

(And I know, I've been a school teacher for 20 years and even in gatherings of school teacher they talk while the speaker is speaking. You know, it's just something that a - like you say - is not customary with Indians. They are quiet - a quiet audience..

Mrs. Oaks: Do you teach in Norman?

(uh-huh, yes.)

Mr. Thompson: In other words, they're more reverent. I went over to where the Choctaws were having a meeting - the men go to side of the room and the wives go to the other side with the youngsters and they'd set 'em down and you wouldn't see one of those little buggers getting up and running in and out.

Mrs. Oaks: And they didn't have a nursery then, did they?

Mr. Thompson: No, they set those little devils down like they were in church and it was quiet. Now, you get there and see youngsters running to the bathroom and just going and coming.

Mrs. Oaks: And anything else they want to.

I know we used to occasionally, we'd - well about Friday, you know, hook up and go off down over there to Cope Springs to Choctaw there in the summer. Well, we bundled up everything and we'd go off down there on Friday and come back Sunday evening. As you say, the Indian men are on one side and the women are on the other side and the kids are bedded down in the aisles. Another thing, nearly all of those Indians had a bunch of dogs. ((laughter)) And they'd camp there for a week or two at a time. Ought to had a dog pound there. I know we had a long whip about from here to there and if the dogs come there to harm you -

(The dog got the whip?)

Yeah. You didn't have to hit him but once.

(What did he do, take turns keeping the dogs off or keep in them back.)