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true! The money that the Indians draw comes out of this reservation that they own in common and the annual rent comes to it and the Department of Treasury of the United States and set out annually in prorated shares so each Indian receives his prorated shares of the rent of this reservation. It's not government money that they get--it's their individual income, and some of it that was carried on from the sale of this reservation years and years ago. The government has handled it so it been bearin' interest. It appropriate so much money annually out of the tribal funds and then it's prorated and divided out among them. The payments haven't been very big. Of course, (?) the money of these old Indians they drew individual allotments, here. And they live on their allotments and the income comes from their allotments, but the average family doesn't draw over \$500.00 a year. Very few draws \$1,000.00 a year. And they have to exist on this rentals, and they have to live on it and educate their children and some got eight, nine, children and it makes it awful hard. They have to build there own homes and support, like we have here, and they have no way to go to the banks as other citizens or home loan companies--contract and build homes--improve of their places, and therefore, it makes it awful hard for 'em. And the only way that they can have a decent livin' at home is to take part of their land--so many acres--and sell it and build a home with it. Well, use some of that to educate it. But just lately, the United States government has fixed it conveniently that Indians could go to the federal land bank and mortgage their restricted property and get homes, and loans, and farm equipment, and machinery, or cattle and many of 'ems doing that and they're gettin' along very well now. But the second generation from since the country opened up have no allotments. And those that are dropouts without education--with families and no place to live, and no job, and no income of any kind--they have the time of their lives. And it's hard to get work for these fellows in town because they give it to the skilled, qualified persons before they give it to these unskilled laborers.