

Indian people have, the background and history. And the glamour and romance because it really is beautiful. My husband says he's not sure if he became interested in Indians after he married me or because he married me so he could better understand me. He really thought he was gettin' one of those rich Osages when he married me. (laughter) Then found out I was one of those poor Comanches. I'm glad our Indian (unintelligible)...we're supposed to get \$25 apiece. (laughter) There are so many misunderstandings about Indian people in Oklahoma. It's an interesting thing, you know. I've had people time after time tell me, "Well, I've known Indian people all my life and I lived next door to them." Just today the interviewer with the news media was so interesting. One of the reporters, if you can imagine a reporter in Oklahoma saying, "Well, can't the Indians live off what the federal government gives them?" And I said, "Why, the federal government doesn't give the Indians anything." "Oh, don't they get a regular income?" Can you imagine an educated newspaper reporter in this day and time thinking that? This is what is so terrible, because we get hung up on ideas that we thought we knew about, or that we knew of in the past and the things that stick in our minds, things that aren't really so, or something that someone told us. This is what's so beautiful, you meeting here tonight, particularly in this location in this building which is even more meaningful to really- to understand each other. Like the story of the shiftless, lazy Indian. Let me tell you, there are no shiftless, lazy Indians because just to exist in for Atome people, particularly who are underemployed or are not employed at all, it's very difficult. And sometimes when people don't adjust socially, there are many reasons for this. Sometimes you even hear about the drunk Indian. The drunk Indian is a symptom, not a cause. There's something causing him to be a drunk Indian. Perhaps it's because he's not accepted in your community and that's something