

learned to work with them. In fact he learned a lot of things. He learned to - he learned to do blacksmithing. He learned carpenter work, solderin' and all those things. You know the old way. Well, they had blacksmithing shop, those men that married Indian women. And they even know how to tan leather - for the saddles and parts of harness.

(Well, were there any of the Arapahoes that did not - well, say - that did not like to garden or that refused to do?)

A lot of them. Yeah, a lot of them won't. There was some backward people. They didn't care about anything like that. They live strictly the old way - wild game, wild fruit and berries. Oh, few of them might have relatives that have gardens that they'd relish the stuff from them. Or corn, pumpkins, mostly. Watermelons. But they themselves, they didn't garden at all.

(Well did they get along all right as far as getting enough to eat and everything?)

Oh, yeah. They got along fine. The families, you see, were closely tied. They always stick to just the family groups.

PREPARATION AND STORAGE OF CORN FOR FOOD

(Well how did they use their corn that they raised out of their gardens?)

Well, they roast - what they call roasting ears - stage of corn - they gather in lot of corn. Women go out to garden, brought in corn, and then they husk it to the last husk. They left one shuck next to the corn. Then they make long pits, say from here to that door. Narrow pit. Course they had grilled wire, you know. And they'd make fire until there's just nothin' but hot coals. Then they put this corn in, just one right after another. The kids would all help turn the corn until all the husks that stayed on the corn turn brown. So it's cooked. In other words, the germ was steamed - cooked, you know. Then they take