

opportunity to bring to your young Cherokees in the hills of eastern Oklahoma the neighborhood youth corps, and we'll furnish the money to put those high schoolers to work." Well, Keeler said explain it. The statutes is long, it's 100 pages thick and tell us exactly what you want done and we'll try to do it. And after it was explained, Chief Keeler submitted it to the executive committee of the nation, composed of all of our Cherokees and they agreed to accept the responsibility for putting on the neighborhood youth corps program for the youngsters in eastern Oklahoma in our high schools. That was in September of 1964. Between then and the following April all of the paper work was done, and the 6th. day of May 1965 the first check arrived from the territory of the United States in the sum of \$2000,000. And from that day until today more than a million dollars has been sent to the Cherokee tribe and put in the bank at Stilwell, Oklahoma, the Bank of Commerce, and paid out in salaries and wages to the young high school full blood and half blood kids in the high schools of eastern Oklahoma. Now the reason I know about that program is because sitting back there in September at the table when these big shots came from Washington, and the executive committee and the chief approved it, and then they said well we'll need a coordinator. We can't pay him anything but we want somebody to coordinate it. Well Keeler said "I've got that fellow, he says (not clear). I am the coordinator of that project at no salary, and I happen to know that over one million dollars in good old sound American currency, has been paid off in that project through the high school at Vian, and at Sallisaw, and at Roland, at Westville, and Stilwell, at Tahlequah and in Delaware County at Grove and Mayes County at Pryor, Locust Grove where there are a lot of full bloods and those high schools; maybe some of them are in this audience now, have benefited by that program. That's only one that I', personally familiar with and this will be something I think that is information that is pleasing to you. Where else will you spend