

to learn that it's too hard. So I think you're best bet is take more time with them. Don't get frustrated. I know it's--I know there are times when a person gets frustrated. But, he can also, that's what a teacher is there for anyways to teach the children. Not to whip them, whip their rear. If you do that, you know, you're going to build friction between you and the student. I know that for a fact because it's been tried on me. And it's worked that way. I've almost gotten--

(Does this make them withdraw even more?)

Uh-huh. That's right. That's what it does. Cause that's the way it done me. I went to school eleven and a half years and finished. But I dropped out mid-term in my junior year but I had enough credits to go on the following year. So it's just--I just averaged out about nineteen and a quarter credits. In eleven and a half years. So like I said I used to have straight A's when I first began in school. Seem to me like, I never paid any attention to the teacher but it's just one of those cases where a person--

(Picks it up fast.)

Yeah, picks it up fast. I just, that's just the way it happened to me.

(Well Wesley thank you very much for giving me your views on some of the problems of the Cherokee people and especially about the educational system-- what you think is wrong with it. And what you think would correct it.)

Well if I've been of some help, I'm glad to help in any way because if this-- if my opinion is being used or will be used I think the Cherokees can cope with the white society a lot better and can live together little more peaceful than it is now. And all that I'm going to say is don't try to make a Cherokee Indian into a white man over-night because it just isn't done. That's their tactic. Bureaucrats have tried that. The teachers have tried that. It just never worked. That's one reason why the bureaucrat technique--like I said the bureaucrats have ways of doing things like--I know