

You know how that is--allotments.

(Now this is south of Carnegie?)

Yes. That's, that's bout 15 miles south of here. 14 or 15. On down at Apache, I believe they have more Indian land than they do around here. I think there's more homesteaders around Carnegie than there is in Apache. We have some Apache farmers that's got land around Apache and around Anadarko. These Indian leases, but they sure got in to it, because they had to pay so much to get it and then these failures, you know, it makes it kinda hard for them. These men runnin' these combines couldn't combine any cheaper than they could if they had wheat, you know. Their machinery has to go over it and their time. So they--

(You say you started off paying 'bout \$75 a year?)

\$75 a year was the first--

(And they raised it after that?)

Yes, we, when as far as I don't know what in the last few years, that the boys paid, but we paid we got, they run it up to \$400. And they'd would buck you a \$100 and then you would have to compete with that or lose your lease. And that was the way it went.

(Did you lease by the year or was it for longer than that?)

Three years.

(Three years?)

Three years. Then we--the boys still leased from John Chano and he, they can pay five years in advance if they want to and get a little better price on the land. And John jest keeps, jest gets three months ahead, here he comes and he fixed up so it's safe, you know, through the agency. He's always broke--most of 'em are. Like lot of us white people.

(Really is that--)

Yes. So that's jest 'bout the story of my beginning here.

(Did you ever have much trouble collecting debts from the Indians?)

Well, there's some that we lost--more--I use to --they in a mile of us they had a church, a little mission there. Well, course I'd dig up stuff and get in the old buggy and take it over there and sell it. And sometimes I didn't didn't