Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole they have five, that's twenty-five. Twenty-five people from four or five tribes.

(Do you have any other Choctaw governing bodies that--just the chief and his five or four?)

Yeah, we have--it's like community, I mean area. In this area here we have in this county, we have an Indian, it's not a tribal council, it's a local council they call it. It covers this area here. And they have another area, it's over at Poteau.

(Now those people are elected for that area?)

Yes. Uh-huh. We got our own president.

(What do they do?)

In this area they take their complaints any problem--they all come in there and the chief come down and get this all thrashed out. Or, Chief Belvin, he brings information from all different areas. Like Public Health or tribal affairs, BIA, (not clear) organization. They call their name and say what they represent for the Choctaws. We don't--it's opne house for anybody. Anybody wants to ask question, they can. If they got some information that is related to other people. That's why I head the council. Our tribal council that's the five tribes of the ten counties.

EARLY DAY LIVING CONDITIONS AMONG CHOCTAWS

(In the early days, during the winter times, did you have any special--when you couldn't play baseball, what did you do with your spare time?)

Well, in my time we didn't do have much spare time. We hunted. We had kind a hard time because we didn't have stuff like we have now. We had to make our own way.

(Uh-huh. Any way.)

Any way we could do it. Raise hog, chicken, things like that. And as far as hobbies I don't think we had any hobbies.