

then the food that is brought from this girl's parents--well, they eat that. And what their friends cook is the ones that's divided to these families that's helping this boy's folks. And that's the way it is. And when they return these dishes what they bring the food with, you must give dress material or groceries. Put them back in the pan what they brought your food in. I guess it's paying for it's paying for it. And what these men are given--they pitch in money. And they take back to the boy's--I mean the girl's people.

DISPOSITION OF GIFTS AT MARRIAGE GIFT EXCHANGE:

(That's really interesting. Well, during the time when the boy's family is taking all these presents to the girl's family--you were talking about how some old ladies would come leading up horses and other things--how did they decide who was going to get which presents? Like a lady who was leading a horse--how would she know who to give it to? Could just anybody come up and get her horse?)

Well, they keep them together. See, they take the horses, and guns and war bonnets and to the group of men--this girl's relatives--her cousins, and her brothers. And they don't know who's going to take--See, they never knew who's going to take their presents. So they just divide them like anything else.

(O.K. After the men get the horses and war bonnets and guns and so forth--this girl's relatives--is there any particular way that they would divide them among themselves?)

Yes, they call on these friends that gave--the ones that got something to give. Some of these men that's received presents, well, they got something to give in return. That's why they got these. They'd call on them one by one to go out and get their pick of these horses. Someone say, "I rather have a gun." And after they take those, they go out and get what they're going to get in return. And then they bring it back all together and then they take it back over there on the boy's side. They didn't have to trade even. Just so they get something back. Now, these modern weddings that we used to have about twenty-five years ago--since they learn to do the white man way--they tie the name of whoever got this man's horse--well this man went and tied this man's horse that he's going to pay Indian back--with his name/