Record Christmas Festivities With Photographs

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Easy-to-Handle Cameras, Films Make Picture-Taking Easy

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Years from now you wouldn't part with the family photos you took during the Christmas season of 1957, at any price. Each Christmas marks a milestone within the family circle and makes possible scenes of happiness and joy that can never be repeated.

Junior leading Sister and Mom down the stairs to see what Santa Claus has brought—it's the first Christmas he's old enough to even partly understand. Catch that look of wonder and delighted surprise as he gets his first glimpse of the Christmas tree overflowing with loving gifts.

And "shoot" Sister as she recognizes the doll she's been longing for. Now she's on the floor helping little brother with that mechanical toy—another picture you simply must get.

Here comes Grandma. "Look, Grandma, see what Santa Claus brought!"

What a picture as the children gather around her to show her their presents. What a picture, too, as Mom and the children offer their gifts to Grandma, letting her know that it's her Chrismas too.

Yes, the joys of Christmas offer the year's most fascinating subjects for family picture-taking, whether it's Mom and Dad "snapping" the younger and older folk, or the grandparents recording the scene as Mom and Dad exchange gifts wrapped in love and deep affection.

And the best part of it is that it's all so easy, whether in black-and-white, colour stills, or in moving pictures. Whichever you prefer, you and your family will have a permanent record of Christmas 1957 that, as the years go by, will be treasured more and more.

The reason it's so easy and such fun to take pictures is that today's cameras do almost everything for you. The recent improvements in lenses and camera mechanism, including built-in flash synchronizers, give the amateur ever so much more latitude than was once the case. Improvements, too, have taken place in the making and processing of film.

Another important factor in still photography is the grading of photographic paper. Here you, or the prfoessional finisher, have an advantage, in that even an improperly exposed negative can be made into a reasonably good picture because of paper that compensates for your error.

For taking still pictures in colour, all you need to do is follow the instructions. Here again, the manufacturers of cameras and films have allowed a latitude that almost guarantees good results if you carefully follow instructions. That is why even beginners swell with pride, as they project on a screen, or other wise view, their 35 mm transparencies.

Then, of course, the making of moving pictures has been greatly simplified. Imagine showing movies of the family taken this Christmas, even though you have never taken movies before. You will be thrilled when you first see them and it will be fun to view them again and again, especially after the youngsters have added a few years.

So, with cameras and films that make it so easy to take black-and-white or colour still pictures and with motion picture cameras so easy to operate, plus the fact that prices are now so reasonable, all the fun and excitement of Christmas picture-taking can be yours to enjoy.

GASTRONOMIC GOURMET GROUP GOBBLES GREAT GOBS OF GRUB

MONTREAL (CP) — A group of Montreal gourmets got together recently for an eight-course meal that took more than five hours to complete.

They were members of this city's exclusive gastronomic club "Prosper Montagne" named after a famous French chef.

The feast took two days to prepare. During the final day 16 men were working in the restaurant kitchen.

It began with an hour of picking at delicacies such as caviar, oysters and foie gras. Seven courses followed. The climax was a dish of sweetbreads with meuniere sauce, a mushroom paste, and black truffles.

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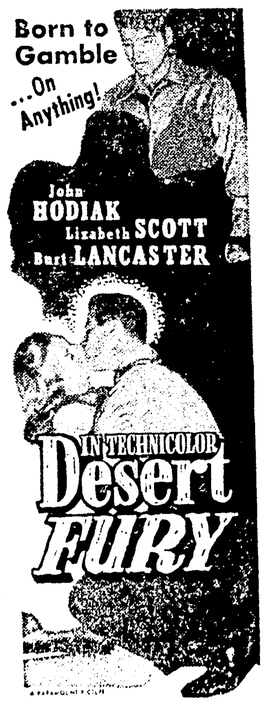

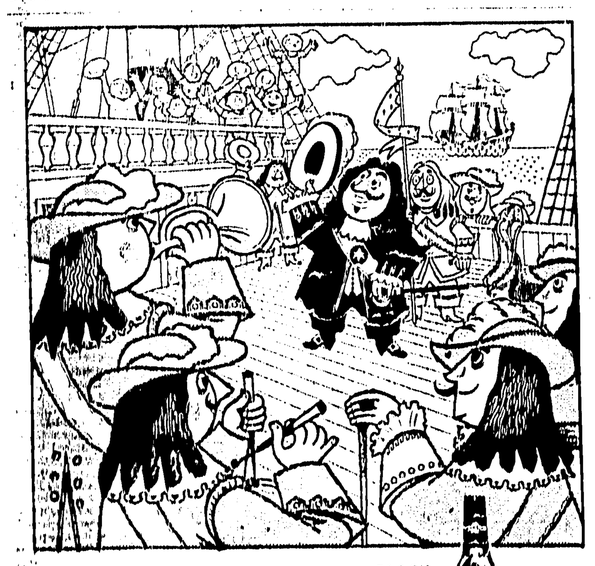

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