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going through, see? That's what that was. That was the time that man had brought them, says, "You're going to meet me four times." This is the last time, the fourth time, see? That Sun Dance, they call Sun Dance. But wasn't really Sun Dance. Just because later years, the people, you know, just to show off, you know, looked at the Sun and go through all this ritual, and get themselves worked up, you know. Course, there wasn't the papers, but they just had that on themselves, see? Looking at the Sun, and cause the white mak to call it Sun Dance, see? That's all'it is. But really it is a passion of the Lord Jesus Christ. What the Lord go_through, they go without water and good for three days and three nights. And they live through Nobody gets sick. My father took part, and all the years that I know. it. The last two years, they had 1908, to '09; he didn't dance. But he was too old, and they, and they exercised. And they, see, they take a, take a sharp instrument, pointed instrument, it's not knife. It's pointed, you know, like, they take hold of these part of that. And they take that thing through there and cut it off. Course, that's something we don't understand. Maybe, that's that circumcision or something they call in Bible. Maybe, that's what it was, you know. Anyway, they, that's the, they call it the gift of God, (Ponca word) Wa-Kon-Da-Gu-La-E-Ah, see, gave his flesh to God. See, that the sacrafice, you know, to go through with it, and that's the, but later years, you know, well, they're allowed to drink pop and things like that, you know. (Laughter) But in them old days, well, it wasn't like that. They have to suffer to go through. And every home where there's a home is represented a dancer, the one that goes out to dance from that home, they put up a tipi poles. And at the end, they tie bowl of calico. And every home that way all over. If you see it, it's a wonderful sight.

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