

the way from Alaska, go to Chilocco, more or less have that school for people, for students right around that particular area in Oklahoma. What do you think of that?)

Well, I think that would help too. If they wanted to run off they wouldn't have to run so far. (Laughter). Like some of these and you know, their parents could go visit them more often.

(Do you think their strategy in transposing them across country like that?)

I don't know. It may be. But I think it; if you know if they were closer to home their parents could visit them more often and they would stay at the schools instead of running off and you know running off is dangerous, too, in some ways. In most ways I guess if anything could happen to them.

(Well in other words, you'd probably in the long run work out a lot better.)

Well, I think it would.

(How about going home on the holidays, like Christmas and that? If the student's have a home to go to, do they have funds for that? Do the little ones get to go home?)

Yeah, My Dad used to come after me, when my sister and I--we were going to Wynadotte on Holidays. Not just at Christmas but you know any Holiday that they would let us off.

(They would let you go as long as you had a parent or relative?)

Un-huh, and when I was going to High-School, all the Indian kids coming to Oklahoma would charter, the school would charter a bus to come as far as Tulsa and then from Tulsa they would go to their different, you know, ways there.

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(Well how about your language, like I know you said that one time there was only one other Cherokee girl there but did you notice--Did they try to get the children not to speak their language?)