

They just pound it up and use it just as it is. Seems like it's not as bitter as this white man's salt. When they had bad colds they used to put that in their mouth.

(How does that help?)

Well, to heal your irritated throat. Just like doctors recommend to use salt for your teeth, and soda, and gargle hot salt water when you have sore throat. It's just like that.

(Did your folks use to go and get that salt?)

BIRDIE'S GRANDMOTHER'S LARGE HERD OF HORSES AND GIVING HORSES AWAY
TO HONOR A GRANDSON

No, my folks never did go. It was just brought to them by their friends. My grandmother had too many horses and my father had to stay home. My mother's grandmother that raised her--that old lady that owned that land down there--she had five hundred head of horses roaming just over the other side of that hill--just south. She had five hundred head of horses and my father was forced to stay right around them. I still remember that she had a lot of horses. And there was one northern Cheyenne man--I know that northern Cheyenne's name--he and my grandmother were two Cheyennes known to have horses. When the Montana (Cheyennes) first came over here they used to kind of beat one another. Well, maybe the man who had killed the most buffalo over there, they'd say, "Well, we got a man that killed just as many." "And we got a brave man--maybe he wrestled a bear over there." "Well, we got one that done the same thing over here." Just like that. And then one man said, "Here's where we're going to beat you. We got a man over there that got four hundred head of horses." This man laughed. He said, "No, we still beat you. This Wildcat Woman over here has got five hundred head of horses. They're