

(What would a piece of land like that rent for?)

Well, maybe eighteen hundred, maybe two thousand. But there's some land..oh, I'd say about two and half miles northeast from this place that sold for \$82,00.

A lady rents this place, and it's a good piece of land a quarter. And I asked her here about a week ago, last Saturday, how much rental do you get. She said I get \$2,300. If I were her, I'd crop everything, you can get more out of it.

You get one fourth of..let's say \$15,000, that 'd be over \$3,000. Definite, it'd be more. A good place like that, all in cultivation. Well, I was talking to this man, one of the government conservationists over here, I said, now how is it that the land sold for that high price. He said, well, good peanut acreage on that allotment. He said you would be surprised how short a time it would take for the land to pay for itself with that peanut allotment. Said peanut does it. He would have more peanut acreage there, but the Bureau say you got to.. you do according to what it say. The way the Bureau..I mean the government.. what the leasee to plant, like that, not to have a solid base of peanuts in the field. You have peanuts here, then maybe some kind of a feed, then peanuts..you can't just have a big field of peanuts.

(When a man leases land, can he build a house on it?)

Yes, if it's negotiated through there..I mean, through the contract.

(What kind of guarantee does he have that he'll keep getting the lease renewed?)

Well, like they used to do..they don't do it now..but they used to, they would give a man at the most five years, and so much would come from that rental. And so much for his use. But while the Indians income was so low that they..he had more than one piece of land that he could sell..maybe some land..it wasn't so bad back there in the twenties and thirties. Well, in fact..they had a Superintendent here, used to work..uh, the Indians retain most of their land. There were a few chapters where Indians sold land to build. We had more land then, in them days among our people than there is now. But in fact, like I told you, the land is so divided, you can't make too much of a go.