

of those days that I can remember--a lot of them didn't even do that much.

#### SEEING INDIANS IN CHICKASHA

In the early Autumn each year, usually in the--about the month of October, the Ringling Bros. Circus would come to Chickasha. That was quite a day! We would all--everbody in the neighborhood would either go to the circus or go see the parade and just about everybody went. And in the first year or two, I would get a great interest in watching the Indians, the Kiowas, the Comanches, and the Chickasaws. Some of those of the Kiowa tribe and the Comanche tribe still wore their blankets and I think a few of the Chickasaws. They would have their blankets and the men--with the tall black crowns in the hats would have ear rings in their ears with a little chain and the women--some would have their babies on a board. Attached to the board would be some kind of leather and a leather string would tie and would lace up the baby or unlace it so the baby could be taken out. And that was a most interesting thing--having been recently from Arkansas--at least with in the past two--I would watch them very closely and I would wear their moccasins beaded and they were very pretty and I--as a child--I'm glad that I had the privilege of being a part of the Indian Territory in the short-grass country.

#### EXPERIENCES OF T. E. BASSET

My father, T. E. Basset, came to near Ninnekah in about 1899. And he drew a 160-acre farm or land just a little way from what used to be Norge, or was later known as Norge. At that time it was called Alley--just about 5 miles, I suppose, west of Ninnekah. And he had improved the place to some extent and had built a house there. He drew 160 acres and lived there for a few years. But my father didn't see the future that there was to be in that part of the country. He kept this farm about 2 years and sold it to a Mr. Bligh. He used to laugh about how he had cheated the old man Bligh. He got \$2,000.00 for it and he said Mr.