

recover. Willima Sankey told me the whole family was surprised when Junior decided to dance. None of the family had ever been in it before, though they had all been to Wyoming to attend and look on.

They had to learn everything--what to do, what to provide, what were their duties and obligations. From the time Junior made his vow the family has been preparing for his participation. The Sankey family is a large and influential family in the Barefoot community near Canton, Oklahoma, and, while not rich, seem to be fairly affluent in comparison to other Indians in their area. There are nine brothers and sisters of which Warren G. Sankey, Sr. is the oldest, and seems to function as head of the family. He is about 47 years old. Their mother, Madiline Sankey, is living and she also helped out in the Sun Dance preparations. Madiline Sankey is, however, the step-mother of Warren G. Sankey, Sr., and the next to the oldest sibling, Calvin, but she is the real mother of the rest of the sibling group. Shortly after Warren, Jr. made his vow, his father, Warren, Sr. went to his step-mother and announced that the vow had been made and that he would need her help. He may have gone to each one of his brothers and sisters. At any rate, all or most of them have helped out in the preparation in a number of ways.

Participation in the Sun Dance involves a considerable financial expenditure. There are a number of occasions throughout the intervening months between the time the vow is made and the Sun Dance when feasts and presents must be given to various people such as the singers and ceremonial leaders. Almost every aspect of the Sun Dance involves the assembling of specialized equipment and some ceremonial activity. This equipment must be made or purchased, and sometimes the materials are difficult to find. Each dancer must supply his own costume and ceremonial regalia. He must, among other things, have an eagle bone whistle, an eagle wing fan, and a pipe to carry for his grandfather. His dance costume and quilt must be made and he must have moccasins to wear. During the dance he must be provided with the right