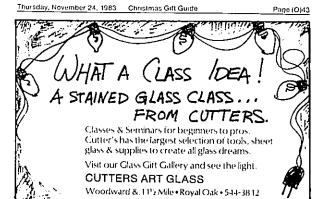
This is an original ideal Toy Co. teddy bear whose home is now in the Smithsonian.

from Mrs. Roosevelt to Michtom advised: "I was about to get in touch with the Smithsonian about presenting them with the original bear when the children decided they didn't want to part with it yet." Happily, Mark and Anne Roosevelt, the president's great-grandchildren, changed their minds. Several months later, the Smithsonian and the American people got their bear.

Theodore Roosevelt, however, didn't always get his. On Nov. 14, 1902, the president was on a hunting expedition in Smedes, Miss., and had no luck. Anxious that the president bag a bear, some of his party chased down and stunned a 235-pount black bear. The hunters roped the bear and tied it to a tree. A messen-

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