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## Interested in Photography? Here Is Advice

### Tips on Starting Popular Hobby Given by Teacher

(Editor's Note—War and other weighty issues are forgotten in this week's Forum as the spotlight is turned to hobbies. The article is written by a man who teaches a class in this subject at Baldwin High, one of the fine high schools, giving instruction. At some later date, other hobbies will receive attention.)  
 By E. A. HUBBARD

In these days of time saving devices, decreased hours of responsibility, and increased hours of leisure time it is highly desirable to develop some kind of a hobby, some activity that fills those leisure hours so completely and pleasantly that you wish there were more of them. I am sure it is healthier to steal a half hour from sleep or books to finish up some work in the darkroom than it is to waste half an hour wishing for something to do.  
 Photography is varied enough to make a good hobby for young and old, rich and poor. Picture taking is so easy that youngsters can take their cameras, follow instructions and make good pictures. Yet the theory and the darkroom procedure are so complicated that no one can learn it all no matter how little he is at it. Most of us get only far enough to finish up some work we do know about it and how much there is yet to learn.

**Needs of the Amateur**  
 Manufacturers of photographic equipment and materials have been quick to recognize a goose that could lay golden eggs and have been constantly directing their improvements toward the needs of the amateur. They have produced cameras, priced so low that anyone can own them. At the same time they have made such things as cameras, rangefinders, meters, filters, special lens, and other gadgets that they can make a rich man poor if he tries to satisfy all his desires in a matter of equipment. These new cameras are truly marvelous in their abilities, catch the most interesting subjects as though it were standing still, taking one picture by ordinary lamplight and the next in brilliant sunlight, photographing objects through a mile of fog, or catching a fast moving carnival scene with all its action and color.  
 With an inexpensive camera you can now make motion pictures or lantern slides in any and natural color. A hundred colored slides of next summer's trip will cost you only \$20. Or make a record of your trip in colored motion pictures if you wish. As for myself, I see no object in using motion pictures when you are not recording motion, and usually there is no interesting motion in scenery. You will be called on to show such pictures over and over. Any person who can afford to travel with a camera can become a travel lecturer today. The manufacturer has made the procedure nearly fool proof. You buy the film and they furnish an exposure guide. Study it and use it. Send the film back to them and your slides or film come back ready to project. I know of a man who has found in color film a means of collecting sunsets, combining the collecting hobby with photography.  
 But color is only one of the possibilities. With our modern high speed film, high grade lens, and fast acting shutters, it is a thrill to photograph fast action as of football players, dash sprinters, high jumpers or racing horses. One acquaintance of mine does most of his photography through a microscope. Another spends most of his photographic efforts in making pictorial shots which he

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### Cast in 1940 Census Rehearsal



At South Bend, Ind., some of 174 interlopers conducting census in St. Joseph and Marshall counties, take oath of office before Gerald Ryan, right, of U. S. Census Bureau, supervisor of project. Rehearsal is designed to show where questions, planned for national census next year, are all right as they stand or must be revamped.

hopes will be accepted at photographic exhibitions.  
 I do not believe you can claim black and white photography as a hobby until you do your own dark room work. It never ceases to be a thrill to watch a new picture gradually appear on the blank piece of paper as it lies in the developer. It is always a satisfaction to project negatives in an enlarger, mask out the undesirable foreground or background, place the main object more artistically and see a fine picture produced from a mediocre negative. Doing your own darkroom work will enable you to stretch out the funds budgeted to photography. You will not spend less, but you will get more for your money. You will find yourself making five prints rather than buying one, and then giving four of them away, and you will make enlargements that you could not afford to buy.

