

(Do they still sign leases for five years?)

Yes. If you make a five year lease they put you..other words, they let you get your money in six installments. They give the Indian..he could collect all his money if he wanted it. He didn't want it.

(Didn't you say the other day that the Indian collects from the lease man?)

Oh, yes. After the lease is approved by the Bureau, you take your check whatever you have coming. The leases are drawn..you could have it drawn at the bank here, or some of these people that make leases. There's a woman here, living has an office up here..makes all the Indian leases. She knows most of the Indians. Her father used to be a county sherfff, oh a good many years ago. She's still connected with Indiana City. Oh, she makes most of the leases. And well she take them to the office for approval. Well, last March the first was the oil lease. sale among our people. For the first time in pretty good while, right north here across the river, there some people got pretty good money leases, out of it.

OIL LEASES AMONG THE WICHITAS:

(Is this the first time they ever made oil leases out here?)

No, been the first time in quite a while. We used to have them there in the thirties. They gave good bonuses out, but it seem they just stopped.

(Is there any indication that they are going to have oil up there?)

Well, I think that someone told me..the reason why..I don't know if this is the reason..there was a test well somewhere north of Verden. He thought for that reason that they might lease some of the land up there, might be pretty good sign for finding oil here.

(Do the Wichitas, Caddoes, or Delawares have any producing wells?)

No. Like I said, some time ago, I had a friend who had a business here. I used to go in there everytime I was in town. We always talk about this and that. He was a great friend of the Wichita. He was a nice fellow. Well anyhow, there were about four of us in that place and there was a man there, he was a lawyer, just