

the welfare, and they got groceries. Toys. But rest of us, we're just here, that's all. We're just here.

Did you read that in the paper where they said there are starving Indians around here? Anadarko Daily News said ain't no such thing, ain't nobody starving. But how do they know? They don't go around to these homes! These office people they're just there. All they do is draw their salary and drink coffee, drink coffee! They don't accomplish nothing for the Indians! They just want to see how hard they could squeeze an Indian. They just don't want them to have their lease money. (Well, there are some Indians around here that are pretty hungry, are they in towns or in the country?)

In the country. I know some children around here, near Carnegie. They need clothing. Their mothers and fathers ain't got no land, just little what they work for. But you know, groceries are so high. But there are lot of children in town that needs clothing. Nobody don't never look at he and I. We're just here. We do the best we can.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

(You said the other day the tribal council is trying to do something about housing?)

That's been going on, but it's us...the Indians, the Wichitas themselves, they do not attend the meeting. We had a special meeting, one Thursday night, at the area office there. And if the officers all had been there, we'd have gotten a little step somewhere, but nobody came. Same thing.

(Why don't they come?)

I don't know, they forget about it, or they don't want to come because maybe they got a good home. See, the rest of us, see, that's what I been trying to do, get a house all year, you know. This house project. You pay about eighty dollars a year, or something like that. It's really nice. The only thing we got, we got that well dug out there, that toilet out there, that water tank out there. They gave us that. Through the office, from the Indian affairs agency. See, they donate so much money to the tribe, and then that's that. That's about the only thing that we get.