**Oakland County BRIEFS**  
**Plan Operetta**  
 OXFORD—The High School here will present the operetta Nov. 3—"The Sunbonnet Girl."  
**Beer Bottle Explodes**  
 ROYAL OAK—George Lyons, 9 years old, 507 East Lincoln avenue, is recovering from lacerations received when a beer bottle exploded. The boy had bent over to examine a bottle which an older youth had been pushing along the sidewalk when it burst, showering him with glass.  
**Compromise**  
 PONTIAC—George W. Burt, of Pontiac has been named by the state as the third member of Oakland County relief commission, a compromise between the candidacies of Cass B. Waters, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and Stacy S. Skelton, incumbent ERA administrator. The new board will take over the relief headache Nov. 1.  
**Detectives on Trial**  
 PONTIAC—Trial Board hearings continued last night for Detectives Ferdinand Snyder and Joseph Palace, accused of omitting their duty because of the alleged gift of \$654 by two theatre bandits. Both officers had pleaded not guilty.  
**Case Before Governor**  
 ROYAL OAK—It's up to the Governor now. Records in the regional proceedings against Justice Vincent S. Wooten have been sent to Lansing.  
**Ask Larger Building**  
 HOLLY—Members of the Holly Township Board and others have filed petitions asking a special election on another and larger building for the township library.  
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### Business Woman Makes Good; Tells How She Did It

BY LINDO MOORE  
 Baldwin Public Library

Suppose, when you growled about the service of one of the department stores, someone should say "So you think you know about managing a store. How would you like to be president and prove it?"  
 That is just about what happened to Hortense Odium, president of Bonwit Teller (New York). Hers is no story of working up from assistant stock girl to saleswoman to buyer and finally—unheard of honor for a woman—to the proud eminence of president. Mrs. Odium became head of a failing department store because she had the wit to see what was making its business fall off. Using her native wit and with no business experience, she set about making Bonwit Teller a place where women might find the kind of service they liked.  
 She did more in that she forced clothing manufacturers to produce the kind of inexpensive clothes that appeal to women of good taste and slim budgets. She put the millinery department on the first floor because she knew that women loved to buy hats on impulse, and knew that providing an alluring selection of hats in a convenient place could do much to bolster the financial state of the store. She trained the personnel in courtesy, tact and the sacred tenet that the "customer is always right." These things and many others she did over the loud wails and horrified protest of conservative officers of the store but she made a success of her venture. With humor and lively detail she

tells the story of her business life in her biography, "A Woman's Place."  
 Other books recently added to the shelves of Baldwin Library include the following:  
 Miss Susie Slagle's by Augusta Tacker. Miss Slagle's medical boarding house was famous, and Miss Slagle herself knew more about medical students than their own mothers. A novel written with humor and pathos.  
 One Fight More, by Susan Ertz. A hilarious novel filled with comedy and suspense, fascinating intrigues and ridiculous situations. With "one fight more" at the end, however, everything is satisfactorily straightened out.  
 Four-part Setting, by Ann Bridge. The story of Rose Felham and her adventurous three weeks in China. Romance and Chinese bandits play major parts in this novel of diplomatic antics in China.  
 Across the Years, by Emilie Loring. A breath taking mystery-romance concerning the beautiful Faith Jarvis, the great Senator Teale and the Senator's mysteriously missing plans.  
 Theresa, by Henry Seidel Canby. A biography of one of the great figures in American literature. Mr. Canby succeeds in recreating the Concord of Emerson, the Alcotts, and Lowell and makes the story of the Walden Pond experiment a vivid one.  
 Beware of the Dog! by Chas. North. A furiously paced mystery story of racketeers, graft and murder in a large city and of Gilbert Fellows' single-handed fight against the underworld.  
 A Coffin For Dimitrios, by Eric Ambler. The murder of a mysterious Greek, wanted by the police in every country in Europe led to as complicated a chain of events as any mystery fan could wish.

**Against Liquor**  
 HOLLY—Greenland Township has voted against sale of liquor by the glass 107 to 78.  
**Building Active**  
 ROYAL OAK—New homes, 640 in number and totaling \$3,247,299 in value, have been built in northern Oakland County since Jan. 1.  
**Not Safe Over Here**  
 Friend—Which of your world of fiction do you consider best? Author—My last income tax return.

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