

that place. I bought it, to build a home on it. I'm having the same hard time that she (Birdie) would be having, trying to get that sanitation out there. And they still haven't gone out there so I just thought--kinda had my mind made up to go ahead and deed Muggs that land. And he said, "Mama, if we don't build a home, why can't I rent that house?" You know the bigger house, where Apache Ben's old home was. It has a bath and three bedrooms, a bath, kitchen and a dining room and living room--that's what it has.

Jordan: Is this where the lease man lives now?

Irene: Yeah. It's our lease man's son that lives there. We draw two hundred and seventy-five dollars a year on that. Just the house and those two acres. He said, "Mom, if this house just keeps leaking and we can't do anything with it, I'll just rent that place from you," he said. "If I don't get the loan on the house." I know the V.A. will give him a loan. I don't know whether he wants to borrow it or not. He's talking about borrowing it.

Jordan: (to Birdie) This two hundred a year that you get, is that just for the forty acres?

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

Birdie: Yes. That's all I'll get. I haven't got anything yet, until after all the bills are paid..

Jordan: When will that be done?

Birdie: I don't know. See, he owed part of Mama's bill (funeral) when he died. They died within seven months apart. And maybe he owed some bills here and there, you know, and they put in their claim. I knew he owed so I said it was all right. But he made oil lease. He made oil lease on this place over there. That paid--I think it paid most of it--I'm not sure. See, even that Indian money went on his funeral bill. And then his leases, I think they paid some on that.

Irene: Did your mother get any of that (Indian money)?