New Glarus Girl Winner in Contest

Judging from the numerous replies to the second of the contests sponsored by The State Journal and RKO Theaters of Madison in celebration of The State Journal's 91st anniversary and the RKO 2nd anniversary greater show month, many persons delight in participating in contests.

Miss Ida Koech, New Glarus, Wis., won first prize and Miss Dorothy Buergen, 221 Fair Oaks Ave., won second.

The prize winning letters follow:

Miss Koech's—

"I enjoy The Wisconsin State Journal from the first page to the last. However you request one to be more specific.

There are several features to which I always involuntarily turn first. They are—"Madison Day by Day," which is so delightfully composed by Betty Cass. "Roundy Says," by the inimitable Roundy who believes in giving 'em both barrels" and Walter Winchell's column—Is his face red?

"These are by no means the only features I enjoy, I should not want to miss the theater review column by Irv Tressler, which I always think gives a fair and unbiased opinion of the current shows. "Dial Dope," by W. L. D. is an invaluable guide to radio fans.

Likes Gladys Glad

"Gladys Glad's advice on beauty problems is both interesting and helpful. The music and art pages as well as the fashion and home pages, which appear on Sunday are well worth the space. Last but not least, the comic page is the source of much amusement and pleasure."

And here is her letter about the RKO theaters:

"Since the motion picture industry began the great producers have been continually striving to please the public with their selections of stories of scenarios and the stars who portray them.

"It is our response and appreciation or the lack of it that determines whether a picture can be called highly successful or a failure.

Novarro Favored

"Of the numerous types of pictures the RKO theaters offer their patrons I find it difficult to select one or two which I would unanimously call my favorites. I think in most cases the star "makes" the picture. I consider the story secondary. I enjoy society drama, pictures with historic background, those dealing with everyday life and an occasional comedy.

"Ramon Novarro is my favorite actor because of his versatility and his singing ability. In my choice of actresses I include Bessie Love because of her lovable disposition, Greta Garbo for her mystery and fascination, Kay Francis and Constance Bennett for their poise and sophistication, Marie Dressler for being undisputed queen of comedy and Ruth Chatterton and Ann Harding for their dramatic ability."

The second set of winning letters by Miss Dorothy Buergen will appear in Saturday's State Journal.

The prize checks will be sent to the winners today.

Monument Sought for Last Indian Chief

A monument to cost $1,000 is asked by Congressman George J. Schneider, Appleton, to mark the last resting place of Chief Simon Kahquados, last of the chiefs of the great Potawatami.

Chief Kahquados died at Wauheno, Forest county, Thanksgiving day. He was well known to the people of Forest county and throughout northern Wisconsin as a man of intelligence and with some definite and practical ideas for the solution of the questions of his race.

At the time of his death the federal Indian bureau and the Wisconsin historical society each contributed $100 to give the old chief a proper burial.

Now the government is asked to make an appropriation for a suitable gravestone.

The remains have been temporarily interred in Wauheno but the plan is to remove them to the Door county peninsula for final burial.

Congressman Schneider expects to obtain from the Indian bureau the money for the monument and to have it in place by June, so that burial and dedication ceremonies can be held at that time.

Use Common Sense, Meiklejohn's Creed

The three essential aspects of religion were outlined by Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, chairman of the University of Wisconsin experimental college, before the "College of Religion" at the Wesley foundation Wednesday afternoon.

"Religion is a human experience embodying emotion, intellect and volition, of which the most important is emotion," Dr. Meiklejohn said. "I should define religion in terms of emotion—we ought to feel our religion.

"It is essential not to forget and lose sight of the ordinary view of the world—keep your common sense, your human dealing with men and affairs," he advised.

Widow of Former Badger Publisher Inherits Paper

FARGO, N. D.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Norman B. Black today became publisher of the Fargo Forum according to the terms of her husband's will which was on file in probate court.

Mrs. Black was named as sole beneficiary of the estate which was valued at approximately $200,000.

Black died Jan. 8. He had been publisher of several northwest newspapers, including one at Merrill, Wis.

