

So he stuffed a deer. Joints were loose joints, you know, just like it was limber and imitation blood coming out of his mouth, you know, red strings, you know, out of his mouth. So we packed, you know. So Hiawatha brings that deer in and it's just like it was fresh. So we went out and we put that play on in Denver once, and then they made us put on another one, and then we had engagement in Colorado Springs, but they made us put on another play in Denver. The more we put it on, the bigger crowd there was. Then we moved to Colorado Springs. We stopped there at that Antlers Hotel, that swank hotel, there, and we put that on that night.

(How did it go over?)

Oh, it just made a big hit. Well, what we were doing at that time was make enough money to save at least five thousand dollars for band uniforms. For school. And we made it. We made beyond that. Made about fourteen thousand.

(How were they at the school about--like if you were talking in your own language or carrying on any of your Arapaho customs or ways--did they care?)

No, they wouldn't care no. Every tribe wanted to know how we lived, compared to how the northern Cheyennes lived in Montana. And the northern Arapahoes in Wyoming. Course, we was much better off than they were. Nice open range, you know --irrigation.

(How did you say you were better off than they were?)

Well, we have better lands down here than they have. Course they got lot of wild game there--deer and antelope and elk and moose, and bears.

(How did they feel about it? Did they have a feeling that you all were better off or did you ever--?)

Well, they didn't pay much attention. They know that we wore good clothes. I know Oklahoma boys and girls, especialy 2wore all good clothes.

(How was your English compared to theirs? Was there any difference that you noticed?)

Well, I heard there was a man from New York. He was an evangelist. He's pick'd up in the slums. His name is Fred B. Smith. And he came out to Lawrence, Kansas, and eventually came out to the school. So he was there about two weeks at Lawrence, Kansas, and we went back and forth to his talks, you know. I had been Christianized.