

kadahic?a Those were climbers. And...well, they make their poles for them to climb. They never throw them away, when they got through with them. Oh, I remember my day. Grandma used to say, let's go pull the poles, and I have to lead her over there, pull the poles out. She brush the ends all good after it dried, and there's a certain place you have to put it up, off the ground. Year after year they were good.

(What were the poles made of?)

Oh, just anything. I think mostly, young elms and redbuds.

PUMPKIN

(How many kinds of pumpkin did the Wichita have?)

Just one, mostly. There's always some striped ones, green and white, like the white ones. But they the same. Now, I'm not sure, if they were all together with it. But that's the way they are today.

(What color was the common one?)

Oh, white. Sometimes they get, oh, when they're good, they get big like that, and they kind of have necks on them. Some were just like a pear. Some come that way, with no crooked necks. Now, we...my husband took my pumpkins to the county fair one time, and he had one of those, look like pear, and he took one with a big crooked neck. And some other fellows had some there. But mine placed first, with the crooked neck. And he said, I thought the other one was better. When he came home, he found another one here with a bigger neck than the first prize one. He asked them, how come, he said, look like that one better. I guess they weighed them. This one has more meat than that big one. That big one is just mostly hollow. And very little thickness toward the neck. But this one had a little hollow spot, and the rest of it was all in meat. That's what they went by.

(What's the Wichita word for pumpkin?)

gae?as I wish I had time, I would make...Only thing, I don't have corn right now. I have a little spot out there. I cut the Johnson grass, awful. You have to pull the roots. One man, he was the same from my husband...my husband was from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. And this man down here, he's married to a Wichita.