

the respect that they have for their mother-in-law and father-in-law. And that kept them from--maybe, like how son-in-laws do at this time--why they talk mean to their mothers-in-law. And same way with the son-in-law, he done the same thing with his mother-in-law. (meaning son-in-law did not speak to his mother-in-law.) That was the respect that was given to them. And if a woman--never did do anything like that--she has no right to talk to her son-in-law or ride with him in the same--maybe there were buggies way back then. There weren't cars. She had no right to ride in the same wagon or buggy with him. Unless she went through this. But still they didn't do that.

(There's one thing that I didn't quite understand about this ceremony, and that's where she invited these other ladies to come and participate. Well, were these ladies--were they ladies that had given things like this to their own sons-in-law, or had they given to this lady's son?)

No, their own sons-in-law. Their own daughters. See, they were the only ones that had right to go to that feast. You must go through the something like what this woman is going through. Otherwise you're not eligible.

(Well, then, would she invite everyone she knew that had been through that?)

Yes.

(Well, after this ceremony, then, in the tipi--was there anything else--?)

No, that was all.

#### REFUSAL OF MARRIAGE OFFER:

(One thing--could a young girl like this have a boyfriend whose family had already sent food and everything--well would it ever be possible that some other boy's family might send over the Arrow Keeper or somebody like that to ask for her?)

Yes. See, whoever is the first one--in case they didn't like this first one, they could turn them down. Maybe later on--this other one--maybe they turn him down again for some reason. He's might not as good boy as the next one that's coming. Well, the next one that come and ask for her, well, that's the one they going to give to, because it's better boy then these two that they turned down.

(How would they turn him down?)

They say, "No. We not ready to give our sister."