

want to give to. They just call that certain party to come up to receive a present.

(This is between Arapahoes?)

Yes, and it goes between Cheyennes and Arapahoes, too. But if a certain other tribe comes from other places, they call people together to help that party to get back to their destination. So they call all the group together and name certain place where they can hold that encampment and gathering to fulfill that person's needs. They go over there on a certain day and help them out.

(Would this be like maybe putting on a dance in order that that person could be given what he needs to get back home?)

That's where it was originated from.

(Did they ever give money back then?)

Not if the party came from other places such as Montana or Wyoming. But around here you would have exchange gifts--one for another. These different tribes that come in and used to visit, well, whoever they were visiting would in turn ask that tribe to help them out to help their visitors. That's the only way they used to help one another.

(Like that Veteran's Day Dance at Watonga, I remember they put down a blanket for some Crow visitors to raise some money to help them on their way back--)

That's another way they used to help their visitors. For instance, if there was a number of them, they would divide that money--whatever was gathered for them. But if it was just one certain party, they give them all that proceeds.

VISITING OTHER DISTRICTS AND CAMPING

(Did the Arapahoes from, say, Canton and Colony--did they ever get together very much to visit with each other?)

Oh yeah. A number of times during the year. Whenever they call the Canton bunch to go to Colony, they'd all go down there. And a certain time of the year the Arapahoes from Canton would invite Colony, well they invite them to come up here.

(Was there any particular time of the year when they visited like that?)