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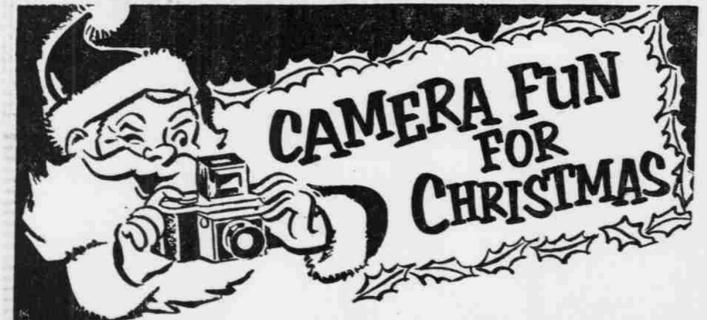
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### CAMERA NEWS

**By IRVING DESFOR** (AP Newsfeatures)

A home movie view of the Christmas day activities is a worthy achievement. But it makes a better picture story if some of the preliminary preparations now taking place are combined with it.

You can start off with easy-to-shoot outdoor scenes that will set the holiday theme—window displays or a billboard with a Yuletide message. Follow it with a shopping scene and the action of coming home burdened with packages. Hanging a wreath in the window or on the door and hauling home the Christmas tree are also eloquent picture sequences that need no titles.

The indoor activities that would round out a Christmas picture story could include the usual preparations of wrapping and hiding gifts; addressing and mailing Christmas cards and displaying those received; hanging up stockings and finally decorating the tree. A touch of humor in some of these sequences can be a welcome addition and should appeal to the humor actors that lurk in every family.

**TIDY ROOMS**

Suddenly, in these days just before Christmas, the youngsters become devoted to household chores and tidy up their rooms and themselves. They raid their piggy bank to buy sister or Mother a present. They practice their carol singing.

All these scenes can be shot as they actually take place or one day can be set aside to reenact the events. Following a written script would save some time later in editing and splicing. Of course the outdoor action should be shot on daylight type color film and it should finish one or more complete rolls. Don't forget to switch to Type A color film for artificial

light when you shoot indoors. After shooting the preliminaries, make sure there's a sufficient supply of film left for the main event. In the final editing, the prior scenes should be snappy fast moving sequences.

**EASIEST METHOD**

The easiest method of shooting movies indoors is with a bar light accessory. The camera is centered on this bar and reflector flood bulbs are positioned on either side, moving with the camera. Bar lights never come with a long enough electric cord, so be prepared with a 15 or 20 foot extension cord for reasonable freedom in movement.

With two lights, you can shoot color movies at f 6.3 when four feet from the subject; at f 4 when six feet away and f 3.2 when eight feet away. This is at the normal 16 frames per second or 1/30th of a second for still picture cameras.

A motion picture camera doesn't mean that the camera must be in motion. That's a good way to spoil home movies. The results, when viewed on the screen, are likely to be jumpy and a strain on the eyes. There is a correct method of turning a camera to survey a scene. You must pan slowly, steadily and on an even level.

Normal scenes should run about ten seconds (count slowly to ten as you shoot) but if the action is interesting let it run longer. Come in for close-ups of faces, hands and objects and change angles of shooting to add variety to the viewing.

**ADD NOVELTY**

You can add novelty to the story by speeding up or slowing down some of the action. This is done by shooting at other than the normal 16 frames per second. Suppose you wanted to show Junior as an eager beaver, rushing around to do his chores. You'd shoot it at 8 frames per second (and close the diaphragm one stop to compensate for the extra light). When it's viewed at 16 frames, the action will be speeded up.

To show Junior dragging his feet on some chores, shoot it at 32, 48 or 64 frames per second. To compensate, there would have to be extra light or the diaphragm must be opened one stop for each advance. The effect in viewing would be slow motion action.

What's new? The zoom lens is now available for 8 mm movie cameras. This is a single lens which ranges from wide angle to telephoto effects by lever control. First introduced to professional motion pictures in 1946, later adapted to television cameras, now the Zoomar 8mm lens reaches the amateur fans. Specifications: f 2.8 aperture; zoom range from 15mm to 39mm; distance range from 5 ft. to infinity; weight, 9 ounces; coupled viewfinder.

A new stereo viewer for the familiar circular reels with seven stereo pairs makes its appearance. The View-Master Focusing Viewer has a new optical system which doubles the picture area size seen on previous models.

**Trio Seeks to Buy Lake Tahoe Casino**

CARSON CITY, Nev. (U)—Three men have applied to the Nevada Tax Commission to purchase Cal-Neva Lodge, one of Lake Tahoe's biggest gambling casinos.

The prospective owners are Bert M. Grober, Miami Beach, Fla., restaurateur, and Herman and Harold Tracton, Los Angeles businessmen. The purchase price is reportedly about one million dollars.

Cal-Neva, which operates only during summer months, is owned by Sandy Adler. The Internal Revenue Bureau recently filed \$78,000 in tax liens against three gambling establishments owned by Adler.

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### STAMPS IN THE NEWS

**By SYD KRONISH** (AP Newsfeatures)

A Christmas theme on a postage stamp is a welcome addition at this time of year.

That's why we were delighted to see Austria issue its special Christmas stamp again for use on all mail during the Yule season. The Austrian postal officials merely duplicated their last year's design.

The one schilling blue depicts a little girl looking happily at the decorations on a Christmas tree. The same design in 1953 was in green.

One of the scarcest of French postal items will be sold at auction in New York City late in January. Collectors call it the "Quadriseet."

In 1870 a collector with an 80 centimes stamp cut it into four equal parts and used them for 20 c stamps. This practice was not unlawful at the time although it was not encouraged.

One of these quadriseets on cover has just been "re-discovered." It was originally in the famous "Argentiere" collection but its whereabouts was unknown since it was sold by J. C. Morganthau & Co. in 1922.

The cover is catalogued at 650,000 francs (about \$1,750).

In a rare honor from a foreign country, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the city of Tampa, Fla., will be commemorated by the Republican of Cuba next year with a special 12 cent air mail stamp.

The stamps will bear a picture of the old Wooden cigar factory

in Ybor City, Tampa's Latin quarter. It was here that Jose Marti, father of Cuban independence, delivered a famous speech in 1892. In the same building, the following year, the Cuban revolutionary junta drafted its resolution creating the official revolutionary party of all Cubans in exile.

The first U.S. stamp for 1955 will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. The three-center will be first placed on sale at Philadelphia on Jan. 15. This coincides with a special exhibition in connection with the sesquicentennial celebration of the Academy.

The design is a reproduction of the painting "Peale in his Museum," an original self-portrait by Charles Willson Peale, which belongs to the Academy.

Stamp collectors desiring first day covers may send their addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at Philadelphia, with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps, prior to Jan. 15. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

The famous nurse Florence Nightingale has been honored by Turkey by the issuance of a two-stamp set, reports the New York Stamp Co. The 20 kurus green and the 30 k brown have different portraits of Miss Nightingale. The occasion for the stamps is the 100th anniversary of her death. The dates 1834-1954 appear beneath the illustrations.

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