

where I can put myself in your environment and in your predicament, just as near as possible and try to experience those things that you experience.)

Uh-hummm.

(Then I might, I'll never feel it but I might become a little closer to it.)

Uh-hummm. . .that's right. So colonel Hagerstrand is a. . .you can't find a better man for the position he holds now. The Cultural Center wouldn't be as far along without him.

(He has a lot of pressure, doesn't he?)

He's got all kinds of pressures. He's got all kinds of problems. Shucks, I could sit here all night and name some problems Colonel Hagerstrand got.

(And besides the Historical Society and the work with all the Drama, isn't he in the Chamber of Commerce too?)

Uh-hum.

(Is he head of it, or just. . .?)

No, he's chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee.

(Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Chamber. . .Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce?)

Right. He's in every organization in Tahlequah. You can't hardly go to a meeting without seeing Colonel Hagerstrand sitting there.

(Hummm.)

He's just in all kinds of. . .

(Well, has this been like a hobby with him during his life and then eventually later on after he retired from the Army or whatever happened, did he just sorta, he was a friend of Keeler and he fell into this job. I mean did he know about Indians, any Indian at all or what?)

Well, see, the way he came in contact with Tahlequah and Indians was through his wife. His wife, see, Jack Brown, His father-in-law is half Cherokee or more. I really don't know how much. But he was enough Cherokee to receive an allotment when they were allotting out these lands.

(Yeah, I knew she was a little bit Cherokee.)