

He was--has a store now, course he had to move out of the Standing Rock--and moved out a little farther still runs a store, bout three miles south of Talequah.

(How old is he?)

Oh, must be up in his 70's. Let's see, I'm 55. I would say he's close to 65 or something like that. Yeah- course I had all of their kids in school. One boy was kinda hard hearing, and but he was real interest in going on now he had another boy, younger than him that didn't get farther than the third grade in school, but he made godd in the Merchant Marines, and that boy could run that diesel engine and he could work any arithmetic problem you gave him. But he couldn't read very well. And he'd do anything for you and this is what I found about the hill folks, that they would do anything for you and this. There was an intense loyalty there, this is why I still wish that we don't have a mission in Talequah, now. And hear I've tried two different times to start it. Somewy or another, I've lacked in the organizational plugging for my Cherokee's. It's so happens my wife has a niece going to school at Talequah. At Northeastern College. Still trying to get something done there.

(Have other organizations been effective there, that you know of?)

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS:

None of them were down in the hills. The Presbyterians had tried at Cooksin. The Methodist by the way now have the fairly substantial mission. But they have a lot more funds in there, see this was the thing, that people tried our group tried to get them to be self-supporting too much on their own. Course the Lutheran Church reserve Centre is rather conservative group and I well I remember the first conven-