

remember that. I was fourteen years old, 1918. This time over here we had a grass house at the dance ground.

(Does anybody remember any of those rain songs anymore?)

I think so, maybe two. But you knew, Dr. Bittle, my father would always say you boys when I'm singing listen. Just for the songs sake, let's keep that..other words, let's learn them songs and keep them. Or maybe you might say sometime my daddy used to sing the song. Or you could sing to your children or grandchildren. You knew we didn't care for these. But my dad he sung I think six songs for Dr. Rhodes, I forget how many three or four rains songs and one or two deer dance.

#### HUNTING AND PREPARATION FOR FOOD:

(How much hunting did the Wichita do in the old days?)

Well, they done some hunting, I wouldn't say..I would say part of that time. They would have to care for the garden. Whenever they needed perhaps some lard, well we can't say lard, but tallow, or maybe they wanted some fresh meat the..

(What did they go after?)

Buffalo and deer. Sometimes, prairie chicken or wild turkey. And here's my experience one day. I sometime got to thinking about rabbit or squirrel. So I asked my father, you as a boy, did you used to eat rabbit or squirrel. He said no. Just recently we began to eat rabbit and squirrel. But before that time we used to eat coon and possum. Did you ever eat coon? I had a white friend, born in Indian and as a boy he said we ate coon up there. They hunted for possum and coon beside the buffalo and deer.

(Frank, could you tell me how they prepared food in the old days, especially corn?)

Yes, well in the summer when the corn was in the stage of..to eat, they get out there. I guess the whole family would get out there and take the corn and take it under the shade, where they have two green logs about that far apart, (about 4 inches) six or seven feet long. Built a fire under it, roast this corn with the husks on it. They could judge when it fairly cooked. Then they take this batch off, put another one on until they got so much of corn roasted. They take