

I think that's wrong.

(I'm teasing.)

A foreign language?

(In Navajo land they do.)

Is that right?

(They teach the lessons in Navajo and English is taught as a foreign language.)

Yeah, but they're going to have to learn English before they do Cherokee. I think you have too. That's the only way you can get anywhere. You're not going to change.

(In other words you're being realistic about it because you know you're outnumbered?)

That's right.

(You're a minority.)

I'm not ever going to learn anything if they teach me in Cherokee, what I'm supposed to learn.

(Well until you get over the hump though, honey, for the first two or three years, like until you can make that transition from Cherokee into speaking English.)

They could gradually lead you into it instead of just putting them in there.

(Instead of putting them in there and sticking them little things in the corner just because they don't know the lessons. They used to whip them. And they couldn't do their home work and they didn't understand it.)

Are there that many Cherokee Indians in that situation?

(There's quite a few in Adair county.)

Is there?

(And Cherokee.)

I've not, I haven't been here long enough to really get acquainted with the peoples in this area.

PERSONAL EDUCATION AND PRESENT JOB

(I was going to ask you, you were born in Canton and how long did you all