

Transcript for No High School

T. L. Scott and two others sit on the steps of a front porch.

T. L. Scott, is Former Chief of Santee Indian Organization:

Voice of Dr. Will Moreau Goins:

Now you couldn't go out of this school and go to a regular white school?

Voice of T. L. Scott:

No. I was fortunate when I ...I finished the seventh grade, the seventh grade was the highest grade at the time. When I finished the seventh grade Daddy went to the Superintendent and said that I wanted to go on to high school

The Superintendent said that he had no where to put me. My dad that "That boy wants to go to school, I'm going to send him to school so you'd better come up with something."

So he told daddy that he'd get back with him. His response was that they added the eighth grade to this school. (Mr. Scott motions to the building behind him)

That helped keep me out of the house for another year. At the end... you could make straight A's all the way through to the last month, and you'd get a failing grade.

And ah, Momma came out to find out because I made a failing grade when I'd made straight A's all the way through. And momma came and got onto the teacher, wondering why. And she said that she didn't have any right to promote me. One of the things she could do was to give me a failing grade and let me repeat. I could repeat the class.

And Momma done said, "If he repeats the class again, you can whip me; I'm going to whip you."

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