

ever go back to school; and then, I got this opportunity to go to East Central State at Ada. I started last January. This is my third semester. And I said after being out of school for so long, 1955--can you imagine? And going through all this, I just didn't think I could do it. And some of the people told me, "Oh, you can. Others have stayed out." And now, I've adjusted, seem like. And I don't know. It is just wonderful. The students are just wonderful to be with. Like I say, I enjoyed being in the public school. And I see the Indians. There's more Indians this semester attending there. And I have one Indian girl, especially in our class, who is very shy. There's some that are shy, and there's some that aren't. I feel like this Indian department that has financed all this, I feel, is really doing wonders in sending the Indian students to a public college like this. This will help them to get out of the backwardness. And it's just--I don't know. It's just--it has helped them tremendously. And I'm sure that if at all possible to continue to do that: that our Indian children, our Indian adults as well as children, young people, what have you, will get out of this. I know the older generation thinks the white man has invaded our country. And we have nothing. And I understand this. I understand their feelings in all this. But today, today is today and we have to live as the world goes. And whatever happens, I mean, as each generation comes along--as time changes, we have to change with time. We can't just stay and live like we did a hundred years ago. As time changes, we have to change too. But it is hard to bring over to the older generation that this is the way that we have to do in order to be happy in the world. And I understand their situation where they feel like they had this once, and the white people came over and took this and took that. And it's hard to explain to them and help them realize all this. And I just wish I could go forward and try to tell them all this. But it's hard to try to explain to them if you don't speak their language. And I hope that some