

No, no just some boys that come along that want to meet her too. But she had, maybe, just one boy-friend that she was allowed to go with. But she would talk to those maybe for just a little while. And then later on, maybe they went together maybe a year or two, then she was ready to marry this boy. That's how well her parents liked this boy, being a good boy. They watch him too, to see how he's going to turn out.

(How often would he--would her boyfriend come and visit her?)

Well, not too often. Not too often. At that time they didn't know the weeks and the months--maybe twice a month or something like that. Course they were all in big camps. And they come not too often.

(Were there any certain occasions when it was especially common for them to come?)

Moonlight. When it was moonlight. And then maybe she get engaged with this boy.

Well, of course these people know each other now, but they weren't allowed to visit.

These future in-laws weren't allowed to visit. They just stayed apart. But of course they notice one another from distance--how good they were--and they'd say

"Well, that's the boy for our daughter." Then this girl, she would have to act just so. When she went to a dance in a crowd, her parents dressed her up. They

put her on a pretty horse, in her buckskin clothes, in her very best. Well, maybe

they took her in the center of this crowd and they give things away for her,

and it be horse or something. They'd announce that--I should have put that anyway

back there--they'd announce that she has met her first boyfriend. It was known

that way. And then that's the only thing I left out. First time when she menstruates

they announce that too.

MARRIAGE BY PURCHASE: OBTAINING A WIFE:

(Oh, they did? Did they have to give anything away at that time?)

Yes, always horses. Horses were plentiful at that time. And then when this

boy's parents got ready to ask for her--or his folks--they go and get a medicine

man--the Arrow Keeper--maybe the Arrow Keeper--some medicine man, or his wife.

He would go over there--or she would go over there and ask for this girl and then

she was told, "Wait. We'll call her brothers and her boy cousins together. And

they're the ones that will decide." That's what the father and the mother would