

that our people have vision, have ability, have determination, and the will to prosper and to be happy. I understood that when I came a moment ago that unfortunately the date that I just mentioned, conflict with an ancient date of the meeting of this organization on this sacred ground. I hope that the two dates don't conflict, and I'll speak to Chief Keeler about it as soon as he gets back from Europe. And it may be that if the date there in Tahlequah does conflict here with yours, some adjustment can be made there and not disturb your practice and your custom of holding your regular day here which is as I understand it is on either a Labor Day or Arbor Day, one of the boys mentioned it a moment ago. But, the point is every Cherokee of the name, man woman and child, the old and the young, should come to that dedication south of Tahlequah which is located as I have emphasized and reiterated upon your own property. The property belongs to the Cherokee people. We want you there and we want you to see for your own selves what your own people are doing so you can bring back to your communities the vision of those men that have been building that building, all of them are full-bloods and nearly three hundred thousand dollars of your money has already been spent on those wonderful buildings. I think it will be inspiring for everybody, it's not any doings of mine, don't misunderstand me, but the executive committee of the nation and the principal chief will sit up the entire program and my good friend and one of your own boys who grew up within shouting distance of this fire, Crosslin Smith is in tune and in touch with us. In closing, let me say a word for Crosslin. I have never known Crosslin Smith personally until about 2 years ago and he came to my office and we talked and I discovered that he was an honorable, educated, young, full-blood Cherokee who was then stationed 800 to 1000 miles away from his people. And I advised him to consider coming back home and he said he would be interested. He was at that time teaching