

for dancing. But I have to pay them out of my own money. And I'm going to do that, too. Of all the money they made--someone told me up there that the Medicine Lodge (Pageant) attendance--people there--cars seven and eight deep around than big amphitheater--there was more people there than there was at the Texas-Oklahoma game. They said there was over seven or eight hundred cars out there. All that money they made, and they just gave us rations every day, and food, and ten dollars. Well, I paid them ten dollars. Some of these other tribes didn't pay that much. Those that were nearer--lived closer (to Medicine Lodge)--I paid seven and a half. But those that come from El Reno and Oklahoma City and other places farther than that, I paid them ten dollars apiece.

(Would that ten dollars be for their whole time up there--?) For their expenses going up there. Maybe car repairs, or might eat dinner on the road or five or six kids or folks in one car. But they gave us rations, and they gave us money to come back on. Unused balance, our share, and I paid them ten dollars apiece to come back. I paid them all to come back, those that were camped out. But it used to be when I'd take them up there--five or six times--they'd pay the dancers every night from the proceeds or arena receipts, you know. But when we got up there, one fellow said while we were hanging around, that they'd probably divide up the money that night and he'd have money to pay his dancers. I was there with my drummer--Jim Warden. And they told us, "We can't pay you tonight. Probably can't pay you till this thing's over." So I just told my dancers. So I told them when they pay off, we figured our return money--to pay them for their return expenses home. And I said, "What about the dancers?" And they said, "Well, we'll get to that later on." They haven't got to it yet.

(You mean you still don't have your money for dancing?)

No, not a penny. And as I told you, my granddaughter teaches in a school in Oklahoma City. And the other girl works at the Agency at Concho. She's secretary to the Superintendent. And the other girl is going to high school in El Reno. They said they couldn't miss another day. So they took out from Medicine