CALIFORNIA CHECKS BRAKES

SAN FRANCISCO—(U.P.)—Driving an automobile with defective brakes is in itself a serious crime in California and officers started the new year by checking up on all motor vehicles. Under normal conditions brakes must stop a car traveling at 10 miles per hour in 9.3 feet while a car moving 30 miles per hour must be able to stop in 83.3 feet.

a short talk with pepito uncovers a lively life

spanish clown, appearing at orpheum, was once court jester to king of spain; owns and trains lions for motion picture work

By Irv

BACKSTAGE in a vaudeville house is always an interesting place while the acts are on. Stage managers and assistants wander about in smocks; time and cue sheets are posted on a bulletin board, members of other acts stand in the wings and watch: everything is dim and shadowy except the stage—a sheet of light. I was waiting for Pepito, the clown, to finish his act. I could see him as he dashed off and on the stage, changing his dress, throwing aside a doll and grabbing up an accordion, his face unrecognizable under the broad painted mouth, lips and eyes. (Right at this point there is a wide and gaping opening for a beautiful analogy between the painted smile on a clown's face and the sham of life, the gorgeous gaudiness of the stage set from the front and the cold unromantic view of the props and unpainted boards that support it from behind—but we ain't gonna' take advantage of the opening!)

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Here's Some Interesting Facts About Pepito

One of the highest paid acts on vaude. He was born in Barcelona. For five years he was the official entertainer and court jester for the Spanish royal family. Possesses a beautiful diamond and platinum pin in the shape of a crown given him by the Queen of Spain. Real name is Jose Escobar. Been in this country nine years. Came over to make motion picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Has played in "Divine Women" (Greta Garbo's last silent picture), "Laugh, Clown, Laugh," with Lon Chaney, "The Cossacks," with John Gilbert, "The Circus," with Charlie Chaplin, "The Missing Link," with Syd Chaplin. Never takes a clown part, always a straight or light comedy part. Studied dramatic art for years in Spain. Fell into clowning and ventriloquism by accident. Owns four lions at home in Hollywood. Uses them in serials and other pictures he work in while not in vaudeville. Trains them himself. His partner, Juanita, who does some remarkable contortionist work and possesses one of the most beautiful developed bodies on the stage, is a former M-G-M player and is only 20. He does not travel by train from booking to booking, but drives his own Packard eight sport touring. He is extremely pleasant and intelligent.

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Right Here We Take Off Our Hats To Billy Purl

This jolly chap and his gang at the Eastwood have succeeded in passing a test we didn't think they could weather. Namely, that of presenting three different stage bills in one week and making one hold up and pull as strongly as the others, a difficult thing when half the audience are repeats. Last night we went out there with a skeptic's gleam in our eyes and were gratified to have our moistened-lip anticipation of failure knocked into a cocked hat. Purl has a crowd of girls and men there who present some excellent solo and group dancing, some great banjo and orchestra work, some good chorus work and a series of fast and short scenes, known to the revue stage as "quickies." Today and Saturday he is offering a still different change of bill accompanying a new movie. If you haven't been out to see him, then run out some time and receive a half-hour's stage entertainment from him before he leaves Sunday on an RKO tour around the country.

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This Has Nothing To Do With Theaters, But—

We thought you would be interested in seeing the small ad at the bottom of page 112 in the latest Saturday Evening Post. It is only one inch deep and a column wide, with a picture of a young man and the words in large type, "HORACE! PLEASE WRITE YOUR MOTHER!" Evidently the Post is taking any and all kinds of advertising.

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A Few Words About "Dumb-Bells In Ermine"

To begin with, any producer who would slap such a title as this on a film might just as well knock off thirty per cent of his gross receipts. But that is not the Parkway's fault. This is a picture that rises to mediocrity and remains there. Any hint of subtlety is quite lacking. The picture contends itself with taking some uppercuts at those "virtuous" souls who flatter their weak consciences by attempting to reform inmates of the vice dives. The story is that of a "decent" home into which a prize fighter wanders and proceeds to become the object of the affection of the daughter of the household. However, the daughter discovers this "dwate bid nassy man's past" and goes ahead with her former plans of marrying a respectable missionary. Oh, well, the newsreel is good, anyhow.

