

world. I don't know, lot of people say - tell me - they wouldn't go through with it, if it was them, but I think it was an education in itself.

( It was education, more than just academic side. )

Yeah.

( Infact it was the only way a lot of us ever got any education.)

Well, really I know I wouldn't have gotten any-thing.

( Well, I know I wouldn't have. Even the poor people called me poor. That's just how bad things were.)

Yeah, it was bad, long about this time, and tended to get worse, you know. It was just one of those things.

( From Chilocco then, you went to Bacone?)

Bacone, yes.

ATTENDED BACONE COLLEGE - FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THERE

( I've never been around Bacone, except to visit there. What was it like during your stay?)

Oh, it was kinda deeply religious, more religion than you would think. But it wasn't forced religion, you could go if you wanted to. If you didn't want to you didn't have to go. They had different organizations, we was supposed to go about three times a week.

( What was the academic curriculum there? Before you were - )

Oh, - ah - you mean what I took up, well, I started being in fine arts, that is taking English and lot of things. But I switched over into education for several reasons. I read the book by Grant Foreman telling about what the Eastern Oklahoma Indians needed. And they needed some of their own people to teach and they would follow better. And that was the only hope of the Eastern Oklahoma Indians. I figured maybe I could help them by teaching.