

Well, these people that are out there, outside of the state of Oklahoma well we hope they settled. I imagine they are settled where they have jobs and homes. But hardly think that it would be workable with our people, if they were sent through the bureau there I think you get out there, they just pay your way out there, and maybe give you a little money for subsistence, maybe for a month. Otherwise, you get out there and you on your own. I don't think..well, I tell you, Mr Bittle, Indians' just a little shy yet, he just doesn't get out here and intermingle with the white race like you gentlemen would. He's gradually coming out of it.

(I was going to ask you when we were talking earlier about farming how much use did the Wichita make of wild plants?)

They made, uh..yes. They went out there and gathered a few (plums) go here and there where there is a plum thicket. They gather the plums and they make jelly or even pudding out of it. They can some of it, like you can peaches. You won't peel them but just cook them whole and then can them. I seen people do that, that is say around thirty or forty years back. Hardly think anybody does that now. (Did they ever dry them?)

No, I never did see anyone dry them. They just put them in the jars, put em up, preserve them in a jar. Or make some kind of a jelly.

(Were there any other things like that that they used?)

Grapes.

(How about the Indian potatoe, do you know that?)

Yea, well I don't think they ever used anything like that. They couldn't preserve or use or even eat. Anything like that. Oh, they used to use these wild onions..you seen them. This wild tea, they used this wild tea.

GHOST DANCE AMONG THE WICHITAS:

(In sixty one or sixty two, the Wichita were still doing the Ghost Dance. But now they've quit.)

Well, it's hardly danced anymore., because they just prefer, I guess not to dance as much as they used to. I know when I was a boy they were a little strick at it, pretty tough. Used to go down here where they had a grass house