

tribal affairs for years and years. And whenever you stop to access these efforts, it seems like they are more interested in advancing their own cause. They work for I and Me, rather than for Indians as a whole. And I was quite concerned about this. It seems like there are a lot of possibilities for Indians in this area. You know, yourselves, that you have run on to a number of these possibilities where situations that could have been made available to others. So, I have met Bob Miller, at Oklahoma University Human Relations Center. I've known Boyce Timmons for a long time, heard him speak at Oklahoma City, at a Bureau of Indian Affairs meeting they had there two of three months ago, concerning organizations in the community, to work for the community and to help themselves. And I was interested in seeing something like this started in our community. So I contacted them and I found out that once upon a time, they had a community relations program here. It was organized as a pilot project under the Indian Education Division of Human Relations Center, out of Oklahoma University. And Boyce and Bob worked with that group. So I contacted them again with the possibility of working and organizing this group and being able to work and make it worthwhile. Now, I understand the people in the area are interested in Indian culture, they are interested in archeological findings that where Indians lived a long time ago and they are interested in the various aspects of Indian life in the past. I am for this. I think we ought to maintain a certain amount of identity with our past and be proud of the fact that we are Indians and be proud of the fact that we are Americans also. Then, I thought that what we need in this area, is some group that would work together and work, not for ourselves, but for the purpose of Indians of this area as a whole. And not only to push the progress of cultural activities etc., but to work in all aspects of life as we have it today. And you know, as well as I do, that we can't go back into the past and live. I know,