

No, I'll have less than two years that I've had 30 years in government service and I hope to retire by then.

"Now, how much schooling have you had?"

I went far as the 10th and. . .well, then we had a hard time going to school and you had to walk maybe a couple miles or so to catch a bus and I just made up my mind that I would get out and mix up with people. So I just went into the Service.

"Well, I know that back before World War II things were a lot different. A lot of people were having a hard time."

Yes, I left here in the spring of '41, I guess, and I went to Service and I stayed until after the war ended.

"Were you in the army?"

Yes.

"In the 45th?"

No. Well, after we finished our basic, they shipped us up to Minnesota and we were there several months and when the war broke out, they started opening up new camps. Well, I had the chance to come to Fort (not clear). I was trying to come this way, towards home. So I put in a (not clear) and I went down there and stayed there for a while. And they opened up a camp (not clear).

"I remember that camp, I visited that one time."

Camp Crowder.

"I went to the dance there during the war."

Well, we were the first Servicemen there. I think there was about 150 of us.

There wasn't nothing there but one building 'til they started building the camp, you know. And we trained the boys there that came in and there was a Division completely training here at Fort Chaffe, Arkansas; Fort Smith and they was going to organize another division so I had a chance to come there. So I came down there and I was close to home then. So I used to come home every weekend until I went overseas.

"Well, you were talking about today that Choctaws would like to raise their