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They would send their boys to the military academy. I remember some of my relatives went up to the Missouri Military Academy. They were such places as Oklahoma Military Academy and all these places that--they just had their preference of just where they wanted to go. Some went down to Texas. They--different place that they'd continue their education. And at the time well, I think I was in the eighth grade when I was sent to St. John's Military School in Salina, Kansas. And at the time I went up there, I believe that the five Tall Chief boys were there, George, and Johnny and Harry, and Tim and I don't recall the other one's name, but five of the boys up there. Oh, we had quite a time up there and course later on as years went on other Indian boys came up there. So it was during those years, I can recall back in when I was small we used to go to these Peyote meetings that my father used to be the first fireman for old man Minkee _____ . And I remember we used to go over there. And go over there around two or three days ahead of time. And they would prepare food, take time to prepare the food and get the wood ready and course there was always a number of boys around my age at the time. And we would go down on the creek there and go swimming down in there. And I remember these people used to warn us that they were--have little water dogs down in them deep holes. They would warn us not to go in that certain part. Well they would rather us not swim at all down there. but they would--these small water animals would pull you under the water, they'd warn us. And we were quite daring at the time and would sometimes go swimming down there. We would--I never did see any of those water dogs. But I suppose they're there or they wouldn't have told us. And these meetings I remember we used to go with my mother and father, I was quite small. And there were these