

THE SMALL TOWN

A check outline for photo-documentation
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I. On the Street

A. General views of the main street (or streets). Choose these shots carefully to give an "overall" sense of the main part of the town.

B. Buildings (representative) - Close-ups of the more important buildings - these should include whole fronts, windows, and doors.

Stores Theaters Churches Garages

Hotels Restaurants Shops - Barber, show, etc.

Public buildings - town hall, jail, court house, (cooler-calaboose), fire house, etc.

Details of the above - fire escapes, balconies, special signs, details of facades, awnings, etc.

C. People on the street. Let these be quite representative. The shots should show faces, clothing, and activities.

Men loafing and talking

Window shopping "Saturday afternoon"

Women and children waiting for the men

Men and women coming out of stores with bundles and packages - e.g., in country towns men carrying tools and harnesses out of hardware store

Women pushing baby carriages

Crowds crossing at intersections

Street meetings (unusual)

D. On the walk - (non-personal)

Sidewalk displays Traffic signs Crossings Fire hydrants

Curb signs Hitching posts

Good pictures of tree-lined streets (N. J. elm-lined street)

E. Street Traffic

Cars and trucks - parked and in transit

Wagons and horses

Sprinkler Street cleaners

Loads on or in trucks - to show the nature of the products grown or produced in the neighborhood, e.g., corn, potatoes, cattle, hogs, cord wood, etc.

Waiting for buses and street cars

Traffic signals

II. Stores

Outside - window displays and signs

These are important as they give some key to the purchasing habits of the inhabitants.

Inside - counters, goods on tables, shelves and racks.

Note the class of goods on tables, shelves and obtain good photos of characteristic items, e.g., "patent" medicines.

Clerks - close-up - how they dress People being served

Posters and other ads
(Make photos in various types of stores)

III. Theaters

Front view - details of ticket booth, displays, persons selling tickets - note signs in ticket booths (box office)

Groups buying tickets, look at displays

IV. Banks

Outside views - people looking out of windows - signs on the windows

Inside views - people working in bank - close-ups. Interesting views might be obtained showing the activity in a small country bank, e.g., the "banker" interviewing a farmer.

Equipment

V. Other

Restaurants and cafes

Shots of windows showing menus and "specials" listed on window

Interesting pictures could be obtained inside showing counters, tables, slot machines, cigar cases, menus, and posters on wall

Pictures of groups eating at counters and tables

People who work in restaurant

(get pictures of the sign "SHORT ORDER" on restaurant window)

Ice cream parlors

Shoe shops

Barber shops

Drug stores

Hardware stores

Soda counters - clerks and people being served

Notion store

Seed and Feed stores

Pool halls

Saloons and beer parlors

Funeral parlor- Pictures of funerals - crepe on door - processions - burials

Lumber and fuel yards

Second-hand stores

Shining parlors

Harness shops

VI. Hotels

Outside picture

Close-up of people on porch

Cars parked in front

Lobby pictures

Desk

People sitting around (close-ups)
Signs and posters on walls

Dining rooms

Interesting pictures can be taken in small town hotels

Display room where traveling men display goods. Watch for a display and get picture of local merchants looking over goods.

VII. Garage

This place has taken the place of the livery stable as the meeting place of the town loafers, the "men-about-town." Very interesting pictures could be obtained at the garage.

Signs - oil barrels

VIII. The Filling Station

A good set of pictures taken over an interval of time would give some idea of the "life" which passes through the town.

This may also be a "town meeting" place.

IX. The People of the Town at Their Work

Pictures of the people of the town and what they do

Editor of the local paper

Doctor (and his office)

Lawyer (and his office)

Town Marshall or police

Postman or rural mail carrier

Plumber

Druggist filling prescriptions

Filling station attendant

Clerks

Butcher

Barber

Blacksmith

Harness maker

And others

X. Transportation

The railroad station (see special shooting script)

The bus terminal (see special shooting script)

Street cars

Automobiles

XI. Church

People

Going to church

Coming out of church

Visiting after church
Revivals
Inside photographs

Buildings

The church
Church schools
The parsonage
Building details

XII. Lodges

Lodge halls
Lodge celebrations
Signs and window displays
Lodge parades

XIII. The "Square," The Common

Anything of special interest such as the bandstand, comfort stations, fire bell, bulletin boards.
A view looking down on the square on Saturday afternoon or on special occasions.

XIV. Country Club

A good set of pictures of the small town country club - the people who go to the club - and how they amuse themselves.

XV. Recreation

As complete a record of recreation as is possible
Baseball - the ball grounds
Local football
Children at play, organized and unorganized
Picnics
Special and local games
Swimming - "the old swimming hole"

XVI. Special Celebrations

Farmers picnics
National and local holidays
Special local celebrations
Lodge celebrations

XVII. Schools

The buildings inside and out
The teachers
The pupils - at work and at play - going to school
Special schools
Consolidated school buses

XVIII. Homes

A small but selected set of outside photographs of homes. Show the better home areas and the area where the poorer people live - show types of homes.

Front yards - backyards

Back porch - detail may be quite revealing - cutting lawn, picking flowers, raking and burning leaves – working in garden - lawn furniture and ornaments - washing out to dry.

"Down by the tracks"

Home gardens

A set of pictures inside of representative homes

Fittings - furniture, decorations, bric-a-brac, curtains, pictures, mantels

Home in the evening - how do people spend their evenings - show this at varied income levels

Eating - cooking

Dress-sewing - sewing machines

Listening to the radio

Bridge or other games

Playing with children

Care of baby

Parties - dinners – guests

XIX. Local Industry

What keeps the town going?

As far as the time permits, a study of local industries would be of great value.

XX. Utilities

Water System

Sewage disposal

Telephone and Telegraph

Light and Power

Garbage disposal

XXI. Politics and Government

Town meetings

Campaigning - political rallies and parades, signs and placards

Election day scenes - voting, standing around polling places

XXII. Miscellaneous

Fires - going to fires Fire bells, alarms, or signals

Signs - traffic, welcome, service club, tourist, general signs

Waste dumps

Elevators in buildings (especially old ones)

Delivery of newspapers

People sitting on porch

Women visiting on porch

Women visiting "over backyard fence"

Dogs running around street

The cemetery

Vacant lots

Street peddlers

Unpaved streets - mud holes_

Alleys

"The edge of town" where the town and country meet (a difficult thing to show)

"Getting the mail"

"Shack town" - try to get pictures of each town's "slum"

Hitching racks for teams and horses (look on back streets).