

CAMERA *Angles*

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What does 1961 hold in store for camera fans?

It looks like an automatic year. Besides the many new automatic cameras, there will be automatic film and flashbulb vending machines, automatic electric projection screens as well as automatic 8mm movie screening by remote control.

The vending machine took eight years to perfect. Its inventor, Frazier James of Nashville, Tenn., is one of the pioneers in the field of designing and building vending machines. The idea was born on a vacation trip when he ran short of film and couldn't find a place to buy any.

The result, which I saw demonstrated in New York recently, has also been introduced in Florida and Texas. It's a remarkable machine which dispenses 15 different types of films, three types of flashbulbs and also accepts film for processing. It takes, in payment, coins and one dollar bills up to a total of \$6 and makes change when necessary.

"The machine has an electronic memory system," James explained, "which scans the money and rejects it if it isn't genuine."

We tried to fool the machine by putting in foreign money and paper that resembled dollar bills. It wouldn't accept them. When genuine money is accepted, it is counted visibly on a totalizer and held in escrow until a selection of film or flashbulbs is made. If no selection is made or if the selected film is depleted, the money is returned.

"More and more people are on the go," James said, "and more of them are taking pictures. My machines will make it easier to

Asks Educators For Agreement On Schooling

PORTLAND (AP)—State Sen. Jean Lewis, D-Portland, told a group of Oregon educators they should reach agreement among themselves before presenting any kindergarten proposal to the state Legislature.

The educators met here Wednesday to discuss the possibility of obtaining state funds to support a kindergarten program in the state school system.

State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, D-Milwaukie, said their case should be well-documented, adding: "The needs of this program must be weighed against other needs and the case must be presented in its best light."

Henry Osibov, OEA research director, was directed to form a committee for study of this proposal.

Osibov said any disagreement about a kindergarten proposal was on the matter of priority. He said 600 additional classrooms would be needed for state-wide kindergarten operation. With so many demands on available funds, the question becomes how important the program is, he said.

YOUNGSTER IS ANGEL

NEW YORK (AP) — Randy Brett Klipstein is Broadway's youngest show - backing angel. Randy won't be two years old until next summer.

The boy's father, a theatrical publicist, staked him first to a \$100 investment in "Fiorello!" The bit has already earned a \$25 profit. Randy next received one-fourth of one per cent of the shares in "The Hostage," a gift from the producers, Leonard S. Field and Burke Swann.

PRIEST SEEKS ANSWER

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—The boys at Dowling Catholic High School in Des Moines can read this challenging line posted on Father Holden's bulletin board: "What are you doing for Heaven's sake?"

shoot pictures everywhere they go because they'll make all popular types of film and flashbulbs available at any hour, day or night, every day in the week."

In the next few months, the film vender will start making its appearance at airports, railroad stations, bus terminals, hotels and tourist attractions.

Another product of the automatic age is the Autoelectric projec-

tions on the projection lamp, starts the projection. Then, as desired, it holds a single frame on the screen, reverses the action or stops it . . . without pressing a button!

No, they haven't harnessed thought control yet but they do use mercury or gravity switches instead. The remote controls are in a little illuminated cube-like box. It can be held in one of four



IN MOTHER'S HANDS is a new type of remote control and automatic operation for 8mm family home movies. It's a four-way, mercury switch box which directs the new project or to go forward, stand still, reverse or stop—depending on which side is up.

tion screen. It comes in three sizes: 50 x 50, 60 x 60 and 70 x 70 inches in a unit which can be hung behind a cornice or recessed into wall or ceiling. It is hooked up electrically so that a flick of the switch automatically lowers the screen or raises it out of sight. Made by Radiant, the automatic screen adds a professional touch to home movie screening.

From the projection end, a new type of automatic control is being introduced by Bell and Howell. Their Dual-Lectric 8mm projector takes over automatic operation when the film is inserted in the threading device. It threads the film, turns off the room lamp,

positions, each of which controls a single activity of the projector which is seen uppermost. If the box is turned to another side, the mercury switch drops and activates another phase of the projector.

Even a child who can't read Forward, Still, Reverse and Stop can operate the projector and make it perform all its tricks by remote control. For those who prefer to stay by the projector, a single-knob control operates the machine in its different phases.

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GASOLINE RUNS FREE
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