

when school's going to start.

"You know, as far as belonging to the group is concerned, how much Indian do you have to be?"

Quarter, we set it at a quarter Indian. So the fee is real small, a dollar a year, and high school is 50¢ and then the grade school is quarter.

"Do you have regular meetings?"

Yes, we have meetings every month.

"What do you do at the meetings?"

At the meetings we bring up a thing that should be done and we have various different people come talk to us. Well, such as, we had a patrolman come talk to us about the safety. Well, other people connected with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies and what's going on and what should be done, well, everything that would help the people. Well, this month we don't have any speaker because we're trying to plan out the banquet. I believe it's a week from Thursday. We're going to have a banquet for these seniors.

"Now is that just for the Talihina schools or for the schools around?"

It's up and down this valley.

"What river valley is this?"

Valley, this is what we call (not clear) valley. And it goes all the way to the state line, Arkansas line and then goes west. I don't know, I guess, it goes around Clayton in that area. We don't have, I believe we have four high schools in this valley. Well, we had two more but they couldn't qualify for the standard of the state, so they had to shut down. But they still have the grade school, so we'll have all these kids. We talked about inviting kids across the mountain but, you know, that's a quite a ways over there and we felt like that those kids have quite a ways to come down. So we just decided to have it in this valley.

"It sounds like a real good activity to have and I think it will probably be a real encouragement to those kids to stay with their schooling."

Yes, something like this is going to help the Indian need, I believe, because