



Early morning, when the snow and frost are fresh, is the best time to find exciting winter scenes as Monte Naglor demonstrates here. Naglor's exhibit at I. Browne Bookstore, 33086 Northwestern, West Bloomfield, continues through Christmas.

Take photos for holidays



photography

Monte Naglor

No better opportunity exists for recording delightful family memories than with your camera at holiday time. Children and Christmas go hand in hand so let's begin with them. Move in close, fill the frame, and get down on their level. Concentrate on candid. Look for joyful expressions as the kids unwrap their presents under the tree and begin to play with their new toys.

Your pictures will be natural because in all the excitement the kids won't even know you're there. Don't forget other family members. If you want a group shot, have everyone sit around casually rather than stand stiffly posed. Even include yourself by using the self-timer and placing your camera on a tripod or steady table.

As always, check your background for distracting and unwanted objects. And watch out for unwanted reflections from windows, mirrors or picture glass that may ruin a treasured shot. Often, all it takes is a slight adjustment in camera angle to eliminate this problem.

BE ON the lookout for other Christmas subjects that will add variety and excitement to your holiday photos. Details such as a sparkling tree ornament, a colorfully filled stocking or a beautifully wrapped present will reward you with a fine yuletide shot. Even night pictures of decorated house exteriors will enrich your holiday album.

Take advantage of today's fast films. With the new 1000 or 1600 speed films,

try lighting some scenes with only candlelight. Your dinner table or some family member lit only by candlelight will produce that memorable romantic shot. An exposure of f-2 at 1/30 second is all that's needed.

Need a last-minute stocking stuffer for that family photo enthusiast? That wide, comfortable camera strap may be just the thing. Or a flash "L" bracket so that "red-eye" becomes a thing of the past.

A photographer is always thrilled to find his stockings packed with film on Christmas morning.

Something new this year is a battery-operated, wear-around-your-neck safelight for the darkroom worker. It will help find that misplaced dodging tool or processing tube in the sink.

How about this unusual gift idea, "borrow" someone's favorite slide or negative and on the sly have an engraving made. Imagine the delight when that special friend or relative receives a colorful, framed print of that prized shot.

To all of my readers, please accept my personal best wishes for a joyful, photo-filled holiday season.

Unseen, unheard provide interest

By David Measing special writer

I know that the summer's sun seems like a stranger to us now and I do hate to start my article this way, but, it was early on a warm summer morning. The rumble of trucks and backhoes rattled the windows in my house. The smell of diesel fuel was in the air and with the chatter of an air hammer in the neighborhood, I knew it was time to rise and sort of shine.

With coffee in hand I sat and watched as the workers removed most of our neighbor's broken sidewalks. Within minutes, Adam, my 6-year-old, was right by my side and the two of us watchers, watched as all of the workers worked.

After a few minutes of sitting on the damp cement of our front porch, Adam said, "Isn't that cute Dad?"

"Cute? What's so cute about a backhoe?"

"No, not that," he said with a smile, "Isn't that cute how that little cricket's singin' away down there in the bushes?"

"Cricket" I exclaimed "how can you hear a cricket with all this noise?"

"BUT, IT was true, between the roar

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and the rumble, the clicks and the chatter, there was the slight chirping of a little cricket. I was so impressed that amid the noise of men and machines his little car picked up nature's song. Waiting for Adam to follow up with one of those deep yet childlike "one liner's" I asked, "Honey, how did you ever hear the chirp of a cricket in all this noise?"

His answer was "I dunno."

... oh, well. Of course I am so proud that Adam's ears and eye do always seek and find the beauty, mystery and sounds of nature. (I, too, love nature, if you haven't already guessed) That time, without Adam's awareness, I would have never heard the little cricket.

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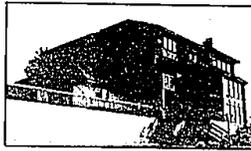


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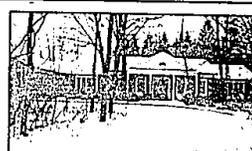
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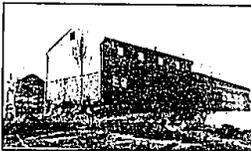
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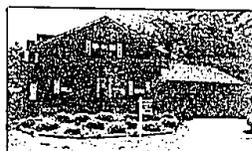
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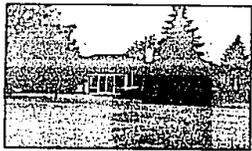
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