

(This was an Indian Baptist Church?)

He said, "I'm just new here in the field--" --which he is--and he said, "I don't know how or when it would be that we can get together." He's a white.

(Are there any other Indian ministers in the area--not just the Mennonite church, but in other churches?)

Not here. I believe I'm about the only one. But I don't want to take over the work, fully on account of my health. But I do take over when he's gone.

(How long has this present minister been here?)

He's been here about five or six years. And the man that hires them, he said he's there just temporarily. He said, "Any time that you get ready, you can just keep moving." So I hate to take his job.

(Who would do the hiring for that kind of a minister's position?)

In there right here--(Looking in some papers)

(Melton Williams.)

He's our boss. I got a little correspondence from him. Every time he writes letters to different fields, he sends me a copy. There's all kinds of statements here pertaining to our church work.

(Did you ever find out about this Arapaho Bible?)

Nope. I can't locate no one that's got any. Yeah, I've seen them. Mr. Newfield had one, and I don't know what become of it after he moved. And there was another Indian that had one but I forgot who it was. They probably buried it with him. Because we don't have any--we tried to get a copy from publishing company but they done away with the plates they used to print them Bibles in Indian--the Arapaho language. But there's an old lady tonight that's going to bring out a Cheyenne version of their native tongue--it's written down in their own native tongue. Song and Bible--their native tongue.

(Who is Mr. Funk--this Mennonite missionary? How long ago did he work?)

Well, he was here ever since I can recollect until the year--I believe in 1922 or 1923. He moved to northwest of Enid. And I don't know where he moved on from then. But he's done passed