

Uh-huh.

(What did they call that then?)

Well, they called it the Cherokee Orphan Home. But when we went there they called it the Cherokee Orphan Asylum.

(Yeah.)

Because that's where the inmates were before we went there and they took them on over to Tahlequah. And I don't know, I didn't find that it had been changed.

(Oh, it's been changed many times. What was that school like? I've never heard.)

Well, I thought it was a terrible place when I was a kid besides lunch. But it was just a nice place for us.

(Yes.)

Orphans. We got three meals a day. We got our clothes. We was kept clean. We went to school every day we wasn't sick. We went to Sunday school just as regular as a Sunday come. Well, that's just the way it was.

(How many buildings? Or was there just one big building?)

Just one big building when we were there. And I've been back one time no further than that is. I went back once. It's been two or three years ago. There's a group of us going to meet up there. I was last one getting there. And the rest of 'em was gone. It was right at lunchtime. And I didn't know heads or tails about the place. But I found out. Lady told me it was lunch time. And she told go down and get in line and go in for lunch.

(Yeah.)

Well, I just laughed to myself. 'Course none of the rest of 'em didn't know