

some very good wood last year and some of that black-jack, I believe they call it. Black oak. That really makes a good fire and hickory is good too. Most of the time they cut post oak to make wood out of.

(Well that's something you have to have, a good wood supply for winter.)

Um-huh.

(When do they bring in your wood? In October?)

October, November, up in December. Then after December is when that real bad weather comes and you can't hardly get any wood then. You can't holler for one. Well, I run out last year. I didn't buy enough to begin with.

Long about February, well I thought I had enough to do me, but that real bad spell come with ice, and I just had to have wood.

(How many ricks of wood does it take a winter for you?)

It takes right around twelve or fourteen ricks. And, this house is cold. I'd like to have it fixed where it couldn't be so cold. I'd like to have cement blocks put around on the outside.

(Yeah, it would be warm then.)

It sure would. And I've tried to get in on this Indian project--no, you can't get it done livin' all by yourself.

(Wonder what difference it makes?)

I don't know.

(You'd think they'd be glad to help.)

I told 'em. Does that mean I have to get married to get my house fixed?

(laughter)

(Well it seems like those kind of folks are the ones that they'd want to help.)

Oh, it's somebody that can pay for it. That's what they want. They want their money back. And you know they don't think about where it comes from. It's from the Indian Department, they claim it is. And if it is, why'd you