

up and talk about why we need the road. And some of these old boys, had never gotten up in a group and talked, however, when I asked them to get up and talk for this road, they did. And we were real surprised at some of them to do it, but they did it and I think our visitors were impressed and they promised us, that they would do something about the road. That was in October. In February they hauled some stuff down and put on the road that improved it greatly--it didn't--it wasn't a hard surfaced road, but it improved the road and they promised us that before long they would get down and really put a hard-top on it. And I believe it was the next spring, about April or May, they started it and they finished it that summer, last summer, they finished the hard-top road. And we are real happy about it. They turned it over to the county. I don't think the county commissioner appreciated that too much, but they turned it over to the county and he has done pretty good keeping it up. And so, some of my neighbors say "Well, that is the Carmen Fife Highway!" Because I was the one you know, that really got the organization going and organized the meetings. In appreciation for this, we gave a traditional Indian foods dinner and invited all these people. We had, you know, the State Highway Commissioner from Ada and the--several State Representatives. And Senator John Young, and Mr. Allard-- Lou Allard is our Representative, he helped us a great deal, Hugh Sandlin from Hughes County and Martin Odom from McIntosh County also helped us. And Mr. Richardson from Ada, our District Highway Commissioner. Mike Crawley from Okemah. He was our County Commissioner and all these people from the BIA. We just invited everyone who had ever been invited down and had given--you know, helped with our program from the BIA. And they ate foods they had never heard of. And really liked it, you know, Sofky, sour bread, sweet potato bread and we had all kinds of meats and chicken and rice and you know, things that would really--

(Unidentified Voice: They'd never fix like that.)

Would really be different. And well, we gave one, after they promised us a road, and after they completed the road, we gave them another one. So we gave them two Indian suppers. And many