

IDEAS CONCERNING LIFE AND MARRIAGE

Some of the decisions concerning my life hasn't been the wisest, but there are reasons for all this. Because it is much easier for the white people than it is for the Cherokee people. As I have said before, it was harder in school for the Cherokee kids than it was for the white children. It even gets worse in high school because you can't afford the right kind of clothes to keep up with the white children. You don't have cars to go bombing around in like the white children do. You have to eat at the cafeteria where the other white children will go to town to eat. But of course that's because of the Cherokee children not having very much money. In other words, it's make us feel like the white people are better than we are. I realize now that this is not true at all. They have imposed that way of thinking on us. As a matter of fact, as far as dating and being lovers and making love, the Indian boys are much better than the white boys any day of the week. They show their affections for you in different ways than white boys do. Also they are a lot more jealous than the white boys, and if the Indian boy likes you, he isn't gonna go out on you like the white boy will. They are very tender and affectionate, if they like you. As far as getting married is concerned, we Indian people - that's not important to us at all. Also, before the white people came, our ancestors didn't know of such a thing as marriage license. As far as white men and their laws; and Indian girl gets pregnant by a white man, she has to raise that child her own self; the best way she can, even if on welfare. By an Indian boy... Backtracking a little, by my grandparents didn't get married until about four years ago. They lived together for forty-four years. And the only reason that they went down to get a license was so that she could be able to get social security if something should happen to my grandfather. As far as the paper meaning anything to them, it doesn't mean one thing.