

As far as the economic system is concerned, we just don't have enough jobs around here. Our young people, whenever they get old enough, usually they just take off to Tulsa or Oklahoma City or other places to get jobs 'cause there's just no kind of opportunity for the Indian people to be employed around here, especially in Tahlequah. Because a lot of people are prejudiced. And another thing, what jobs there are here, usually go to the white people. You might just say we get what's left. Like working in a little cafe for 75¢ an hour or washing dishes for 75¢ an hour. And believe you me, you work for everybit of that 75¢ if you work for a white lady or a white man. And I thought, according to the treaty, we was supposed to have medical care, and I think dental care is also included in that care. But half of our Indian people aren't getting any dental care at all here at our hospital, mainly because of - like I said, they say after you're over eighteen, well, there's nothing they can do about it. I don't understand it. I thought that the dental care that they had for the Indian people should be for all of them, not just for a few. Now just for the younger children, but also for the older people, 'cause older people have got very poor teeth. That's why most of the Indian people go around with their black "snags" hanging out. It's all caused from pyorrhea. And most of them - well, I'll tell you just the way it goes. If you have a toothache and go to the hospital, they'll pull it and that's all. If you have a cavity, they won't fill it, but if it bothers you bad enough, they'll go ahead and pull it. And Indian people just don't have enough money to go up town and pay eight dollars to have one tooth filled when they have a whole mouthful of teeth that needs to be filled. They don't have any money at all. They'd do well to have money to buy food with. Even if they wanted to have their teeth pulled, and even if they could get them pulled, they don't have money to buy their