

# CAMERA TOPICS

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Candid—but an honor winner because the picture was carefully planned before the shot was made. Speed Graphic photograph by Heyward Crowson from the Graflex Photo Contest.

## DON'T MAKE YOUR PICTURES TOO CANDID

The days of the rigid subject staring with glazed eyes at the camera are fortunately dead and gone; and good photographers know that the best pictures show a split-second of unposed activity.

In an effort to shoot natural pictures, many amateurs go to the opposite extreme. They sneak up on an unwitting subject and blast away with little regard for composition, lighting, focus or any other fundamentals of good photography. The simple fact is that pictures can be too candid.

For good pictures, the photographer must plan his setting, exposure, focus and so forth just as carefully as if he were working in a studio. He must watch out for bad backgrounds, choose the camera angle that gives the most dramatic effect and see that his model is properly groomed and posed. There is a big difference between windswept hair that has been carefully arranged, for instance, and untidy, tangled locks.

Even the most interesting action makes a poor picture if it is out of focus or shot against a cluttered background.

When we watch a good movie, we know perfectly well that behind it is many hours of rehearsing to make the actors appear natural, much study of lighting and camera technique.

Good still pictures require the same careful approach. Next time you are tempted to sneak up and shoot sister at play, take time to look over the background. See if asking her to move a few feet might not improve the lighting. Pick up the best camera angle rather than the one that happens to be most convenient for a quick shot. Wipe the smudge off her cheek. Only when you are satisfied that all the elements of your picture are right are you ready to watch for that unpredictable instant that will make the picture, you'll cherish.

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## Membership Still Open In Dutch Treat Club

Headline-makers are stock in trade of the National Dutch Treat Club whose program opens in Wilkes-Barre on Monday evening, November 12. There are seven features in all, one on the second Monday of November and December, one on the first Monday of each month, January through May.

There is no ticket sale at the door. The features are guaranteed by memberships that are made available through the National Dutch Treat office, 730 Miners Bank, Wilkes-Barre. No profits are taken and only those who have signed up for the memberships at nominal cost of \$10 for each will be admitted.

Scotland Yard's Dick Harrison will be one of the visitors, as will be the New York Times' Delbert Clark, fresh from Korea and earlier from Russia and Germany as chief foreign correspondent of the World's greatest newspaper. Television's most important star, Susan Fletcher of Canada, will be an attraction, and others will include Korea's Chief Foreign Minister, Colonel Ben C. Limb; the internationally famed woman lawyer, Muriel Richter, and the famed Dr. Wilson with "My Six Convicts."

Memberships will be closed the first week in November.

## Stunting For Good Cause



PALISADES PARK, N. J.—In order to dramatize nation wide clothing collection for civilian victims of Korean War, Maryln Rich of Arcadia, California, executed death defying stunts from a trapeze suspended from a fast flying helicopter which took off from Palisades Amusement Park, N. J., flew down the Hudson, around the Statue of Liberty, and then hovered over the Lower Manhattan skyline as thousands looked skyward.

Max Hess, Jr., president of Hess Brothers, nationally known department store executive of Allentown, Pa., arranged for the novel exhibition to inaugurate the national collection drive.

## Sells Fine Holstein

Warren Mekeel, Lehman, recently sold a registered Holstein-Friesian cow to Abe Slater, Hunlock Creek.

Change of ownership for this animal, Sylvia Mekeel Pieterje Ona, has been officially recorded by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

The Association issued 34,389 registry and transfer certificates to Pennsylvania breeders during 1950.

## SHAVERTOWN

FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
"Rich, Young and Pretty"  
with Jane Powell, Vic Damone  
Cartoon, News  
2 P. M. Saturday  
Matinee for Benefit of PTA  
"Hills of Home"  
with Lassie  
MONDAY and TUESDAY  
"Cattle Drive"  
with Joel McCrea  
Dean Stockwell  
Cartoon, Comedy  
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
"Comin' Round the Mountain"  
with Abbott and Costello  
Comedy, Cartoon

## HIMMLER THEATRE

Dallas, Pa.  
FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
"Meet Me After The Show"  
technicolor  
Betty Grable  
Cartoon and News  
MONDAY and TUESDAY  
"Young As You Feel"  
Monty Woolley  
Cartoon and Sport Short  
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY  
"Sorocco"  
Humphrey Bogart  
Pete Smith Short and Cartoon

## Know Your Neighbor



GRANVILLE H. SOWDEN

Granville Sowden had no idea of going into the lumber business when he was going through the lean years following the 1929 crash, but a brokerage business provides insight into possibilities for sound investment, and it seemed to him over a term of years that building materials would always be basic, and capable of almost limitless expansion.

