

CAYUGAS ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE THEIR LANGUAGE

(Are the Cayugas preserving their language? Are there enough of them--)

Yeah, they're trying to do it now. They started it up here not long--about six or eight months ago. Yeah, there's a lady down there that holds classes once a week.

(Good.)

She's been wanting me to come down there and learn the language. I used to could talk it good when I was a kid. But I've forgotten it.

(Of the old settlers up there, old families still living in that Cayuga area, who are some of the oldest ones still living? That would represent their families?)

Well, I would say Minnie Thompson is the oldest one that I know of. And Mamie Long.

(Yeah. She's another old one too.)

Yeah, she's getting old. I've gotten her picture. And my sister Edna Harris, her name is. She's in a rest home. She can't even talk no more. That's about all the old ones, I know.

(No men that you can think of still living up in there of the older ones.)

Oliver Charloe (?) is about the oldest man I know of. He's not very old.

About 67. He lives out there by Dutch White.

HAVE TRIBAL MEETINGS IN COMMUNITY HOUSE

(They still have, I mean, they have lots of meetings there at the Community House, at the Council House rather. Every now and then I read something about they have a meeting up there.)

They have one every month. Tribal meeting.

(Yeah, I think that's good that they can get together, even if it's just social work.)