

Fireworks, Rifle Alert LBJ Guard

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**Scare Is Thrown
Into Secret Service
On Quiet Outing**

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JOHNSON CITY, Tex.,
Dec. 26—President Johnson went for a after-church drive today through the quiet streets of this village where he spent his boyhood and where everyone knows him.

It was the last place in the world where anyone would expect trouble. But the Secret Service agents were alert. As the President's car turned into the street where his boyhood home is located, the agents in the car behind the President suddenly saw a youth with a rifle. At that very moment, a firecracker went off next-door.

Clint Hill, the Secret Service agent who bounded onto President Kennedy's car and helped Mrs. Kennedy on that fateful day in Dallas two years ago, jumped from his car, ran toward the youth and told him to put the gun down.

Others Surround Car

Other agents ran forward to surround the President's car, which was moving at about 10 miles an hour. The President drove on a few hundred feet before stopping. He got out of his car and walked about the lawn and into the boyhood home.

If he had noticed the excitement he showed no signs of it as he chatted with old neighbors and posed with Mrs. Johnson for photographers.

Other agents followed Hill to question the youth with the rifle, 18-year-old Nicky Ammons of San Antonio, who was visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ammons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammons were

among the choristers who serenaded the President on the porch of his boyhood home last Thursday evening. They said they had known the Johnsons for 20 years.

Rifle Fully Loaded

Just as the President's car turned the corner, young Ammons picked his 30-30 deer rifle up from the front seat of a pick-up truck. It was fully loaded. The Secret Service agents quickly unloaded it.

"I guess I picked the wrong time to go deer hunting," the husky youth said. "How could I know the President was coming?"

His grandmother asked,
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"What did he do wrong? He was just going out to his deer lease to build a tree house and do some hunting."

The grandfather, assured that no charges would be brought against the boy, asked "What charges could they make? It was just an accident—just one of those things."

Have a Bad Day

But it was a bad day for the Secret Service in this friendly town of 611 people where Lyndon B. Johnson attended services this morning at the First Baptist Church.

As he frequently does when in Texas, Mr. Johnson drove himself in his white Lincoln Continental. Mrs. Johnson was on the front seat with him.

His boyhood home is about three blocks from the church, and he drove there after the services for a look around before returning to his ranch for lunch.

Though he appeared to be well, relaxed and in good humor, he has been as quiet on this trip as newsmen have ever seen him. He has had nothing to say to them about the budget, Vietnam, Luci's engagement or any other subject. He has not even engaged in small talk. No announcements of importance have been made here since the President arrived Tuesday evening.

May Return Sooner

When he came here it was widely assumed that he would remain until some time close to the time Congress convenes Jan. 10. Now there are hints that he may return to Washington shortly to be in closer touch with a vast amount of work being done there on the budget, on the State of the Union address and on Vietnam.

The President has had no official appointments since arriving here and no appointments are scheduled.