

(Did the Apache men ever go out and dig them?)

Oh, yeah, there is a story that goes with those. I don't remember it too well, those stories, but I think I got that on a I got a whole bunch of those up there in Norman all them stories that I wrote. They're in Norman and I want to ask Dr. Bittle so he can bring over and you can copy them. That will save us (sometime) all right dig it out, it's ready.

(Is that deep enough?) (About 6 inches was dug around the root?)

(Just pull it out?)

They're tough, just like a ..you see, when they're ripe they're not tough. But now a days, they're really tough.

(How did they eat them?)

Just inside then, the meat you see.

(Did they cook them or anything?)

No, no you don't cook these.

(What is the English name for them?)

I never had the name for them in there. I heard they call them prairie potatoes or something. Judy (Jordan) knows all about them. Judy is a big authority on this, all the plants. What do you call what when you study plants?)

(Ethnobotany replied)

They don't taste bad. They don't taste bitter or don't taste sweet. Like a cracker. Stick some in your mouth. I just eat them when they're real fresh, boy they're good: That's something like, like magnesia. It tastes like magnesia.

(Is it good for your stomach?)

Yeah, that's what they give you.

(Did they ever use it for medicine?)