

(Were there ever any churches at Colony?)

Oh, yes. There was--what kind of movement was that? (Pause)
The Quakers. There were there till here when they abolished
that school there--and then they moved. I don't know what
church movement is there now. It's either Presbyterian or
Methodist. I believe it's Presbyterian.

(About when did they shut down that school over there?)

Oh, I don't know for sure, now--I believe it was somewhere in
the twenties. Might be the thirties--I don't know.

(And why did they close down this Cantonment school?)

They closed it back in the twenties--1922 or 1923. Kids from
other different tribes attended that school, too. For instance,
the Otoes and the Poncas. Yeah, and we used to have a few white
kids attending that school. The people that worked there sent
their kids there. And finally they sent them to the town school.
(When they did away with Cantonment, where did the Indians kids
around here go to school after that?)

They either send them to Concho or Colony or Chilocco.

(They didn't start at that time in the public school?)

No. Years back they gradually start sending them to these. But
I think they had their kids right there at home instead of send-
ing them off. To boarding school. But lately--and I'm going
to tell you about the boarding schools--they really get their
truly experience by working. They teach them how to do certain
kind of work. They think by doing that they'll get basic
principles of a certain job. And then so many months they put
them on to different vocations. They go on so long with that and
then they switch them off to another one. That way they get a
little experience of different trades. That way they got ad-
vantage over the high schools. They do not teach them any
vocational trades in high schools till here lately--about weld-
ing, and studying different things about farming. But in the
government schools they just teach them all kinds of trades--
carpenters, engineers, and so on.

(Did they have pretty good food and living conditions?)

Oh, yeah. Best they had at the time. They get provided for
them. They used to have a big Cheyenne camp over there east of