

three of them on there. He's got a brother. There's three of them. They got real good land. And he draws three hundred and something on there. And he don't want to sell that. That's the only land he has. I keep trying to put a bug in his ear to sell it and just build, but he doesn't want to. Of course it's his, to do whatever he want to do with it. He won't listen to me. He don't want to sell it. And over here, what I have, it's all heired land. On one lease I bet you there's over thirty-five of us on there. And I get you I don't get-- One one lease I'm supposed to get ninety-seven cents, but she gives me a dollar! (laughter) On one lease I get a dollar twenty-seven cents. This is a year! Now that ain't gonna feed anybody so far as that goes! And then on one lease I know I get five eighty-three. One lease I get eight dollars and thirty-eight cents. On one lease I get twenty-three dollars. That's the most I get. No--I take it back. Over here on our home land we get seventy-seven a year. Of course I done used that up. I got a modification. I drew all of it. He's (the lease man) good enough to help me that way. And this helped to pay for my car.

Jordan: What do you mean, a modification?

Roberta: Well, you can go and get your papers and get it signed and if your lease man signs it, he can pay you all of your lease money in advance.

Jordan: How many years would that be for?

Irene: One or two years--

Roberta: Any amount you want. If they approve it. It all depends on the lease man, how good he is. Ours is just too good. But it's nothing, really, seventy-seven dollars a year! Now who's gonna live a year on seventy-seven dollars?

Irene: Like Gertie, she lives on twenty-one dollars--fifteen dollars--a month--