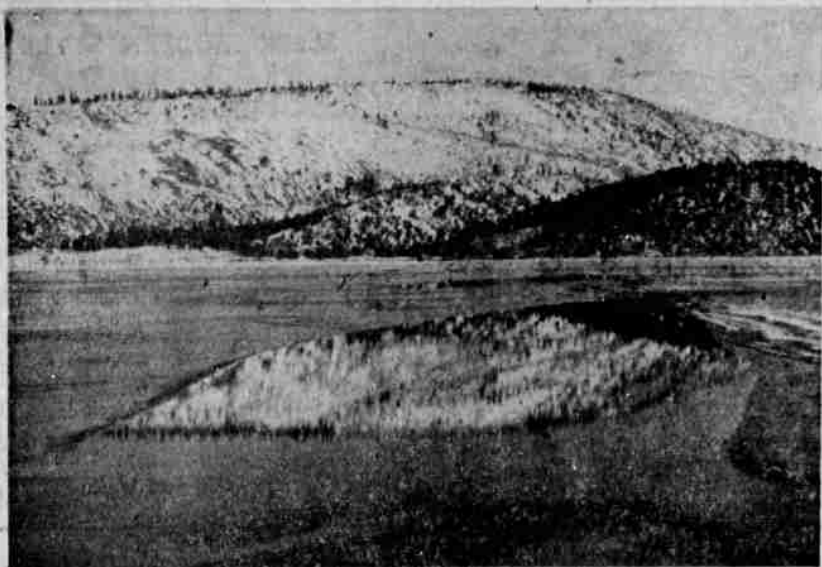




A COMBINATION OF ICE AND CLEAR WATER make this picture look almost like a double exposure. This picture was taken of the flooded area above Algoma last spring before draining operations had gone into effect. A good crop was raised on the ground this summer and fall.

Satisfaction Derived From Family Making Xmas Cards

Families who make their own Christmas cards derive tremendous satisfaction from sending cards that are individual and, generally speaking, they enjoy the work. But if you plan to embark on this project, be sure you have the time and the space and that it will be enjoyable rather than a harassment and a frustration.

Made cards can range from the relatively simple snapshot made into a card by the local photographic outfit to the silk screen beauties turned out by artistic families.

If you plan on a snapshot card, take your pictures a long time in advance to give yourself a chance to get just what you want. If there are kids in it shoot a lot of film in the hopes of getting a couple of natural-looking expressions.

Most towns have places that will take the snapshot or negative and deliver the specified number of cards with whatever greeting you pick. If you want something more fancy, consult them or the local printing or offset shop. They will tell you what variations are possible. Individual head shots mounted on something that indicates what's new with you—a "mortgage" or a child's fingerprinting or a dummy Army commission—can be made into a single negative by a photo engraving plant, for reproduction.

Most popular are simple lineoleum block prints that are printed in the home with inexpensive kits such as the Speedball Kit. Instructions can be obtained in a booklet put out by the C. Howard Hunt Pen Co. It's available through your art dealer or Arthur Brown, 2 West 46th Street, New York City 36, for 50 cents.

An idea to cut expense on block-printed cards is to print them on the back of postcards rather than on folders to be enclosed in envelopes.

For those interested in block printing, Bassons Industries has put out a kit called Plasti-Cut.

which doesn't require careful gouging out of areas, but rather uses a scratch tool which makes lines adequate for printing.

Subject matter on these cards is a matter of taste, but, while a copied drawing may be more artistic, even stick figures of the fam-

ily carry a real touch of "how we are doing." Simple to do is a lineoleum cut of the front door, with a wreath on it.

Lovely cut-outs are fun for the family that has a small Christmas card list. Shiny green paper for a tree, with silver sprinkles or candy toppings pressed into rubber cement will be fun for a child to do. Old wrappings or "litter" scraps should be saved for these.



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