

(And two foot wide almost...)

And so I just bought a whole, I don't know just all kinds of groceries that I thought of. Sack of flour and lard and everyone of them in there used tobacco. And...

(You mean the folks here back at home?)

Yeah. About every Indian used tobacco. And I come back that evening about dark and I drove up. And boy, that...I never seen a bunch of people surprised in my life. Me driving up there with that load of groceries. Shoot, I was a big shot in that home.

(You was about fourteen...?)

I was fourteen years old when, well, they class me as big shot then. Old Richard was a top man.

(You made your manhood?)

I made my manhood and from there on I went to making ties. And I made a living for all that bunch and so.

#### INDIANS LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER IN EARLY DAY

(Dick, what's your opinion or attitude toward that kind of life, back in those days that you're talking about and the life the Cherokees are living now? What's the main difference in the way they live?)

You mean the difference in then and now? Well, Boyce, the difference, in my opinion, now and then, the people loved one another then. They done for one another. And now, they don't. They have separated love from the people now. Now, them days we'd go around. I got good enough to hack ties. And I could get in on this working, you know. Tie hacking. Fellow gets sick, like the fellow here and I over here. He got sick. Well, we just volunteered and take our axes and cross-cut saws and we just go over there and cut him the awfulest pile of wood you ever saw in your life. And they had...a kind of committee in the neighborhood. And they'd pick out people to sit up with those people at night. Course they'd have a lot of company early part of the