

men ever give things, too?)

They give mostly money--or a horse or beef or something like that. That's the only part I take--either give beef or money.

(Do you ever give away, like, at a pow-wow or dance?)

Most of the time at the pow-wows.

(Who would you give to? Like in these days--?)

Well, I always give to strangers--Poncas, Otoes, Cheyennes that I've never seen, or Kiowa. I don't give for return. I give for no return--to give. Who I think deserves it and who I think I should give to and would not return the present. Not likely to return the present, anyway.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN GIVING AND TRADING:

(Why do you give to the strangers?)

Well, we're taught that way. My dad used to say, "Don't trade your presents. When the expectation is that you're gonna get a present from that same person you're giving to--no. Give to whoever is a stranger or who will appreciate that, or who you will not expect to return a present to you. That's trading," he'd say--Dad used to say that. "It's trading. That's not permissible in giving." I still practice that. And I teach my kids that.

(Are you ever given things, yourself?)

Hardly ever. Let's see--when my niece's husband died about four years ago--they had funeral at Canton--this niece of mine--her father died. My cousins died. He was a First World War veteran. And his boy and daughter had been married into the Oto tribe. Well, the boy's wife died and later on the girl's husband died--to Otoes. So they're back with their people. So at that funeral they used to--the nearest kins of this boy's wife and this girl's husband--were invited to come and attend this funeral. They were asked to come and they both came. So that afternoon when the body was being buried I was called out. And this boy, the son--father-in-law of this girl--which was her brother-in-law--gave me a blanket. A nice robe--brand new--it still had the tag on it. That's the only time I ever got a present that I know of. Otherwise I don't look for no presents.