

Now here's one family--this mother--you can read the complaint there (we're looking at papers in his file)--the kid had been abandoned and was begging for food and the Welfare won't do anything. Concho won't do anything. Somebody with a handful of guts has just got to go in there and take the bull by the horns, and I'm the goat. I told somebody the other day that I wasn't winning very many popularity contests among the Indians when I have to do the things that have to be done. When these kids are abandoned for a week at a time and go around begging for something to eat--they come to Jess's house and beg. People just come up there to his place and beg for something to eat. Then I've got to go into court and do something with them. The mother's in the penitentiary, see. And he's living with this grandmother that just abandoned the kid at Calumet for a week at a time--an alcoholic. Now here's another little survey that was made. In Seiling I have 910 residents as of January 1965, and now 110 residents and 181 of them C and A, and the median age of the C and A population is 14 years. Sixty-two percent of the C and A are between the ages of zero and twenty. Forty-seven family groups. Live in thirty-one houses. Nineteen of them own their own home. Twenty-one houses with city water available serving thirty families. Nine homes have indoor toilets. The median family income is \$1262. And the mean income is \$420. Total for 186 Indians is \$78,131.00. Now they had a higher appraisal of their lands in 1967 which brought in some. And eight families have active bank accounts. That's in 1965.

(Did you compile that yourself?)

Bob: Through the various other figures, I came up with that population.

(Why wouldn't the welfare do anything on that?)

Bob: They're prohibited from it. They want somebody else to go in and get their feet dirty. They want to come here and--this case up here under fire right now--they called me from Concho--Jerry Jolly called me from Concho. They can't do anything either, or won't do anything. And they've got the Oldbear kids up there at Kate Osages, and he talked to the child welfare worker about it and he said, "I've got a good image up here."