

and 25 people were there. And she and her husband came and I introduced her to the group and they had the petition going around, you know, everybody was filing--I mean was signing it, and she said, "Well I have an important announcement to make that I know will make everyone happy. You already have your polls back." So, she had talked to Basil Wilson and Mr. Allard and Mr. Young had talked to him and they--and we got it back. You know, even without the signatures and all that--just from my talking to her and writing these letters on behalf of our community center, but I feel like that it was really worth the effort. Because the next election we had, we had about 80% of our people voting and the rest of the county was way down, you know. Just way down, maybe 45% or something like that. And Lou Allard, you know he lives in Creek County--part of Creek county is with Okfuskee County to form his representative district. And ours was the only county in Okfuskee--I mean the only polls in Okfuskee County that carried Allard. And he beat his opponent in our precinct. And he carried all of Creek County except one precinct--I mean his portion of Creek County. He carried all that and with our, you know, what votes he got in Okfuskee County and our carrying him, you know got, won him his election. And we showed him our appreciation by voting for him, you know. So he was re-elected. And we feel like that we do have a friend in Graham Community--from Graham Community who will help us there at the capitol if we ever need his help. And that is Mr. Allard and we have also called on Mr. Young, and he remembers our sofky and fry bread. (Laughter) And sometimes when I see him, he talks Creek to me. (Laughter) I imagine he knows more Creek than I do.

(Lucinda's comment not clear)

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Well, I feel that anything that we can do for the Indians is--would be better than, you know, the Indians deserve anything they can get. They have been--they've been looked down upon and mistreated and many people who don't realize it are really prejudiced against the Indians. For instance, you will hear some old lady say "Why you know that woman's an Indian, but