

I don't know. Maybe, this is good. I feel like Indian school has an advantage, and it does have its disadvantages. I feel, like a mother or to a parent that can't afford to send their child financially to public school, and has to send his child to a school where expenses will help them out. In this way, I think it's fine. But I feel, or I know for a fact, that I feel like our Indians today--if they were sent or had to attend a public school that they would come out of this backwardness a lot faster than going off to school. And this association with other tribes is fine too, but I just feel like they would go forward a lot faster; and they'd have more confidence in themselves, and they'd be outgoing, and all this. Someone may state, "Well, she'd never attended Indian school before. How can she know?" Well, I can look upon others, and I can see the difference. I've talked with different ones, and I can see where they say, "Yes, I enjoyed public school better than I did Indian school." I feel, you know, more free, not free, but more outgoing, more forward, and everything. I don't know why this is. Maybe, it's because--well, I have observed different ones, and they wait for another one to speak; and if that doesn't speak, they just sit, and they don't give their own opinion. And if a question is asked, they sit there. And if no one ever calls on them, they never make any verbal decisions or anything like that. It's just--they just automatically go with whatever is suggested, which isn't good at all. They should voice their opinion in all this. And also, I don't have any criticisms among the Indian churches at all. But I am a member of the Midway Baptist Church, which is five miles south of Wewoka. I've been there since I was thirteen years old although my mother was a member of the Highspring Indian Baptist Church, near Konawa. And during this period of time, I always went down with her during church meetings and all this. I understood the language.