

come to see the doctor to make sure that I'm all right.

YOUNGER INDIANS ACCEPTING WHITE MAN'S WAYS

(Well isn't it--well, it's not odd in a way, but more and more, the Indian are going to the white man's ways. Getting dependent on them.)

Yeah. The younger generation, of course, they are part white, the biggest part of 'em and so you can't tell 'em anything. If you tell 'em what might do some good, you know, what stuff you know, goes out-- They say "Oh well, I'll go see doctor and see what the doctor says." That's the way the'll tell you.

(Well, everything is changing and I just--)

Get out, get out. (talking to her dog.) I found a snake laying out there in the door while ago, so I don't know.

(Your cat brought it in?)

I don't know what brought it in, I think that little pup picked it up somewhere. But if they go to bringing snakes around here, I'll have to get rid of him. (Laughter).

(Well these are certainly changing times.)

It sure is.

(Especially for the Indian people. They are becoming so dependent on the white man's ways. Well, I hope it don't happen, but will we lose our identity as Indians sometimes?)

That's what one of my nephews told me that some man told him out there where he works in Tulsa. He said "You Indians are losing even your language. You don't hear it anymore." But I heard that they was taking some kind of a practice, that's somewhere out towards Stilwell. Teachin' the Indian language, reading and writing. Well, I can read. I can't write much. There are some words in Cherokee, I do talk it, that I can't understand when reading. Like, I could read the Bible here. I've got the Cherokee Testament and I got to read the English, to know what they say in Cherokee. I read English.