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THE Guild has received a number of letters from fellow snapshotters complaining about smudgy looking pictures. They say they know their exposures are correct and developing done carefully with fresh, clean chemicals.

Granting that all this is true the next thing to consider is your lens. Is it clean? You have looked through dirty eye-glasses with probably a few finger prints on them. If you haven't it's a sure bet that you have experienced the difficulty of looking through a smudgy window. Clean eye-glasses and clean windows give clear vision and similarly the camera cannot "see" so well if its eye (the lens) is cloudy and smudgy from grease, finger prints and dust collected over a period of months.

Cleaning a lens is a very simple operation. All you need is a soft, unstarched linen handkerchief and perhaps a match or pencil, if the lens is quite small. The rear surface of the lens can easily be reached by removing the back of the camera. If the camera has a double lens (one behind and one in front of the shutter diaphragm), the front combination may be removed by turning to the left, which will allow you to work through the shutter opening when set for "time," with the handkerchief over the end of the match or lead pencil. If the lens is quite dirty breathe on it and then rub gently with the handkerchief. Be sure when replacing the front lens, to screw it back into the shutter as it will go.

The suggestion to work through the shutter opening also applies to cleaning the front surface of cameras with single lenses fitted to box cameras and certain folding models. Handle the lens carefully and don't exert too much pressure. It isn't necessary and might scratch the surface.

The amount of pleasure you get out of your camera depends almost entirely on how much thought and care you give it.

Picture taking is just like golf, tennis, basketball or bowling—the more you experiment, the more thought you give to your hobby, the greater your reward in self satisfaction.

There are many good books available on amateur photography but one of the latest off the press is called "How to Take Good Pictures." It is packed with sound advice for the beginner or the advanced amateur and profusely illustrated with pictures of every type, diagrams and what have you. It might be called "The Amateur Photographer's Reference Book," but don't think for one minute it is as "dry" as such a name might imply. You can no doubt purchase this book from stores that sell cameras and photographic supplies.

If you know your camera—its limitations or its versatility—give careful thought to composition and story-telling possibilities you are well along your way to take pictures as interesting and sharp as the two shown above.

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Chesley voted by a large majority for a new high school, and from now on her citizens will be feeling, thinking and talking—and paying in increased taxation, via the higher education route.

Mrs Honsinger headed the poll in the civic aldermanic contest in Owen Sound in her second year. It is evident her year in municipal life, was approved by the ratepayers and what is better, they were not diffident in saying so.

WHEN STUBBORNNESS DIDN'T PAY

It doesn't always pay to insist too strongly on what you think are your rights.

Some time ago, over in Flint Michigan, Kenneth Proper found \$370 hidden in a woodpile. There were no claimants for the money; so Kenneth, going on the principle "Finder keeper, loser weeper," considered that he was entitled to keep the money.

William Griffith, owner of the land—and the woodpile—had a different idea. He thought money should belong to him. It was found on his property and therefore he had the right of ownership.

Neither would agree to split; it was all or nothing. So they engaged a lawyer apiece and went into the courts to settle the dispute.

The case was fought through six sessions of the court; and finally judgment was given by which the money was divided equally between the claimants.

By that time, what with court costs and lawyers' fees, the fund had dwindled to \$18. Honor was satisfied! So were the lawyers and court officials no doubt.

It's all right to stand up for your rights; but it can be overdone.

Neither Kenneth nor William has even had the barren satisfaction of having won a moral victory. Still, look at the fun they had.

A FACT A WEEK ABOUT CANADA

CANADA'S FOLK-SONGS

Canada is mindful of her past. An evidence of this happy retrospection is the possession of the largest collection of recorded folk-songs in North America. They are filed away in the National Museum in Ottawa where seven thousand cylindrical recordings preserve the lilting songs.

The lyrics are set down in books, the double tasks have been undertaken by Marius Barbeau and Diamond Jenness, anthropologists at the National Museum, and some of their conferees.

A world-wide revival of folk-songs in the repertoire of musicians is being in evidence daily, the anthropologists say. It is through the medium of recordings that folk-songs can be borrowed, learned and internationally exchanged.

