

kind of place it was like, but I told him no, I don't wanta go to Boley. Well, why ne  
was looking around trying to find someplace to send me. Rember that Boley school  
burnt down, and a lot of my little friends that was goin' to school with me at Mekusukey  
got burnt up in that building--over there at that school. Robert Barkus and Eddie  
Payne's boy, Oh, I forget his name, several of 'em--sent them over there and they got  
burnt over there in that school house.

(Who were some of the Indian boys that you went to school with at Mekusukey?)

Ohh, wee--

(Boys about your age, do you remember?)

'bout my age, have to come down to Benjamin Johnson and--

(That Benny who's on the Council, no, lives near Bowlegs?)

Uh huh, near Bowlegs, and Little boys, Thomas and Buddy, and Charlie Grounds, and Leo  
Grounds, all them went to school during my time.

(Was Billy Palmer there then?)

Billy Palmer, Willsy Palmer, and Wilson Jones, Freeman Scott, Roland Scott, Charlie  
Wesley and oh, there's a gang of 'em, if I can take my time and think of them.

(Did you play baseball or football at the school?)

Yeah, I tried to play 'em both, but I didn't like nothin' but baseball. (laughter)

That football, I'd run into the boys and hit my nose--(laughter), and that basketball  
was the worst one--I always hit my nose on that basketball. And I wouldn't play it  
at all. But the baseball, I liked it pretty well. But now Freeman Scott, Yeoman Scott,  
was our best catcher. Charley Wesley was our pitcher. Wasn't nothin' that come to  
our school and beat us any game--we'd beat 'em every time. We'd go on down to Emahaka  
here and play these girls, play mostly basketball with them, you know--wasn't much of  
baseball players, course we beat them. But them boys, white boys out of Seminole,  
they'd have the teams you know, different schools, they'd come down and play us and  
they'd didn't have a chance. Sometimes they didn't even let 'em make a score.

(Mr. Dean, do you remember a school north of Wewoka or was it before your time? There  
was a Presbyterian minister, let me think of his name, Ramsey, Rev. Ramsey. Ramsey  
Mission.)

I've heard of that, but I don't remember--don't even know where it's sittin'.