

Well, every year you have to take final examinations for the next advancement. Then if you didn't pass too good, well, you'd have to study to catch up--go for your passing grade. I didn't have to take that, I always--

(You mean your grades were high enough you didn't have to--)

Oh yes. I was--well there was five or six of use--eventually there was a girl from, I think, Minnesota--she married an Osage boy. She was in there--stayed right with us. We all had good grades--right around a hundred all the time.

(Did any of the others ever get homesick or decide to leave school?)

Well, most of that happened this way: Some of the boys like to dress--not Oklahoma boys, but other state boys and girls--they hate to fall back, way that they dress, you know--clothing. Whenever their clothes get old, why then they started, you know--just didn't feel in the right place among the rest of us. They'd write home--get discouraging letters, you know--family sickness, and that sort of discouraged them. I know I gave one boy a suit of clothes one time.

CLOTHES AT HASKELL:

(You mean by that that their clothes were getting worn out?)

Yeah, worn out. Oh, they could have wore school clothing, like those cashmeres and those things, but they'd rather dress up in civilian clothes, like you can buy. Especial on Easter. Easter was a great month. They used to try to get new suits and new dresses.

(What kind of clothes did you wear then?)

Oh, I wore good civilian clothes. I wore a suit all the time. Costume I wore was grey, or fawn, tan, mostly--those colors. And on other occasions I'd wear blue serge, but I had nice dress suit--Hart, Schafner and Marx suit, black for something-- like banquets and like that.

(What are these school clothes like that you mentioned?)

Well, they had gray pants and gray coat. They had dark coats that they wore with their gray pants. They were cashmeres--good stuff. They have civilian style shoes.

(Were they just given to anybody that needed them?)