

Harris (who is married to a Comanche). But she (Ladonna Harris) is an educated woman of a good family. But most of our marriages here are usually with these lower type of whites--in the beer joints they meet them there.

(Are they legal marriages?)

Yes. Legal marriages.

(How about the Indian-Negro marriages--are they legal marriages?)

Common law, mostly. But with the Mexicans they marry legally.

And that's our problem here.

(Are there any cases that you know of where an Indian and a Negro are legally married?)

No. I did know of one case one time several years ago. An older woman married a Nigger man. But they went to Kansas and was married.

(Would they perform such a marriage here?)

Not in Oklahoma, I don't think. I think they had a test case between a Nigger woman and a Mexican man in Canadian County. I don't know how it ever come out.

(How did the Indians look upon other Indians that would marry Negroes?)

It used to be that the morals of the Cheyennes were very strict. They were very strict. But as time went on they kind of lost out. And they used to teach one another. Like I had a boy and I'd teach him, "When you get married, just have enough family so you can feed them and take care of them." Now the young ones, they just multiply like rats. Have eight to ten children. And there are cases right here in our county where they have so many children, and they just drink and drink and neglect their children until the aid worker has to come and take the children away from them. Place them