

came up and told me that they were my cousins. Everyone of them found out last night. They came up and say, "Did you know that you were my cousin? My daddy told me that you were." I felt like they found some association. This year, I taught the 3rd, 4th, and 5th; and this year, the ones that I had in the fifth graduated from the 8th grade, and I went to their graduation. Seems like, most of the time, boys are shy about seeing their old teacher, or something, but I got a hearty welcome when I went to their graduation. They were all so glad to me or they acted like they were. I was surprised that they all came up and shook hands with me. After their graduation, I took their picture, they all told me that they were glad I came to see them graduate and that I thought about them. I guess most teachers who have children, or brothers and sisters in their rooms, feel the same way I do. I made a request that if my sister suppose to I mean was assigned to my room next year, she'd be assigned to some one else because I felt like I was too hard. I mean, I didn't want other kids to think that I was petting her and I didn't want her to think that she could get by easy because her sister was her teacher but I thought it would be better all the way around if she and I weren't in the same classroom again, again next year.

(Are your mother and your father educated?)

Well, my mother and father had some college. Seems like my father went 3½ years to Oklahoma State, and he didn't have enough money to finish school so he just quit. My mother went to school in Colorado and, then, she went to Oklahoma University a year but she has been a teacher. She taught, I guess, back during the War when they couldn't find a lot of teachers, and she taught several years then. Then, she quit. I guess too many thing to do at home. Like I said, our family was more educated than most families you know of the kids that I went to school with. But still, when I went to school, they wouldn't ask my parents to be on the school board or I guess you have to file or something; but they never did ask them you know, to be on the school board. I felt that they don't ask them because they're Indians. I don't know.