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I attended Swift year '43-'44. I attended Swift because my sister had attended, and she enjoyed it immensely. So, I wanted to go. I enjoyed Swift because that's the first time I had been away from home. I was 17 years old, and I just wanted to be away from home. She had talked to much about Swift, but I kind of got home sick and wanted to come home. I almost did there, one year. But I enjoyed it. I enjoyed the family style meals we had, the white linen tablecloths and the white napkins. Although the food wasn't all that good, but I just enjoyed the fellowship with the people.

Each person, regardless of the status of your condition, you had a task to do, and my roommate had a task of checking the alarms. And she had to get up every so often during the night and go down and check the clock. And then, I would get up with her, and that was – I had two tasks: going down with her, then I had a task in the dining hall. See, she couldn't help me in the dining hall. I had to go down, during the night, and check with her and go around the clock. I had forgotten how many places we had to check, but that was one of the duties that the College had for the children to do.

Yes, but they didn't last that long.

Did you have any tasks to do? Checking the clocks?

Yes, that clock checking was something else. Getting up at 2. Getting up at 4. Make those rounds. You didn't make them by yourself if you didn't have anybody to go with you. I never did choose to do that round, but my roommate did, and I had to go with her.

Togetherness. I never seen so much togetherness. Everybody loved each other. Whenever they see each other down there, love one another. Togetherness.

Upon graduating from KC, I went to Sulphur Hollow. Hancock County at the school that was called Sulphur Hollow. [I taught there from] '47-'48. I enjoyed those children. They were a wonderful bunch of children.

Yes [I came from Knoxville], and I lived with her Uncle. Her brother was my classmate. He was the only boy in my freshman class, '43-'44. During the times of war, men were scarce. Earnest was the only one, the only male, in the freshman class. In the sophomore class, there was Tommy Moore. He was the only one in the freshman. Maybe by the time he got to be a sophomore, Tommy Moore had finished. There was only 2 boys in the College Department during the time I was there, '43-'44.