

Photography—Is It an Art?

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Special Writer

Is photography an art or isn't it? No matter which side you take as to whether photography is an art or not, no one can deny that the quick trip of the shutter on the camera is mechanical. Nothing in painting is mechanical.

The photographer can arrange lights, compose, create a mood but that split-second trip of the shutter is the picture you see. In portraiture it is either good or bad depending on the expression on the face of the subject at the instant of exposure.

PHOTOGRAPHY isn't all portraits, of course. What about

landscapes and stills? Could one instance, photograph some stills and compare the finished print to Georgia O'Keeffe's masterpiece of painting "Stables"? The answer is "yes." That is, the photographer could, under certain light conditions and with a recognition of beauty in space and line, compose, snap the shutter at the correct speed, develop and print with certain chemicals and paper, produce something just as satisfying and inspiring to live with as the painting.

Yet, Georgia O'Keeffe's work is worth thousands of dollars. A photograph, even the original and the negative destroyed would hardly bring fifty.

STIEGLITZ, photographer has

band of Miss O'Keeffe, was a hand's on and exhibited his work at New York art galleries, but I would not call a commercial work of high monetary value on it. By and large the dedicated photographer, even though he is an artist, cannot command the recognition of his work as art, whereas the dedicated painter can and does. Why?

I suppose it's a bit like comparing a hand-drawn piece of embroidery to some produced by a machine. The choice of thread, colors, texture, design, everything can be lovingly created except the actual weaving, which is done by a machine. The hand-made article will always be the most highly valued.

SO WHY KEEP up this controversy as to whether photography is an art. It isn't, not by accepted standards. The photographer and the painter can both be artists but they produce work of widely different forms. So different that there is no comparison between a painting and a photograph.

Plane Crash Kills Former Resident On Army Mission

A former Bloomfield Hills resident was one of eight U. S. Army Air Force men killed in the crash of a Vietnamese transport plane Feb. 11.

Glenn (John) Merribeau, 21, who had lived with his sister, Mrs. George Noonan, and her husband, formerly of Square Lake Road-Woodward area in Bloomfield Hills, was on a leaflet dropping mission in mountainous guerrilla country 80 miles northeast of Saigon when their C-47 crashed and burned.

Merribeau, who graduated from Bloomfield Hills High School four years ago, was a specialist fourth class military attaché to special services in Viet Nam. He served with the seven other Americans as an adviser to South Viet Nam's armed forces fighting the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas.

The Noonans, who reared Merribeau after his parents died, now reside in Pompano Beach, Fla. Merribeau's brother, P. Eugene, lives in Farmington and a sister, Mrs. Harry Ramsey, resides in Detroit.

Trumbull Selected For Romney Staff

George T. Trumbull Jr., 3545 Walcott, Bloomfield Hills, last week became the first staff member for George Romney's gubernatorial campaign.

A courthouse reporter and political writer for The Pontiac Press, Trumbull, 32, is a graduate of Michigan State University and a former U.S. Army officer.

Capitol

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building today would require some \$6 million. The building looks much the same as it did then. The outer walls are a bit dingy—and they defy any attempts at cleaning; but the work space has been built into many departments; lights, telephones and elevators have been added. But the spired dome is kept a brilliant white and the spirit of the past stands beside electric typewriters, modern filing cabinets and electronic equipment, a strange and fascinating contrast to the 19th century architecture.

ORIGINALLY THE capitol housed all of Michigan's state government. Since then, however, government operations have spilled over into two other large office buildings in Lansing and a skyscraper in Detroit.

Soon the ornate old dome will be flanked by a phalanx of gleaming new state buildings, all striking examples of modern architecture. The two square blocks to the rear of the old capitol building have been cleared and the T-shaped Stevens T. Mason building already stands on one corner of this area. Next to be erected will be a Supreme Court building directly behind the capitol, and then will go up a sleek 14-floor United Nations-type office building to house state departments now farmed out in quarters all over Lansing.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT, of course, will include careful landscaping. The clean-lined, functional buildings notwithstanding, Michigan still will have but one Capitol building, and when it comes to tourist attractions these sleek new structures can't hold a plumb line to the crusty old domed Capitol. For in spite of its modern surroundings it will lose none of its charm.

The massive white dome will remain a vivid symbol of Michigan's colorful past.

Happenings

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Figures on the general primary election for the three Oakland County circuit court judges held Monday indicated that a grand total of 67 ballots were cast in the six local precincts. City Clerk Irwin Hanley said that the election cost the city approximately \$5 per ballot.

A request to allow two more taxicabs to be added to the three presently being operated by the Veterans Cab Co. was referred by the City Commission Monday to the city manager for further study and subsequent recommendation.

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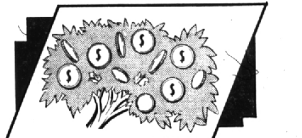
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hair the last time?" Barber—"Not me. I've only been here six months." And in the neighborhood grocery store: "Naive husband—" "Well, my dear, I've carried you safely over all the rough places of life, haven't I?" Not-so-naive-wife—"Yes, I don't think you missed one of them."

This next one I would attribute to my own wife, but I don't dare: "Mind if I rest a moment?" asked the shoe salesman of the meticulous, fastidious woman who had been trying on shoes all afternoon. "Your feet are killing me."

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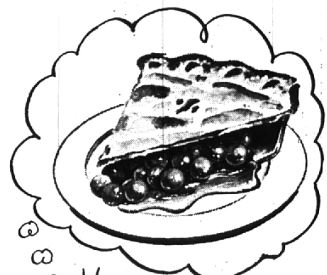
Speaks to Club

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assets	Liabilities
Cash on Hand and in Banks..... \$ 22,953,602.91	Statutory Policy Reserves..... \$990,640,721.00
U. S. National Government Bonds..... 109,618,184.42	Policy Proceeds and Dividends Left with Company..... 18,753,921.00
Municipal and Corporation Bonds..... 235,594,406.73	Dividends to Policyholders Payable in 1962..... 5,925,525.00*
Stocks..... 1,919,892.27	Policy Benefits Currently Outstanding..... 2,994,148.34
Mortgage Loans..... 633,668,236.29	Premiums and Interest Paid in Advance..... 5,008,159.27
Real Estate: • Home Office and Regional Office Properties..... 21,050,938.13	Accrued Taxes Payable in 1962..... 5,105,162.50
Investment..... 11,269,180.19	Amounts Held in Trust..... 9,058,272.76
Policy Loans..... 37,411,784.54	Other Liabilities..... 1,874,046.53
Accrued Interest and Rents..... 6,140,723.06	Security Valuation Reserve..... 3,924,946.80
Net Due and Deferred Premiums, etc..... 45,158,308.39	SURPLUS..... \$1,410,354.33
TOTAL..... \$1,124,695,257.53	TOTAL..... \$1,124,695,257.53

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