Orphans home, Male and Female Seminary and the Insane Asylum down there at Tahlequah where Park Hill is. Oh--

TOWN OF CHELSEA AND DAW'S ELEVATOR

(Well that town of Chelsea, is it an old town too, or--)

Yeah. It is real old. It was there I velieve before the railroad come in. I heard someone say one time that it was just a little village there, where kind of a trading post. They claimed it's older than Tulsa it. I just like this Daw's Switch there. Now that's just what it's used for today. Elevators. Old mand Dawes built that, built an elevator there. 'Course he's been dead a long time.

(That was even before Pryor was a community was it?)

I don't know how come them to put it there, unless there was a corn there. Corn Belt from over at the river over and from there these creeks. They didn't build no big fields. Their fields that maybe there was seven or eight acres in this patch and seven or eight in that one over yonder and they had it fenced and if the Texas cattle didn't get in there, eat it up they raised corn. (Laughter)

(Did they have ponds like we have now days?)

Not that I know of. I said no, I don't know whether they did nor not. I never heard of ponds in the early days. In fact it was when I was a pretty big size kid. I have built some and used horses after I was big enough to handle a team.

(In them days there was plenty of water everywhere, I guess.)

Very few times. Way back there, I never did hear of any drouths. Never heard of any talk of any until 1901, 1889. 1889 was the drouth they claim.

(Did the Cherokees and Shawnees and Delawares did they ever get to travel outside of their Nation to trade outside their Nation to visit and trade with other Nations?)

Not that I know of. Now when my people came here, Oswego was the closest place where they could get anything. They had to drive to Oswego--

(Oswego, Kansas.)