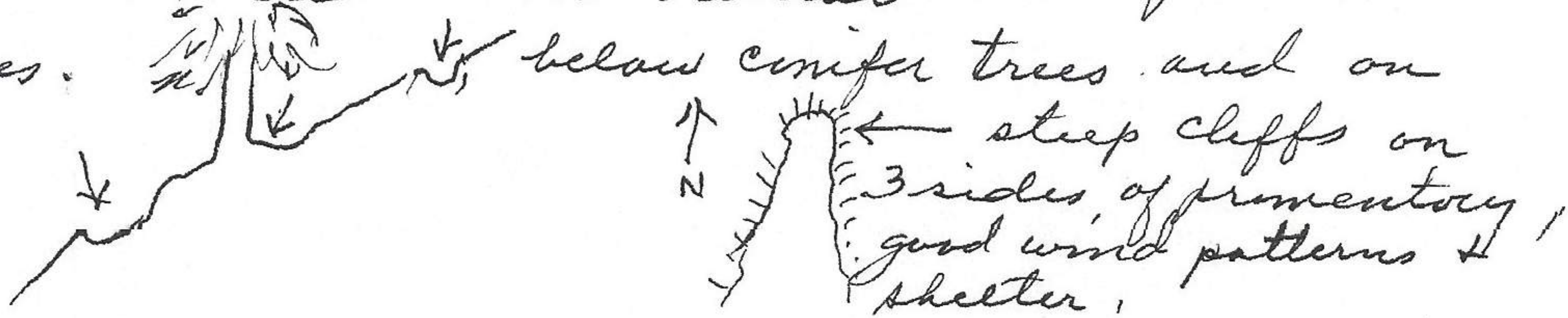


Top Casper mountain, S of Casper, Natrona Co., Wyoming

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Mary Pauline and I made trip to top of Casper mt. this A.M. to check on a flat plateau on N side of mountain and to get lumber and young conifer trees for her yard in Casper. min. temp. last night  $60^{\circ}\text{F}$ . Followed regular route to Bear Flat meadows, thence N on road that led to the property of the <sup>Christian Science Church</sup> Seventh Day Adventists. This road leads first thru a gravel pit, then E thru a north exposure of lodgepole pine? then N across an open knoll and finally out on the beginning of <sup>one of the</sup> flats above the steep cliffs. This is not the plateau we expected to find but we will check it out. The Christian Science Church owns all of the flat plus other property to the west and in my opinion one of the choicest piece of property on the mountain. It is used as a summer camp. They get their water from a well which produces 5 gals per minute and from a spring that produces another 5 gals per minute. The water is housed in a large tank at their center. Followed west bank of open fields to point and returned E edge of field. This flat area is not as flat as it appears on map in contrast to promontory next to W and the one we thought we were on. The only birds on the extreme N end of plateau was a Clark Crow, a rock wren and a turkey vulture that flew by. This knoll at the north end also held a concentrated bedding grounds of the mule deer. There were 15 individual beds placed under conifer trees.



slopes not associated with the overhead protection of the trees. There were considerable fresh droppings. No *Eutamias* observed. Gophers active and displaced dirt produces higher grasses and vegetation than elsewhere. Arrowhead balsam dry. On return on east side took photo ~~800906~~ 800910-1 of a natural bridge. Across canyon is an interesting fault that interrupts the ridge. Continued to car and returned to Mary's friend who owns an A frame cabin and offered her any firewood she might find on the property. The two track road leading to the cabin has a good growth of lodgepole pine up to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet high. They occur more commonly