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JOE WHEELER, WICHITA

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GENERAL SUBJECT: WOMEN'S BALL GAME

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

WOMEN'S BALL GAME - MUCH DETAIL
DOUBLE BALL DECORATED
START OF GAME
MUCH MORE ABOUT WOMEN'S BALL GAME
SHAPE OF STICKS USED
BEGINNING OF THE GAME UNKNOWN
DECISION TO PLAY A GAME
CLOTHING WORN FOR THE GAME
MUCH MORE ABOUT THE GAME - SCORING, ETC.
BIRTHDAY DECIDED WITH DRAFT BOARD
NEVER RODE IN AN AIRPLANE

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Joseph Wheeler was born in 1902. He and his wife Ethel, live on Ethel's allotment, some five miles west of Fort Cobb and one and one half miles north of State Highway 9. Both are relatively traditional in their outlook, and both are active participants in Wichita affairs. Ethel's brother, Louis Sadoka, is currently chairman of the Wichita Tribal Council. Joseph Wheeler has had acute diabetes for many years, and as a result has lost both legs by amputation and is confined to a wheelchair. He is quite deaf (again the result of diabetes) and has some difficulty in seeing. He is extremely affable and responsive, and is interested in talking with interviewer. He is not at all secretive about Wichita culture and affairs, and deal freely with almost any subject which is raised.