FREE MOVIES FOR BLIND

TORONTO, Ont.—(U.P.)—Canada's blind population now may attend the "talkies" free. Captain A. E. Baker, general secretary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, has announced that arrangements have been made with the Famous Players Canadian Corporation, Limited, whereby blind persons, with sighted escorts, may be admitted to all theaters operated by the corporation throughout Canada.

Horses Break State Records

FARGO, N. D.—(U.P.)—Two state horse pulling records were broken at pulling contests held in conjunction with county fairs in North Dakota during the past summer, it was announced today.

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Eastwood—Lawrence Gray in "Children of Pleasure." Hats off and bottoms up to this bill and Billy Purl's stage show.

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RKO Orpheum—Jack Oakie in "The Gang Buster." A three star picture with good vaudeville and shorts.

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Fox Strand—Will Rogers in "Lightnin'." Very good.

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Parkway—Robert Armstrong, Barbara Kent in "Dumb-bells in Ermine." Ho hum!

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Majestic—Gary Cooper in "The Texan." Good.

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RKO Orpheum—Chester Morris in "The Bat Whispers." It would be nawsty to ride this anymore.

Report 50 Dead in Mexican Quake

City Wrecked, Many Killed as Church Collapses

MEXICO CITY—(U.P.)—The earthquake-wrecked city of Oaxaca, lying in the mountains 200 miles south and east of the capital, continued today to report a mounting toll of dead and injured from the tremors which shook most of Mexico Wednesday night.

Although unconfirmed advices reported that 48 or 50 persons were dead, only 10 bodies had been recovered at Oaxaca and eight from nearby villages. Two others were dead in Mexico City and the toll was expected to be increased with later reports.

The correspondent of La Prensa reported approximately 50 persons were killed at Guelatoba, near Oaxaca, in the collapse of a church, and the Excelsior correspondent reported a death toll of 48 at Oaxaca, but both dispatches added that the reports were not confirmed.

Meanwhile, the city, in which hardly a building was undamaged, faced the danger of epidemic and a food shortage, La Prensa said.

Toronto Phone Operators Get Unemployed Jobs

TORONTO, Ont.—(U.P.)—If a Toronto householder needs a man to perform some odd job around the house, he just tells the telephone operator.

Printed appeals to "Give a Man a Job" have made their appearance in more than 900 Toronto street cars, through the cooperation of the Toronto Transportation commission. The cards suggest that there are many household tasks that would give an unemployed man a chance to earn a little money. Persons having such jobs to offer are told to give the telephone operator their name and address, and the operator will arrange the rest.

Here's Size, Shape and Age of Universe, If You Care

PASADENA, Cal.—(U.P.)—The size, shape and age of the universe was recounted today in figures intelligible only to those of mathematical mind.

The three features were revealed at a seminary of the Mount Wilson observatory Wednesday to one of the greatest groups of astronomers and scientists ever gathered together.

Dr. Gustaf Stromberg, staff astronomer at Mount Wilson, was the speaker. Among the statements he made to his listeners, which included Dr. Albert Einstein, were the following:

The galaxy, of which the sun and earth are only small parts, weighs 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 grams.

More than 300,000,000,000 stars, each the size of the sun, compose this galaxy.

Sagittarius, in the southern hemisphere, and not the sun, seems to be the center of this huge space. In fact, the sun is some 40,000 light years removed from the center.

As to its shape, the galaxy is quite irregular, resembling a pancake, Dr. Stromberg said. It's regular motion is not due to "star streaming," as previously believed, but to lack of symmetry.

It takes our own galaxy approximately 250,000 years to rotate about Sagittarius.

Belvidere Residents Divided Legitimacy of New "Ponzi"

BELVIDERE, Ill.—(U.P.)—Residents of Belvidere were divided today in the opinions regarding the legitimacy of the business which A. W. Benham transacts mysteriously and which enables him to pay 50 per cent interest to persons who lend him money.

