

Your Baby - In Pictures

Very Lovable Subject

Your baby in pictures is such an important part of family life. It deserves frequent use of the very best snapshooting.

Justice to baby, you have to keep the camera busy, especially in the first two years. They change so rapidly that you can't take time pass without taking pictures or you will miss some of the things you'd like most to remember.

When baby is propped up in a chair or in the corner, the camera is all right once in a while, but if the pose is repeated often the picture record will be one of how baby is sitting in the same position at different ages.

Take your baby pictures a record of the things baby does. Each acquired skill is worth a picture. That's fun to have now and wonderful for remembering the years to come.

Crying, bathing, crawling, crawling, crying, and playing all make good pictures. When he's naturally dependent, he's naturally dependent. You can very logically picture another adult in the picture. As he grows older, he'll star more often in a picture.

The best way to take baby pictures is with photoflash. Practically all modern cameras even the most simple are equipped for flash attachments. This means that you can shoot anytime of day, any place in the house, and on the spot. As an extra advantage, the speed of flash is fast enough to stop any normal movement. Thus, if baby suddenly waves at you, the hand will be "frozen" in mid-air, not blurred. Baby isn't tired by waiting for you to set up lights, and you're running the risk of missing a picture when it's happening. There are given to many moods, they change rapidly, whether they're ready or not.

Blankets, play pens, blankets on the lawn are familiar settings for outdoor picture taking. On the lawn you proceed just as you would for any outdoor snapshoot. Attention to the angle in which you are shooting and the distance. Baby is a rather small subject and it is easy to get him in a maze of background, a close-up attachment, you can move in to within 42 inches of the baby with even the simplest camera. Otherwise, just move in as close as your camera permits. Then if the baby seems small, you can have your lens enlarge just that part of the picture.

Check your camera angle carefully. A high camera position represents an adult point of view; a low camera position shows things the way baby sees them. Don't be afraid to get down on your knees, if necessary. Looking down on baby tends to minimize his size and that's certainly the last thing you want to do.

When it comes to backgrounds, indoors or out, simplicity is the best rule. So, look behind the baby as well as at him when composing your picture. That way you can avoid distracting elements which would take attention from the important subject. If circumstances make this difficult, use a simple background by using a blanket or sheet over the edge of a table or the back of a chair.

Many times two people are better than one when baby pictures are being made. You need one to hold the picture, the other to attract and entertain the subject. The second person can make noise to attract baby's smile in the direction of the camera or present a favorite toy at the appropriate time to bring a happy, expectant expression.

A trick you might borrow from professional photographers is giving baby a sticky cellophane tape. This almost inevitably reproduces an interested study of fingers which immediately become entangled, and the result is a good picture.

Mother should really be the family's official baby photographer. If she keeps a flash camera handy all the time, she can snap pictures when they happen rather than have to say, when baby's activities are priceless, "I wish I'd had my camera handy."

CROSS ROADS W.I.

The March meeting of the Cross Roads Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Malcolm Reeves in the form of a short business meeting and an auction sale. The president, Beatrice Reeves called the meeting to order and the Mary Stewart collect was repeated in unison. There were twenty-nine members and visitors in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. A letter from Mrs. Anthony Gaudet, convener of citizenship, was read and discussed. A motion was passed that \$2.00 be given to the aid for Ceylon. Some problems on rural education were discussed and a motion was passed that a district meeting would be arranged for in the school when speakers are available. A committee was appointed to look after same.

A miniature auction sale was then carried out with Mr. Louis Young very capably acting as auctioneer, from which proceeds amounted to \$27.90. A contest was presented by Elizabeth Balderston, with prizes being awarded to the lucky winners. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge, and the meeting closed with singing of "God Save the Queen."

BOMB HOAX TARGETS

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Girl Guides And Scouts Noted For Citizenship

The provincial executive of the Prince Edward Island Girl Guide Association are holding a meeting Thursday evening in Charlottetown. They will be making plans for the Atlantic Adventure camp which will be held at Brackley this summer. Girls from all Canadian provinces will attend the camp. There will also be four Girl Scouts from the U.S. and four from England, the latter accompanied by a Guider.

