

they used to give away. But they're all gone, now, or died away. And up here at Seiling, that preacher, he always give away. And when anybody's got special, he gets up and dance, too, and then he gives away to different ones. He gave me five dollars, that preacher. It was over there at Christmas. And then on New Year's night I made it up there, and my granddaughter's brother had special. So I went and give him ten dollars. I top it!

(laughs) Yeah. It's nice. It's kind of makes a person feel good, you know, to get something. For somebody to think about them.

GIFTS RECEIVED MAY BE GIVEN AWAY LATER

(But it's all right, isn't it, if somebody gives you something--you're allowed to give that away yourself later on?)

Yeah, if you need to, you could give it away. Now see lot of these things--there's about four shawls that was given to me at Seiling, and when I had special for my grandson, I gave them away.

(Do people feel any way about how long you should keep them before you give them away?)

No. They don't. Some of them, right in there at the dance--like this Kate Osage--she got a blanket over there and dress material at Thomas. We went. And when some of her relation had special she took it and give it away, right there. And the one that give it to her was right there! I thought she should have waited, but she give them away. No, after they give it to you, it's yours. Whatever you do with it, it's up to you.

(Does it make any difference if you're having a special how much stuff you--is there any limit to how much you'd want to give away at one time?)

Just whatever you want to give away. If you just got one blanket to give away for that special, it's all right. Two or three different things--well, that's all right. It don't have to be just as much as anybody has.