

to borrow money on our land. And that could be paid back out of our rent money that goes to the Agency. Well, they can stop all our money and take out so much a year to pay back our loan. But they said they didn't have any loans. And they ran out of funds right there in the Agency. I went back about two or three times to the Office and he told me, I said, "Well, I need a deeper well. Our well is just sixty-five feet deep. And there in the summer we run out of water." And he said, "Well, around that part of the country it's just dry land. You cannot dig wells." Well, we've had a well right near--about six hundred yards from there and that well never did go dry. It's been there since the country opened, I guess, when they first start digging wells. On Apache Ben's place. And when they did dig a well right there east of the house, they just dug sixty-five feet. And we don't waste our water. And I had a well there since 1947. And every now and then it goes dry. And then they'd have to wait till it rained, you know, to get water--not very much water. And then he said there wasn't enough water around this part of the country. And then this new Sanitation (program) came in. And I chased Yafe Spotted-Bird--I've went over there (to Hobart)--and I even met him at the store--. He said, "You meet me at Boone store," he said. "We're getting a whole bunch of them around there." So I met him. I said, "We waited and waited and you never did come to our place out there." My husband was living then. We wanted to get on this Sanitation. And then by the time they come to Boone they ran out of money and everything. And then Alfred had a well dug there (at his place near the community of Alden) and they put in the pipes and everything. And they put a big old thing up there where they could pump water in there--it just never did work right. (Referring to attempts to install satisfactory indoor plumbing in a new frame house Alfred bought in Lawton and had moved into his place the summer of 1967).