

## There's plenty of tips for good holiday photos

Holiday get-togethers can be all the more memorable if they are captured on film. Make the most of your seasonal picture-taking by following these tips.

- Have plenty of film and fresh batteries on hand. Check your flash unit.

- The more spontaneous your photos the better. When taking group or individual portraits, make your subject look comfortable. Avoid unnatural poses and talk to your subjects to help them relax.

- Start taking photos early in the season. The trimming of the tree, baking of cookies — all are subjects you'll want to capture on film.

- Work with natural light when you can. But the holidays aren't the time to experiment with conditions you're unsure of. Rely on your flash when in doubt.

- Know how your camera works. If it's been awhile since you've taken photos or if you're using a new or borrowed camera, take a practice roll of film.

- Study your surroundings. Windows and mirrors can ruin your pictures if the flash is aimed directly at either. It's best to aim the flash at a reflective surface on an angle to avoid having the reflections come back directly to the camera lens.

- Get close to your subjects to capture their expressions. Faces, not feet,



make for the best photos. Instead of stepping back, the photographer should step forward for good, tight photos.

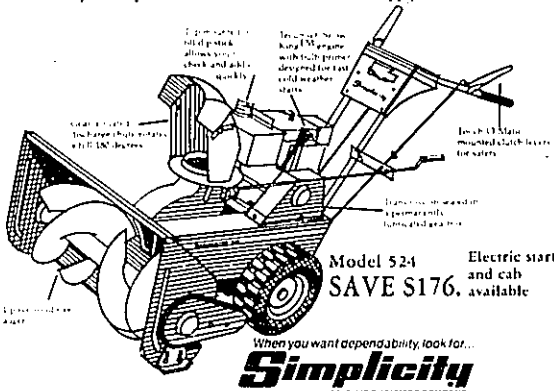
- Try to photograph kids with presents they receive from relatives. These pictures make excellent thank-you notes.

- Plan your photos ahead of time. Make a list of the photos you want to be sure to get. Then tape the list on the back of the camera.

- Avoid trying to put too much into one photograph. The trick is to take several pictures, zeroing in on a single activity at a time.

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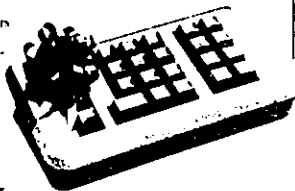
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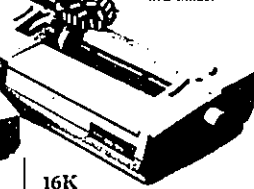
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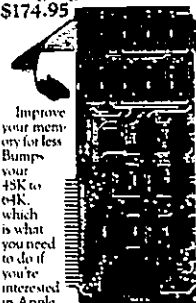
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