

to go to school - speak correctly in English because you didn't think like that. My husband says I'm very strange. I don't speak Comanche very well but I can think in Comanche. I can translate without making the literal translation. He says I'm very strange because I can do that. The fact that Indian children have two languages and probably not very many children in this community can speak two languages. These types of things could be brought to your attention, you could have in your new schools programs. Let the Indian children in your community give a program on the Cheyenne and Arapaho, on their history or maybe a song or have an older person come and visit your class. The biggest thrill of my children's life, in fact I will take this opportunity right now to introduce my oldest daughter who is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, Kathryn, stand up. (Applause) As you can see, she is a little faded out. She still a very strong Comanche. Our youngest daughter is just as dark as she is fair, so we have them all shades in our house. But the biggest thrill that our son and daughter had in Washington was showing off their Indian grandmother. Their (Indian name) as you say in Comanche. She still wears long dresses and braids and shawls, and they invited her to the school to their class and so the school teacher asked her to tell a story. She told a story in Comanche because she can't speak English very well. She told the story in Comanche and translated by the children so they could hear another language. The story was a little story about animals, and it was delightful. And I'm tellin you, you couldn't touch those children. They were the most popular children in school because they had an Indian grandmother. That's the type of thing you can do here in Geary. And this is what we can do throughout Oklahoma. Emphasize this, not only are you building pride with your Indian children, but you're building understanding with non-Indian children. Again as I pointed out, you can't