

summers. "Now," He says, "One day this boy never come to work. So, the third day and fourth day the boss called me up. So I told my boss I'm going down there, to see about this young man. But my boss man, he was kind of a little bit--he said a little words about it. But anyway I sneaked off. I went down there to this hotel and I found him laying in bed. He had laid there I don't know how long. And his eyes--I went over there and he don't remember me. So I call up the ambulance and took him to the hospital. He didn't last long. So we notified the school and the school says no relatives. What should we do with him? Where is he from? The Agency won't accept--don't have no money for him--his expense, to pay for all his expense. That night," he says, "I called our congregation together. We throwed in." He was telling us, from the floor. He said, "We raked up enough. We bought him a plot. And we raked up enough--that's not decent, but we put him away the best way we could with what money we got. We didn't ask our local, or the county or the state or the federal. Our church people--our Indian peoples--we collect that much and put that boy away and he's right there in Oklahoma City cemetery. And that's the kind of a man I am," he said. "I have some ... of my people." He said, "I'd like to see my people be taken care of better than what it is today."

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And that's the way I look at it myself. They appropriate a lot of money. As far as that money comes over here is the Area Office. That's as far as that money goes. And anything that the federal government puts in, that's as far as it comes in Anadarko. It don't go no further. And it's not given to Indian services. Just like a year ago last October the 12th, I went to Concho. I talk about the same thing. I guess you record that. Claude Jay was invited. When we got up there, they give me the floor. And those days I talk about, the government, they give this area so much money. The money--they work up a budget. Say it's going to take so much money for us to operate in this area. So they send the request and they get