

some tribes do. They pay what they call real estate taxes, but that's not-- that's the main contact with the Indian. Some Indians don't pay the ad val-  
orum taxes, where your money goes into the state, or county, or you don't  
pay personal taxes. See, you're not obligated to pay that as long as you're  
under the supervision of the government. Once when you get those papers,  
competency papers, or certificate, why then your land goes on the tax roll,  
which it already is, but soon as they get that they start paying taxes. Start  
living like a white man, being a white man, they call it, have to be that  
way. The agency can't help you if you get in trouble over lease or roadway  
or something like that. You have to go to county court, you can't go to  
the agency. The agency turn you loose, you're free. You're not really free,  
you're just turned loose. The government doesn't have no dealings with you,  
the agency. That's why I say it's bad for all Indians to get their competency  
papers. While other tribes they call it patent fee, they call it, patent  
fee, we call it competency papers. It's no good for the Indian as long as  
they stay under the supervision of the government for the next 100 years (not  
clear). Some Indians think they're smart, and got all the money, got all the  
land, then lost it all. They don't have nothing. Poor supervisors don't  
know how to supervise what they have, well how can you tell. That's why we  
have some Indians now on a budget up here, don't know how to spend their money.  
'Course like I say some of them have been on a dollar a day. 'Cause they're  
under what they call--some what they call--

#### GUARDIAN MAY BE APPOINTED

call 'em guardians Somebody watches out for you. Agency pays your money  
to him then he gives you what you think you ought to have. He runs your  
affairs Makes the leases for you, he does them things for you. Then to get  
out from under guardianship well you have to go to court to prove that you are  
competent again.