(Mr. Abe Ned: Mr. Abe Ned is a full blood Chickasaw Indian from Coalgate, Oklahoma. Mr. Ned is sixty-nine years old and he has lived in Oklahoma most of his life, with the exception of one period of time when he lived in Arizona for about ten years. He is presently a travel representative for the Chickasaw Nation.)

Well at the present time, like you said I am a Chickasaw tribal representative for the Chickasaw Nation. Since I have had the job, it has been interesting to work with the Indian people. Course, nowdays, at the present time, the Indian people is doing good. They can receive all of their medicals. But at the time I was growing up I had a hard time. At that time, the government, the Indian government did not provide for the Indian children to be supported by the government in order to go go school like they have at the present time. I had to work hard in order to get what little education I did get, because my parents died when I was real small. Father died when I was nine and Mother died when I was one year old, so I was just raised up anywhere I could stay, and worked my way through. In that day and time everything was cheap, of course, I had a little allotment that the government had given me. But still, that wasn't enough to provide for my education and what few clothes I got. Then I stop to think about all these things that I had to go through when I was trying to go to school to get an education. I think about at the present time the opportunity the Indian children has to get an education of any kind that they need. Indian children, nowadays, don't take advantage of the opportunities. In making all of my visitation throughout the country with the Chickasaw and Choctaws I found all tribes in my--in my visits which I have visited five counties in the Chickasaw Nation. And they don't seem to be interested in what I have to offer to them. But the majority seem to take advantage of what I am trying to do which is this sanitation program which I am working with.