

the Strakes. But I spent all my high school good times dancing out there, swimming out there and having picnics. It was a beautiful place. I just loved the Morgans. And Mr. Gib Morgan was—oh, he was quite a "Cut-up" and quite a kidder. And I never shall forget—one time, I went out there to a dance and I was so proud of myself—I had The Hugh Love of Pryor Highschool as my date. There we sat on that divan—me with a little short dress on, and him with his little short pants on and here come Mr. Morgan. Came and sat down and put his arm around me. "Well, how are you?" "Oh, fine, fine." And—said I was proud of myself for this date, you know. He looked just as serious, he said, "Honey did you know your grandfather died in jail?" Well, I began to cry—I said, "Well what did he do? Steal a horse? I had to come out of it, you know. He said, "Oh, no he was High Sheriff of the Cherokee Nation and he had a stroke in the jail and they couldn't get 'im out." I said, "You're the meanest man I ever knew." And that was true. He did die in that old jail. And Washie was named for him. Washie didn't want to be called George Washington. He was afraid he couldn't chop down the cherry tree, wasn't you? But I don't know what I could do to help you Mr. Tyner—

(Well, just what you're telling me now it's all wonderful. He brought up a question, the other day, that I have been thinking a whole lot about it, and that is the Cherokee heritage of its language. What's going to become of it?)

THE CHEROKEE LANGUAGE IS DIFFICULT TO LEARN AND IS BEING LOST

It's going to die. It just breaks my heart. And you know the full bloods now—now we had a full blood housekeeper, Rachel Turk, she (irrevelant words) lived with her relatives, a neice that she had more or less reared. And this neice had a grown son that had little children. He has three little children and they are darling little full blood children, 'cause his wife is a full blood. And do you know they try to get those children to talk and they won't do it. So the younger people are not wanting to talk Cherokee. Now I really—we had a man here, oh, I guess it's been 10 years ago, from Washington and he—I think he