

gone off to school. And we had one or two that were sent in 1875 to Fort Marion, in St. Augustin, Florida, as captives. you know. Raiders in Kansas Territory--mostly Cheyennes. They were sent down there as prisoners. Well, they learned religion down there. Some of them went on to Carlisle. And they came back and they were pretty well established ministers. Pendleton was one of them--David Pendleton. He learned to speak English. He always preached there at the Arapaho school. And Jesse Roman Nose, he came out later on. Oh, he came home at that time, but he didn't want to live in no tipis anymore--he wanted to have a house in Darlington--which they did provide for him. For a few years. Then he married and went out and took an allotment under the Allotment Act of 1887. And that's where that Roman Nose park is--among some of his land.

(You were talking about the school children attend churches--did the kids live at the school?)

They taught scriptures right in the classroom. Some of our faithful Christian teachers. They had a prayer meeting before school hours started. And we studied about a half-hour or so. Then our regular school started. And every Sunday the whole school attended services at the Arapaho School Chapel. The different denominations would come out from El Reno and preach sermon. And through all the week we'd be taught Christian interests, character, learn the scriptures, and say Bible verses, through the week. Memorize. Know all that work pretty well.

(Well at that time how did the older people--the parents of the kids--feel about their children going to church and being taught this? Did they mind?) No, they didn't mind at all. I know I joined the church in 1896--Congregational Church--and my folks were proud of it. Oh, there were a few Episcopalians. A minister from El Reno would come out and go out--they established one in