

The Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington draws up all these leases--certain forms. They're numbered, you know. Like "Independent Lease"--a woman that was progressing--whether she's educated or not--had a leasing privilege. They could draw all their money at the time of the approval of the lease, and they could draw some of their children's money. Otherwise, the incompetents, their money was paid out twice a month. Say about fifteen or twenty-five dollars every two weeks for their provisions. My other system that I added was, I made every Indian--there was about twenty-two Indian homes, you know, northeast here (of Geary)--in the area here. Watonga has a different--the dividing line is at Greenfield north to Watonga (boundary line between Geary and Watonga districts). But my system was that I made every Indian put out six acres of winter pasture for their stock. And of course that same six acres made seed, or sell their wheat, or take it to the mill and have it ground to flour for their own use. They draw on it as they needed it. In the spring I made them put out six acres of, say, corn--especially Indian corn--and hay, millet, sudan grass and all that. I made them stack it right by their house. Fence it off. And they'd have hay in all kind of weather through the winter. They had good horses. And I made them--each family--build a chicken house from their own funds. I bought them chickens and turkeys--and some of them geese and ducks. Some of them kept guineas for kind of an alarm, you might say. And I made them periodically check their wagons, their harnesses. And I made them buy implements. I went out and showed them how to use cultivator, how to use a disc and how to use a corn lister and all that. Those are my own system, there. And they got along fine. They could go to the bank and borrow money, because the system of the Indian-white man lessee was, as soon as he got an Indian lease, he'd go to the bank and borrow so much money to farm and operate that lease. Well, why don't the Indians just as well use that same