

Well, especially children like this one I'm talking about. But all mothers-- some of them were carefess and they didn't know where their children were. But of course, they were pretty strict with them. They watch them too. And then when she began to have--the boys began to notice her--about the age of 15 or 16-- now they a lot faster--they go out when they're 13 with boys. But way back then they were about 16 or 17 before they could have a boy-friend. This boy just didn't come up and tell a girl, "I want to get acquainted with you. What's your name?" No, their parents--I'm talking about the chief's sons and sub-chiefs' sons I'm not talking about all those from common homes. Maybe his parents would tell him that they saw a nice girl that they would like for him to go with. Well, maybe he had to see who she was, and find out who she was, and then he'd tell her mother, "Yes, I like her too. I always look at her. She's cute." Well, he give his consent and his parents help him to select his girl-friend. Then the mother, or the aunts, or the grandmother, they would always send her food.

(This young girl's?)

This young girl. And then in turn, the girl's whoever received this food, or whoever they take it to, like they take it to my grandmother--well my grandmother would be the one to take it. This is for your granddaughter," they tell her. Well, she's the one that would have to give something in return. That would have to be moccasins or a quilt, like that, something goes with the bed. Maybe a beaded bed spread, or something like that. She give to this lady. Maybe the aunt of this boy, or maybe his mother would bring it direct to the girl. Naturally it was her mother's turn to give and she'd give something like that too. They'd always try to outdo one another. They try to do better then what they receive.

(Oh, they did? Well, you said they brought some food for the girl. What kind of food would they bring?)

Well, maybe fruit. Maybe food that was already prepared for this girl to eat. Some nice food. Like, maybe, way back used to be turkey. But in my days it was fruit--bananas, apples, oranges, peaches, grapes, or maybe cakes and pies. It wasn't only one thing. Something that made a whole meal for the family.