

And I finished - completed my schooling in September, a year ago. And since that time I come back to Hominy and I have been employed here as a licensed practical nurse for the last year. And this has been very good, I think, because I felt that I had to show my children that something - that you had to do something, and that you could do something if you really wanted to. And I thought how could I tell my children that they must have an education, that they must work if I didn't do it myself, or know how to go about it myself. And I know that it's hard to work - it's hard to go to school and learn and do things and be accepted and try to work in with the general run of people. This is the hardest thing, I think, of going to school. It's not the studying or the tests or the - or any of those things. It's getting in there and being accepted and taking the knocks and still staying right in there.

CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT INDIAN CUSTOMS

(Mrs. Barnes, your life story has been a very inspiring one, and we hope that our younger generation will have the opportunity and find their desires like you have done. While you were raising your children did you participate in the children's - in the Osage customs and traditions?)

Yes. My children had Grandmother living for a number of years during their childhood. And she took the older children to many hand games and Peyote meetings and they have memories of these. I acquired some knowledge of some of these things - I didn't know a lot of customs, myself. But I have always had the desire and yearning to learn of the Indian customs. Since I was raised among white people, I was never around Indians to speak of until the time of my marriage and then I was around Indians. And my children have learned many things from their relatives on their father's side. They attend dances, participate in dances and like it very much and