

Is there any difference in the color of the horn?)

No, not when it's smoothed out.

(Is there very much of the outside that's been taken off, here?)

Oh, yeah. Quite a bit of it. It's rough, you know--it's kind of warty-like--(exterior of antlers) and they have to smooth it all out.

(And they do all that with these stones?)

With the stones, yeah.

(Would a woman, like your mother, if she wanted a tool like this, would she make it herself or would she go to somebody--?)

Oh, she would make it herself. Mother and her sister and all worked together.

(Did your mother ever make one of these?)

I saw her make one.

(How about your dad?)

He never fooled with it.

ELK AT BUFFALO MOUNTAIN AND IN WYOMING

(Where did they get the elk?)

There used to be elk south of Canton at that mountain they call Lime Hill now. Used to be known as Buffalo Mountain. Indian name is "buffalo mountain."

That's south and west of Canton. There used to be a bunch of young men all the time on that mountain. They got a creek down there where they kept their ponies. Some of them stayed overnight there and sing and do all those things--until they detect a herd of buffalo out there toward Arapaho and Custer County--up in there. They'd notify the Indians back at the camps with smoke or looking glass signals. That they had detected that, and the other men would come on up with their guns and ammunition and go out and chase the buffalo.

(How long ago was it that there were still some elk around there?)

Oh, about 1885 or somewhere along in there. I remember my uncle used to tell