

I taught school for \$40 a month and paid my--out in the country, paid board and room, and had to buy my own clothes. We had to attend the teachers meetings, and there was no way to go. I've got 10 or 12 miles in a wagon to tend one of the school meetings. And I managed to go to school some every year, whether I was teaching or not. If I taught I'd go in the summer.

(Was it a six month's school?)

Anywhere from 3 to 6 months school.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

(Did the attendance--I suppose the attendance varied a good deal, didn't it?)

Well, they was pretty regular at the schools. Parents had come from communities.

People come from everywhere. You had neighbors from Idnaina, and New York, anywhere where they hear of this free land why they'd come. One of the best friends I had was

~~gintherabou~~ I don't remember where he came from. It's a family, well the baby

girl was about my age. The boys was older. And we, everybody we had picknics, we had

church socials, and we always had a Easter. Get to gether that the children would

be in it. Our town wasn't any different; if anything had better neighbors that

lived ten miles away then I got across the street here. We didn't think anything about

walking 2 or 3 miles to visit a neighbor on Sunday evenings. That was the only time

we visited was on Saturday and Sunday. Then after the towns come in, Erick and

Texola and they began to build up we'd go to Erick and Texola on Saturday but that

was positive was the whole community went to town on Saturday evening. That way we

didn't have to visit at homes so much. We visited in town. Cause your sure

to see your friends there. That had' been too many years back. But I was just hurt

so bad-- I have this friend that lives out there at Texola, she's a couple of years

older then I am. We were seat mates in school, when were going to school there at

Texola. And she still lives there, and all the houses up in that country there was

some real nice homes. Even my home, it wasn't anything extra, but it was about

a 5 room home, and their all moved off the farms. Everybody gone to town. But her

home is 2 mile and a half south of Texola and she has had it all remodled inside and

out, they have electiricty up through that country now. They got electricity all

for the country homes, that REA and it wasn't ten years that practically all the homes