I think you have to have a call for that, and I didn't feel it.

(Yeah, and you'll know it if you got it.)

Yeah, and if you haven't got it, you're just wasting your time and everybody else's. So that's just about my life.

HIS LIFE WITH THE BEGINNING OF BALLOU INDIAN DAY SCHOOL

(Well, I was particularly interested in your years here, when you came here, and how you watched the progress of the Indian children, how they learned here and have gone on to other places to further their education. All those things are very important.)

Well, right now, back to the year I came here, which was 1937. They had had 7 teachers here in less than, no 11 teachers in less than 7 years. They had - well, if they didn't give satisfaction, they just scared them out. And they had big old boys here, they couldn't have a woman teacher here; they'd run 'em off. Had I known these things before I accepted the job here, I wouldn't have come, because it was too rough a territory for me.

(Has this always been called Ballou School?)

Un hunh. There was a little schoolhouse down below, under the hill there, the old Ballou School: That - ah - had - ah - a church, it was a community thing. And when they built this, they had it finished in 1937, I've been the only