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How Christmas is spent at home.

Some of the Indians travel miles and miles away from home into some other camp to celebrate Christmas Day. as they know that the strangers are generally treated very kind and besides, they receive more Christmas presents than any other persons.

Sometimes they get a horse or two, moccasins and all kinds of bead works. besides they are given plenty to eat.

On the evening of December 23<sup>rd</sup> about six o'clock they start in giving out the Christmas presents and when that is done they take down the tree and drag it outside, so as the old chiefs may have room enough to dance all night till daylight and the celebration is over.

## How Christmas is Spent in Moose Lake, Minn.

About a month or so before Christmas we go out shopping and buy all the Xmas presents before it gets to late.

Of course we live among the white people and go to school with the children. The school closes one week before Christmas a week between Christmas and New Years and a week after new years day so we have three weeks of vacation. A week before school closes we have our program our folks are invited to visit our school.

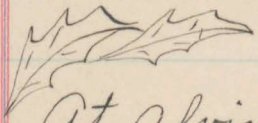
During the vacation us children go out sleigh riding and skating or out visiting with relatives.

A few days before Christmas we are very busy getting ready for a big dinner because we all ways invite our relatives to come and spend Christmas day with us. Or else we are invited to their places.

Christmas eve we are busy preparing the tree for next morning and its when we get our presents. We leave the tree stand until New Years Day.

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## Christmas Celebration at Alois Mich.



At Alois Mich Christmas is celebrated the same as the white people do. We live among more white people than Indians.

On Christmas night the people go to church and give out presents to the poor people and children. They also give a little luncheon after presents are distributed. Then they have a program of recitations and speeches.

They always have Christmas services on Sunday. During the holidays the young people give parties and after supper they take the invited guests out sleigh riding.

On New Years day they have a big dinner in the church. They spend the day almost like Christmas Day. At night some of the older people stay at church to see the old year out and the New year in.

Xmas is the best time of the year.

Anna Melinda Rose

How Christmas is spent at  
Shawnee Okla.

A few days before Christmas  
The women began to prepare  
things for a big dinner on that  
<sup>day</sup> which is celebrated by every person.  
They have turkey chickens and  
different kinds of eatables ~~that~~  
On Christmas eve they have a  
shooting match as they rebel abt  
some turkeys. This is done by  
writing their names on a round  
blat piece of board and they  
give the board a turn and  
those that have their names  
on it shoot at it and the man  
that hits his name one  
comes the closest gets the  
turkey. They pay so much  
for a shot and this money  
goes to the man that owns the  
turkey and this way one turkey  
will bring him or him  
dollars, and at night fathers  
mothers ~~and~~ brothers and sisters  
will gather around the fireside  
and talk about the pleasures  
they have had during the  
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