

Yeah.

(It would be bad if that language was lost in two or three generations.)

That's right.

(What would be your idea of encouraging them to learn now while they are young?)

The children? (Speaks in Cherokee). Talk both ways, Cherokee and English.

Have to know both ways. (Sentence in Cherokee). Somebody has to teach the Cherokee. Ought to have somebody to teach the Cherokee.

Unidentified Woman: Can't get nobody to teach Cherokee around here. (Both she and Mr. Vann talk in Cherokee).

MEDICINE AND INDIAN DOCTORS

(They used to be good doctors, Indian doctors, you know.)

There's a few you could find that could cure you. Indian doctors. Well, I know some places the people goes to. And she was sick, oh, I don't know, about two years I guess, we couldn't find nothing. She went to the hospital several days and still she wasn't getting no better, till we went to Indian doctor. He doctor her and--

(Doctored your wife?)

Yeah. She come out of it.

(Well, that's good.)

Come out of it. He used medicine, what you call fresh air, something like that, the root. He boil them and he make tea out of it and put a little sugar in it and that's good stuff you know. I like that.

(Well, they call it (not clear)--is that the one, sassafras?)

--yeah, that's the one.

(And one Indian man told me today that he makes tea out of sycamore chips.

I'd never heard of that one. Spicewood. Mr. Vann it is good to know that you preached to the Cherokees in their own language. Now as pastor of the churches