

boy, the school boys, the drop-outs, all such as that. I kept working with them. Finally, we went to work trying to get a clinic there. Organized a health center there, through Community Action. We got the old hospital building down there. That was a good place to have the health center. So we kept talking around, and the Coordinator there, the County Coordinator, we were talking about trying to get a health program there for the Indian people. So we contacted Dr. Bow (?) there in Oklahoma City. He wrote back and told us this week to get out in the county and survey the 2% Indians that we might be able to get a clinic there. Which I did. I got out and worked. I got over 2%. Well, it rocked on and on and, finally, they got the clinic.

(Now how long have they had this clinic?)

Oh-h, let's see, about a year after the Community Action came in.

(About four years?)

Yeah, about four or five years.

(Where did you have to go before they had the clinic?)

Talihina.

(That's about a two hour drive?)

About two hours. It's about 110 miles from Coalgate. One hundred and twenty to Lawton.

(If you were kinda sick, that made it rough, didn't it. What if you had an emergency? If you had an absolute emergency, like someone bleeding to death, where would you take 'em?)

Well, in case of emergency, the Health Department would have to make arrangements with the doctors in the hospitals and things like that. In case of emergency, you can take patient to your family doctor wherever you live. And if it was an emergency they could call Talihina hospital and if they accepted, why the health service would pay for the hospital wherever you was.

(In this area, I guess a lot of 'em are sent to Ada.)