Emilie Tavel has recently written a very fine article entitled "Get the Girl Scouts to Do it." She speaks of their good citizenship. They serve others. How many times, she asks, have you heard it said, "Get the Girl Scouts to Do it." They learn first-hand. Emilie Tavel speaks of the Girl Scouts love of art, their vision, their love of nature's things, fun and laughter — with girls of every race and creed and country.

While Emilie Tavel was writing of the Girl Scouts of the U.S. Yet her article could apply to all Girl Guides throughout the world. The names Scouts and Guides are synonymous. The U.S. is the only country which uses the term Girl Scouts all other countries Girl Guides. But whether Guides or Scouts they all "Get the Job Done."

CRUCIAL TALKS

LONDON (Reuters) — Dom Mintoff, prime minister of Malta, arrived here by air Saturday night for crucial talks on financial help for the Mediterranean island colony and plans for its economic and constitutional future.

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LET'S EAT

To-day's Push-Button Ranges Simplify Meals

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Winters were colder, transportation more difficult, walking long distances over rough roads was common and the every day comforts of adequate household heat were almost unknown in the early days of Abraham Lincoln.

Food was hearty and more substantial than it is today—calories were unknown — to supply the prodigious amount of energy needed to offset the rigors of everyday living.

Cooking over a fire on the hearth, roasting on a spit, baking in a reflector oven at the edge of the hot coals, or once a week in the built-in brick oven, was an art every homemaker had to learn.

Corn cake, similar to that in today's column, was baked in an iron frying pan with three legs, called a spider. This was set in the hot ashes, covered, and hot coals placed on the lid to brown the top.

APPLE CUSTARD PUDDING

The apple custard pudding in our menu today used to be baked in a reflector oven. The winter vegetable soup was simmered in a big iron kettle hung from a swinging crane over the hearth fire. Bacon and sausages were fried in big iron skillets that stood on grates to raise them from the surface of the coals.

What a contrast to the convenience of today's push-button ranges!

Tomorrow's Dinner — Old-fashioned vegetable soup, sausage and bacon platter, spider corn bread, cabbage vinaigrette, apple custard pudding, coffee, tea, or milk.

All measurements are level; recipes of Lincoln Day menu proportioned to serve 4 to 6.

Spider Corn Bread: Sift together 1 c. enriched cornmeal, 1 c. already-sifted enriched flour, ¼ c. sugar, 1 tsp. salt, 3 tsp. double-acting baking powder and ½ ts. baking soda.

Add 1¼ c. buttermilk and ¼ c. room-soft shortening. Beat 1 min. or until smooth.

Transfer to an oiled skillet or an 8-in. square pan.

Bake 20-25 min. in a hot oven, 425 degrees F.

Cut in wedges or squares. Serve piping hot with butter and jam

WIFE PRESERVERS

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MILLCOVE W.I.

The regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Peter Hughes on Feb. 3rd with an attendance of 10 members. The meeting was opened by the reading of the Mary Stewart Collect.

The roll call was answered by an exchange of hand made valentines. The minutes were read and new committees were appointed. Sick committee, Mrs. Reg Hooper and Mrs. Ray Arbing. Program committee, Mrs. Elmir McQuaid.

The correspondence was read. The secretary reported that all the capsules were sold. A discussion took place on the purchase of a science kit for the school, and Mrs. Ray Hughes agreed to purchase the kit.

Mrs. W. Thompson kindly offered her house for a card party which was held on Feb. 24th.

The Valentines were judged and Mrs. Ray Hughes valentine was the winner. Mrs. Bysterneldt entertained by music which all enjoyed. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

The March meeting was closed by the singing of the "Queen."

The March meeting of Milccove's W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph McQuaid on Mar. 1st. The meeting was opened by the reading of Mary Stewart Collect. The Vice-President conducted the meeting in the absence of the president. The roll call was answered by eleven members.

The new committees were appointed; sick committee, Mrs. Ray Hughes and Mrs. Ernest Peters; Program committee, Mrs. Basil McQuaid. The new roll call to be answered by a riddle or joke. It was decided to purchase two bottles of cod liver oil capsules.

The correspondence was read and discussed and it was decided that the district would collect for the Red Cross. Mrs. Elmer McQuaid put on an enjoyable contest which was won by Mrs. Roy Arbing.

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