

'Yeah, I believe all the Thorpe kids were here at that time.
(Is that the time they dedicated Jim Thorpe's picture at the Capitol?)

Un-huh, yeah.

(My wife used to go to school with Grace Thorpe at Chilloco a long time ago.)

FARMING AND EARLY LIFE HISTORY

(Do you farm any much around here, Ed, in this place in earlier days?)

Yes, I used to farm cotton, corn, maize since this allotment came around, I just quit farming. I raised peanuts one time, and sow them and we had to count the peanuts, we thrashed them by hand. And we got the dirt out. We weighed the dirt. I just figured that was to be too much trouble for the farmer, so I just quit farming. They allotted us, so much acreage, you know, to farm, and made us stop our cotton, we could just plant 2 or 3 rows, too much we had to plow it up, and let it go.

(Did any of the Sac and Foxes' farm like they did in Oklahoma, or did any of them during your time farm?)

Yes, they used to farm quite a bit. They was horse and buggy days. We didn't have any cars. Seemed like everybody's farming that time.

(But why you think the young ones left the land and quit the farming or have they? Have the young people stayed around pretty closely around this area?)

No, not since the War, seems like they just scattered out. Uncle Sam took some of them. Then, there's some drifted and went to work, and got to going, and they're still going. Some of them haven't come home yet. Some of my nephews out in California yet. — Don't want to come back home.

(Found a new way of life, I guess new way of life. Did you go to Indian School when you were young?)

Yeah, a Indian School, Sac and Fox Indian School.

(Is that a government school?)

Yes.

(How was it organized, did they . . .?)

Well, it was run by government. We had 3 meals a day. We had to