

go to school there. And they issue shoes. And I got a suit--jeans--kind of gray. And one of them shoes--they were about that long--big heavy shoes with a big brass buckle on them with holes and I'd stick that thing in there and bring the buckle back. That's how come my feet's so large--wearing oversized shoes!

(How many years did you go there?)

It took me a year before I ever learned to speak English. And I went there about--altogether I don't think I attended over six or seven years.

(Did you go to any other school besides that?)

Yes. For one year, 1904 or 05, I went to Rainy Mountain Government Boarding School. It was a new school out there.

(What did you do there?)

Well, they didn't learn anything but farming over there because the highest grade they had was the fifth grade and I was already finished with that at the Mission School. And that was about as far as I went. And then I come back to Anadarko, and the town had already opened up. After 1900. And there were no school buildings for the town, and people that had moved into town sent their children to the Mission school. So I attended school with the white children about a year. And then I dropped out then.

(When you attended school with the white school, was that after you had been to Rainy Mountain?)

Yeah, after.

(What grade would that have been?)

Well, I think I was in the seventh grade, and that's all the grades they had there. They just kept me there. Methvin said, "I want you to be the boys' advisor." And he give me the job for the rest of the year to be the boys' advisor. Take care of the boys. Check them in and out and see how they are and have charge of the boys' dormitory all year for one year.