

somewhere. We have that.

PROBLEM DRINKING

And it's mostly caused by drinking. And this welfare--of course, welfare is all right where it belongs, but it's been abused. We've got a good deal going so far--they started this Sequoyah Furniture Company at Elk City. They employ lots of Indians over there. Lots of them. The government has a hand in it. They're training them. The government pays half the salary and the company the other half. They train them to where they can be first-class craftsmen. And lots of them are over there now. And I heard one of the big men from that factory make a speech at our general meeting. They expect to employ at least four thousand people next year. They're building an additional plant. And right now they get a dollar and a half an hour. And they can't find that anywhere. I'm just wishing that all the available ones would go. And we've got some here that are just absolutely no good. Nobody wants them. You can't trust them, can't depend on them no farther than the road. Give them a quarter and they're out drinking.

(It seems like we always come back to this drinking--and that there is quite a bit among the young people--why? Do you have any idea why they want to drink?)

I don't know. I've been trying to figure that out. As near as I can figure, they get to a point where they're alcoholics. You know alcoholism is a disease. And it's just pretty hard--some of them will quit for a certain length of time. Then they get right back in. The problem is not only here, but it's all over. I know I've been out east several times and go into a hotel where we generally have those big lounges, you know--nice-looking places--and you would