

if she ever faces him before she fulfills this law where she is required to make a tipi for her son-in-law--she has to make a tipi for him, and she has to make full beaded moccasins for him. And when she finishes this tipi, she has to tie a horse in front of this tipi--that goes with this tipi and moccasins. Or maybe a pretty blanket. And then the only ones that are--I guess you would say eligible--that done the same thing in the past, were invited to this feast. When this woman is going to make those things, after she makes a tipi for her son-in-law, well, just the women would sit around that had done the same thing. Then she'd say-- Oh, these women were asked by this leading person, that's takin' the lead--the leader--she would say, "Now we'll start with you." Maybe she start from the right now side facing toward the inside of the tipi. She start from the right. All right, now. You mention what you've done for your son-in-law--the reason you're eligible to attend this feast. Well, this mother-in-law would say, "Well, when my daughter-in-law got married, I don't do the same thing. I made a tipi just like this. And there was a horse in front like that. And I made full-beaded moccasins for my son-in-law." All right. Next this leader would say, same way "I give him a gun" instead of a horse. And maybe the next one say, "Well, I gave both horse and a gun." And it just went all around until it come to the last one. Then this woman would come in--that was going to be the first time that she's ever going to face her son-in-law--to see what he looks like. Well, they go through a ceremony, and they burn some kind of something to make smoke. This smoke was meant for this new son-in-law. Someway they go through ceremony to smoke him. I don't know the meaning of that. And she say--my mother say'd--when she went through it--she get pretty nervous. She didn't know how to start out. She said everywhere she would try to talk, her voice was shaky. I guess she got pretty scared or something. So it must have been hard for them. And she'd say, "Son-in-law" she'd call his name. "I have finished your tipi, and here it is. And there are your moccasins." They'd put them in front of him. "And there is your horse tied in front." Maybe she gave him gun. "Your gun is there. And your blanket." That's all. Everybody knows from then on she's got a right to talk to him. But still she doesn't have the nerve enough to talk to him. So she never did talk to him. They never did--that's the