

Francis Brown then prayed in Arapaho and left the tent. Then people began to eat. Some of the dishes were passed around. Warren Sankey, Sr. seemed to be careful to see that everyone in the family got at least a taste of the pemmican and deer meat and other traditional foods, now rarely prepared. Otherwise people dipped into dishes that were close at hand and helped serve the children and so forth. Some persons got up to get servings of things they wanted. Canned soft drinks were passed around, and an opener. Deer meat and fry bread were passed around. Warren, Sr. began dividing up the food, too. We were given a number of things-- a cantaloupe, oranges, bananas, roast deer meat, loaves of bread, crackers, fried chicken, candy, pie, cookies and other things to take home with us. They knew we were anxious to get started on our way home and urged us to take as much as we wanted.

It was hard to eat in the crowded tent, sitting on the floor and juggling paper plates and struggling to pass dishes. After a period of time Warren decided it would now be all right to go back to their own camp and take the food. This was done. Back at the Sankey's camp the food was spread out again on their tables and again everyone was invited to help themselves and eat. We talked and ate for a while. Amanda Bates came over and the Sankeys loaded her up with food. I heard Warren, Sr. tell her not to throw anything away--if she couldn't use it, to take it out and bury it. There was joking and laughter. Finally we decided that we had stayed long enough so we shook hands with everyone, congratulated Junior, and started back to Oklahoma. It was almost midnight when we left the camp ground.

Giveaways

On Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, there were specials during the afternoons in which the families of the dancers gave away in honor of their relatives who were dancing. By Arapaho custom, presents are given mainly to visitors from out of state and from other tribes. Early in the week the announcer had asked visiting Indians to register with the Entertainment Committee so that the local Arapahoes