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JOE WHEELER, WICHITA
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GENERAL SUBJECT: FUNERAL SERVICES - DEDICATION OF SHIP - MEANING OF WICHITA - SPRING INDIAN RACE - INDIAN MEDICINE - INDIAN GAME - PAINT - INDIAN ARCHERY

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

(CONTINUATION) DISCUSSES FUNERAL SERVICES
TRIBAL MEETING TO DISCUSS DEDICATION OF A SHIP IN BOSTON
TRANSLATION OF WORD WICHITA
SPRING INDIAN RACE
INDIAN MEDICINE
"SHINNEY" WICHITA BALL GAME
CONTINUATION OF BALL GAME "SHINNEY"
TALKS ABOUT PAINT WORN IN GAMES
ARCHERY AND MAKING ARROWS
CONSTRUCTING AND DECORATING BOWS

BACKGROUND OF INFORMANT:

Joe Wheeler was born in 1902. He and his wife Ethel, live on Ethel's allotment some five miles west of Ft. Gobb 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 Sadaka, is currently chairman of the Wichita Tribal Council. Mr. 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 (a result of diabetes) and he has some difficulty in seeing. He is extremely affable and responsive, and interested in talking with the interviewer. They are not at all secretive about Wichita culture and affairs and deal freely with almost any subject which is raised.