

and she has done so much in her life time. I have nothing to complain about." And so now going to East Central, like I say, I love to work with people. And I have decided to take up Rehab counseling, working with the handicaps. If I possibly make this, I want to deal with this type of people very much. I feel like this is my territory. I don't feel at ease with any other party, physically fit or anything like that. But I feel like-- well, I'll say this, I've heard so many people say cripple and this word to me has shocked me so much, and I used to get real aggravated at it. Because in my dictionary, I find no cripple, the word cripple. I'd rather use the word handicap. And I only wish that others would also use it because it just throws me for a loop when someone says this. I had a nice talk with my girl friend, and she told me to overlook it when I was going to Tech. And I did. And I learned to overcome that. And you have to overcome things that people stop and look at you and all this. I've learned that: just give them a smile and they'll go right on. And it's just that I don't know. Maybe, they don't think; but, to me, cripple means you're completely helpless; and you can't do a thing. And if you're handicapped, you can still do something. Just have a disability somewhere down the line. And they say deaf and dumb. They're the most intelligent people. They may not hear you. They read your lips. But they're the most intelligent people I've ever seen. Actually, you know, if they're intelligent, they're not dumb by no means. And I wish this word too--I don't know why this has come out. Well, it's come all this way, but it sort of irritates me in a way because people that aren't handicap in any way, have never had anyone in their family handicapped, do not realize how it affects the other person. And like my mother used to say, "A person doesn't really know what it's like unless they have one, or has one of the relatives in the family that has gone through this stage." And this is very true. I know we can say things. People can pass away, and