

Anybody that want them. Clothes, socks--

(Well, the kind of clothes that you wore--did you pay for them yourself?)

I pay for them myself, yeah. When I come home in the summertime I'd always go to Oklahoma City or El Reno and go to a tailor and pick out the kind of clothes I want. . . .visiting around--just go around any old way--jeans, gray shirts, and broad-brimmed hat. I'd go try my coat on and by the time it was finished it'd be about a week or ten days before I'd go back to school. And I always had to start back about the last week in August, because the football team had to get together and start training. Had to go on training table.

(You think, then, the Oklahoma boys had better clothes than the--?)

Oh yeah. Yeah. Them Osage boys wore Tibbitz every day, you might say--black Tibbitz suits--that's a fancy cloth, you know--they make suits sout of it. They wore it.

(Do you have any idea why the Oklahoma boys were better dress than the ones from other places?)

Why you know those peoples are sparsely settled, you know--their reservations --long ways to go and they don't have towns like we have. And most of them are full-bloods, and their parents weren't educated, and they didn't go to barber shop regular like we do here in Oklahoma. Consequently when their boys came home they fix them up clothes and get 'em ready to go back to school, but them for the years shirts, ties and then some money , too.

(Just thinking back on it, the way they were dressed back then, would you say that any one group had the worst clothes, or the most worn-out clothes of any other group--or most hard-up?)

Well, some saved their clothes the best they could through the year. Those that couldn't afford more than one or two suits. Other times through the week they wore ward clothes, you know, like some of them were working in printing shop, carpenter's shop, painting shop, and dairy. Depend on what vocation they were. And some worked down on what they called the lower farm garden. They raised all kinds of garden. Some worked in poultry, yards, school, sup-