

it was all over with and they were counted out, missing. See I could have told that story long ago, but I never did. Then it would be my duty to honor him, why then I wouldn't hand hit out to just anybody. He'd be standing there and I'd drop everything at his feet and it's up anybody that wished to come and pick it up. Now, that was our way. We don't hand it out like they call names; we just pile that stuff and whoever wants to come and pick it up why that's theirs. In honoring. That's the way we done.

(Would you put this at your son's feet?)

Yes, uhuh. You just lay a cloth or something and you pile this or whatever you have including groceries or anything. And then it was customary among our people, if you were going to give beads to any party, you don't say, "Well, we're donating this." All you had to do was clean a little stick about so long and go and go take it and put it in the middle of the arena. And whoever accepts that has to make a return in two or three years. That's the way they done. They never said, "Well, I'm gonna donate, I'm gonna pledge this." All you got to do is take that little stick into the middle of the arena. And it's the parties that are concerned, they understand it and they go and shake hands. That was the way, but we don't do that much anymore. On e in a great while that ever happens.

(Do you remember this woman that made a donation I think to the..and the chief, Melford Williams went and got it?)

Uhuh.

(Does that happen very often today?)

Oh yes, uhuh. Yes.

(What would be the procedure for going through if you wanted to do that today like that woman did?)