

all day, load wagons and team of wagons. They were using a team of wagon to haul gravel to scatter on the roads. They used to use the teams to grade the roads. They used to use a fresno--what they called it with teams to grade a road. Way back in 1936.

#### LEARNED TO READ CHEROKEE BIBLE

It was the middle of July--right hot day--I was busting up some cook wood. Well, that noon I come in for dinner and I asked my mad, I said, "Mother is dinner ready? I am sure hungry." She said, "No son, but it will be pretty soon, as soon as my bread gets done. Then I'll have the dinner ready for you." Well, while she was baking bread I took an old quilt and an old Cherokee alphabet what my father had. I took them with me out there in the shade and I spread that old quilt on the ground--under the shade tree. And I opened the Cherokee alphabet book and I looked at--at it and I didn't know either one. But this is what I did and I surely believe it in my heart. I prayed and asked the Lord to teach me the Cherokee alphabet. The Cherokee Bibles only is Cherokee reading or writing. And so in about twenty-five minutes I was reading all the alphabet. And I was reading the Cherokee Bible. That is--some people don't believe me, but it is truth. And my parents didn't even know that I had learned the Cherokee alphabet until two years later. And why they found out, we were going to Sunday School and it was my time to read--we were reading verses. And my turn came up to read, and I just opened my mouth and I just went on reading. And I just thought no use in me keeping a secret that I learned the alphabet, so I just opened my mouth and went to reading. Let the whole congregation hear me reading. They all were surprised. Surprised and glad. That was the first time that my mother--she had tears broken out because she was so glad that I learned how to read. Then she asked me when I learned to read. I said, "About two years ago." Said, "That long?" And