

standards and everything. What do you say are some of the main problems that the Choctaws have to face today?"

Well, I think really it's the education and then the medical problem that they are having and then the standard of living. But they are gradually coming up, I think. The government really has helped, building houses and putting this rural water system in, and they try to modernize their homes and I think when that's completely everywhere in this section here, peoples going to realize what the government is trying to do to help them bring up their standard of living. Just like these houses you have seen on the highway, I think that's the most finest thing that could ever happen to Indian people.

"They look like real nice houses."

They are. They're going to be a beautiful home when they're complete. I've been up. I know people from here to , well, the Texas border I guess. And I got acquainted with them here at the hospital and. . .well, we used to live across the mountains over there. I knew people there you see. Well, the older people had passed on but a lot of these younger generation coming up. Some of them I don't know their name. I know their last name, I know who they are but I don't know their first names, you know. But still I have talked to a lot of them that they should get all the education they can because they're going to need it. Especially the people can't. . .you'd be surprised some of these younger people can't speak English.

"Oh, really."

I don't know, they have been living way back in the woods and they never mix up with white people, you know. Except if they are sent to Boarding schools. They have to learn how to speak English, there, you know. I have urged lot of these younger girls that are in high school to take this L.P.N. training at Albuquerque. I mean it's really good for them.

"Is that where these nurses come from out here? They seem very competent."

Well, lot of these kids they don't know what to do just like anybody else while they're going to school, well, maybe they have two or three things in mind they