So when an opportunity presented itself to make an investment in a lumber and coal business, the manager of Goodbody and Company, South Franklin Street, seized it. That was in 1944, five years after the Sowden family had first moved to the Back Mountain from Wilkes-Barre, with one foot still in town in case they didn't care for the hills. They've never wanted to go back to the city, and are building a big ranch-type home on top of the hill where they get a marvelous view.

The young firm started out with Paul Eckert and Granville Sowden, expanded to take in Dr. M. C. Rumbaugh, and is now composed of Sowden and Rumbaugh, with Granville Jr., 22, lately graduated from Wesleyan, taking an active part and learning the business from the ground up.

Like most men who have dropped out of high school before graduation to enter business, Mr. Sowden is adamant on the subject of college graduation for his children. He says it's easier afterwards, even though a man can get himself a liberal education along the way. It will be a long time before Marsha, now five, will be ready to select a college. Right now she is in the joint school kindergarten and having a wonderful time.

Granville Jr. finished in June. He was awarded the eighth grade American Legion prize in the Kingston Township schools, then attended Wyoming Seminary before entering Wesleyan.

It was Mr. Sowden's suggestion, to the point and barbed with common sense, which broke up a meeting called for discussion of Township schools and ways in which to improve the standard of scholarship some years ago.

The audience, its pocket-book nerve tingling, made a hurried exodus after Mr. Sowden stated his opinion that higher standards required higher paid teachers who would have an economic stake in continuing to serve Back Mountain children, and who would be able to take college extension course in the summer instead of hunting jobs. Higher salaries would necessitate higher taxes, and what were we waiting for?

It was then that the meeting broke up.

Mr. Sowden points out, as to

jointure for the Back Mountain, that students would not necessarily have to be herded into one enormous high school. That in Wilkes-Barre several high schools accommodate several sections, but all come under one common district so that unification of program and income spent where income is needed is possible. He forges an eventual plan such as this for the whole Back Mountain, with schools retaining their identity and their position in the several communities, but under a unified system that will promote scholarship and raise standards.

The decision to expand facilities and build the present modern hardware store on the new highway was an outgrowth of paint sales. If people were willing to come around the old road to buy paint, it seemed obvious that they would buy a lot more paint if it was harder to reach.

So two years ago the Back Mountain Lumber Company opened the most modern and up to date of plants. Hardware business is a good clean business, says Mr. Sowden.

Most passersby on the highway, or customers at the store, in the market for a percolator or a pound of ten-penny nails, do not realize that in back of the retail store there is a huge lumber yard, all under cover, a shop for making up specialties in wood, and farther down the road the coal pockets.

Attending to the needs of the little fellow, the man who wants to build a hencoop or replace rotted side rails on his back steps, is more important than catering exclusively to big builders and contractors, says Mr. Sowden. Contractors' demands are necessarily seasonal, while the little fellows' demands come right along through the year. And, he says, there are so many more little fellows than big ones. They provide a solid backlog of trade, and they have an astonishing way of growing up into big fellows.

Redwood siding was introduced to the area by Mr. Sowden. He takes pride in the fact that anything for the construction and outfitting of a house, from foundation materials to plumbing or an automatic furnace, can be found in his store or lumber yard.

In these days of keen competition, he says, all a dealer has to sell is service. The old slogan, "The customer is always right," holds good as a policy. It is vital to handle materials that the manufacturer will stand back of, and vital to get the material to the customer at the time he wants it.

When a new item comes in, it isn't pushed until it is tested out, like the septic tank cleaner which had a good workout on Mr. Sowden's own installation before being recommended. Or the material, as elastic as putty, which can be crowded into fissures in cellars carved out of solid rock, and prevents water from seeping in.

It would never do to leave Mrs. Sowden out of a pen portrait of her husband. Mrs. Sowden is in there pitching all the time, carrying on the work of the office. She was the former Mary Williams of Ashley, a graduate of Hanover Township High School. The couple has been married for 26 years.

Vital statistics show Mr. Sowden born in Wilkes-Barre. He belongs to the Shavertown Methodist Church, and the Republican party.

Active in the Masonic Order, he belongs to Irem Temple and Caldwell Consistory, and is Past Master of the Dallas Lodge.

## Friday Night Opening Popular At Dallas Bank

Fred Eck, Cashier of First National Bank of Dallas, reports that the Friday evening opening has been a popular move.

Inaugurated four weeks ago, the first Friday night saw the lobby crowded at five, thinning out after six-thirty. The next Friday was Columbus Day, a bank holiday. The third week saw a more even distribution of patrons, with depositors going and coming all evening.

Banks in town, says Mr. Eck, which have instituted a Thursday night opening, report that it is not worth while to open between five and six. This is due, he thinks, to a generally earlier dinner hour for people who would normally patronize an evening banking hour.

Out here in the Back Mountain, where many men carry on business in Wilkes-Barre, dinner hours are generally later, and men drop in at the bank on their way home. A second influx occurs after dinner when folks do their week's marketing.

