

Fred Murfin

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Fred Murfin was born on February 18, 1919. He was born in El Dorado, Kansas. He moved to Wichita and attended Robinson Elementary School. He went to College Hill Middle School. When he got to high school he attended East High. He usually had 500 kids in high school with him.

The classrooms back then were smaller than the ones now. He had chores like we have now.

The polio epidemic was very wide spread because he didn't have the vaccine for it then. They would shutdown the schools because of polio.

He had field days in school. He went to the water festivals where there were games and floats.

He first heard of penicillin when they let the schools out in quarantine.

He lived three blocks from school and on the way back home, he would always make his brother's nose bleed by rubbing it.

The holidays back then were different than the ones we have now. For Thanksgiving he usually had turkey. He had about twenty people from his family that attended each Thanksgiving dinner. It was usually a big celebration.

During Christmas he didn't sing carols, but he did sing grace. The children now have more presents than he did back then because there were money problems. For the Fourth of July he didn't have fireworks but instead he went fishing quite often. The circuses were very entertaining experiences for the children.