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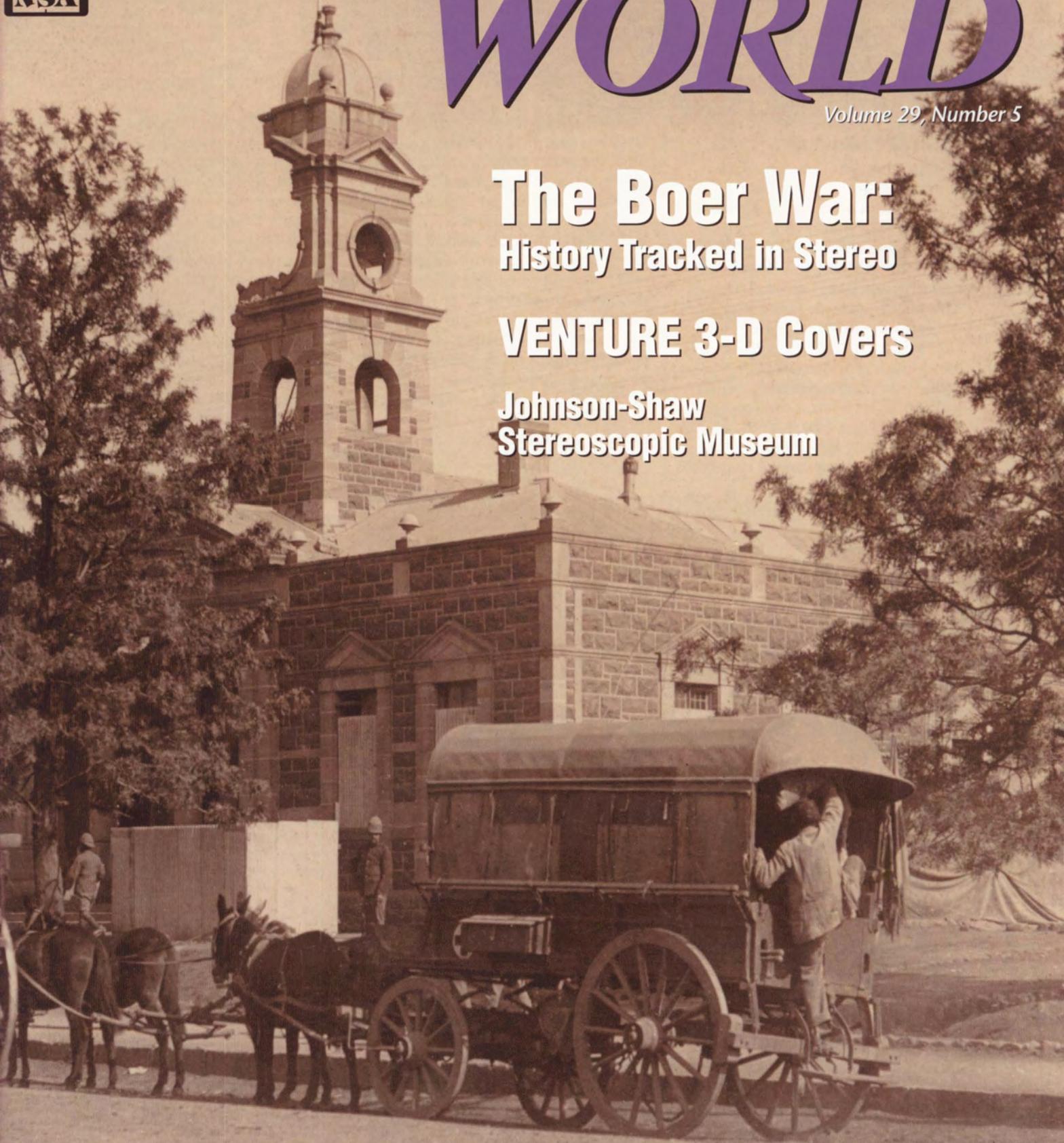
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'50s Flavored Finds

A taste of the late '40s through the early '60s found in amateur stereo slides

by Mark Willke

From the Mailbag

Our first slide this issue comes from Leonard Hollmann, who found it with about 50 others and a Realist viewer in a case which came from a Topeka, Kansas estate. He explains that the Kodachrome slide shows "James Arness of *Gunsmoke* fame arriving at the speaker's stand (barely visible at the extreme left in the right-hand frame) for (probably) the dedication of the block-long historic 1870s recreation of Front Street in Dodge City, Kansas, in 1958. The slide is not labeled, but others in the group reveal that the

Front Street recreation is immediately in back of the speaker's stand. Alas, the other photos in the group are very poorly composed."

"Arness is riding in a 1958 Chevy, behind which is a turquoise 1958 Ford, followed by a red and white 1957 Ford. My book on Dodge City history indicates that Arness was present at the dedication, and was a 'frequent' visitor thereafter. The embankment seen in the background is gone now, as the historic area and related parking facilities have been expanded, and the annual summertime Dodge Days are a major attraction."

Thanks for the fun slide, Leonard! Heads that violate the stereo window can be overlooked on little slices of history like this (although I did crop the bottom of the slide a bit to reduce the impact of the heads!)

Our second view was sent by Dennis Green, but was not taken in the '50s. Instead, he wrote in response to last issue's slide of the U.S. Royal Tires ferris wheel (Vol. 29, #4), and included the current-day view reproduced here. He explains that "the U.S. Royal Tires ferris wheel exhibit was made into an advertising sign after the fair and has been standing beside I-94 just west of Detroit for as long as I can remember. They are sprucing up the old exhibit for its 40th birthday. Attached is a stereo pair taken yesterday of the way it looks now."

Thanks Dennis! While I like it better as a ferris wheel, I'll bet it still has a big impact when you pass it on the freeway! It's nice to know that it still exists. 📷



This column combines a love of stereo photography with a fondness for 1950s-era styling, design and decor by sharing amateur stereo slides shot in the "golden age" of the Stereo Realist—the late 1940s through the early 1960s. From clothing and hairstyles to home decor to modes of transportation, these frozen moments of time show what things were really like in the middle of the twentieth century. If you've found a classic '50s-era slide that you would like to share through this column, please send it to: Fifties Flavored Finds, 5610 SE 71st, Portland, OR 97206.

As space allows, we will select a couple of images to reproduce in each issue. This is not a contest—just a place to share and enjoy. Please limit your submission to a single slide. If the subject, date, location, photographer or other details are known, please send that along too, but we'll understand if it's not available. Please include return postage with your slide. Slides will be returned within 6 to 14 weeks, and while we'll treat your slide as carefully as our own, Stereo World and the NSA assume no responsibility for its safety.

