

CHANGING TIMES HAVE BROUGHT PROBLEMS TO INDIANS

(What are some of the changes that you have seen around Anadarko here? Not only with Caddo people but with Indian people in general in your life time. You said something about how these farmers have changed. Have all things changed about the way the Indians are living now.)

Well the majority of them now live in town. But only a very few of the Caddo families live in town now. That is mostly the younger people that live in town. Some work over here at Sequoyah Mills and some work in town.

(You old enough to get an allotment, Andy?)

No, those were made in 1901. I wasn't born until 1902.

(That's right. Have very many of the Caddoes kept their allotments?)

Well, I would say a majority of them have. Course now most of it is of national status, but they are hanging on to it pretty well.

(What have been some of the projects, the problems the tribe is trying to attack since you have been associated with it as secretary.)

Well, I would say now the housing. That's a big project among the Caddoes at this time. But I'll tell you it was in '44 we tried to get a land acquisition program under way but we couldn't find the money. And they tell us now that is possible. We tried to get that what land the Caddoes did dispose of back in (not clear). It may come to pass. I don't know how soon.

(The tribe have to buy it back or how would they get it back?)

Yeah. They have to buy it back.

NO STORIES AMONG THE CADDO PEOPLE

(Do you remember anything that some of the older people told about, Andy.

Stories that down in Louisiana or Texas or Arkansas before they moved to Oklahoma. Do you know of any of the old Caddo stories or--)

No I don't.