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BIRDIE MAY TOINTIGH, KIOWA-APACHE

IRENE POOLAW, KIOWA-APACHE

ROBERTA TOHAY, COMANCHE

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GENERAL SUBJECT: B.I.A. HOUSING AND SANITATION PROGRAMS AND DIFFICULTIES TRYING TO GET THEM. ALSO DIFFICULTIES GETTING LOANS AND WATER WELLS.

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

BIRDIE'S EXPERIENCE TRYING TO GET B.I.A. LOAN TO REMODEL HOUSE

IRENE'S EXPERIENCE TRYING TO GET DEEPER WELL AND LOAN FOR REMODELING

IRENE'S EXPERIENCE BUYING LOT AND TRYING TO GET LOAN TO BUILD HOUSE IN ANADARKO

HAVING TO KNOW THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO GET RESULTS FROM AGENCY

COMPLAINTS ON INEQUALITIES OF SANITATION PROGRAM

IRENE'S PROBLEMS WITH HER HOUSE NEAR BOONE

JULIA MULEKEHAY'S GIRLS GETTING ON SANITATION PROGRAM

RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING WHITE RANCHERS, DRAINING CREEKS, ETC.

BIRDIE'S TROUBLES WITH WHITE LEASE MAN'S COWS

GETTING THE "RUN-AROUND" FROM THE AGENCY

BIRDIE'S DIFFICULTIES GETTING WATER AND TRYING TO GET ON SANITATION PROGRAM

BIRDIE'S CREEK DRAINED BY WHITE NEIGHBOR

BIRDIE'S HOUSE

LIVING PREFERENCES

BIRDIE'S LEASE MONEY GOES TO PAY HER PARENTS FUNERAL BILLS, ETC.

PECANS SUPPOSED TO BELONG TO INDIAN LANDOWNERS

BIRDIE'S FINANCIAL SITUATION AND PLANS FOR HER HOUSE

DIFFICULTIES WITH B.I.A.

PRESENT HOUSING PROGRAM: GETTING ON IN AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

ROBERTA TOHAY'S PROBLEM: TOO MUCH INCOME YET NOT ENOUGH

PERSONALITIES ON HOUSING COMMITTEES AND TRIBAL BUSINESS COMMITTEES

INTERVIEW SITUATION AND BACKGROUND OF DISCUSSANTS: This interview is actually a group discussion which took place in the home of Mrs. Birdie May Tointigh (Mrs. Jack Tointigh). Birdie May is half Kiowa-Apache and half Kiowa and is the daughter of the late Ray Blackbear, Kiowa-Apache. Her husband, Jack, is beginning to earn his living working with German silver. They now live in the Blackbear place several miles west of Boone. Irene Poolaw is a Kiowa-Apache and the widow of the late Cletus Poolaw. She is a Chalepah and the sister of Alfred, Raymond and Clarence Chalepah, and Gertie Chalepah. Irene has a house near Boone where her son is living now, and is herself living with her sister in Anadarko. Roberta is a Comanche born and raised around Boone and is a member of the Pewo family. Her husband, Butch, is a Kiowa-Apache but is enrolled as a Kiowa. All three of these ladies have had experience recently in applying for loans for remodeling and building and in trying to get in on the current sanitation program. This discussion centers on the complexities of trying to take advantage of existing services for Indians through the B.I.A. and tribal committeemen. Also present and participating in the questioning are Arnold Henderson, from the School of Architecture at the University of Oklahoma, and Mike Davis, graduate student in Anthropology. Both Henderson and Davis are interested in housing problems among Indian people. Discussion begins with Henderson explaining his interest in current Indian housing programs. This interview is concluded on T-606. Birdie May Tointigh was born January 9, 1928 and has 6 children.