

of the white people came and they brought whatever they wanted to bring, you know, salads and cakes and pies. Oh, we really had a feast. And we felt like they really appreciated what we did for them as much as we appreciated what they did for us. We have had these Indian center meetings for several years now and we have had people come down, you know, from the Housing Authority to tell the Indian people about the housing project, the sanitation people to talk about their project. We have had someone from the Educational Office to come down and talk about grants. We had one lady, Mrs. Hollowell, come down and talk about the importance of reading in our school systems. And she gave us a very good program. We had someone talk about arts and crafts and projects that, you know, might be of interest to the Indian people. And then we had a Highway Patrolman talk about highway safety, and he gave a program. We had Mrs. Ruth Davis to talk about what narcotics and drugs can do to our children. And, oh, we've had some very good programs and sometimes we haven't had too good response. You know, maybe ten or twelve people would be there. Other programs, we've had--we had almost 80 people, maybe it was 82 people at one meeting and that was about the Creek payments. (Laughter) Everybody was interested in that. But when we have a good program lined up, sometimes I get on the telephone and I call people--maybe the superintendent of schools at Weleetka, at Dustin and at Hannah and invite the people in their communities to come down to learn about, or to hear our program. They always learn something we feel like if they do come. Even if it is something that might not interest them, well it might interest somebody else they know.

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One thing in our community that displeased everyone, that was when the county election board took our polls last summer. Now we've had our polls since statehood--that, it's called the North Fork Precinct. And it's there at the Graham School. And one summer, everybody got notices, "You go to Weleetka to vote." And everybody was talking about it but nobody seemed to know what to do about it. And I saw one of our county officials and I said "Now what can we do about that?" And he said, "Not a