

(Well see he wasn't elected by the people.)

No.

(Under a democratic system, was he?)

No, he never was. We Cherokees are people just the same as white people in thinking process. But in ways of living it's different. You know what I mean. In ways of living it's different. The white man I think sees that and he tries to turn an Indian into a white man. But it just isn't done. They got two languages to learn to start with. The first thing they speak Cherokee. Next thing they got to learn to speak English in order to cope with the white society. That's why it's hard. There's lot of friction built up right there between those two languages. It's not only that--well like I said to start with he's got to learn two languages. First he speaks his own language then he's got to learn the English language. Then it gets to the point you know when he goes to find a job he's first got to learn the English language before he can go get a job in order to live like a white man, in order to have a good job. So things of that nature, Mr. Keeler just doesn't understand a Cherokee. I think we Cherokees like I said if we had our own choice of a chief as our leader. It should be a Cherokee that can speak Cherokee and English. He can speak to his own people in Cherokee. And whatever needs to be done for his own people he can ask for it in English. I mean it's in the agreement long time ago. As long as the rivers flows, the grass grows, the moons rise and stuff like that, well it's still in effect today. So when it's in effect today it's the government word that will help the Indian in that way. But it has never helped him. You can't turn a Cherokee into a white man over-night like I said.

(Well thank you very much Wesley.)

(End of interview.)