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It is my privilege to introduce the lecture in this series on Cherokee highlights, "The Highlights of Cherokee History and Culture." Tonight we're going to discuss the Cherokee educational system from, the title is "From Missions to Statehood," And I don't know if the lecture has got that title yet, but we'll find out. Dr. Ross Underwood is a Cherokee from Grove area, Oklahoma. He has a, he got his B.S. and his Master's degree from Northwestern, I understand, couple years after the University of Arkansas, and he taught here for some years. Then he got his doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 1966. His dissertation, let me give you a title of this thing, An Investigation of Educational Opportunity for the Indian in Northwest Oklahoma. Now, of course, this was referring to the current situation in Oklahoma, but certainly in the exploration of that dissertation, I'm sure that he went into Cherokee history because this has been an interest of his. He's in his fourth year at Northwestern as an instructor. He's had previous instructional experience at Oklahoma City and Chickasha and at the Tahlequah High School. I've known him, of course, from other activities as well. He's the Chero-District Director for the Boy Scouts and also was the Chairman of the Special Activities, no not the Special Activities, Research Committee of the Chamber of, Tulsa Chamber of Commerce. An interesting, another interesting project is coming in his particular field of competence, he will be the Director of an institute for