

on those other ones?)

No.

(How would this be held if you were using it?)

They stood or they knelt down. They need both hands. Every now and then they take a stone and resharpen the blade. From the top end to the bottom they keep moving, you know. And put all that that comes off in a pile.

(Would they be on their knees?)

On their knees or standing up.

(Standing up and leaning down. And they had their hands together sort of like they're holding a golf club, or like you'd hold a hoe.)

Yeah. They done a good job. No, I never seen no men ever do that, or children--just the women.

WEARING A BELT A SIGN OF REACHING WOMANHOOD

(How old would a girl be when she did her first one?)

Oh, I guess any age, you know. We have a distinction of girls in their growth. A girl can be as old, say, as up to twelve or thirteen before she wears a belt. Then after she begins to wear a belt she can do most any woman's work. That's the distinction we know.

(When did the girl start wearing her belt?)

Oh, twelve or thirteen years old.

(Is it anywhere around when she has her first period?)

First period, yeah.

(Now this one has kind of a groove down here at the end--is there any reason you know of why it might be this way?)

No, I don't think so. Just part of the hole probably, so they just smoothed it out. (referring to a shallow groove-type depression at the butt end of one of the elkhorn scrapers.)

(This one has sort of a ridge where the blade fits in there, I guess.)