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I attended Swift from '48 to '53.

Today, my thinking is that May Day helps to still build our foundation, keeps it going. Also, we have what is known as Graveltown days, and that's another celebration, you might say, where everyone in the community that once lived here comes back. And I think these types of activities keep us together and helps to continue our foundation.

I was just thinking this morning, before preparing to come over, that Swift taught us so many things. Number one might not mean too much to a lot of people but good morals, good manners, how to treat people. And the fact that they just were so kind to us at all times.

While at Swift, our main concern was the students. to make sure that we were preparing them to enter other schools, preparing for college and beyond. I can't say too much about manners, which differed from the other two schools where I taught. So, those were some of the main things, just making sure that they could get into a college of their choice.

The legacy of Swift means to me that I would not have been where I am today, if it had not been for Swift. We had the most dedicated teachers, and I was in school under President Lee. And we have many great things to say about him. He would stand out at the clock every morning as we came to school to make sure that we were there on time, and he had this snarling habit. He had an allergy or something, and as we went up the steps, if we were late, we could hear him and say, "What will be our penalty for today?" There are many, many teachers that I could mention, but I just appreciate all of my teachers that I had while I was in high school and college. And as had been said, when all of the Swifties get together, it's just a joy to go back and reminisce of all the good times we had during those school days.