

# Copy those precious old photos

You've just finished cleaning out the attic, you've uncovered those old photographs of grandma and grandpa's wedding day, and you're beginning to feel very sentimental.

The negatives are gone — but wouldn't it be nice to make prints for yourself and the rest of the family or even put together a slide show?

Can it be done without the original negatives? Can you get good results even with those creases in the old prints?

The answer is yes. Not only can you get pleasing results, but you'll have fun doing it, too.

ALL YOU need is your 35mm camera and a means to get in close when you copy the original prints. You can move in close either by the use of close-up filters, extension tubes or by a macro-lens.

Of necessity, you'll need to make the camera rock steady by using a tripod or a copy stand. If you think you'll be doing a lot of copy work, it would be wise to invest in a copy stand. This device not only secures the camera in a vertical position, but also has a baseboard on which to place the original photographs to be copied.

A copy stand also has its own built-in light source. If you are using a tripod, you'll need to pin or gently tape the photographs on a board or wall and set



## photography

**Monte Nagler**

up a couple of floodlamps at a 45-degree angle to the camera. It is important in copy work that illumination is even over the entire picture.

IF COPYING in black and white, use a slow-speed, fine-grain film such as Kodak Panatomic X or Ilford Pan F. Simply fill the frame with the original photograph, adjust for proper exposure and shoot. Try to use an aperture of about f-8 to give you enough depth of field to allow for any curvature in the print.

Pay particular attention to unwanted reflections, especially if the original you are copying is on glossy paper. In most cases, a slight adjustment of the floodlamps will resolve this problem, but remember too that a polarizer filter will eliminate the reflections.

WANT TO COPY some color originals? This can be easily done, too.

Use Kodachrome 100 if you want to end

orable black and white or color family snapshots into an exciting slide show. Of course, you can always have prints made from your slides, too.

If your original photograph is badly wrinkled or creased, and you've had no experience in print finishing, farm it out to a specialist. He can make that damaged photograph look almost like new. Your local photo dealer will help you locate one.

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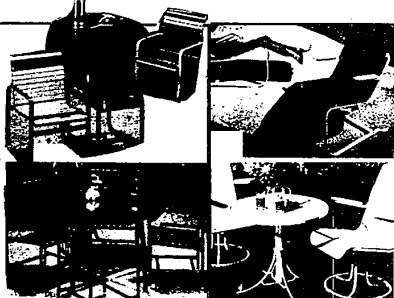
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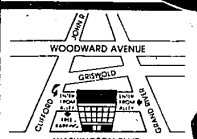
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