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Mr. Hagerstrand:...a possible discussion of the current organization of the Cherokee tribe. We are very fortunate to have a distinguished individual, a Cherokee, brought up in Fort Gibson over here, went to Stanton Military Academy, Virginia, Fort Gibson High School, and then, graduated in law from University of Oklahoma. If he lapses into oratory, it comes natural. He was a debating champion, an oratory champion back in college (not clear) He became interested in Cherokee history as a student in 1922 . Since college, he's had a number of positions in the legal profession and elsewhere. He has been the assistant county attorney, Muskogee county, a city attorney, of Muskogee and a city attorney at Fort Gibson. I'm not sure which comes more important to him as the county, a city attorney of Muskogee, or the city attorney of Fort Gibson, cause be does have affanity there for Fort Gibson. He is an assistant solicitor in the Department of Interior and was an attorney in the Department of Justice. After spending all the time in the Government, he decided he wanted to get in government in another capacity so he resigned and ran for congress; but, incidentally, H.R. Hinds from Tahlequah was his campaign manager if I'm not mistaken. But he lost. I'm not sure if it wasn't our gain and his loss or just how this works out, but the incombant Jack Nickols defeated him. He's serves on a number of wards that are connected with the, his interest and dedication to the Cherokee tribe. He's a member of the board of directors of the Cherokee Foundation. He's a member of the board of directors, sponsors of group of lecture, Cherokee National Historical Soceity. He has been a Council for the Cherokee tribe for many, many, years. Back in 1948, I believe,