

(Does it grow around here, around Norman?)

I don't know 'bout 'round Norman. But over 'round Drumright, it grows out on those prairies. Now that's where the buffalo beans grow. Now, there used to be miles and miles of it, and we'd go out there and gather those beans and be 'bout that long. They'd be real green and when they get ripe and bust they look like buffalo horns sticking out like that. See. The beans pop out and - now, we'd gather them when they green and they make real good pickles.

(you take them out of the pod before you pickle them?)

Oh no. We take the green pod and pickle it. See. It's - it'll be solid green and cut into it,

(When that pod dries up ? ?) ? think that is)????

Yeah and you cut into it. The vine looks kinda like these old goathead stickers out there except that they're bigger leaves and bigger vines. Kinda like that vetch or peas they raise for cattle; something on that order. Now we gather that and gather wild beets and gather - I don't know whether sweet potato or Irish potato, anyway, it was wild potatoes that we used to gather.

(those buffalo beans - have you ever heard it called anything like Devil's Claw?)

No. Now there used to be what we used to call milk weed that if you remember back in World War II, we gathered that by the tons down in Texas. It's silk. Looks like this - oh, what you call this polyester stuff that's -

(Yes, Unhunth)

Real silky like. It is wonderful to make pillows and things out of. And you can make real good life preservers out of it.

(Oh, for goodness sake.)

Well that's what they gathered it for see. In fact, they talked about puttin' it in the ships but they just simply couldn't get enough. Now it's a milk weed. I don't know the botany name for that, either. Now that's - when that milkweed pod busted, oh, boy, that thing would get on you - Man I've got 'em on me more