

P: I do. I have some growing in my yard.

W: You will really like it if you ever try it like this. Get some Everglades Seasoning and put that and a little Accent on it. It has its own salt and everything.

P: Well, I will try it. Wards Market is right around the corner from my house, and I love okra.

W: You cannot forget that name, Everglades Seasoning.

P: No. How about other wild game? I do not know if you would consider gopher tortoise game, but have you every eaten gopher?

W: I eat them all the time. I love them. I have two in a drum out in my pickup truck.

P: How do you catch them?

W: You do not have to run them down or anything. [laughter] There are several ways. The way I got these was I was just driving and saw them crossing the road.

P: That is the easiest way, I imagine.

W: Yes.

P: When they get down in their holes, it would be kind of hard.

W: The easiest way to catch a gopher tortoise, or whatever you call it . . .

P: You call them gophers?

W: I call them gophers. There a lot of people in Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach, and they come over and just pull them. Well, I would rather pull them, too, but that is a lot of work. When you pull a gopher out of a hole--I do not know if you have ever done it--but he is something else.

P: They are strong.

W: You have to hook him. First you slide it under him, and then you turn him and catch him on the shell. Then you pull him out of the hole. If he is big, there are a lot of times you will pull through his shell. If there is a bad crook in his hole, which usually there is, you can hardly get him out. I mean, I have seen two men unable to pull a gopher out.

P: Really?

W: The best way to catch a gopher is to put two sticks as big as a pencil and about eight inches long on top of his hole.