

on timber using. You have to get a special permit from the Agent to even cut a tree down. They allow you--estimate the number of posts required to make a new fence, and they allow the lessee that many posts to make off that land, under the privilege, of the federal government, authority.

LEASING OF INDIANS LANDS

(That would be like if a white man is leasing Indian land, he's allowed to cut enough fence posts--?)

Yeah. Enough for his own use. Unless he had in his lease forms approval by the department an arrangement--an agreement--specified on the lease that he was to leave certain improvements on the land. Especially under a five-year lease he's to leave certain improvements like a well, pump and casing or windmill. And then that way anything that otherwise that he would fix would be removable from the lease, if the time expired and he didn't renew his lease. All those arrangements were made. And minors' funds were--well, all their funds was held, but the minors' funds were always held unless there was a very specific privilege--

(What do you mean by the minors' funds being held?)

Well, the parents didn't draw their children's money--only on special occasions like schooling, clothing, going off to school--trunks and like that. Any type of sickness, of course--their clothing. Of course they had an exceptional allowance made for children that grew exceptionally fast--they had to buy new clothes, you know, periodically.

(What happened to that money, then, that they didn't draw for a certain purpose?)

Well, they just held it till they reached their majority--twenty-one years old or married. If a person married, say, at seventeen years old, he's considered an adult by law. So they drew their money after that.

(Did the government draw up these rules and regulations or did the tribe?)