I went to Lawton once. They sent my boy to Tahlihina and it was too far to go there. It would be good if they had hospital close around here. I heard two social workers talking--one said she made 1000 miles and one said she had to make 5000 and they talk like they already put in mileage. They were happy about how much they were going get paid. I heard this when I was at the clinic Wednesday.

(Do you think they treat Indians pretty good in places like that?)

No, because if a white woman comes to clinic, that's married to Indian man, they go in and see doctor, they stay in there long time. I don't know if the woman is doing it or what, but if a full-blood Indian goes in, they send them out real quick. We Indians sit out there saying they must be operating on them.

(You mean white woman married to Indian they treat them better than Indian women?)

Better than Indians. Right now, there's lots of them married to Indians. Long time ago, white people took our land and they are still doing it. My husband wasn't working after he got hurt on job--the white welfare wouldn't help us cause we had land. They wanted us to sell our land. We didn't want to. They wouldn't help us and didn't. They told us since we got land it's worth something and they want us to sell it, they said it's worth something. If we sell our land they said they'd help us, but if we sell them, where could we live to eat commodities and where how could we live if my husband don't have a job. I pay taxes on my land even though I'm an Indian.

(Do you have income source from your land? Enough to make a living on?)

No, all I get is about $120.00 a year from my land. I pay taxes on it.

(They want you to sell all your land before they can help you.)

My husband has 40 acres and they want him to sell that. It's not only us, they tell the other too.

(And you feel like the white people have taken enough lands from Indians, they shouldn't treat them that way?)

Yes. They made treaty that long as the river runs they would take care of Indians. I guess river has stop running. (Laughter)

(How about your kids going to school. Do they have to catch bus or walk?)

One goes on bus, one goes to Okmulgee Tech. Government is suppose to pay for their meal, I guess. They pay her noon meal, but she pays 5¢ for breakfast. She plays ball. I have to pay fees for her schooling, I haven't paid it yet. She pays same as the whites do. Since the white people took our land, I think they ought to let Indian kids eat free too.

(What grade is she in?)

Tenth. She'll take typing then I have to pay her fees too. It's higher fees there.