

(Are there any other wild plants you can think of besides plums?)

Hackberries, but they eat them straight. They real sweet. I remember, us kids used to get little tin cans...I don't know how clean they were. Unsanitary in those days. But we used to go out and gather some berries like that, and blackberries. I'll say, we had a big orchard...I don't know how they ever started that orchard. My uncle and ours were just almost together, not very far apart, cause they used to plant corn in the middle and sweet potatoes. That was the only thing that was divided. But on my uncle's side there was apples and peaches ...mostly peaches. Apples and these June apples, the yellow ones. We use to go there. But he had one mulberry tree, I always said that it was the tree that was planted in Adam and Eve...us kids used to. And one of my cousins was ...he was a grown boy, and he was a nice, fine boy. He was real nice, a man when he married and had children. Anyway, he used to get on top of the tree, he climb the tree, and he'd shake the trees, and we'd pick them up on the ground, sand and all we'd eat. Kids sure love that.

We'd sure go over there, every day when they get ripe. We eat them. But the rest of the fruit, seems we didn't care too much for the peaches. But the June apples we did, we'd go out there and get them.

(What's the Wichita word for hackberry?)

gawk^wic. I guess you know what a hackberry looks like, the tree and everything. You know, David didn't know. Now in town, there's...I don't know if there's more than one tree or not, there when you cross the track from the City Jail. Yea, City Jail, next block. Right at the corner...right on the sidewalk. You always see hackberries when they ripe, people smash them. They're good wood for cooking. I remember sometime we don't get any, we used to have them round our place. I told him I'd take him over there but I never did.

(You said they ate them straight?)

Yea, we spit the seeds out.

(How about blackberries?)

I don't think they ever made anything. They just eat them.