

the young man herself, they would find a nice young man for her to marry. Would it make any different the way they treat their son-in-law whether he's a young man that they found for her or whether it's a young man that she found for herself--maybe they eloped?)

You know, there's not much of that selecting a man for their daughters. No. It's themselves. They have to meet the boy they want themselves or the boy have to meet a girl he wants. Their folks don't select wives or husbands for them. It's not that way.

SELECTION OF SPOUSES BY YOUNG PEOPLE

(What about in the old days--what way was it back then?)

You know in the old days, I don't know very much. And I told you many times I hate to guess at things. And I don't know how they used to do that.

(But say, like, back just as far as you know, when you were a young woman, what about in those days--did many families help their daughters select a husband?)

No. They didn't do that. If a girl and a boy find one another they either elope or this boy would tell his folks and the folks would come and ask the girl's folks. And if the girl's folks is willing for her to marry that boy, it was that way. And after this girl's folks agree, well, the boy's folks, they used to bring horses and groceries and stuff like that. Bring it over to the (girl's) folks. That's the way they used to get married.

(Would it ever happen that a girl would find a boy that maybe her folks didn't care for, and they might refuse their permission?)

Well, I told you--they didn't butt into their children's business. They didn't tell them, "Don't you marry that one, or that"--that way. They didn't do that. If a girl finds a man she wanted and if they get married and if he was mean to her, her folks had nothing to do with it. They used to just tell her, "You found him. Nobody didn't tell you to marry him. Nobody never told you to get him. You have to live it, whatever