## Toll Gate Lions Hear Cardoni On Columbus

Atty. Herman Cardoni, in an address on Columbus before Old Toll Gate Lions Club Tuesday night, stated that a menace from the East, the Ottoman Turk, and the throttling of commerce, prompted Columbus to try another route.

Today, he said, we are again faced with a menace from the East. If Western civilization is to be saved we must have faith in our country and its institutions.

J. Lear Wagner, chairman of the Triple Scrap Drive, reported that the committee had already turned in a quantity of scrap. Mr. Wagner turned over the first check received from sale of scrapmetal, and reported that they now had the use of a truck to collect scrap iron, tires, old batteries, etc. He urged the community to report to him any materials they might contribute.

Sam Patner presided. Robert Williams reported on the Turkey Party to be held on November 15th.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, November 13.

## Westmoreland Band Parents Name Officers

Westmoreland Band Parents Association met Monday night to elect officers.

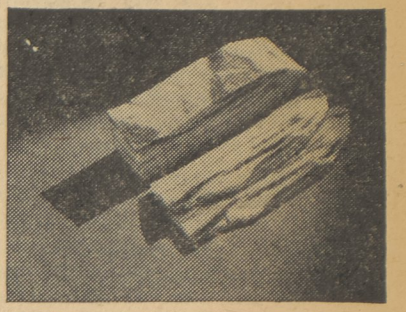
President is Harold Croome; vice president is Richard Owens; secretary, Mrs. Richard Mathers; treasurer, James Dick; publicity, Mrs. George Davis.

On the Ways and Means Committee are Richard Owens, chairman; and Mrs. John Dana, Clyde Birth, and Leslie Barstow.

Lester Lewis heads the membership drive. Chairman for Dallas area is Donald Clark; Carverton, John Dana; Shavertown, Mrs. Howard Hontz; and Trucksville, Mrs. John Roushey.

It was announced that Westmoreland Band would lead the Halloween Parade next Wednesday evening.

Annual card party and bake sale is scheduled for January 26; Annual Band Banquet February 23, both at the High School.



Q. What is the name of this cut of meat?  
A. Salt pork.  
Q. Where does it come from and how is it identified?  
A. The side of pork. Spareribs are removed leaving a boneless piece, the bacon strip. Cured in salt, it is salt pork. Smoked, it is bacon.  
Q. How is it prepared?  
A. By roasting or pan-frying. In either event the salt pork is cut into slices about 1/4 inch thick, covered with hot water and allowed to stand for 5 minutes. Slices may then be removed, dipped in milk and rolled in corn meal. To roast, slices are placed on a rack in a roasting pan and cooked for 30 minutes in a 350° F. oven. In pan-frying, the coated slices are slowly cooked in lard or dripings until well browned. Salt pork is frequently used for seasoning vegetables and other dishes also.

## Poet's Corner

### HUNTING TIME

There's a mystery that intrigues me  
Each year about this time,  
For I note a new born vigor  
Within that man of mine.  
His keen anticipation  
Makes each day seem too long  
While the open meadows beckon  
Like some fair siren's song.

At last the season opens  
He's up before the dawn,  
He gulps a hasty breakfast  
Then with his pals, he's gone.  
I turn the clock's old buzzer off  
And lock the kitchen door,  
We won't be needing that alarm,  
My man was up at four.

I chuckle as I climb in bed  
At him strutting far,  
For he can't get around the block  
Unless he drives the car.  
He'll scale the highest mountain  
ridge  
And shiver with the cold,  
But you couldn't drag him from the spot  
Until the day grows old.

Toward bedtime he comes weary,  
Oft times bedecked with game,  
While little voices shout with glee  
Behind the frosty pane.  
With pride he bears his trophies in  
For all of us to see,  
I praise him well, but most of all  
I'm glad he's back with me.

—By Mrs. Frederic W. Anderson

## DALLAS OUTDOOR THEATRE

Children Under 12—Free  
FRIDAY  
"The Good Humor Man"  
Jack Carson, Lola Albright  
"What a man!"  
Cartoon and News  
SATURDAY  
"Dakota"  
John Wayne, Vera Ralston  
Walter Brennan  
"A mighty romantic drama  
of America's last frontier"  
Cartoon and News  
SUNDAY and MONDAY  
"Rogue River"  
Color  
Rory Calhoun and introducing  
Peter Graves  
"Along a river where you had  
to be a giant among men to  
survive"  
Cartoon and News  
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY  
DOUBLE FEATURE  
"The Tiger Man"  
Vera Ralston, Richard Arlen  
Erich von Stroheim  
also  
"The Vampire's Ghost"  
John Abbott  
Cartoon and News  
THURSDAY  
"Tell it to the Judge"  
Rosalind Russell,  
Robert Cummings,  
Marie McDonald  
"The comedy you've been  
waiting for"  
Two shows starting at dusk

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