

asked us to. . . before the altar, he asked, "Do you take this woman to be your lawful wife?" Mrs. Payne said, "No--I don't want her to be his wife--" she said, "I was going to say that but Howard stopped me. Wouldn't that have been a foolish thing for a woman to do? Come in there as a friend to a married couple and then tell 'em not to do it?" She could have probably done it! she was a writer. She was a journalist. She finished Colorado University at Denver--or Boulder--and she went to college there in Denver and then she went to Medical School at Colorado Springs--that's where her home was. Then she went to Los Angeles University of California. Took journal--majored in journalism. She was a writer. That's what she was. She used to chain smoke when she get to thinking, you know. And I used to take them cigarettes away from her. And she get up and put a coffee urn on. She'd drink black coffee just continuously. That runi her--

ARAPAHO CUSTOMS SURROUNDING MARRIAGE: OBTAINING A WIFE THROUGH HER UNCLES AND BROTHERS:

(You know, back when you were still going to school and still had your girl friends and so forth, in those days how was the Arapaho way of getting married? Was it boy asking a girl or girl asking a boy, or did families arrange it?)

Well, there were several ways. If the boy's sister had married in the family where there was a girl, naturally that would be the preference for him. Yeah, that was the natural course. Or, if it would happen that way, that the folks would ask the girls' parents, through her brother--I mean, through his sister--to ask her husband about the girl to marry her brother. . . Otherwise, if a girl was not acquainted with your parents, and there was a girl and you were very truly in love, well, they'd elope. They'd elope any time of the night she could get her bundle--what few clothes--she knows she's going to get a lot of clothing from the boy's parents, anyhow. Take a few of her best clothes, and she'd sneak 'em out from the tent, or in the back yard or something like that. And the boy would come and get 'em, and then she'd ease out into the night and pick out the boy. Otherwise, there would be an engagement of the couple. Probably the two of 'em would be going to school, or two of 'em would be working at the Agency or somewhere--they'd fall in love and get acquainted and then they'd have an open announcement of their marriage. Hardly ever I knew of any