

I just don't know unless they just happen to be smarter than anybody else in America, that's all I can tell you." Because they are educated. (Yes they are highly educated people.)

They could put their education to good use. For all, I think that lots of that promises that they made, I don't believe I would want to make you a promise like that because I couldn't fulfill 'em. And at the time they was a promisin' it to the people they know they couldn't make it pass. (They know they couldn't do it, no.)

That's all I know.

(Uh--back in the older days, were the Indian leaders, the chiefs, were they elected, or were they appointed?)

Appointed by the tribe.

(Appointed by the tribe. I guess they had to measure up to certain qualifications of leadership.)

I think they had five councilmen, they called them councilmen. And I think the tribe would pick the best of 'em, I don't know whether they did or not. That's my opinion. I never did hear Mama say, 'cause I listened. She said from Peru, Indiana, to Fort Wayne, Indiana, was about 55 miles. And her and Grandma Nettle--I think I told you that the only way they had to go was horseback. They would get up way before daylight and make that 55 miles and get in in time for the council.

(Well. My, that was a hard trip, going 55 miles.)

Well, I said that is something you couldn't put on kids this day and time. And all I said to her was "Did you make it?" And she said, "Oh, yes, and sit close to Father's side."

(Well, that was an important function in their lives too.)

Well, you see her father was a chief and her being his daughter, well, she had to be there. I don't suppose that was all the reason, just my opinion. They didn't tell what the reason. Now he didn't have no schooling.