

Mounting your photos is easy

If you're like most people, you have lots of photographs tucked away in drawers or stacked in a box on the top shelf of the closet, brought out only on rare occasions.

Many are of memorable family events, so you're probably not getting full enjoyment out of them. Perhaps you're even a good amateur photographer and have plenty of 8 by 10's piled neatly away but not on the wall where they belong.

Mounting and framing photographs may seem hard, complicated and expensive, and so you stay clear of what truly is an exciting and rewarding part of photography. Actually, mounting is easy. The innovative people at the 3M Co. tell me they have many products available for use at home. With them, you can do your own professional-looking mounting jobs.

AFTER YOU'VE selected your photograph and chosen the size and color mat board, you're ready to begin.

Probably the quickest and easiest mounting product is Photomount spray adhesive. Photomount comes in a spray can and is applied by spraying the back of the photograph with crisscross strokes. Wait about 30 seconds until the adhesive becomes "tacky," and then press into position on the mat board.

Center the picture equally from left to right, but for aesthetic reasons, allow a little more mat board



photography
Monte Nagler

on the bottom than on the top. With a protective piece of paper, apply pressure with a hard rubber roller to insure a permanent, high-strength bond. Always remember to use this spray adhesive in a room with adequate ventilation.

ANOTHER PRODUCT for mounting photographs is 367 Positionable Mounting Adhesive (PMA) sheets. No heat, no mess, and no expensive equipment are required.

PMA makes a permanent bond and has the advantage of being repositionable if you should incorrectly place your photo on the mounting board.

PMA comes in different sizes and is protected by two cover sheets. First, remove one cover sheet exposing the adhesive. Place against the back of the photograph and apply pressure with the squeegee furnished in the package.

Then remove the second cover sheet and press the photograph against the mount board (remember it's repositionable). Apply firm pressure a second time with the squeegee, and a permanent bond is obtained.

If you'll be doing a lot of cold mounting, 3M makes a pressure applicator that uses PMA in rolls. No electricity is needed, and you can process more than one print at a time.

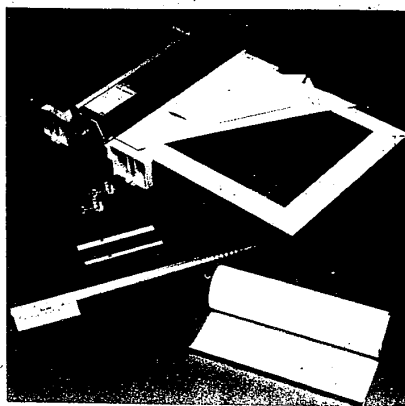
FOR THOSE of you who own a dry mounting press, there is a product that eliminates tacking, uses a relatively low 180° temperature, and is also repositionable. It's called Pro-Mount, and to me it's a very exciting product.

It's much easier to use than dry mounting tissue and is safe for all types of color photographs. The adhesive sheet is applied to the print similar to that of PMA 567, and no trimming is required as with conventional dry mounting tissue.

When the second cover sheet is removed, position on the mounting board and apply pressure to keep the photo in place. Then put in your dry mounting press for 45 seconds to obtain a lasting bond.

By reapplying heat at any future time, your photograph can be easily removed from the mounting board.

If you belong to a camera club or any other group interested in mounting photographs, contact Jackie Lichty of 3M Co. at 477-5000 to arrange a free mounting material workshop for your organization.



Cold mounting is easy and efficient with 3M's pressure applicator, using PMA in sheets or rolls.

On display

• Monte Nagler's exhibit will open with a 5-9 p.m. reception June 6 in the Blikt Gallery in the Nickels Arcade, Ann Arbor.

• "Public Monuments of Michigan," photos by Robert Mosher, are on display until June 6 in the third floor exhibit hall of the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5201 Woodward.

• "Focal Point," an intensive seminar in film and videotape, will be held June 21-27 at Kingwood School Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. Enrollment is limited to 36 persons in super-8 mm film-making and 15 in videotape production. Fee is \$240. Coordinator is Nadine Maynard, film instructor, 645-3200.

Invest in the future, says U-M's Shapiro

The nation must "continue investing in its future" by providing for "very modest real growth" — instead of reductions — in the National Science Foundation's budget, University of Michigan president told a Congressional committee.

President Harold T. Shapiro, testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space, said the NSF holds "a crucial role among government agencies because it is responsible for the overall health of U.S. science and technology."

"However, the present budget request will not enable the foundation to meet this important responsibility. This situation has serious implications for the future."

Shapiro, an economist, noted that the NSF budget should

be considered "in the broader context of the country's very real economic problems."

"In the last decade, the U.S. economy has lost significant momentum," he said. Productivity growth rates have been declining; investment in new plant and equipment has been inadequate; the U.S. position in world trade has slipped considerably; inflation shows signs of becoming a chronic condition.

The reasons for the current economic plight are "many and complex," Shapiro said, and it will take "wisdom and patience" to resolve the difficulty. If sacrifices are needed, he noted, higher education, including the major research universities, ought to shoulder some of the burden in order to return the economy to a non-inflationary growth path.

But the proposed NSF budget "could impair the continuing vitality of U.S. science and the major research university and threaten our long-run economic renewal and our national potential for participating in the developments of the next decades," Shapiro said.

"U.S. universities are the country's main source of new knowledge and highly trained people. Budgetary policies which unduly harm their ability to discharge these responsibilities will adversely affect the quality of our national life."

Among the "unfortunate implications" of the NSF budget for research universities, Shapiro said, are:

- A \$100 million initiative which would help universities replace obsolete research equipment has been deferred.
- The proposed phasing out of NSF fellowship would mean that "some outstanding students will not continue their education and will not, therefore, enter the work force as highly trained scientists and engineers."

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