

Oliver's First Year In School



This 1943-44 school year photograph was made in Ada, OK, when Oliver was in the first grade and the world's leading scientists were competing to unleash nuclear energy to end World War II. Oliver likely started the first grade in Texas, moved to Ada, OK, and then to Wichita, KS for the 2nd grade. Grades 3-9 were completed in public schools in White Oak, OK, Mena, AR, Dennison, TX, Viola, KS and Wichita, KS. He quit school in 1952 after finishing the 9th grade. He returned two years later, thanks to the encouragement of [a few key teachers](#), and completed his PhD degree in nuclear chemistry in 1963.

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