

dry so much meat and they keep back so much. And I bring so much back and have some. Then they cook so much for those practice sessions and this and that.

(And she was cooking for someone else, too-wasn't it Herbert's nephew?)

Yeah, Tommy White. She had to cook for him. (Her husband's nephew)

(And she had two other boys that thought about going in?)

They were supposed to have gone in this time but they decided it would be too much. And they helped out with what they had. All this time they've been gathering something for that Sun Dance. What they had, they just turn over to these two. Let them get through. Then next time they'll get help from these others. All the kinfolks, they all help out. Certain things we can get that they can't get, we help them out.

(Are there any fellows that you know that have vowed to participate in it and just never have done it--ever?)

Yeah. Them people that made them vows, they just can't live good. It bothers them. They go out and get a job, they can't hold it. They go here and there and it bothers them. Something comes to them and they just quit working right then and go back home and this and that. Something happens to their families. It's peculiar. It might not be true to a white person, but Indians... Yeah, there's lots of them that didn't go through with it. Something happens to them right along.

(Have there always been Oklahoma Arapahoes that have gone up there and participated?)

Yeah, every year.

(This year there were twenty-three dancers. Is that a large number?)

No, that's a small number.

Rosie Pedro: They used to have it here in Oklahoma but all the older men