

Choctaws will continue to maintain some kind of government, some kind of tribal government or anything?"

I believe they will, I think they will have something to stay together and, well, I thought last year they were going to turn the Choctaws loose but they went on ahead and appointed the chief, you know, Belvin, another two years. His term runs out, I believe, year from this summer, I think. Now from that we don't know what's going to happen. We're just going to have to wait and see. I believe they will organize something, I don't know.

"Changing the subject a little bit, could you tell me a little more about the Choctaw family organizations, you know, about the strength of the family ties or their family connections, you know. Every people sometimes have conflicts like maybe they want to go away and work but they sort of hate to go away and leave their family or does anything like this come up?"

Well, that I know, this black community. . . little old community they call (?). It's a heavy populated with Choctaws in the. . . well, up and down that valley. Well, it's a little town, Octavia, then Smithsville. Only living there they would make and be working in timber and it's not very much money, so I know there's a lot of people there. The young ones has gone somewhere else to work. I know they had to leave their family but they got to eat. ~~So~~ they got to get out and work. I was talking to a minister, he used to be here, he's in Dallas now. He has a church there and he told me you would be surprised how many Choctaws are there. It's a lot of Choctaws, working, you see. And then the Bureau of Indian Affairs has programs set up they call the Replacement for the Indian people. They sent them to school. . . whatever they want to take up and when they finish, they place them.

"Yes, I remember that."

Most of the Choctaws, I think, they really try to get out and do something. Maybe they have to leave their family at home but it's pretty hard for them to do it. But some they will take their family with them, of course, government gives them so much money for the first 90 days, I believe, to pay their