Cause the dove had warned him that he'd kill him if he ever
mocked him. So...always listen. We had one here...must be gone.
Used to hear it every day on the trees.
(Minor altercation with children.)
(How did the Wichita get the ground ready to plant?)
Well, they used to have the shoulder of a buffalo. They made
hoes out of those, and that's what they used to use. I always
think, they sure must work hard. They'd soften that ground.
Sometime, grandma said they used to....just in spots, you know...
they get in a hurry and plant them whatever it was. Then when-
ever they finished all that, we used to hoe the rest part of
it. Just like plowing it. While they waiting for it to come
up, they had it already planted.
(What kinds of corn did the Wichita have?)
Yea, it's different colors. Well, it's not only the colors.
There's a white corn, and there's a blue corn, and there's a
red corn, yellow corn, and speckled.
(Did they have all those kinds before the country was opened up?)
Yea, they had it. That and those beans I was telling you about.
Also the...well, they called them cashaws...those big white
cashaws with necks on them, some of them. Well, my people called
them pumpkins. And that's what they raised all the time. I got
some out there now. They haven't beared yet, my garden's been
late.
(Were there any of these five different kinds of corn...did they
plant all five types?)
Well, I'll tell you what they did. They used to plant some here.
Grandma used to tell me, now you plant this corn, this white
corn. Now that's the way I got some. But they didn't come up.
There's a lady, a niece of mine that gave me the blue corn, and
she said, now, Aunt Bertha, I'm gonna tell you. I had that corn
a long time. I don't know whether it'll be good or not. And
sure enough, it's just here and there. So I let the rest go, and
I just been cultivating those. I'm going to save those for seeds.
Next year, I'll have that.
       Now I got white corn over at the other end. And I got
the blue corn. She say, now separate them. Don't plant maybe,