Tucked away in small out-of-the-way hamlets scattered across the country are found melodies of the early French settlers. In many cases the origin and history of the songs have been forgotten but the original beauty remains.

Weddings, village fairs and religious celebrations abound with folk-songs and at these gatherings many new songs come to light. Approximately 4,000 recordings of French-Canadian folk-songs have been made. Some themes date back to 1680. The subject matter is varied: legendary, adventurous, gallant, inspirational, mocking and capricious.

Almost 3,000 songs of the 50 Indian tribes of the woods of North America and songs of the inhabitants of the Arctic rim are included in the collection. Drums, rattles, whistles and horns add accompaniment to the singing of the painted Indian warriors at their campfire dances. Believed to be inspired during dream-like trances, these original songs of the red-man are a heritage.

Payment was demanded by a father before passing the song down to his son. Even now confidence must be established with the Indian before he will consent to sing for a recording.

Songs of the Eskimo are changeable. He sings and plans songs during the spring and summer and fall months to be sung at the dances in winter.

Like the modern dance music some of these songs make a hit and remain favourites from year to year, but more often last only one season.

A happy and musically-inclined race of mysterious origin, the Eskimo will sing his songs freely and without embarrassment.

COUNTY LIBRARIES

To anyone interested in the subject of adult education the question of Libraries is of vital interest and for rural people the County Library offers a solution to their difficulty in securing books. County Libraries have now been organized in several counties—Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Waterloo County is now being organized. Possibly the most successful of these is the one in Lambton County.

The idea behind the County Library is to bring books to the rural districts and, smaller communities. These people are very much interested in the idea but it has been found that people living in municipalities which are already enjoying Library service are not vitally interested in the scheme. The reason for this is obvious—people who have plenty to eat are naturally not as hungry as those who have little or nothing to eat. This does not mean that communities already having Libraries would not benefit by the County Library—they would but the difference is that they are not in such need of books as those in rural communities who have no books at all.

In these articles we are going to try to explain what a County Library means and to show how it could be carried out in Grey County. Everyone, or at least anyone interested enough to be reading this knows the value of a Library to a community but the difficulty is, how is a Library going to reach people who do not live where a Library has already been established? Not only that but how are we going to convince people of the value of books if there are no books within easy access?

Even when people do want to read, books are often not available or it may be too much of an effort to go several miles to a Library. In winter the roads make it almost impossible to get in, yet that is the time when they have more time to read. Then there is the question of expense. The Library in each municipality is paid for by the ratepayers so that anyone who is not a taxpayer has to pay a fee to borrow books, in rural and very small communities the cost of the upkeep of a Library and the cost of books make a Library of any size almost prohibitive.

In Grey County there is certainly the need for better Library facilities in the rural districts and in so many of these there is the desire to have the use of a Library. If that desire is strong enough in a sufficient number of communities there is no reason why a County Library could not be organized in Grey County which would serve any section of the County with out any great expense to anyone.

Books make a richer world to live in, but unless people can be induced to read books, and books can be easily obtained, the world is so much poorer a place in which to live.

Isn't it true what J. A. Quinn says in his book, "The Social World and Its Institutions,"

"Modern education should push out the boundaries of the world in which the student lives so that, instead of remaining isolated within the limits of a small locality he can live in a world as broad as is known to all humanity."

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs J. Lawrence on Thursday, Jan. 5th, Miss Renwick presiding. Letters were read thanking the Institute for baskets of fruit, etc., sent at Christmas. 28 baskets were sent. The Institute will hold a sale of home baking in March. This sale will be held in place of the usual at Home, proceeds to go to the fund for re-decorating the Library. Each member was asked to try to make \$1.00 before then, grouping together holding teas or ecchres. Proceeds also to go to the Library fund. The collection of \$5 was sent to the Grey War Memorial Fund.

The roll call was answered by a verse of poetry learned at school in childhood. Miss Charlton and Miss R. Nichol gave a pleasing piano duet. The topic "Canadian Poets" was given by Miss M. McGirr, assisted by Mrs McIlraith, Mrs R. Renwick and Miss L. McComb. Miss McGirr had pleasant personal memories of Wilson McDonald, poet, having met him when visiting her brother Ernest. She has a book of his poems with his autograph which she prizes highly.

