

and we all went back to different states that we were from. So, course, I was sent back to Chilocco. So when we got to Chilocco well then they have a lagoon there that the boys and girls could skate... Course we did a lot of skating at Carlisle too, but at Chilocco it was so strict that when we had--when we skate with the boys on the ice why the boys had to bring sticks. We had to hold on these sticks. We couldn't hold a boy's hand. We held on to these sticks to skate. And you know that was really thrilling, holding these sticks. But this day and time the kids--my grandkids, they just laugh when I tell them that. They just don't think--well, they just don't believe it. Well, I don't either but it's true because I went through it. So that's when we had to wear uniforms and the government furnished us shoes. And they were mostly like "stogies" and they were really too stiff to put on your feet, but we finally got them limbered up. And another thing that really--I think about now is one of my roommates. She was a Quapaw and she brought back some cigarettes from vacation one time. So we decided we were going to learn how to smoke. So we went down to this lake then and smoked these cigarettes. And somebody seen us and reported us. And boy, did we ever get a lecture. Well, I never had smoked and I didn't know it was even wrong to smoke. Cause all the old men at home, they all smoked, but I thought you had to be old before you could smoke. And I was always looking forward to being an old woman so I could get me a corn pipe or clay pipe or something to smoke. Well, anyway, we got caught smoking cigarettes. The matron then locked us up there. So we were locked up for two weeks for smoking these cigarettes. And so now I'm glad that I don't smoke cigarettes. In fact I don't smoke. Even if I--the smoke staggers me. I get on a cheap drunk. So smoking isn't good for anybody except old people. I'm still going to get me a clay pipe and smoke it. (Didn't you tell--don't you have a funny story about when somebody sent you some cut flowers one time?)