

## Jorud's Collection of Early-Day Photos Is One of Most Complete in Montana

Back in 1925, when Les Jorud was given 12 days to provide historical photographs to illustrate a five installment article in the Saturday Evening Post, he started what is now one of the most complete collections of historical photographs in the state.

Jorud recalls sending the Post a bill for \$44 with the pictures. They sent him a check for \$200, hoping it was "adequate."

Some of the pictures in his collection were taken by E. H. Train, prominent early-day photographer. Many were given to Jorud by the photographer's widow. Others were borrowed, photographed and returned to their owners. In all, Jorud has about 600 pictures of a historical nature. They have been used by many authors to illustrate stories and one was used in an advertisement in the Saturday Evening Post last summer.

"One thing about old pictures is that the prints made from copy-negatives are often better

### Cloak-Dagger Atmosphere Involved in One All-Night Photo Job

Les Jorud, who has had many strange experiences in his long career, tells of one that could be a chapter out of "Dragnet."

During World War II, three men appeared in the shop with some papers they wanted photostated. With them hovering in the background, Jorud started working about 8 o'clock at night. "I didn't dare take time to read any of it," he says. "I just kept working."

Sometimes later, threatening phone calls were received. Jorud was warned not to do the job. The three men told him to ignore the calls.

After working all night, they were finished about 5:15 o'clock in the morning. One of the three men opened the door and called to Jorud. He pointed out two men in front of the shop and two others across the street, adding that two were in back of the shop and two at Jorud's house.

"We didn't tell you before because we didn't want to make you nervous," they told him.

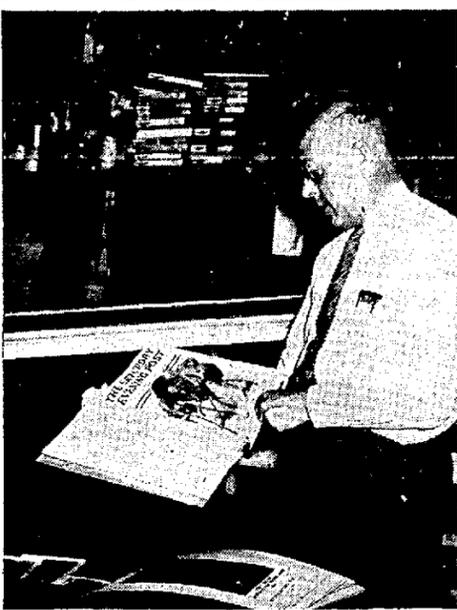
A year later, one of the men was in town and stopped by to see Les. He told the photographer that three men had followed them here from Portland, but that they had been picked up. Les started asking questions, but the man smiled and said, "Sorry, that's all I can tell you."

The incident still remains a mystery to Jorud.

### Frederick Schneider, Jr., Of Townsend Is Jet Mechanic Student

Airman Frederick Schneider Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider of Townsend, is currently serving at the Amarillo AFB, Amarillo, Texas, as a student in a jet mechanics course.

Schneider was enlisted in January 1955 at Townsend and received his basic training at Parks AFB, Calif., before being assigned to the mechanics school in Texas. Before entering the air force, Schneider attended Broadwater County High School in Townsend.



**BEGINNING OF A HOBBY**—L. H. Jorud is shown here with a copy of the 1929 Saturday Evening Post, which used his historical pictures in a series of five articles concerning Henry Plummer and the Vigilantes. Jorud decided to start collecting copies of historic pictures at that time. His collection now includes more than 600 photographs.

### Jorud's Invention Knocks Him Over Yet Is Successful

Always looking for new ways to improve photography, Jorud dreamed up the idea of building a huge trough three feet long to hold enough flash powder to light up large groups in such places as the Civic Center. Those then in use were 10 to 12 inches long and held a quarter or half teaspoon of the powder. He had Al Bausch make the flash pan and soon he was given an opportunity to use it taking pictures of a father-son banquet at the Civic Center.

"I had an assistant along to take the cap off the lens as I ignited the flash," Les says, explaining that he couldn't afford a shutter. "When the flash had fired, my assistant was to replace the cap."

Well, we got ready to take the picture. He had his hand on the lens cap and I was ready with the trigger. When I pulled the trigger, there was a loud bang, we both got knocked over and so did the camera, but my assistant had sense enough to put his hand over the lens. The picture was fine and my flash was a success even if it was kind of dangerous," Jorud said he used flash powder and glass plates for years. After some of his experiences with the smoke and potential hazards with flash powder, he purchased a set of fireproof flash bags. "Boy, they were something," he recalls. "They were nine feet high with something like an umbrella on top. There was a slit in the side for you to reach in with the powder and the fuse. After the picture was taken, you'd take these bags outdoors and let the smoke out."

## Trustees of Elementary and High School Districts Meet Monday To Adopt Preliminary Budgets

The board of trustees of all elementary and high school districts in Lewis and Clark county will meet Monday evening to prepare and adopt a preliminary budget for the 1955-56 school year, Dorothy Hagler Simmons, county superintendent of schools, said today.

Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard in regard to the preliminary budget or any item or amount proposed for the budget, she said. All budgets should be filed with Mrs. Simmons by July 1.

The county budget board, comprised of the county commissioners and Mrs. Simmons, will meet July 25 to begin consideration of the final budgets. Tax levies are fixed as needed on Aug. 8.

The superintendent said the foundation program was increased this year for all schools by a legislative measure, and the new law provides for permissive levies to be computed against 100 per cent of the foundation program. In previous years the 30 per cent permissive increase was figured on 93 per cent of the foundation program.

"Districts having sufficient revenue for their general fund budgets from their foundation program and their permissive

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One company donated a 10 by 12 foot shed. Another hauled it to the site. Volunteer firemen, in a canvass of the town, collected heating and cooking stoves, bed, table, chairs, shades, curtains, blankets, bed linen and towels.

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