

fight down there." I thought that was a compliment. 'cause he at least remember that in his subconscious mind, that I at least stood for those things, but I thought that was quite a--you know, I was talkin about that pitchin' everybody thought they was pitchers. But they'd last a inning or two and they'd say, let me pitch. And I say "Well, tend to your own business, field or infield." We had a couple of guys that were pretty good pitchers. And could pitch underhanded, but these were all things you had to learn--

(Oh, well in otherwords, they didn't use the language very much at all?)

No, except for when we'd play ball, they'd say, Knock it ca do lee.

I never did find out they couldn't tell me just exactly what that meant, but it meant something like Well knock it way out there. And then they talked about chili goos, firestick was a match. But they'd kid each other in Cherokee.

(Well, did they use it much in the homes? That you were able to see?)

Not in the home, right around Standing Rock. Within a mile of Standing Rock we had about 100 people because there were two stores there, and there was a saw mill and -- mill and what else did we have? Oh, yes, a blacksmiths shop. Oh, Leonard Carlile he was quite a character too. He had carried the mail in the early days, and sometimes when the river had got up, he had carried it by boat. And so it wouldn't take so long to sort the mail. And he carried the mail see, the mail route out of Ark Hill, went clear to Cooksin. And then the star route carrier from Cooksin, come would go to Vian and in otherwords from Vian he came up to Vian and go back to Cave Springs. So that