

pondered on it for several months and came to the conclusion that they--the reason that they gave that they didn't want to purchase this land was that it was too far in the Mexican country. Had it been on the border it might have been a little different, but it was way down in the Mexican nation. I don't recall how far it was, oh, eight hundred to a thousand miles down there. So, they decided it was a little too far, and at that time they, the country of Mexico, it's political structure wasn't too stable at that time and which they were so advised by the Department of Interior, and they didn't think they --one whoever was in office at that time, they went down there --well, whoever took the office later might change his policy and there we would be out on a limb. It seemed like the danger at the time though it was a little much of a risk. So that was the, some of the reasons that the U.S. didn't invest their money in that in a reservation in Mexico. I don't know there was other reasons too, the life was becoming more easier at that time I think. The entire nation at that time was having better prosperity at that time and the U.S. had more or less, learned to like the modern civilization and they didn't want--some of them didn't want to move to Mexico. They had acquired cars and acquired their own way of life at that time and it felt hard to convince the majority to make such a move. But they were more or less interested in their own personal affairs at that time, which were numerous and so that idea isn't going to pass. And what was one of the privileges that the Indians enjoyed at that time.

#### CHRISTMAS PLAYS IN HEMLOCK DISTRICT

And another phase, too, that I remember around about that time--I don't know about the In, H and Pawnee districts, but the custom, or the way that that was, around Christmas, the leaders of all the bands families would congregate and plan what they wanted with a few anti-Christmas party and Christmas tree and have this held at the round house in the village, and it took considerable work on the part of these leaders to get everything set up. I don't