

The Wichita International Salon of Photography

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WICHITA PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

WICHITA, KANSAS

220 So. Holyoke Ave.,
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Dear Laura:

Not having heard from you for some time, I am getting rather curious to know where you are, what you are doing, when you are going to the Yucantan, etc ... in other words, I am just plainly curious.

We are getting plans under headway for the salon; Ward Pease is going to arrive in time to talk to the group on Friday evening, on landscape and marine photog. and we thought that if you and George should arrive in time, we could throw the meeting open toward the end into a sort of round table discussion. I rather doubt if George will arrive before Saturday morning, as before. He will not be able to take too much time from his work, I am afraid.

You might let me know where you expect to travel from, and about how long you intend to stay, etc ... we must see about you hotel reservations etc ... Is there any possibility that you would be remaining, or have the time to remain in the city for the rest of that week? Wondered how rushed you might be, and how soon you would have to get back. We will put you in the hotel for the length of the salon, that is a night or so, then if you wanted to stay over with us for a few days, the latch string will be out, but of course you will realize that I will be very busy in getting out the catalog etc ... but if you would like to make our house your headquarters, while you visited others, (during the time I am busy) we would like to have you... I don't make any attempt to keep house during the time we are busy with the salon, and during the judging, we don't even eat at home. If you were here for the opening of the show, or at the preview, which we may have on Friday evening following the judging, we would like to have you make some sort of a gallery talk, for the preview which will be for all amateurs in the city.

We are very happy with our new enlarger ... using the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " lens off our old one until we can get new ones, of the proper length. We are making many of our prints over now, and you can't imagine the difference in print quality, definition ... What you used to lay to non-sharpness in our negatives was much of it due to that old enlarger of ours ... it was a mess, We always felt our negatives were sharp, and possibly the softness was due to too much enlargement, but this enlarger is doing so much better even with the cheap lens we had with the other... I believe you will be surprised at the difference in our work, when you see it.

The club has had a hard time keeping going during the period of the war and the unrest of this reconversion period, but by sheer force I am sure we will eventually make it... the contest, as show by the enclosed papers, is being sponsored to create more interest here, hope it will not prove a flop. We are trying in every way to get over this period, then think we will be O.K.

Ray has been very unhappy and unsettled, almost went to Kan. City,

but you see he has finally lit, and is just now getting started in this business. he needs a lot of encouragement, so if you have time, do try to drop him a line, he will appreciate it; He sent to 2 salons, and got total rejections, which hurt him some, then he had a color shot returned by Minicam, which also got him down a little... hope he is not too easily discouraged ... don't mention that I told you about the salons ... his work has improved since you left, and he will make it O.K. I am sure ... Rudy Unruh is also in some sort of advertising photog. line ... Della Harnish is a stengg.in engineering dept. at Boeing # 1.....Barney also stayed with Boeing, in engineering, which has his lab. under that department, getting almost the same salary as he did before... he too is very happy now... also they are expecting a bgyb in April... and she is fit to be tied with happiness... they have been married 11 yrs, and they had about given up hope ... you would think to hear her talk that no one had ever accomplished such a fete before; She said they thought they were smart, all of which vastly amused me, for she has a funny way pf putting things..... also the crazy gal was pregnant when she was in Colorado this summer, and took a 15 miles horseback ride; wonder she is here to tell it, or that she has been able to carry on so far.

Plenty of other news and gossip I guess, but I am tired, and must rest some. We were down town today, Martin has been so all in, he went to doctor, and his heart had a slight murmur, so the dr. sent him to hospital for a cardiac test, he will not know until Monday how it is, his blood pressure is only 98 too, which possibly accounts for his being all in so much of time;

Best regards,

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Will you drop me a line becard if you are too busy for letters, letting me know about yourself, and please keep in touch with me more closely now until the salon comes up, as there may be some things I will want to know about... How often do you get to Santa Fe etc