

LEFT OKLAHOMA A & P AND TAUGHT SCHOOL

I left and went to Northeastern State College and stayed and then later on after I was married, I did some work at Colorado State University in Greeley. It's really called Colorado College of Education. I continued with my major field which was social studies, and spent three summers there and began teaching in public schools. I taught history, physical education, coaching the girl's basketball team. And this was quite an experience working with young people, always a challenge and it was a number of years that I taught - I taught at Coweta High School and while I was teaching I sponsored various classes. Being class sponsor. This was a new experience and as I said working with young people you always learn too.

SHE AND HER SISTER OWN AND OPERATE THE "RED MAN" INDIAN STORE

And since leaving Coweta and leaving that part of teaching and became a home maker. Enjoyed that life, too, as my children were young. I have two children, a daughter Janelle, and a son, Keith, and today I have grandchildren so at the present I am involved in - and have been for the past ten years in business. I own and operate with my sister, Mrs. Geneveive Toni, the "Redman's" store at Pawhuska. We do custom sewing, research (word not clear) to the different dancing regalia of Indian tribes, predominantly the Osage tribe. Mrs. Toni and I both do ribbon work. We have been fortunately enough to be successful with this business. Last July, 1967, she and I were invited to participate in a full folk festival sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute, Washington D. C. We were on the fall there demonstrating our ribbon work. The ribbon work is not only typical of the Osage people, but many other tribes in Oklahoma, the Otoe and Winnebago, I mean Otoe and Ponca and Kaw in Oklahoma and then there are other tribes. Sac and Fox and Winnebago as well use ribbon work and each one is a little different technique. But among the Osages we have a very great demand for this type of work right now.