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**Obituaries**

**MRS. WALTER HOLLAR**  
Mrs. Gertrude Hollar, 74, wife of Walter Hollar, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 1973 at the St. Joseph Hospital after a six weeks illness.

A native of Nicholas county, she was a member of the Rose Hill United Methodist Church.  
Other survivors include her mother, Mrs. Zeta Earlywine, Nicholas county; five daughters, Mrs. L.I. Gaddis, Gray, Ky.; Mrs. Brookie George, Nicholas county; Mrs. Wayne Correy, Harrison county; Mrs. Tindora Siva, Dayton, Ohio; Miss Janet Sue Hollar, at home; four sisters, Mrs. Elmore Ritchie, Mrs. short-tailed, soft and pliable and are dark yellow-green or blue-green.

**JAMES C. SMOOT**  
James C. Smoot, 64, Mayville Road, died Monday, Dec. 17, 1973. Rose Smoot, deputy sheriff, had Mr. Smoot's car about 5 p.m. parked on the Lake Road between the turnoff and the parking area of the fishing dock. Upon investigating he followed the foot tracks to the water's edge where the body was visible in the shallow water.  
Nicholas County Coroner Ralph Shearer ruled death as suicide.  
Mr. Smoot was the son of the late Richard and Mattie Crouch Smoot and a

**NOTICE**

Due to the gas shortage the Lyons' Standard Station will be closed Dec. 23 thru 25.

We are sorry for the inconvenience and will appreciate your understanding.

**Kenneth Lyons**

**NOTICE**

**We will close all services at  
12:00 Noon, Christmas Eve,  
Dec. 24.**

**The First National Bank**

**NOTICE**

**1974 Car Licenses**

The 1974 car licenses will go on sale January 2, 1974. If you want a certain license number it will be necessary that you call our office 289-5591 so that we can save your number. Our license start this year with 747-501.

**J. Berry Burnaw,  
County Clerk**

**NOTICE**

**Due to the Energy Crisis Rex & Paul Shell Service has been put on a restricted monthly allocation by Coe Oil Service.**

**We will do our best to serve your automotive needs. Due to the change — Our New Hours will be 6 A.M. - 6 P.M., Mon. thru Sat. Effective Thursday, Dec. 13.**

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation.**  
**Sincerely,  
Paul Smoot**

**On selecting a Christmas tree**

The basic one-two-three for buying a yule tree can be helpful if you know what procedures to follow, according to marketing specialists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Choosing a tree that is "just right" for your family will be easier if you know which species you are looking for, the different features that indicate a good tree, and how to select one to maintain freshness.

A Balsam fir has short, flat, dark green needles, usually rounded at the tip. Another short needled one, the Douglas fir, has needles that are attached around the twig instead of in the feather-like arrangement of the Balsam. Needles are short-tailed, soft and pliable and are dark yellow-green or blue-green.

You can identify the Eastern red cedar because it is so different from the other Christmas tree species. It has extremely short, dark blue-green, scalelike leaves.

The Scotch pine has needles longer than the Balsam and Douglas firs. Its needles grow in clusters of two and are dark blue-green in color. Then there are White Pines with short, blue-green needles that are soft to the touch. Their needles are airy and stout.

Over a decade ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture established voluntary standards of quality for Christmas trees. Trees meeting a U.S. grade will have these characteristics,

since the grade standards require that the trees be: Fresh, clean, healthy, well trimmed and well shaped.

There are three grades: U.S. Premium—not less than medium density, normal taper, and all four faces (sides) free from any type of damage, U.S. No. 1 or U.S. Choice: Not less than medium density, normal taper, and three damage-free faces.

U.S. No. 2 or U.S. Standard: Light or better density, candlestick, normal or flaring taper; and at least two adjacent damage-free faces.  
Most of these voluntary standards are used by the wholesale trade. However, they can be used with good results by anyone to determine the quality of a tree. If you're placing your tree in a corner, you only need the "good" faces to the room—as the other faces just won't count... and a No. 2 tree would do fine.

First, you need to determine where you will locate your tree in the home—which corner, nook or a center position. The height of the room should be considered. It's better to buy the right height than to plan to have to cut a huge top or bottom off.

Freshness is the important key—needs should be resilient, but not brittle. Shake or bounce the tree on the ground to see if the needles are firmly attached. The limbs should be strong enough to hold ornaments and strings of electric

lights. The tree should have a strong fragrance and good green color for its species.

Then, keep it outside until you are ready to set it up in trim. Cut the base of the tree at a diagonal about one inch above the original cut—this allows the pores to open to absorb water. Place the

butt in the container of water. Watch the safety features—support the tree, place away from radiators, electric heaters. Don't use open flames (such as lighted candles) on or near the tree. And don't leave the Christmas tree lights on when you leave your home. Remember, safety first.



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**Musical tradition of Christmas**

The musical tradition of Christmas is believed to have begun in 129, when Telesphorus, Bishop of Rome, decreed that "in the holy night of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, (all) do celebrate public church services and to them solemnly sing the Angel's Hymn..."

Since then, literally thousands of carols have been written by such as Sir Walter Raleigh, Martin Luther, Johannes Brahms, Francis Scott Key, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Pope Pius IX.

But Christmas songs weren't called carols until well into the 13th Century, because, during most of the Middle Ages, priests and monks did all the singing inside the churches.

The people were only allowed to sing and dance outside, making up words and tunes about the birth of Christ. The French word "carole" and the Italian "carola" both mean a ring dance accompanied by singing, and from this comes our word carol.

The first American Christmas carol was written by a French Jesuit missionary named Jean de Brébeuf. He composed a song called "Jeus le Born" for the Huron Indians with whom he worked in the early 1600s.

member of Oakland Mills United Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Fryman Smoot; four sisters, Mrs. Gano Duncan, Mrs. James Esda, Carlisle; Mrs. William Jefferies, Lexington; Mrs. Helen Olmstead, Sebring, Fla.; one brother, Holmes Smoot, Carlisle.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mathers-Shearer Chapel by Rev. Marshall Crouch and Rev. H. Dallas Sage. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery. Bearers: Roger and Allen Bowles, Glenn and Eugene Booth, John Smoot and Harlan Skeen.

**Sunnyside**  
by Mrs. Beale Jackson

Holmes Crockett, a former Nicholas county resident, died Nov. 24, 1973 at the Medical Center in Lexington. Burial was Nov. 28 at Mt. Sterling. He is survived by his father, Ed Crockett of the Horsefield community, his wife and four children.

Mrs. James Lail was a recent guest of her grandmother in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lail and children were in Lexington, Saturday the day. Mr. and Mrs. S.T. Minton and daughter were weekend guests of Mr. Minton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Triss Minton of Lexington.

Dunry Minton was a weekend guest of a friend.

Mrs. Emery Whitton of Flemingburg and son and wife of Cincinnati, Ohio were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Whitton's sister, Mrs. Calvin Minton and family.

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— "Blood Red & Gold" — "Over"  
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2 Great Shows, 6:30 P.M. & 9:30 P.M.  
Saturday, December 22, 1973  
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