

was very hard job to do. People say, it was going to cost us three dollars a month. That's the least we could pay. They would say, "Why three dollars a month that would buy a lot of kerosene." (Laughter) Now knowing what other advantages electricity was going to furnish them. But happened to be on the A-1 section of the Co-op was formed in Vinita in 1938. And 1940, why, my old friend Guy Jennison was on the board which he was an Ottawa and I was a Miami. But he decided he was going to run for sheriff in 1940. And he couldn't run for public office and be on this board. So I went with him to Vinita and he recommended me to take his place. Which I did. And I'm serving my 29th year on the board, now. And I've enjoyed every minute of it. We went down there for ten years. We was hard up. Didn't have any money to start with. And I went down there for ten years for three dollars a day and six cents mileage. Course we get more than that today, but we're better off today than we was then, quite a bit. (Interruption.)

ONLY MIAMI INDIAN LIVING ON THEIR ALLOTMENT

I'm, I believe I told you I was living on my present allotment which was two hundred acres per head. And I believe I'm the only Indian in Ottawa County living on their present allotment. I may be mistaken. But I know I'm the only Miami living here on their present allotment. Which consists of a hundred and ten acres now. I sold off part of my land in 1946 or 47 and we aim to slow down and take it a little easier. My wife discovered in '49 a lump in her breast and I taken her to Rochester, Minnesota, Mayo Brothers. And she was operated on there for, thought to be a tumor which proved to be cancer. And I lost her in 1950. We had two children, born to our family. But we were married twelve years before our first child was born. (Interruption) But I have eleven grandchildren, five great