John McCrea's poem "In Flanders Fields" was read, one of the best written on the Great War. The recessional "Lord of the Lands" by Albert Durrant Watson, was sung by the Institute members, and this brought an inspiring program to a close. Lunch was served by the hostess and helpers.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

U. Y. P. A. HOLD MEETING

The first meeting of the New Year of the Knox United Young Peoples' was held Monday evening January 9th in Knox Church. During the business period, the Society decided to put on a play. The meeting was then turned over to the convener of Christian Fellowship, Miss Florence McLean. After prayer by the convener, the scripture was read by Miss Evelyn Alje and Miss Jean Dewar. A piano solo by Helen Renwick was enjoyed. The topic on "Prayer" was taken by Mr George Prew. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

KNOX MISSION CIRCLE HOLD FIRST MEETING FOR 1939

The opening meeting of New Year was held in Queen St. Church Tuesday evening, under the new leader, Mrs Geo. Hay. Kathleen Renwick presided, and scripture lesson was read by Mary Bourne. A drive for new members will be made; arrangements were made to complete autograph quilt and to hold a skating party. The opening chapter of the study book was taken by Kay Renwick, Vera Lauder, Marjory Middleton and Bertha Glass. The meeting closed with class text, and the Lord's Prayer. Afterwards Mrs Hay entertained the Circle to a social hour in her home.

UNITED WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HOLD SUPPER MEETING

The first meeting of the New Year of the United Women's Association began with supper at 6 p. m. in the reception room of Queen Street Church, with over 60 present. Community singing with Mrs G. R. Padfield at the piano followed the social hour, and Mrs W. A. MacDonald presided for the devotional and business session. Groups were named to carry on the work of the year. Conveners in pairs. Miss W. A. MacDonald and Mrs J. Robb, Mrs Steeds and Mrs R. Lawrence, Mrs C. E. Wolfe and Mrs G. S. Kearney, Mrs C. Morre and Mrs A. C. Kinnee.

REPORT OF BAPTIST MISSION CIRCLE

The 1939 January meeting was held at the home of Mrs Geo. A. Thompson on Wednesday, Jan. 4th with the president Mrs Geo. A. Thompson in the chair. The hymn "Work for the Night is Coming," was followed by prayer by Miss Redford after which Mrs Bogle read the scripture, II Cor 8th chapter.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and adopted on the motion of Mrs W. Thompson and Mrs Giles. Mrs Priest read a letter from Miss O. Wilson, our mission, Guelph, thanking Durham and Glenelg Baptists for their white gift shower presented at the Sunday school entertainment in December. A letter was also read from Mrs. (Rev.) Spencer, in response to Christmas greeting. On a motion of Mrs Priest, seconded by Mrs. Giles, it was unanimously decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs W. Moffet on the death of her sister, Mrs Gummerston. All the members of Circle were asked to act as a calling com. and report any cases of sickness or need to the pastor, Rev. J. T. Priest.

The roll call, was answered by a verse of scripture containing the word, "Happy" (and offering) and followed by the consecration hymn "Jesus and Shall It Ever Be." 14 members and 3 visitors were present. After a short inspirational talk by Mrs Priest, a prayer session and solo, "Take Thou My Hand and Lead My Soul," by Miss Redford. A very interesting address was given by Mrs Mason of Hanover, who is Directress of Women's Work in Owen Sound Baptist Association.

Mrs Mason stressed the need of upholding our work in the Homeland, as well as abroad—also reminded us of the great Jubilee gathering of Baptist Churches, (and various organizations thereof) to be held in exhibition Park, Toronto, next June. Then she gave us a text, Heb. 12:1, reminding us of the "cloud of witnesses" who were watching us and urging us to run the race in all earnestness, being careful in our training; that we aim at physical fitness as well as striving for courage, perseverance, endurance, patience and faith. Our Trainer and Coach must be Jesus Christ. Our goal Heaven, and our reward the "Crown of Life."

