

would know what visitors were present. Josephine White had her special on Saturday afternoon. She requested that the singers sing the flag song to which special words had been set and dedicated to her son, Crawford, when he left for Viet Nam. She gave presents to many Oklahoma Arapahoes who were attending.

During these specials the person giving away stood in front of the speaker's stand which was a short distance away from the Sun Dance lodge to the east. The things which were given away--shawls and blankets, etc.--were tied up in a blanket or sheet and the bundle set beside them while the special was going on. The announcer told the spectators who was giving away, and gave their reasons why they wanted to have this special, and told of the special deeds of bravery of the relative who was dancing, and why he was dancing, and so forth.

The Sankey family had their special on Sunday afternoon. They gave mostly to Wyoming Arapahoes. Saul Birdshead, an Arapaho from Canton, Oklahoma, did the announcing for their giveaway. He made a brief talk explaining why Warren, Jr. had pledged to participate in the Sun Dance, and then called out the names of people who were to receive gifts. Saul is a cousin of Olive Sankey's stepfather, Oscar Birdshead.

Participation of the Sankey Family from Oklahoma

We were fortunate in getting acquainted with the Sankey family from Canton, Oklahoma and getting to observe some of their preparations for participation in the Sun Dance, and talking to them about their involvement. Warren G. Sankey, Jr., was one of two Oklahoma Arapahoes who participated in this year's Sun Dance. He made his vow to participate last fall, because of his brother, David. David was in the Marines and had been injured in an accident in which a truck overturned with him. He had had brain surgery and was in critical condition and hospitalized for a long time. Junior vowed to go in the Sun Dance in order that his brother might