

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

MAKE SIMPLER PICTURES



The simple subject-matter and plain background lend appeal to this child study. Strive for simplicity in your pictures.

SIMPLICITY is an outstanding feature of most good pictures. And an excess of detail—especially confused detail—is seen in most pictures that are not up to par.

Mark Twain once wrote: "As to the adjective; when in doubt, strike it out." That is a good rule for the camera user. When you're in doubt about including some detail or omitting it—do the latter. It's a safer course.

Nearly every picture includes a main subject which should be shown clearly. If the background is full of detail, it draws attention away from the main subject. Details in subject and background may even seem to run together, so that there is no clear separation. Thus, the picture is spoiled.

It is easy to prevent this. Often, a change of camera position will change the whole background. In indoor shots, the background can often be cleared by moving one or two objects—such as a standing lamp or wall picture. Things such as this should be eliminated, unless they are proper and essential parts of the picture.

Strongly patterned backgrounds are to be avoided—especially in pictures of a person. Use a plain tone—a light-colored wall, for example, as in the attractive shot of the child at the typewriter, above. For brunett subjects, pick a light-toned background; for blonde subjects, either dark or light will do.

If you have a focusing camera with fast lens, background pattern can be diffused and subdued in many cases. Simply move the subject as far from the background as is practical, and use a large lens opening. The background will then be out of focus and less obtrusive.

In selecting subject-matter for a picture, include only those things which are needed to tell the story. The more details you include, the more complex the picture becomes—and simplicity may be lost.

Of course, in many cases you cannot simplify the subject-matter or obtain an ideal background. Then take the subject as it is, rather than miss a good opportunity. But, whenever possible, aim for a simple arrangement and appropriate setting. Such effort leads to finer pictures.

John van Guilder

M. E. church and led the Epworth league meeting Sunday night the subject being "Saw-ardship."

Fred Barker and family of Portland visited with Mrs. Kaye and the Charles Brindie family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hacking and daughter Betty of Portland visited with Mrs. Ida Kays Sunday.

Marion Flint little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Flint, fell and broke her arm last week while at play.

James and Wilbur Moore, Paul and David Jaquith and Jenny Meeker attended a Christian Endeavor party and Taffy pull at the Mt. Home church Friday night.

Mrs. Cliff Larkin entertained eight ladies at her home to a "galloping dinner."

SAFETY FIRST

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

SAFETY SAFETY ISOT AA A
Safety-minded citizens of Milwaukie are conducting an informal safety program that is attracting considerable attention in the state.

Each week the Milwaukie paper publishes a column dealing with cars observed at improper practices such as parking on the wrong side of the street, double parking, making U-turns, backing against traffic, etc.

The improper action, the car, its license number and the registered owner are listed in the column and reports from citizens of the town indicate the campaign is having a salutary effect it is said. Drivers are making it a point of pride not to be included in the column and as a result driving practices in the town are being improved steadily reports say.

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SCHOLLS

They are clearing the land on the former Morman place recently purchased by Dr. Phillips of Portland. This farm is at Midway.

The Joe Brittians who have been living on the Earl Stretcher farm have moved back to the Florence Larkin place on the Scholls and Sherwood place.

Jean Trask and Wilbur McKune students of the Groger school who have been ill with the flu returned to school this week.

John Little went to the Veterans hospital last week for an operation on his ear.

Those attending the Brotherhood banquet at the Hillsboro Methodist church from Scholls were J. B. Bartlett, Clifford Trask, Earl Stretcher, Frank and Burt Rowell, Rev. Sibley, Lawrence Crowder, Walter Jaquith, Ralph and Harold Christensen, Jesse Snyder, Sr. Jesse Snyder, Jr., L. Brown and E. R. Weis. Scholls had the largest turnout of town delegation there.

Paul Jaquith sang a solo for church Sunday at the Scholls

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