

wild turkeys and prairie chickens and deer and beaver and otter, and all those things along the river. Try to kill everything in one year, I guess. (Before that, while there were still wild deer in this part of the country-- did any of the stores sell buckskin?)

Not that I remember. Indians had their own hides. I know the Arapaho women were noted for their fine-dressed deerskins. The Kiowas and Comanches would come down and buy hides from Cheyennes and Arapahoes. Right along this river here. Oh, they done fine--nice, soft--oh, they were good. They're still good. That's why you see so many--see, when they get hides from our northern Arapaho brothers or the Montana Cheyennes or from Taos Pueblo--they bring them back and they redress them. They fix them. Just nice and white.

(Well, back when you were working in Mr. Sullivan's store and they were selling these buckskins--how much were their buckskins?)

Oh, it was cheap, them days. Used to get a whole hide for right around six dollars. Now it would cost you more than sixteen or eighteen dollars.

Same size hide but now they're way up.

BEADS SOLD AT STORE

Them days the traders got their beads from Austria-Hungary. German made. Fine beads--cut beads, you know. Pretty blue, pretty nice ruby red--oh, that was a pretty red! Just as genuine as a ruby! I got a few bunches here--not even a bunch--but they're gone. See, when Austria-Hungary became involved in that First World War, you know, those countries was amalgamated into Germany or Russia or whatever it was, but they still make some beads but we can't import them here any more. Most of our beads comes from Italy and Czechoslovakia--they're still making beads--real fine cut beads.

(Were the beads very expensive?)

No, they were just twenty cents a bunch. Now you can't touch them for less