

just setting around at night, just talking. Say, midnight snack. Mother used to sometime get up and get a good size piece of that dried meat, put the coals over, and just lay it on top, just a few seconds, and turn it over. And it be just as fresh, look like. I used to like it that way. And then, after ...like the cook, dried meat. Well, mother used to fix that meat, you know, just to eat. Well, you could fix some that way. Well, those that's not cooked, been dried raw. Well, you can take that and pound it up...they called it pounded meat. They have a big bowl full of pounded meat.

(Did they put anything in with that?)

Just season it with salt, that's all. And some of them, some of them old people, they always want fat, you know. And maybe, some of the people used to cut the little fat up and mix it up in it. Just like putting butter in something, you know.

(Did they ever pound any fruit in that?)

No, not that I know of. That was the thing I was talking about. I want you ladies to kind of remind me of some things that I had forgotten about. That's plums...they said they never did. About this time of year, they get them a bucket of plums and they all sit around and eat. And see, we didn't know anything about canning in those days. I remember when I was little girl, all that we did was go in plum bush and eat and get enough and go on our way.

(What's the Wichita word for meat?)

araus?a I was going to get some papers out. I got some papers, somewhere. You know, old time fairy tale stories. I got them somewhere. I was going to get them out. I guess they have them over there at school, from the books. I think these, David brought from Stillwater...from out of a book. Some old Coyote stories, and so forth, and he wrote them. And we have a story about a boy that wets the bed, that used to like to wet the bed. wicida/s. That's the story, and he's got it on there. wi.cida.ha.s

(How about pounded meat?)

ni.c hi. pounded meat. You know what I used to do with that meat, pounded meat, when we had some left over. I'd make hash out of it. Put potatoes and onions in it.