

Joins that big building.

I think the eighth grade was as high as they go. All the government day schools was that way. Eighth grade. They taught everything. Well, it was mostly working--farm work and all that. About half a day of school and half a day of work. This is a dairy barn right here, and back in here some place they had plowed ground. They had gardens here.

A big building used to be setting there--a big brick building. They condemned it and just tear it down. They hauled all the bricks away and the lumber. Yeah, this was a girl's building there, and where they have school. It was big. About two or three stories high--a big building.

They used to give out the annuity payments (or per capita) here. Give them out in the school building and in that house right there, too. You be on the outside and they call your name and you go in there. Get your check and go to Gotebo or Mountain View.

The Indian camp was right below here to the east. They camped right down there in that bottom. It was a big camp--Kiowa. Over two or three hundred camps, I guess. Indians would come pretty near every month, I guess, to get paid. Some of them, they just camp around here (all the time). Because their kids were going to school here and they want to be close to their kids. On weekends the kids would come to the camps and stay there. Monday they come back. Some of the kids would run off to go home. But they have Indian police here. One they called Yeahquo. He used to chase them. He was something like a truant officer, I guess. Chased them kids around.

The Indians camped in tents at that time. There were just a few tipis. That Boake's store was way up on the hill, east of the school. It's that long building that's still there--across the creek. That was Boake's place. The kids from here would walk over there and buy candy and stuff like that. I don't know if he was a licensed trader or not. This is all Indian land--and that store was on Indian land, too. I forgot how many acres it is, but I think they said there's over a thousand acres. The store was built back in the 1800's. He sold everything--dry goods and groceries and harness. In the olden days everything was cheap. You could get a big sack of flour for about fifty cents a sack. Yeah, he gave credit to the Indians. That's how come they all come up there. They get their payment up there and then they all come up here and pay him off and trade again. Just like today--if you're working and get paid every week you can get credit anywhere. Yess, occasionally there was trouble with Indians that couldn't pay their debts. There used to be some old wagons and things around here that they'd mortgage, and horses. They were not supposed to do that, but he was doing that. You were not supposed to take anything away from the Indians because they got that brand--"I.D."--on them--"Indian Department". But he was doing that. I think he got in trouble over that several times. This Mr. Boake, his brother lives in Anadarko, I think. He used to own that big store where the Roberts T.V. shop is now. The "ABC" Store. I think he had another brother here in Gotebo or somewhere. There was a Boake's store in Anadarko. That was a brothe of this one. This one here was a real trader I guess. He must have been making pretty good money. That's how come he got a pretty good building.