

they told me, is this right? That he was elected as one of a group of attorneys who tried to enter a claim against the government of the United States which culminated, then, at least, one of them culminated in 1961 by an award to the Cherokee tribe and in many respects this marks the change in atmosphere in so far as the Cherokee tribe is concerned. The successful in that venture, no question about, but in, in addition just his research and his long study in Cherokee history since 1922, he has brought to the Cherokee tribe a dedication, that's perhaps without peer in the tribe and because of this dedication, he has won the confidence of two chiefs, at least. He was a council to the Chief Millan from Claremore and he has been a confidant and a personal counselor as far as Cherokee matters are concerned for Chief Keeler. He is now the General Council for the Cherokee tribe serving without pay, and immediately he is an acting business, my general business manager for the Cherokee tribe pending a permanent selection. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce, present to you, Mr. Earl Boyd Pierce, who probably knows more about the details of modern Cherokee history than any other individual. Mr. Pierce.

(Applause)

Mr. Pierce: Thanks very kindly Marty. My good friend, and co-worker in this Cherokee picture. Ladies and gentlemen, it is the distinct pleasure to have the opportunity to talk with you tonight about a matter that I'm absolutely convinced is dear as dear to your hearts as it is in mine. I see faces here, faces of friends I've known for many, many years. Many of whom I've worked with, counceled with, on Cherokee and other matters for a long, long time. And I'm particularly happy that so many of you could come out. I frankly didn't expect more than a dozen because I know most of us are busy... (thank you, Marty,...) pre-occupied with problems