

(Did they ever send meat?)

Oh yes, meat already cooked and fried bread. Fixed in different ways. They're showing how much they think of their boy by taking something to his girl-friend. Well, then, later they would meet somewhere and then they start going together. The way this boy would come and see his girl, he'd go behind this girl's tipi with this red and black man blanket, and he'd stand there. If he was a very loving son--he'd--well, you seen those beaded blankets across here--big wide strip that's beaded? That's the way this chief's blanket would be.

Well, he'd stand out there waiting and then there would be a little girl or little boy go out and see who he was and come back in and say, "That's him." Well, then this girl she would have to put on her best. She'd go out there to meet this boy. This boy would come around and they would meet on the side. Well, then the grandmother or the aunts or his mother would manage to go out there and talk. At the same time they were watching their girl. Well, she wasn't suppose to talk to him over a certain time--maybe just about 35 minutes. Why, another boy would come along behind him. Well, she was told never to turn around and leave the other boy because he might get mad and take it out on her someday. But she must tell this boy, "All right now, go on. I'll see what this one wants." Well, he come up and talk to her a little while, and maybe somebody already come again. They just stood in line--these boys with their pretty blankets. And then when the mother says, "All right now, let's go to bed." Well, maybe some more are still in line waitin'. But they were gentlemen. They just walked away and she went in and her folks would follow her in. That was a nice girl. She minds.

(All these boys were her boy-friends?)

Her boy friends. She met new ones there. I see she was just allowed to meet this only one boy that his parents used to bring something. But was taught never to turn away. And leave those others. That was impolite. Turn around and talk to them. That way she began to have boyfriends.

(These, other boys, then, their folks hadn't sent her any presents?)