

CAMERA CUES FOR AMATEURS

'Messy' Backgrounds Spoil Perfect Shots



A poor background spoils this otherwise perfect snapshot.

By HAROLD TRULOCK

Background in a picture is one of the first things studied when experts analyze the work of amateur photographers.

One illustration today in an example of how a poor background can spoil what would have been a perfect shot. This picture is well lighted, not too exposed and the composition is pleasing. The picture tells a story—how the children are concentrating on their drawing rather than the camera.

But the background nullifies most of that. It draws your attention where the images of the children and their legs end.

The tragedy of picture like this is that so many might have been "saved" with just a little foreground. If the photographer in this case had pulled the chains of camera range, or had just looked beyond his subjects as he lined them up in his viewfinder—the picture would have been vastly improved.

Outdoors, of course the principle of looking beyond the subject also applies. Backgrounds hazards to watch out for, however, vary considerably. Instead of open doorways encountered inside, fences, bushes, wires, posts and buildings are the offender.

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Twenty-five salon prints of prize-winning and better pictures in the 1937 Greater Photo Contest may be obtained for display and study by any camera club or camera society.

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HOLLYWOOD DOINGS

Town Incorporated for Location Work

By PATRICIA CLAY

HOLLYWOOD—The movie world as a location is no big business but a new town has sprung up in the heart of the city.

A bunch of Hollywoodites ran a race in the streets called "Pioneertown" where the chief prize was a "Pioneer Street" which has been in a second stage and held the buildings are taken fronts.

The latest movie-maker the Pioneertown people entered there was Gene Autry, who usually films hundreds of miles to find backgrounds for his Columbia westerns. They persuaded him Pioneertown (which had as good as Arizona and was considerably closer).

The 30,000-acre tract is 4,500 feet high 120 miles east of Hollywood and a few mountain ranges north of Palm Springs. The sign pointing from the main highway to the studio which is still under way, "This-a-way," and that give you an idea what the place is like.

The developer, Dick Curnin, first discovered the rugged beauty of the rock-ey area when he is in town with 18 other Hollywoodites. They put the establishment the "Pioneertown" with other studios. Main Street with General Store, Bank, Red Dog and the Grubstake, etc. Behind these are "west fronts" are buildings, both brick, stucco and trademark of camera film. And a sign on the way and grain test sign.

Remember, take enough time in selecting backgrounds carefully. It's a practice that pays off.

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