

loan and went into a profession. And when that went out, they set up a vocational training school over here at Okmulgee. And send some kids out there to California and all them big cities. And that didn't hardly work out too good. About ninety per cent of our childrens came back. Now I don't know what they're going to try next, but I hope it's a good one! But I'm still asking for a little closer social assistance in some way. That's the only way you could--the government could make a good investment towards the Indians. They got to come out in the field.

(This tribal loan fund, then, was for any kind of loan--not just for farming?)

Yeah. It covers all professions. Now if you want to be a barber or want to set up a store or hardware--if that's the kind of profession you want to go into. We try to bring together everything that's in this area--make a good program. So we pick out a farmer and pretty nearly all professions that's existing here. Barber, waitress,--anything you want to take training (for). Be a beauty operator. That would be up to you. Go ahead and make your application. The loan board will set up and listen to your wishes, problem--whatever you want.

(Did they ever turn down people?)

Well, what they were looking for was a sound--something that would prosper. I don't believe anyone was turned down. I know a good friend of mine, way older than I am, he's still going. I don't know where he start with his loan, but anyway, today he's still got stock. That's Joe Kaulity. And he brought in his application to us. I got up in his favor. And told them what we was there for and what we were doing. We loan him about seventy-five hundred, in order to buy some stock. Which he did. Yeah, he paid it back, and he was still got stock.

(Good. Well, he made a go of it, didn't he?)

Yeah, he's got pretty good set-up.

REPAYMENT OF LOANS: INCOME FROM LAND LEASES APPLIED TO LOANS

(What were the terms of the loans--as far as time for paying it back and the rate of the interest?)