

No, they ain't no Indian school up there at Kansas--just High School. There's about 600 of them that goes over there, something like that. So that's a pretty good sized school.

LANGUAGE BARRIER

(Did you find it was a handicap, when you started out in first and second grade speaking Cherokee and going to a White school? Did it take you a little while to catch on and would it have helped if you'd had a Cherokee teacher or that understood both languages?)

No, we had some Cherokee teachers then. A fellow by the name of Fields and his wife. His wife was Cherokee. She could talk Cherokee.

(Un-huh.)

But he couldn't.

(But that helped.)

We got along pretty good.

(Did your children suffer because of any of that? I mean--)

No. You mean--?

(The language barrier.)

They picked up English just playing with those other kids up around home.

(Un-huh)

They were talking pretty good English when they started to school.

(Oh, before they even started into the first grade. Yeah, I could see where that would help.)

Yeah, they picked it up pretty good. Yeah it's alright. Seems like they get along pretty good.

(Un-hum.)

They don't have no trouble with the teachers. Don't have no trouble with the school children or anything like that.