

(She never did use it?)

Oh, no. The flat wouldn't give that to me on a bet. But she sure tried out that Belmonnie.

(Does Belmonnie grow around here?)

Oh, yes. It grows all over Oklahoma.

(It does)?

Lots of it grows over 'round Drumright. It's got a pretty flower on it. It's kinda like the flower - have you ever seen a digitalis - what they make digitalis out of?

(Yes.)

We, they call it Fox-glove, I believe. Well, you know they're poisonous, I mean deadly poisonous. Well, it has a kinda purple flower on it. It's a little different shape. It's pointed bell on the fox. See, on digitalis. But on this b- - , it's a round like the end of your finger is round and that flares out, and it's a little different blue-purple than the fox-glove. And as far as I know, it isn't poison, see, like the other. I've gathered a billion gallons of it. I've gathered this wax and wax weed. Now that has a different name too, you know. Now I gathered that and then you break that like green beans and the sap - and leave the weed growing and sap will be white and I gathered and break it up and mamma would seal up a can. Can tomatoes in syrup bucket, she'd seal 'em up.

(*Do you know what the other name for that wax weed is?)

No, I don't. Now we used to chew that for chewing gum.

(You did?)

Oh, yeah. All the kids did, and some grownups did. We all like to chew it. It is nasty to put into your mouth right at first, you know, 'cause it's crumbly until you get it warm. So we learned to put hot water on it. Soften it up, and then we 'd stick it in our mouth while it still hot, see.