

(Did you graduate from Haskell?)

Yeah, I graduated twice. I finished academic, and then I finished two years--completed commercial course.

(Did you ever get homesick while you were there?)

Never did. That I can remember. Oh, I thought about my folks--especially my mother, but I knew my two brothers could care for her.

REASON FOR GOING TO SCHOOL: TO GET AWAY FROM GIRLS:

(Did you ever think about quitting?)

No, I-- You know, the reason I left, really--the purpose I left was I used to get in lot of girl trouble. I'd no sooner get out of one trouble than I'd get in another one. So I just thought, "Well, this ain't gonna last forever," so I'm gonna go off to school. Anyhow I want to go to school. Be a good way to get away from this girl's troubles around here, you know." I was forever lasting getting in girl troubles. And I was always taking out to go to Fort Sill, to my folks down there, that are part-Arapaho. I'd ride back home. Different boy friend of mine would--I'd ask 'em what they said about me. If they was saying anything about me yet. They'd say, "No, everything's all right." Then I'd ease back here. There wouldn't be more than a week or ten days before I'd get in another trouble. So I actually run off from home to go to school, instead of the other way! (laughs)

(You never did get discouraged when you were in school and think about giving it up?)

I don't think I ever did. There was a lot of us--friends, that stayed four years--three girls, and two of us boys. One was from Wisconsin--his name was Henry LeCroie. And there was three girls--one's from Ottawa, Kansas, and one's from Joplin, Missouri and one was from Oklahoma, I believe. And we always studied--tried to overdo ourselves in our rating every month. They had monthly tests you know, and when it come for a final examination--I never had to take no final examination. I was exempt. Never did take no final examination--only civil service of course. But class examination I never took.

(Now why didn't you have to take the finals?)