

Transcript of Tape 2, Track 5, Frank's Wrap-up

[Frank] Those are substantially the sounds of Christmas in 1969 at Scotia, and ah, the last that you heard was a little play that the girls and uh, the neighbors put on over at Koehne's sometime between, oh, I guess it was around New Year's eve ... [undeciphered] no, I guess it was Christmas day. And uh, that was a very well-scripted well-written play I think by Mary, she was the author, and the youngsters got together themselves and ... and ah made the whole thing up. Leo was the mic or microphone man in getting the tape message.

This portion of the recording, which is really the last portion, I'm making at increased volume because of some difficulty with this tape recorder in getting the erase head to work properly.

I'm almost finished now, except for reading a ... a letter which Mary wrote to Santa Claus the day before Christmas and left on the sideboard Christmas evening, hopeful that Santa Claus would find a chance to read it and to sign it. It reads:

Dear Santa Claus,

It never occurred to me of thanking you, but this year it did. So now I would like to. Thank you very much for all the gifts you have given me. I don't know if my sister has ever thought about this thanking business, but I'm almost sure if she did, she'd want to thank you so I thank you as if I was Dorothy.

If you read this letter, Santa, please sign your name. Please.

Merry Christmas,

Mary

And down at the bottom is a very nice straight line, with a beautiful beautiful signature by Santa Claus. And, much to my surprise, Joe has a very very ah, flowing hand-writing and I have to confess it looks very very similar to the way he would now write "Santa Claus."

That as I said a few moments ago about finishes this ah recording at Christmas, New Year's 1969/1970. I'm going to send this tape on to Gen and/or Dot, I don't know which one first, but I'm leaving sufficient room at the end of this so that if one of you, whoever first receives it and wants to record some kind of message and add it on ... send to the other one that's fine by me. Ah, I'd appreciate it if you didn't erase this ... any section of it, but when you're finished with it, send it back to me so I can put it in my files and keep for some future ah pleasures of re-listening to these ah days of ... of ah, this particular ah new decade and the last of the 1960's.

Happy New Year to everybody!