The leading exponent of Benham and his business was Benham himself, who worked for years as a factory employe, then advanced rapidly to a position that had made him, among the working people, at least, the leading financier of the town.

Benham had many backers, most of them factory workers who have invested money it his Blackhawk Finance company and who declare he has paid them promptly.

Bankers Chief Opponents

Chief opponents of Benham were the town's bankers, who started investigations of his business after finding that more than $310,000 in accounts had been withdrawn by persons who lent him the money.

"I've been dealing in financial affairs for many years and I've never yet seen a legitimate enterprise that would pay 50 per cent interest," declared Omar H. Wright, president of the Second National bank, who said Benham's claims that he made his money buying and selling "anything, anywhere, anytime" was absurd.

"Let 'em investigate," declared Benham, hotly, when informed that not only federal agents, but representatives of the "secret six" racket commission of Chicago as well, had undercover men here trying to find out about his business.

Investigators Invest

"I like investigations," he said "The investigators come to question me. They end up by lending me money. It makes more business. Let 'em investigate."

Benham said he was, however, "hurt" that anyone should doubt the legitimacy of his business.

"There is no secret about it," he said, "I have agents out looking for the right opportunities. They report the opportunities to me. I make a purchase and a quick sale at a big profit. The difference between me and banks is I give my friends a square deal and cut 'em in on the profits. The bankers are jealous, that's all."

Widespread publicity given Benham's company and numerous investigations reported being made have failed, observers said today, to frighten his investors and it was said that just Thursday citizens of Rockford pooled $1,700 to lend to him.

Liked Warm Jail

BOTTINEAU, N. D.—(U.P.)—His county jail term up, William O'Keefe decided he didn't want to get out of the warm jail. It took the sheriff, his wife and two deputies to convince O'Keefe to leave.

State Warns of Fish Sold Artificially Colored

Buyers of smoked fish were warned today against purchasing artificially colored fish which are being sold as the genuine article, by Harry Klueter, chief of the dairy and food division of the department of agriculture and markets. One sample of so-called smoked fish was recently found to have been artificially colored.

Queensland Commandeers All Flour to Aid Farmers

BRISBANE—(U.P.)—All flour supplies in Queensland were commandeered by government proclamation today. The action was taken to prevent the ruination of farmers, the proclamation said. The [illegible] of bread has increased one-[illegible] on a two-pound loaf.

Repeated Old Visit

MOORHEAD, Minn.—(U.P.)—E. D. Lum, president of the News [illegible] ing company, recently visited his old home town, Northwood, Ia. The next day the paper of the town carried a story of Lum's visit. In 25 years ago column, a similar told of the visit of Lum to Northwood.

Speth's January discounts now in effect.—Save!

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Also Ornaments
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Group a . . .
$1.95
Values to $3.50
Leather, antelope, or tapestry bags. Top handle or underarm style.

Group b . . .
$2.39
Values to $3.50
Bright or dull calf, some Florentine leathers.

Group c . . .
$2.79
Values to $3.50
Plain or moire silk crepe bags, some with embroidery. Black, brown, navy.

Group d . . .
$4.39
Values to $5.50
Leather, tapestry, or steerhide in flat, pouch, or top handle styles. Black or brown.

Shoe calf, antelope, snakeskin, alligator grain, fashioned with top handles, back straps, or flat underarm styles. Some leather lined, others with zippers. Formerly $2.95 to $15, now $1.48 to $7.50.

Black
Brown
Green
Grey
Tan
Red

Group e . . .
89c
Values to $2.50
Silk, leather, or tapestry. Many colors.

