

And I'm always trying to learn more about the Indians. Just today I had a package from Alabama and it's two of the historical magazines they publish and it has a lot written about the five civilized tribes. Quite a bit about the Creeks. I just scanned through them, you know. I really treasure those magazines. And you know Sharon has written a paper that will be published in the Chronicles of Oklahoma about our church over here.

CHURCH CAMP MEETINGS

We have a camp at The-wah-lee Indian church that we maintain and you know--keep up and we serve the meals at these church meetings. And the Fife's have camped there I don't know how many years since that church was there I guess. And they camped there when they had to camp in a tent. They had no regular camp house. But they had a tent in the same location around the side of the church. And now we have a better camp than we have thirty years ago. It's much better now. We used to have an old, old building that would get real cold in Winter. We had very few windows and it was hot in the summer. But now we have a much better camp and we serve the meals on Sunday and you know, Sunday noon and Sunday evening. And we always camped. We haven't missed very many camp meetings since we've been married. Well, I guess, it's been since 1937, when we were married. And the only times we missed was when maybe someone was so sick we can't go. But we're always there at church time. Sometimes we don't go in the church, you know, to the services. But we always camped, I mean always served the meals and helped clean up the camp afterwards. And when my mother-in-law was living she died in 1960. And she was one of the church mothers or deaconess or whatever you call them. She was the head--
(Women leaders.)

Head leader of the women. And she very seldom missed--unless she was to sick to go. She went. She went and she always worried about after she's gone was would that camp still be kept up. All that. And we just never gave her the thought you know to quit going. Just because she wasn't there. She just keep going and we feel it's something that our children need. You