

of mix the whole thing. Plant corn, beans. But them pumpkinds, you know, look like they draw these bugs, chinch bugs, whatever you call them. I don't know why. I tried to poison 'em one time, but I--ruin the planting, you know.

(Who did the planting in the old days?)

Well, maybe they both (men and women) have to, you know. Yeah, they both have to. I know I used to, when she--you know, tired, direct me, you know how to plant it why, and what. But we always had our squaw corn. Sometimes, oh you could tell sometimes birds get into the corn, eat it, you know. But my grandma used to say, you know, it's a best to save it. You might plant it, you know, you might plant a little more than you should. Like you put four in one hill. But they grow, you know, on the side.

(When the corn was growing, did you have to keep weeding it?)

Yes, but --sometimes, you know, I'm just going by the old people, you know, sometimes they weed, when they cut it, just leave it there, you know. I guess this uh, kind of keeps the heat off. You know, out the weeds, just leave it there. This other way, you know, they say you just make a, just nothing but dirt, you know--clean. Sometime in the hot air hits, like now, you know, it just --I always let a few weeds grow, you know. But sometimes, to me, it takes moisture out, you know. Keep it from the corn, you know.

(Who cut the weeds, men or women, Joe?)

Well, they both, but that is man's work. Man's work. Cuase I seen my grandfather he goes out, early, just about dawn, you know. Before the sun comes up. He goes there, after his corn, you know, cut the weeds, cultivate it like you know. Kind of bring the dirt up to it. He don't work that all day. He quits, about when it gets kind of warm up. He stops. Sometimes he work during the hot day, you know, trying to fix the corn, you know. Throws heat on it. Then, sometime maybe --that's what I would know, you know. Man's job. But these womans could do it. I know it, they do that, putting up the corn, you know. But they sure cut that corn in good place, you know.

FOOD PREPARATION

I don't know if you saw these old, these arbors they used to build. See, the