

girl. He went down there, and he told them about the Johnson grass, and someone told him we tried to raise it here, and it wouldn't grow.

### INTRUSIVE GRASSES

(Did you have Johnson grass in the old days?)

No, that's new. Now we used to have a corn field down there, my old home. And never did have no Johnson. That's just came in. They always say, white man brought that in through their cattle manure. Somewhere. That's new around here. Ain't been too many years.

(What about Bermuda grass?)

I don't know. I don't think I ever seen anything like that, in my time. I don't even remember. Just plain old common grass around here.

### PLANTING AND CARE OF CORN, AND HARVESTING

(In the old days, who did the planting and prepared the fields?) Women. Men were so lazy they just lay around. Women made the living. Now this is the...roasted corn, that's what we eat. Same as this one, but it's cooked. (Showing parched corn first, and then a bowl of leftover cooked parched corn). I been saving that for my son-in-law, but they haven't been here.

(Is this the black corn?)

Yea, it's the blue corn. Oh, I treasure that. See how, after it's cooked. I'm not satisfied with it. I like it when they open up like that. I'm going to cook it over, cook some more. I had some little old piece of meat that left over, little too fat, and I cooked it with it, and it's just right. It's frozen. I been saving it for my son-in-law.

(When the Wichitas planted, did they put anything in with the corn?)

No, not that I know of. I don't think they ever.

(How about weeding, when did they have to start?)

Oh, they were very, very very particular about that. If they seen weeds in your garden, they make fun of you. And it just had to be clean. And like, cultivating it, I'll show you after while, out in the garden. What little I have. I couldn't get