

Sincere Good Wishes

LET your New Year enter with a fanfare of trumpets . . . Greet him with laughter and shouts of glee. He is a better, brighter and happier New Year for all. We hope that the joy we derived from serving you during the past year will be duplicated in 1939. We hope our service may merit your highest approval. We thank you.

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Season's Greetings

At this time we wish to extend to our many Customers and Friends our best wishes for a

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A LOCAL CAMERA CLUB



Exchange of ideas on picture-taking leads to better pictures and more snapshot fun. Every town should have a camera club.

IN EVERY town where there are several camera fans, there should be a local camera club. Such clubs are of value to anyone who takes pictures and wants to improve his picture-taking.

The camera club brings snapshotshooters together. It enables them to exchange ideas, and swap experiences. They can work together on problems, hear useful discussions, and organize special events such as picture parties, hikes or excursions. Contact with other camera fans helps each member, for there is always something new to be learned.

In the club, one member may know a great deal about taking snapshots at night. He can advise others on lighting, film and exposure for night snapshots. Another member may own a miniature camera, and specialize in "off-guard" snaps of human-interest pictures of children at play. Still another may know something about sports pictures, or flower pictures. Thus, each member can contribute some knowledge which will help all the others make better snapshots.

So popular and practical are camera clubs that, in the past few years,

several thousand have organized on this continent alone. Some clubs have hundreds of members; others, only four or five. But no matter how small, the club is of value. In many instances, the camera club is part of a larger group, such as a Boy Scout troop or woman's club. Often, the club is able to have regular meeting rooms, and members "chip in" to fit out a darkroom with better equipment than each could afford by himself.

Organization of the club is quite simple. Camera fans simply get together, arrange for regular meetings, and plan a series of programs. Literature and suggestions for program material are obtained from various sources—often from manufacturers of cameras and film, who have special departments to supply such material without charge for club use. Picture exhibitions, or "criticism nights" are usually planned, and whenever possible, tours, hikes, or other special picture jaunts are arranged. Under the stimulus of these activities, it is small wonder that pictures improve, and the snapshotter gets more fun and benefit from his camera hobby!

John van Guilder.

Flash of Lightning Too

Quick for Eyes to See

The lightning flash is far too quick for the human eye to actually see—but it is so bright that it burns a distorted image on the retina which is taken for the real flash. Probably, most flashes endure less than a thousandth of a second—although multiple flashes, a series of flashes along the same general path taken by the rest, may continue for as long as a second. Really, lightning is never zigzagged as it is generally supposed to be. The bolt, as recorded by cameras, is usually a streak, sometimes straight but often curved, and frequently branching out like the roots of a tree.

The commonly described "sheet lightning" is not a sheet or even a broad band at all; it is just an ordinary flash which, hidden by the density of the cloud in which it occurs, lights up a section of the cloud in a "sheet," states a writer in the Boston Herald.

Since lightning takes the shortest path possible, it usually "strikes" the tallest object in the vicinity. Church steeples are ideal targets for lightning but, lacking them, a big barn, a tall house or even a tree will serve. The lightning crashes through them and the destruction it does depends upon the resistance the object offers to the passage of the energy. A metal object, such as a steel flag-pole, is not harmed in the least, as it allows the lightning free passage. But a wooden flag-pole, a building or even a tree does try to stop the lightning and, as a result, is blown to bits, literally exploded. Often heat is generated by the battle between wood and lightning and the wood is set afire.

There Were No Glass

Mirrors Before 1550

It was not until after the year 1550 that glass was in use for mirrors. Before that date highly polished metals were used, relates a writer in the Los Angeles Times.

Until the time of Charles II, the manufacture of mirrors was in the hands of the Venetians, who guarded the secrets of their glass factories very jealously.

But about the middle of the Seventeenth century the English were making marked improvement in mirror-making and set out to capture from the Venetians some of the world trade they had enjoyed.

The first plates for mirrors were said to have been made at Lambert in 1673, and from this time on were in general use in England. Mirrors in America were listed as early as 1680 and were undoubtedly of English make as they followed the prevailing furniture fashions of that time.

As all glass was first blown as a sphere it was impossible to make big sheets. For this reason early mirrors were invariably rectangular. Large mirrors were made in two pieces. The plates were bent straight after being blown.

After 1750 the plate was molded, not blown. The glass was thin and uneven and the bevels were pressed instead of being ground, which gave a rounded edge and a flat angle.

Discovery of Coal

There is strong reason to believe that the first discovery of coal on this continent was made in Illinois, by the early French explorers, some time between 1673 and 1680. "It is remarkable," states James MacFarlane, in "Coal Regions of America," "that the first discovery of coal in America of which there is any account in a printed book was made so far in the interior as Illinois by Father Hennepin more than 250 years ago." Hennepin's map, accompanying the edition of his journal published in 1693, locates a coal mine in the bluffs of the Illinois river near Ottawa, where an inferior quality of bituminous coal comes to the surface. Referring to this record left by Hennepin, R. C. Taylor, another authority in economic geology, states: "This is the earliest notice on record of the existence of coal in America."

Paying Mining Royalties

In the long past, as their name suggests, mining royalties were paid to the reigning monarch. This applied to mined products of all kinds, as well as coal, says London Answers Magazine. Then, the private owners of land began to object to this, as they claimed that royalties for coal produced from their estates should belong to them. About the middle of the sixteenth century a law case was brought to settle this, and the judges decreed that, while gold and silver mines belonged to the king, all other minerals, including coal, were the property of the owner of the land. The rate of the royalty payable varies in different districts.

"Marshal" of French Origin

"Marshal" of old French origin, is one of the occupation names. A marshal was originally a groom, or manager of the horse. The king's marshal rose gradually in importance and dignity as the importance of cavalry increased, until he became one of the judges in courts of chivalry, and now the highest French military officer is called a marshal (or marshal, in the French spelling), a title which the English and Germans adapted to "field marshal." When used as a name the word has two 's'.

WARD OF THANKS

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influx of immigration. On the other hand there is the menace of the overcrowded and land-hungry sections of the world, and the added moral force for peace which countries like Canada would have if they were more fully populated and had their economic strength more fully developed. The British partner in the commonwealth is not seeking to impose its will in the slightest way on its partner nations. It is simply pointing its finger at the shifting political stormclouds in the world's sky and suggesting that when the Dominions consider the time ripe the migration problem can be discussed among the partners.

Looking Ahead -

AS the rays of the New Year sun spread to all corners of the universe, so do our sincere good wishes go forth to search out all friends and patrons who have contributed to our welfare and progress. Looking ahead, we wish years and years of Happy New Years for all.

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Georgetown

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BOLTON AND BRAMPTON OPEN HOCKEY SEASON HERE NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Bolton and Brampton Intermediates open the hockey season in Georgetown next Tuesday night, January 3rd, when they stage the first league game of the local group. Then on Friday, January 6th, Georgetown's own boys swing into action, under the direction of Mr. McGinnis, coach of the team, when they meet their Brampton rivals. Mr. McGinnis has coached teams in and around Port Arthur and is going to try and help Georgetown produce another good intermediate team this winter. Ice is now in the making at the Arena, and we believe a practice will be held by the teams to-night to wear off the rough spots. If the weather holds-out the ice should be in good shape for next week's games.

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