They're weakening--a whole lot.

(Are they the main part now of the social life of a lot of the Indians, that's where they gather together to socialize?)

That's where they gather, that's right. That is where they gather. They go to these singing conventions--Cherokee singing conventions.

(That's the thing to me, the personal feeling that I have, use to be people used to sing more all the time. My mother used to sing, used to whistle a lot...When they work they sing. People don't do that much anymore.)

No, they don't.

(I think maybe their attitude would be a little bit better, if they'd could do some singing--people sing--we listen too much now. Everything radio and television.)

NOT ALL OF THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE HAVE ACCEPTED THE EDUCATION PROGRAM

There's something else you know, there's a lot of Cherokee's going against what we have, Indian education programs too. The church people--like I heard one preacher I think, right after one of the singing conventions got up and the announcement had been made already, "That there was an Indian education meeting at a--Maryetta. And I wish you people would all attend because there's a lot of things spoken of in these Indian education meetings we would like to hear and what is really going on in the outside world you know. And what can be done for the Indians if we back it. And what can be done, will be done, if you people get behind it." Things like that was said at these Indian singings.