

Birdie: Was that when you were trying to borrow that six hundred to get--

Irene: Yeah--to remodel all that stuff. We were just try to get by with what all we could. All we wanted was to buy the material to fix all that.

Birdie: They didn't want to loan it to you? Or they didn't have enough money or funds?

Irene: They just didn't have any funds and everytime we went in there they didn't have any funds.

Jordan: Was that lately, Irene?

Irene: Well, that was last year. And I just never--I just thought, well if-- It ain't no use going back--

Roberta: It just makes you give up!

Irene: Yeah!

Birdie: Yeah! That's what they want! They want you to give up. They want you to be just the way you are! That's the way I see it. They make me mad!

Irene: This home we had moved from the place where I told you we lived--it was moved here (to her present five acres southwest of Boone)--it was moved here on our lease money. And then we build, little by little, when we make oil lease or something--some money come in. Well, we'd remodel it with the money we have.

Jordan: That's your house? Where Muggsy's living now (her son, Pascal)?

Irene: Yeah. And my mother made a big oil lease and she put in that well. She bought me an electric pump in 1947 and we still have that pump since 1947 and it works just as good today as it did that day.

Jordan: How deep is that well?

Irene: Sixty-five feet. And then I had a--I rented it out for about two or three years and that man that lived there, he had a toilet in there. And he had his own septic tank way out there. He said he built that in himself and when they moved, he just took everything out. And the room was just left like