

party. You know I invite her to. All those northern people, especially they like that Indian leaf perfume I gave you--they like it. Boy, they like it. I would just get it for her.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A WIFE:

(When you were about this age, I don't know if you ever thought about getting married or not, but did you ever have anything in mind about the kind of a girl you would like to marry?)

Well, I wanted to marry a full-blood girl. My folks used to tell me, "We want you to think of two kinds of girls. Want you think of one that's the only child of the family--a girl, that has no brothers or sisters. Won't be no conflict in your problems with your in-laws. Or if it be with a girl that just got mother--no father--and she's the only child. We'd rather you depend on that kind of girl. And the other was that if you marry in a chief family, be sure that the girl has no brothers. Maybe just one brother be all right. Just one brother, and her being the only girl. Of course, if your father-in-law be a chief, why people will respect you and the boy will always be a good, respectable young man because the boy will have to honor and respect his father. Or, in case you got a girl that's just a orphan, raised by her aunt or her uncle or oldest sister--that's another kind of girl we'd like you to consider." The folks used to tell me that. Yeah, that's what--

(Well, why would they say, if you married a chief's daughter--why would you look for just an only child or if she just had one brother?)

Well, I supposed that means that there wouldn't be no conflict of opinions between you and your brother-in-law, as to the family problems. Like herding horses, herding cattle, or possessions of the parents. And that the girl would always be clear to take care of her father and mother if she became your wife. Those were the only problems, and were always considered--even today.

(Why would they say to look for a girl that maybe was an orphan?)

Well, maybe she wouldn't have nobody to bother us, you know. Cause we'd just be independent and wouldn't have to, you know, be tied down and you know--all those things. We'd be independent. Me and my family--my folks.