



No, we don't give them nothing.

(Is there any particular reason why you would ask Ralph?)

Well, he's one of those that goes to church all the time and prays all the time. Some people always call on some women to pray...(unintelligible phrase)

(How long does it take you to plan a special?)

Well, it depends on how long he stays over there. He left April 1, and I start buying blankets. And at that time we had our claims and I had a little money. And every time blankets come in I used to buy one or two. And then material--dress material and then dishes, you know. And this last time when he had that dance, I didn't have nothing left. So he left and that following month I started. I bought two blankets first. Then I bought another blanket. Then over here at Seiling there was people giving me things and I save all of them. That's the way I save stuff. And now I ain't got nothing but what that girl give me--she gave me her black shawl. And that Gould's wife, she give me a blue one. That day we had special. And that's the only two I got now.

(Do you plan ahead of time who you're going to give to?)

No, no. You don't plan. You just have to--You know, it's just up to you--if you want to help anybody. Joe Durham--I thought he's a white man and nobdy's going to give away for him, so I'll give away for him. That's what I said, and they were laughing at me about it. "She wants a husband!" they told me. "She's going try to buy him," they said. "No," I said. "I just wanted to help." He helped my grandson. He came right up and he said, "Boy, you're going to come home. We're going to see you again," he told him. He gave him a ten dollar bill. He said, "Stay with it, boy. Don't be like some other boys. Stay with the army, because you can't get away from it." He talked to my grandson.