

to remind you once again those of you who need to renew your membership in the Cherokee Foundation will find the registration table across the walk over here. Now, almost every year at sometime during this program it appears that I might have to stand here and whistle "Dixie" for 15 minutes but I've escaped so far. We'll get these Whitfield boys up here pretty soon, you might have to listen to me whistle for awhile. I see part of them over here. Let's see if they're about to get together.

MRS. HIFER GIVES REPORT ON CHEROKEE FOUNDATION

(Mrs. Hifer is giving a report on the Cherokee Foundation.)

As secretary of the Cherokee Foundation, I read to you a report not made by the Cherokee Foundation alone, but by all of the members on the Cherokee Foundation. We wish to include not only the 13 members of the Board of Trustees but all the members of the Cherokee Foundation. This has been a very active year. We have taken part in quite a number of projects (not clear). We have had a very active year this year and have taken part in a number of projects that we feel have been very successful. And we think we'll be (not clear)--this year some of the details. We have--we have a welding school in Stilwell which many of you are probably very familiar with. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Manpower Development (not clear) Act finances the school but the Foundation supplies the (not clear). And we were also able to get (not clear) valued at \$20,000. (not clear)--and we were able also to get (not clear) valued at \$2,000. To be used in a welding (not clear). We have now seen the results of the school and we have found it to be very successful. Out of the first class of 20 students, 16 have been employed. We now have (not clear) in Tahlequah, called Tahlequah, Oklahoma Incorporated. The Foundation has used 435,000 pounds of polyester plastic fiber. (not clear) It's always good to see a job opportunity to help children attend school. We work as a Foundation as an emergency organization to assist needy young