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WALLACE COFFEE, COMANCHE & CHEROKEE

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INTRODUCTION AND GENEEOLOGICAL INFORMATION

(Wallace is a full blood Indian. He's twenty-three years old and he's Comanche and Cherokee. Wallace has gone over to Northeastern for three years and a half, I believe. Is that correct, Wallace?)

Yes.

(And he's majoring, what is it?)

Business. Psychology. Sociology.

(Sociology and presently he's working part-time or has been working full-time. Working part-time for an organization called OCCO. And Wallace has just recently been married about eight months. And you married an Indian girl, too, didn't you, Wallace?)

Yes. She's Creek and Cherokee but she claims more of the Cherokee, I mean more of the Creek than she does of the Cherokee, I must say.

(Oh-h-h.)

We haven't--

(She's more Creek than she is Cherokee or she just claims it?)

She's more Creek than she is Cherokee,

(Oh I see.)

Relatives are more Creek.

(So tonight I just wanted to ask you a little bit about some of your life history and some of the things that are going on today with young people. Indian young people and what you think about 'em.

And what you think's going to happen. And some of the things that you know exist and possibly some of the solutions. But maybe before we get started on that, I'd like to ask you where were you born?)