

But he was just like the rest, he drink a whole lot. He was drunk when he got killed, and left his family. But he had insurance, he had five thousand dollar insurance. He was in the service, and veterans out here in Carnegie tried to help her, try to get something for the children. But the Social Security... he worked out at Sequoyan Mills...only give her seventy-five dollars a month, and she's got five. And they can't hardly make it. They won't give her any more.

(Can she get welfare?)

She did, but that five thousand was against her. And she went... he had a car, he had two cars, he had one he used to go to work with, then this other one, why, she trade it in, she took it to Oklahoma City so she never see it around here. She took it to O. C. and traded it off for a better car. They took that, they had their house repaired, they had it all fixed up inside with that five thousand. Well, she tried to get on the welfare that was against her, because she had that five thousand. But she had used it up, but they don't see it that way. They think that she should have it, but their house really needed repairing, and they really fixed it inside, outside. They put sheet rock outside, you know, and fixed the roof, and the windows and the doors.

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(Ethel, are there any clinics for people who drink, or AA type organization?)

No, that's what I try to do for that boy. I just lay in bed, sometimes, think and think. Wish I could send him somewhere where he could be cured. But seem like he just...that was the only way out he seen, just to kill himself. He just get drunk, they found him swimming down at that dam over there. Somebody reported, they got him out. They sent him to the county, they turn him loose. He was a good hand at working. You could go down there and ask anybody, he was a good hand. That was his downfall, drinking. But he had sense enough to make insurance for his family. He used to tell me, he'd be drunk someday. Momma, if anything ever happens to me, they'll be taken care of. But I sure didn't want it that way. We used to help him out, give him money. I give him money, I buy him clothes. That was something we didn't have to do, but you know, we just.