

Birdie: I think I'll stay in Washington! Move in with the President!

Jordan: Did they ever used to get water from this creek (just north of Birdie's house on her property--the one now drained by Vickrey--Taha Creek)?

Birdie: Well, right down here there's a little tree. Well, they had a hand-dug well where they used to get water. But their lease man (her parents' lease man) plowed around it and caved that well in. The one whoever got to lease it. And of course nothing had ever been said. My grandfather and my Dad, they don't say anything, you know. Just like I said, people come and go--

Irene: I imagine the casing's all decayed out. If you had a new casing in there, maybe you could get some water from there.

Jordan: Is the creek running now?

BIRDIE'S CREEK DRAINED BY WHITE NEIGHBOR

Birdie: I don't know. If it is he's (Vickrey) sure to have took all the water. I said, "When he dies, we're not going to put him under the ground--we're going to bury him under water. He sure likes water!" He's got a big pond over there--you know, over there by Davis's. New pond, right there, just full! Then he drains our water out over there!

Irene: Just get a tub over there and just put him in there!

Jordan: When does he drain this water from this creek?

Birdie: For his feed--you know, his alfalfa that he plants. He irrigates that and he grows and feeds his black Angus--

Irene: He's not supposed to do that. They put a stop to our lease man. He was getting all that water out of our creek over here at Louis'.

Birdie: Where do you report it?

Irene: We report it right there at the Office.

Birdie: Boy, I tell you--I'm just tired of running to them people. They gonna shoot me.