



photography

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'Be prepared' — that's motto of the good photographer

In most of my past columns, I've talked about planning your photographs: studying the composition, determining depth-of-field, expressing a single idea — in short, thinking it out in advance.

Often times, however, a picture is not planned . . . it just happens. And if your camera is ready, you can capture the moment on film.

How often have you been caught without your camera when a rainbow suddenly lit up the sky or a setting sun painted it with vibrant colors? Or perhaps your child looked at you with that unique, unforgettable expression and your camera was packed away out of reach.

Did you know that many well-known photographs, even Pulitzer prize winners, were obtained only because someone was there at the right time with a loaded camera?

BE PREPARED and those exciting pictures won't escape your lens.

Short shots

• Columnist Monte Nagler will teach a four-week photography course at Henry Ford Community College beginning Nov. 8. Phone the college at 271-2854 for registration information.

• The annual nature photo contest will take place at 11 a.m. Nov. 21 at the nature center of Stony Creek Metropolitan Park northeast of Rochester. Sponsored by the nature center's Focus on Nature group, the contest is open to all photographers. You may enter four nature slides with a \$1 entry fee and either mail or bring them to the Stony Creek nature center up to the morning of judging. No entries will be returned by mail. Nine trophies in three classes will be awarded, along with honorable mentions. If you have questions, call the nature center at 781-4621.

You may never know when that special picture will come up, so begin by disciplining yourself to carry your camera at all times. Make sure it's loaded with film and that the ASA dial is correctly set.

A newsworthy event or a beautiful scene may be just around the corner. And if you're shooting a sports activity, have the exposure set and prefocus on the area where you think the action will occur.

When traveling, put your traveler's vision in gear and be ready for the unusual.

A FEW YEARS ago in Rome, I was about to visit an old church that required a steep climb up an ancient, stone set of steps. From below, I could see a number of elderly women sitting on the steps whose craggy faces were etched with lines of character and wisdom.

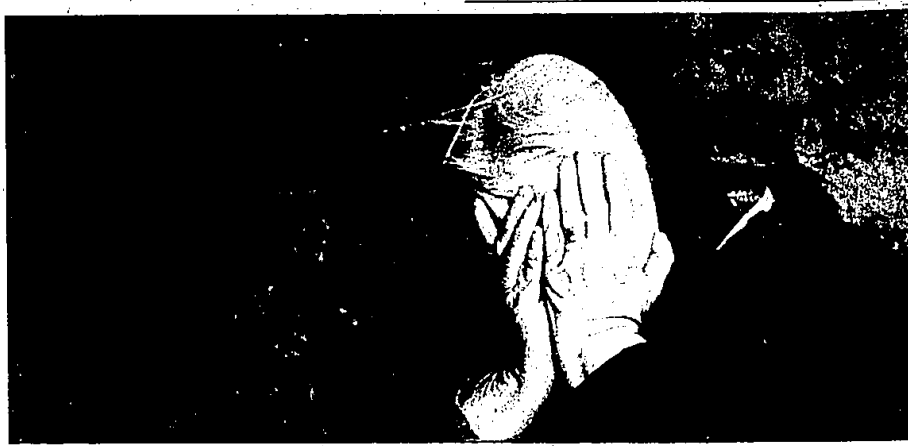
How exciting pictures of them would be, I thought. But I also knew that I would have to be prepared if I wanted to bring home memories of them on film.

So I attached a 200-mm lens to my camera, set the shutter-speed dial to 1/250 second, predetermined that the matching aperture would be an acceptable F-4, and began to climb the steps.

The picture accompanying this story is one result and has always been a favorite photograph of mine. If I hadn't been prepared, I would have lost the shot.

You may have only a few seconds before the rainbow vanishes, the cloud formation changes or the facial expression is lost. By taking a few simple steps to prepare your camera and yourself, you'll be able to capture those magical moments on film and treasure them for a lifetime.

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An Italian woman in Rome made a prize-winning photo for Monte Nagler, who saw the situation in advance and had his camera ready.

Unions, utilities top United Fund giving

During the third United Foundation Report luncheon last week, Torch Drive volunteers announced they have raised \$22.9 million to date, or 53.3 percent of this year's \$43 million goal.

The announcement was made by Torch Drive Labor Chairman Tom Turner, president of the metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO Council.

"Labor has been an equal partner with management throughout the history of the United Foundation," Turner said. "We should all be very proud of their efforts that help make sure our community has needed health and community services."

Contributions from the paid union officers and support staff of the 22 major union councils in metropolitan Detroit brought the UF's Schools, Government and Professions Unit's total to \$1.9 million, or 43.8 percent of quota.

UTILITIES GROUP received \$5.4 million from employee and corporate gifts from the major utilities, which

brought the Service Units total to 86 percent of quota, said group chairman Ernest L. Grove Jr., vice chairman of the Detroit Edison Co.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co. employees have donated \$1.1 million to date, along with its corporate contribution of \$358,400, the phone company reported. Michigan Bell is the only company, with the exception of auto companies, to break the \$1 million mark in employee giving for the second year in a row.

Detroit Edison Co. became the second non-automotive company ever to raise more than \$1 million through employee and corporate giving.

CHRYSLER Corp. presented a total of \$2.6 million consisting of both employee gifts and a gift from the Chrysler corporate fund to the 1982 Torch Drive Campaign.

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