Leather Goods Department, First Floor

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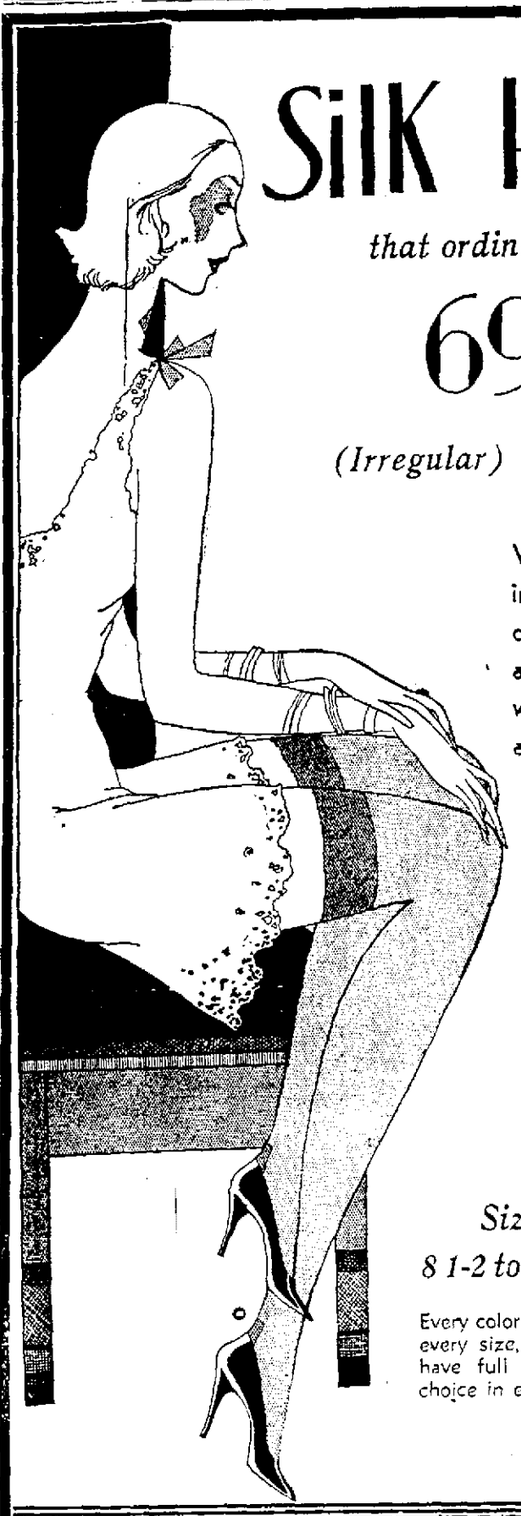

Silk Hosiery

that ordinarily sells for $1.35

69c pair!

(Irregular)

We prefer to call these hose irregular, but there are no darns, sew-ups, or defects of any kind . . . it is a case of our wishing to be cautious in the advertising of them!

Every stocking in this group is full fashioned, pure thread silk. New cradle foot, French heel, and permanent dull "Flat Tone" finish.

Sizes
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Every color comes in every size, so you have full range of choice in either!

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Brownleaf
Nightingale
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Hosiery Department, First Floor

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A smart selection of close turban, beret, and cape line styles in pastel felts, dark fur felts, and belting ribbon.

$1.85
Values from $5 to $7.50

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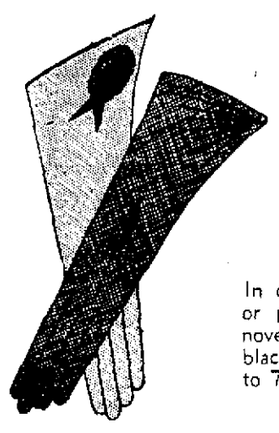

Washable Doeskin "Pull-ons"
$1.79
In cocoa, peach, or mode, or pull-on capeskins with novelty pinked edges in black or brown. Sizes 5¾ to 7½.

Suede Fabric Gloves
95c
Plain or novelty pull-ons in brown, tan, beige, black, grey.

Glove Department, First Floor

Playing Cards
Novelty printed backs, red or blue. 6 to the package.
$1.39 pkg.
Gift Department, First Floor

Men's Flan'lette Pajamas
Some of part wool. Stripes and colors. Regular $2..**$1.69**

Men's Sweaters
Slip-over, crew or V-necks. Long sleeves, tan or woven patterns. Regular $5..**$3.95**

Men's Flannel Shirts
Patch pockets, double stitched seams, in grey. Reg. $1.50. **89c**

Men's Shop, First Floor

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