

As a young man I was very much impressed over them. You could get hit with one of these sticks, that they hit the ball with. It was dangerous. They had a pocket at the end of the stick. I was a very skillful game.

FIRST ATHLETIC EVENT UNDER LIGHTS IN THAT AREA

I saw, as far as I know, the first football game under lights. The Seminary boys at the Male Seminary in Tahlequah, had a football team and went to Drury College at Springfield, Missouri. They played at night and had three lights strung up on poles. This was the first athletic event played at night, at least the first one played in this area of the country. This was in the year 1904.

CHEROKEE BOWS AND ARROWS

I have a Cherokee bow made by a Cherokee. I have had it about fifty years. It must be about 75 years old. I bought it from a Cherokee Indian that lived up north on the river. I can't recall his name just now. They used the bow in corn stalk shooting that was quite a sport in those days. The Cherokee lined up corn stalks between two poles about 200 yards distance between the two. They had spoked arrows with long spikes. Scored by how many number of stalks your arrow went through. He would notch the arrow on the string and the Cherokee would call out "Ago quala" (count them). Even before the arrow arrived at the target. They enjoyed the game very much. I can understand and talk Cherokee. We went to school with a boy who lived near us. He was a white boy, he spoke good Cherokee and he taught us a lot of the Cherokee language. Some years later I inquired about him. He was a postmaster at a little town near Oklahoma City. I was going through there and stopped to see him. We hadn't seen each other in years. I recognized him but he didn't recognize me. I told him I was the inspector for the Postal Department and they had found some irregularities in his post office there, and I was here to investigate him. He became excited about it and I stuck out my hand to him.