

happened in those days and they carried it. I was a young boy and I remembered till way long down to even to my boy, married that way. He insist on me to do that. They thought it was great thing, I know it cost money to do that. I wasn't too anxious about it. I thought the boy had the right to go and pick the girl he wanted like I did. The one I wanted I got it and married. That's the way I thought, but these Indians they teach that way and they believe that way. They want you to do it. They keep nagging you till you, make you do it. Then you start in saving stuff., Saving horses, cattle and stuff. You get ready for it. When you real ready why then you notify your relatives, and you carried it on. I know my boy got married that way and it cost me over three thousand dollars. You know, figuring all the trouble, work and helps, cattle.

(Gifts)

I had my own cattle all right and my own hogs, but they cost.

I had it all figured out and these getting ready. These costumes and so forth, it cost money. They believe that way. So, I done it one time and they believe that way and so I think it's a good thing, all right, but you got to be in a position to handle all that stuff.

(Did they use to have games and contests at some of those wedding? Footraces?)

Oh Yeah. Well, they had presents right about the time the girl is going to come over to the boy's parents. The boy's parents are the ones going over there to the girl's parents. And the girl's parents they have prizes over there. To run over there and the first one that gets there, maybe a horse, maybe a beef.

(I had an aunt that won a horse in a foot race like that.)