It's Too Cold To Make a Cake"

BY VEDA HARRAD

TENT CITY--You can't force it to live in a big brick house, fully decorated with Christmas lights or a fancy tree, in order to enjoy Christmas Eve. Christmas Eve is a test of discrimination--the spirit of Christmas--can be forced on no one.

At least, it was for the former family, who spent their first Christmas Eve in Tent City last week. Last year, some 400 families who were living in Tent City were moved to new homes in Lake County before the winter to avoid regulations.

"I'd rather have my little house in Tent City with my mother and father," said one frequent camper.

"It's like camping, only better," said the special event--Christmas Eve--474 kids also like home. The things that make it seem like home were there, the things that make it real to the children. In some other family who moved from Tent City, mom and daughter were back in Tent City, the family program for the entire family, who had been living in a big brick house, fully decorated with Christmas lights or a fancy tree, in order to enjoy Christmas Eve.

By ROSEWOOD COOKS THE FEED

Tuscaloosa Rights Group Gets OK for Head Start

BY BODK HODGE

TUSCALOOSA--Just a few weeks ago, the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee was named a delegate agency to the federal Head Start program.

The group came to be named because it was the first group in the city to apply for a Head Start program and, just as in other cities, had to set aside their personal prejudices in order to proceed.

And yet, surprisingly, an application naming a civil rights group to head Start was approved--over opposition from the city board and other groups.

The group was the Tuscaloosa Opportunity Program (TOP), the official community agency--was running a special model for work with the population classified as low-income.

The city board knew what it was getting into when the application was filed by the civil rights group, the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee (TCAC).

But the city board and the city's major civic and business organizations joined TCAC in preparing and supporting the application.

More than 100 workers canvassed high schools and other places to promote the Head Start plans, as five groups scrambled to make their applications for the Head Start money.

Then suddenly there were too many groups to choose from.

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GOD BLESS THE CHILD

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Weekend Visitors Learn
What Life Is Like
INSIDE GEES BEND

BY YELLA BRADFORD

GEES BEND—Have you ever walked 15
miles to use a telephone, or walked across
and across of cotton for less than $100
year, or gone countless after sundown
with a flashlight in one hand and a shot­
gun in the other?

There are many people in Dallas and
Wilcox counties that have, and still do.
Among them are the residents of an all-
Negro rural community called Gees Bend.

People who had never chopped cotton
or hunted coon had a chance last month to find out what a
desirable life is like. The Rev. Francis X. Walter, director of
the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, which sits back in a wooded
area away from a dirt road. The doors were open and a large
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