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that, you know--corn. But right there where Riverside, up on that hill, they
used to have some trees there, I don't know what they call it. But something,
look like a mesquite, mesquite. But it used to grow big. I don't know whether
you saw any. They grow about that long (six inches). I wouldn't know where they
grow, but they grow about that long and they pink. It's sweet. Yeah, I think
that's what they used to use, you know, put in corn, sweeten it.
(Joe, in the old days when you were a boy, how did they get the ground ready
to plant before they planted the corn?)
Well, I wouldn't know, you know. They have, I think sometime, I didn't see any,
they used some kind of stick, so where you could some kind of bone, you know--
animal? I never did see any but that's my idea. Bound tobe some kind of stick,
so where you could--you know shovel hoe, something. I think they use that.
Mostly bone, you know. Maybe they find some kind of instrument, you know. Make
a hoe, like, you know. That's what I think. I think. But they could, they
didn't plow it. They just soften it, you know. Well, you can take some kind
of stick and sharpen it, you know. I think that's about the only way they broke
that land.
(When you were young, what did they use to break the land?)
Well, they had--the government give 'em plow. Oh, I don't know what you call
that, but I call it a plow, you know. Had wooden handles. They use that.
Always did, people always did, you know, keep horses. Horses and--yea, they
finally begin getting harness and things like that. But they didn't do it all
the time. They just get it once, you know. That's about all I know on bhat. But
mostly, they d dn't have no cultivators. Have to use hoes, what they garden,
what they use.
(How did those old people know when to plant? How did they decide what time to
plant?)
Well, I wouldn't--only thing I would know is, they know when to plant, they had
experience, long time. Like, they know when. Shoot, they got the spring,
summer, autumn, winter. Well, whenever you know, they could tell. They could