

This celebration began around noon with a noon meal served to the public. The Watonga Community Hall is located about 2½ miles northwest of Watonga and is a rectangular building of corrugated metal. There is no partitioning within the building, and no dressing rooms, restrooms, or indoor plumbing. The building is furnished with electricity and so there are lights and a P. A. system. There is also a heating system which keeps the temperature warm enough. The two meals were both served at the north end of the building, where several folding tables were set up to hold the food. Agnes Hamilton and Ella Hicks were in charge of the meals but several other ladies assisted and probably contributed food. The food had to be prepared in various homes and brought to the building warm. Coffee was also brought this way, and a kool-aid type drink was provided for the children. The food included stew, soup, corn, salad, bread and fry bread, fruit, cakes and pies. Most people brought their own dishes, but paper plates and cups were available for those who did not. The Gourd Dancers financed much of the food, but some of the ladies contributed on their own.

Jess Rowledge sat next to me during most of the program, and occasionally made comments or explanations of things going on. Some of his comments pertain to joking behavior between brothers-in-law, or between a brother-in-law and a sister-in-law. Many of the joking remarks made by the announcer, Clinton Youngbear, were directed at individuals in the audience and are understandable and funny mainly on the basis of familiarity with local social relationships. Clinton and David Fanman are "brothers-in-law" and their jibes at each other illustrate the teasing behavior which is expected between persons standing in this relationship to each other.--jj

This manuscript consists both of a description of the day's program and a near-verbatim transcription of the verbal portions. Occasionally it is impossible to hear clearly some of these spoken parts due to the fact that two people may be speaking at once or that background noise renders the spoken voice inaudible. However fragments of these portions--fragmentary sentences or phrases--are given whenever they indicate the general trend of thought of the speaker on a subject. A series of dots (...) indicates that a portion of the testimony could not be understood.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

The day's program opens with the serving of the noon meal. Arthur Sutton (Arapaho) gives the prayer before this meal. After dinner the afternoon program begins. There is a prayer in Cheyenne given by Roger Redhat (Cheyenne). Then the Flag Song is sung. At the end of the song a woman lulus twice. Clinton Youngbear announces that Walter Roe Hamilton will lead the Processional and asks for all veterans present to take part. The drummers are asked to sing four Veterans Songs.