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MYRTLE LINCOLN, ARAPAHO

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GENERAL SUBJECT: SPECIALS AND GIVEAWAYS; OLD TIME WAR SONGS AND WOLF SONGS

PARTICULAR TOPICS DISCUSSED:

REASON FOR HAVING GIVEAWAYS, AND GIVING AWAY IN OLD DAYS
SPECIALS FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN ARMED FORCES
FRIENDS HELP OUT ON SPECIALS
DECIDING WHO TO GIVE TO
RECIPROCATING GIFTS GIVEN
WHITE PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN GIVEAWAYS
GIFTS RECEIVED MAY BE GIVEN AWAY LATER
TABLES OF GOODS SOMETIMES GIVEN
ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPONSOR BENEFITS; SERVICE CLUBS AND HOW STARTED
POW-WOWS
DANCES FORMERLY HELD AT TIME OF HOLIDAY CAMPS
MORE ON GIVING
PLANNING SPECIALS
WAR SONGS: SONGS SUNG WHILE MEN ON WARPATH
OLD TIME ARAPAHO WOLF-SONGS (FORTY-NINE SONGS)

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT: Myrtle Lincoln was born at Cantonment June 25, 1888. Her father was Bad Man, an Indian policeman, and her mother was Red Feather. Myrtle was an orphan by the age of 13. A grandmother helped raise her, and later an aunt took her but she stayed at Cantonment boarding school much of the time. Myrtle's marriage to Howard Howling Buffalo or Howard Lincoln was arranged by her uncle, Coal Fire. Myrtle and Howard had seven children, two of whom--daughters--are living today. One son was killed in World War II, and two other sons were killed in local accidents. Myrtle and her husband supported themselves by farming on tribal land and doing farm labor for neighboring white farmers. They moved to a place near Cantonment in 1936, and Myrtle has lived at this place ever since. Myrtle has also worked as a cleaning woman in Canton. She now lives on a very small Social Security allotment and a small income from a land lease. She is well-known to Indians and whites in the Canton area and her status as a Gold Star mother has earned her a great deal of respect. She appears to be in very good health for her age, and is active and quick and alert.