

(When you play the game, does everybody play for himself?)

No, unless there's just two. But if there's four, they usually have two on each side.

(And when you play do you just get one turn?)

Yea, if you miss, the next one takes over. Keep going around. But if you score, you can do it again.

(How did they keep track of the score?)

Well, they have sticks, about as big as that pen. About as long as that pen. They keep them, five and ten. That's the way they score, you know. The one I say, if there's four down and four up...wait, I might get mixed up. Four down or four up. I don't know whether that's five or ten, I'm kind of puzzled. You must ask Ethel and Joe, which is which. I don't quite remember. It's either five or ten. I don't know which is which.

(How many plays does a team need to win?)

Well, sometimes there's twenty sticks, and if one side wins... supposing they just had five sticks left over here, and the other one had them all. And all at once this one scores, she gets them back. Keeps going back and forth, until one really wins out. That's the way they score. And I think there's twenty sticks. Five, ten, fifteen, twenty. That's the way they go.

(Was this a game that just women played?)

WOMEN'S BALL GAME AND MEN'S BALL GAME (SHINNY)

Well, men sometimes played, but most it's a woman's game. Just to entertain sometimes. One would take her sticks over to somebody, and say, let's play, just to pass the time away. I always want to fix me some, teach my children and great-grandchildren.

(How about the other game? That nae?cakwas?)

I was telling you, it's something like playing basketball?

There's a lot of fouls that you can't do. (Double ball game is referent.) Sometimes boys get in there and try to play, but it's a woman's game. And shinny is men's game.

(How do you play shinny?)

They make a big ball, good sized one. Try to make it hard, but you know, can't. Good size ball. And make those sticks, like I told you, make them out of the roots of this dog willow. Because they don't break easy. And they play sides, too, like the