

no camp houses. They had a long table on the outside. After the service they'd move the benches all to one side. Pull that old long table in the church house in the winter. That's why they did it in the winter. Of course in the summer they eat on the outside when it's warm. In the winter they used to eat on the inside of the church. Till they got to where they built-- went to build them camp houses.

(Oh.)

Other churches was kinda that way too.

(Uh-huh)

Every Christmas look like they always have an all night service. Christmas night and New Year's night. Oh, there used to be more drunkards around there. There used to be an Indian deputy. They call him (Creek word). He lived down there around Eufaula somewhere. He was a deputy, Indian deputy. Every church used to call him to come and take care of the drunkards.

(Yeah)

When they'd have that all night service why drunkards would come in there. Sometimes they'd come in the church house. He was kind of a low, heavy-set man. Stout--stout, oh, he'd pick up a man like me and just (words in Creek). (Laughter) He'd tie'em up outside.

(Tie'em up?)

So they won't come back in. I don't think they ever fined them or done anything to 'em, but they just take care of 'em till they get sober and they turn'em loose.

(What was your best enjoyment, when you was young boy?)

At the table I guess. (Laughter) Well, me and Roan Beaver, we used to be playmates. We--we used to, when they having services we used to be down on the creek. Climbing them trees and playing around. We did have no BTUs then. So, there wasn't nothing for us to do. So, when they's having service we'd be down on the creek. In the summer we'd be swimming all the time, playing in the water. About dinner time we know when dinner all ready. We'd take off and come to church. Eat dinner. Them was pretty good old days.

(Did you play ball of any kind?)