

their families... Death, illness or other misfortunes attend the families of these men, and they themselves are reported to be plagued by pangs of conscience and become so demoralized that they cannot hold a job or conduct themselves with dignity. Their ultimate fate is to become alcoholics and drift into a state of degradation while their families suffer.

When the dancers came into the lodge for the first time they were painted white all over--at least on such portions of their body as could be seen--and they were wearing bathing trunks and over these fine patchwork quilts wrapped closely about them. They also wore moccasins. Some of the dancers wore nice serapes or Pendleton blankets, but most of them had quilts. Many of these were "star quilts" with a large star design in the center of the quilt.

Junior Sankey was wearing a star quilt which had been especially made for him for this occasion by his relatives. The quilt top had been pieced by Alice Waters, a Sioux woman from South Dakota. She was a relative of the husband of one of Junior's paternal aunts. The quilt top had then been sent to Oklahoma where Olive Sankey, Junior's mother, had it machine quilted. It was not quite finished when the time came to leave for Wyoming, and was completed at the last minute after the family arrived in camp. Olive told me later that Junior was never supposed to part with his quilt during his life time--to give it away or sell it. If he had to dispose of it, he was supposed to burn it or throw it in the creek.

The dancers, muffled in their robes, walked quietly, faces lowered, as they entered the lodge. No one spoke to them. They carried bedrolls and perhaps some other equipment with them which they carried to their places and deposited on the ground close to the brush walls. The dancers' places were on the south and west sides of the lodge. The Lodge Makers were on the south side. Apparently each dancer had his own place, but I do not know how these were decided. The dancers slept or rested in their places in the lodge when not dancing or otherwise taking part. During the day when it was hot, the dancers wore just their bathing trunks