A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs Mason on motion of Miss Redford and seconded by Mrs A. A. Rice. Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds"

HAMPDEN

We extend our sympathy to the husband and family, sisters and brothers of the late Mrs Park of Knox Corners whose funeral took place last Thursday afternoon to the Hampden cemetery.

Sorry to learn that Mrs Albert Gerhardt is under the Dr.'s care with pleurisy. Hope she will soon be her usual self again.

Mr Gordon Schenk has been a busy man the past week, moving the house he bought off the Seim property. A Walkerton contractor A. M. Power was the overseer of the job.

Our mailman ever faithful during the seige of stormy weather will still have road conditions to contend with owing to the January thaw

ROCKY SAUGEEN

After the abundance of snow a couple of weeks ago, the highway is now bare although the sidewalks have considerable snow which makes it quite a problem travelling.

Mr. Wm. McNally, Lumsden, was a guest for a few days with Mr and Mrs Lorne McNally and Mr and Mrs James Crutchley.

Miss Isabelle Schaefer spent a few days recently with her sister, Mrs Bruce McCrae.

The U.F.W.O. Club will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs Murray Ritchie on Friday afternoon of this week. The roll call will be responded to by the members handing in their quilt blocks.

Mr and Mrs Fred Murdoch, Durham, were guests on Saturday evening with Mr and Mrs Bruce McCrae.

Mr and Mrs James Crutchley spent a day recently with Mr and Mrs Wm Cook of Elmwood.

Mrs L. McLean spent Tuesday with her sister Mrs James Ledingham, who arrived home that day from Chicago after spending four months with relatives there.

VICKERS

The January meeting of the U.F.W.O. met at the home of Mrs Wm. McCulloch on Friday last with a good attendance. The new President, Mrs Thos. Hopkins occupied the chair. Roll was answered by a silver collection. Letters from headquarters were read by the secretary, Mrs Geo. Turnbull, also letters of appreciation were read from Mr Wm McCulloch, Miss Edna Porter and Mrs Geo. H. Torry and Jean. A short program followed, consisting of singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Auld Lang Syne"; recitation by Mrs John Andrews; readings by Mrs Joe Porter and Miss Marjorie Brown; contest by Mrs Wm. McCulloch, Mrs Thos. Hopkins being the winner; a contest by Mrs Norman McIlraith, the winner being Miss Ada Reay; also a New Year resolution contest. The meeting closed in the usual manner and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and assistants. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs Joe Porter. Those on the lunch committee being: Mrs Geo. Mighton, Mrs Joe Porter sandwiches—Mrs Joe McCulloch, Mrs Wm. McCulloch, Mrs Thos Hopkins.

Mr and Mrs Albert Wells of Markdale were weekend visitors with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Ben Coutts.

EIGHT HOLIDAYS LISTED FOR YEAR 1939

It has been announced at Ottawa that the King's Birthday will be observed May 20th as a statutory holiday brought Canada's total holidays in 1939 to eight, one more than usual.

The others are New Year's Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Quebec alone observes such religious holidays as Epiphany, Ascension Day and All Saints' Day.

Scotland and Canada are the only countries in the Empire that observe New Year's Day as a holiday.

England has one less holiday than Canada, observing Good Friday, Easter Monday, White Monday, the August Bank Holiday, Christmas and Boxing Day. The same holidays are observed in Eire and Northern Ireland. In addition Eire celebrates St. Patrick's Day, March 17 and Northern Ireland makes July 12, date of the Battle of the Boyne, a holiday.

Scotland's holidays are New Year's, Good Friday, May Day, August Bank Holiday and Christmas.

DORNOCH

Miss Beaton of Winnipeg is visiting with her aunt, Mrs C. McIntyre. Mr Cameron Muldoon has returned to Hamilton.

Mr Wm. Smith attended the funeral on Saturday last of his cousin, the late Mr Dougald Smith.

Mr Geo. Ledingham was a recent visitor at his home.

Miss K. Bolen spent the weekend with her parents at Kenilworth.

Mr Robert Hay of Rosetown is visiting his cousins, Mr and Mrs J. Corlett.

FOOTPRINTS OF SERVICE

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