

that money. Finally did and --

(Yeah.)

The government owed 'em millions, you know.

(Millions.)

And they only got \$280.00 around.

(That's not much money.)

No. Part of it went some other direction. I don't know what.

(No, probably never know what became of it.)

EARLY DAYS - CHEROKEE CONVENTIONS

Do you know about Cherokee conventions long time ago.

(No.)

Little ways to the store. Yeah, they used to have conventions of the Cherokees. Second Monday in August.

(Second Monday in August.)

And there's spring there. Of course, that store man got it all fenced up now. You can't hardly tell where the spring was. But there was a big spring there. They call it the Bugsucker Spring. 'Cause fella Indian lived right up on just the other side there named Bugsucker. Yeah, they had a big long shed. I remember that, but I was just a little kid.

(Well:)

Had a big long shed. They'd have convention there.

(Yeah.)

Second Monday in August, every year.

(I bet that was a good meeting time all right. Everybody got to come then.

Nice warm weather.)

But it finally played out. They got to every year there'd just be a few dropping out till it finally played out.