

(Yeah)

Oh, that was years ago. I mean, I was a little feller, but I remember. We lived up there and dad used to bring his cotton down there. Yeah. They used to buy cotton there. Yeah, we used to have cotton there long years ago.

Boy that was a long time ago.

IT WAS QUITE AN EVENT TO RIDE THE TRAIN TO MUSKOGEE TO ATTEND THE BARNUM AND BAILEY CIRCUS

(Seems to me at one time they had a railroad through there, didn't they?)

Oh yeah.

(Frisco, I think it was.)

Right up through Tahlequah. Went out to Park Hill (not clear) on up through that away.

Third voice: Went--I went to school out there at the old Seminary. I went as a farm hand. I didn't have money to pay my board. I went as a farm hand and my job working in the kitchen was fill up the molasses pitchers. I went over there. My job. Then when that little old railroad went up through there 'course that's the only way people had of going anywhere. Nobody had any cars. In fact, there wasn't any way back there. I know when they had circus here, you know, come to Muskogee. Well, them little old trains would by just loaded down.

(Well. People going to the circus at Muskogee?)

Yeah.

(Well, that was a big thrill in those days, I guess, wasn't it?)

Yeah. Them big shows like Barnum and Bailey. They wouldn't come to Tahlequah. But there'd be a big circus come there to (unclear) Yeah had a big time when circus would come.

RECALLS NAMES OF MANY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY

You remember Walter Thompson. Walter Thompson and Swake Roach.