

Well, she used to put it on, and just as soon as their fever is gone, she didn't give it to them any more. One or twice was good enough.

LARGE SNAKE ON BUFFALO MOUNTAIN

(Was this Old Man Hoof--how long did he live?)

Oh, he lived--I think he was over 80 when he died. He got to where he was drinking all the time, you know. Yeah, when he was old he was drinking. Oh, I don't know, he must have done something, you know. He wasn't--what he wasn't supposed to do I think he just make himself sick. Yeah. One day up that Buffalo Mountain, we went up. Me and my mother-in-law and my boys. And oh, you see them land turtles all over on top. We had a sack full, them boys pick them up. That's where that white man seen--he said there was a snake that big. Long. And I guess it had one horn. Up there on top, he said. He said it's got a nest, like, where it always lay. It's just like a washpan, he said. It lives in there, he said. It's dangerous for these boys to go over there, he said. They try to kill it, but they never did get to kill it. Everytime they're going over there to try to capture it, I guess it used to be gone. And they'd go around that place and this man says that where it used to lay, that rock was just shiny. It's a pretty one, he said. Just like a basin. And he's big. He said, but I never did see it.

(Did you ever see that rock?)

I never went up there. I was afraid to go up there any more, you know, when he told us there was a snake. It was there. He said he used to wonder how--what happened. He had a lot of sheep and I guess all them little sheep used to be gone. And he was blaming that snake. It was big. Big and long, he said. About forty fee long, he said.

(Was this before the country opened up, or after that?)

No, after that. About twenty-five years ago. And I don't know whether they ever killed it or not. But they used to just go up there. And they used to have this coyote roundup, you know, around there, and David Bighead--that's Pauline Meat's father--he said he seen something go by that high from the ground, he said. Just shiny, he said. "So I rode over there. Just before