

there to go eat. First they eat and then they used to divide them blankets and whoever take your blanket, they used to give you a tent. A tent and quilt and moccasins. And that way.

(Imogene: Like a trade.)

EXCHANGE OF GIFTS AT INDIAN WEDDINGS

(You mean like if I got a blanket, I'd give back a tent and moccasins--)

Yes, and quilt. Yeah. That's the way it is. And horses--they used to take horses. Whoever takes this one's horse, well, he used to--just like exchange. A horse for a horse.

(He'd give another horse?)

Yeah. One wedding my husband got a blind horse.

(Well, does that very often happen where horses that exchanged are crippled or something like that?)

Some of them--some of them--you know, Cheyennes is bad about that. This was a Cheyenne horse, what my husband got. I guess it was blind. And then another time we went to another Indian wedding. And he got a horse. Oh, it was just bony, you know. Nothing but bones. And I told him, "You ought to leave it." "No," he said, "I'm going to keep it." Well, we brought it home. Turn it loose for thirty days. Oh, that horse was the prettiest thing! It was fat and nice and tame. That's the way they used to do, instead of weddings. We had wedding over here for my boy--over here west of that cemetery.

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(Imogene: And sometimes when they don't have a horse for the girl to ride, I seen them carry her in a blanket. They dress her up, you know, in buckskin leggings and moccasins. They say if she doesn't have horse, they always put her in something and carry her across--)

(Do they go across the creek, or something?)