

(As far as you were concerned, if you ever thought about getting married, did you ever care whether the girl you married had much education or not?)

I figure I thought I should have a woman that has a good education. But domestics science or art education, anyhow. So eone that knew how to cook and sew, home-making and all that, you know. That's what I always preferred. And of course, good health. No background of any like, you know--susceptible to TB or any other case that might be inheritable.

JESS'S FATHER'S ADVICE ABOUT GIRLS:

(Some other occasion when I come I'd like to spend the whole time talking to you about how they used to get married--their customes--)

Oh I have lots yet-- Now, as I said, I took up with girls, say two or three days maybe--just carelessly. I just give in to their ways and wishes and requests and all that. I didn't mean to permanently settle down with them--just, you know, how young folks are. Oh, there's three or four different girls I lived with like that. But I always break loose.

(Did you ever give them anything?)

No. My father was pretty strict about that. My father used to tell us "If you like a girl and you think she likes you, and you get out and meet each other and talk and have sociable--if she mention another boy's name just twice, tell her to go. Don't never take her back. That means she's got that other boy in mind at the same time she's trying to make you believe she likes you, and talks with you, and all that. But when you catch that when she's mentioning another boy's name, tell her to go on, let's go-- No--she says no. Anyway, and if she's kinda wanting to come back, don't take her back." He said, "There's lots of girls. They're gonna cross your parth one of these days. They'll be the kind you want. Don't with this one. There's a lot of 'em ahead of you that you're gonna come to." That's what he used to tell us.

(Interruption as he gets another pack of cigarettes.)

And the other is this--"If you like a girl, don't give her no money or anything just to please her or just to attract her. Just to snare her. That's low-down.