

America The Beautiful

A Photograph Album For The Country

(NAPSA)—A new book offers photographs that illustrate the strength and spirit of America.

The idea for *America Yesterday and Today* (Carlton Books Limited, \$40) was born from the surge of patriotism felt by Americans after the events of September 11, 2001.

Faced with catastrophic loss of life and a changed world, everyday life in America seemed a blessing and something that should be carefully appreciated.

Many Americans reexamined their values, priorities and roots.

As people cherish their personal photos, looking at them through the years, readers may be able to remember the past and frame the present by looking at this beautiful book.

The picture of America that emerges from these pages is a nation with an incredible ability both to effect change, and to evolve in the face of change.

It is this capability which makes the nation so resourceful.

The carefully selected photographs in this book show people from decades past working, reading, dancing, celebrating, protesting, building, farming, quilting and listening to music—and peo-



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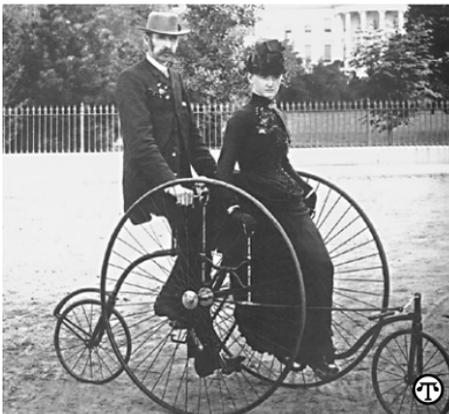
Since photography first became a popular medium for daily life, the nation's population has tripled, the ethnic makeup has diversified and the landscapes have been transformed.

Yet the nation's common experiences and reference points are as recognizably American now as they were then.

The images unite Americans from sea to sea and from the past to the present.

The book serves as a heartening antidote to the sadness of the September 11th one-year anniversary.

If the everyday activities that define the nation endure, many readers may see that the nation has much to celebrate.



Bicycles built for two have expanded into tandems built for four.



Listening to the radio is no longer a sedentary pastime.

