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Member of Little Rock, Arkansas school board, 1958-65.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Election to the school board in 1958. The school board recall election in 1959. Early re-opening of public schools in August 1959. Observations on news media coverage of the school integration crisis in Little Rock. Comments on integration plan of Superintendent Virgil Blossom in 1957. Comments on Orval Faubus and DDE, and their relative understandings of the situation in 1957. Attitude of the business community towards the crisis, and the crisis' long-range effects on Little Rock. The difficulty of breaking the tradition of "separate but equal" school systems in the South.

[Columbia University Oral History Project, interview by John Luter, 1971]