

Sonja Waits 'Curtain' . . . Stilt Skater Chats With Wife . . . Laughing Off Opening Night Tension . .



Sonja Henie's mother, Selma, puts a final touch on the star's hair before she "goes on" in her first number of the 1941 Hollywood Ice Revue, which opened last night at the Coliseum.

Hoosiers in Washington—

PLAN STATE CAMP FOR NEW DIVISION

War Department Informs Rep. Wilson of Program In Case It Is Built Near Columbus; Marshall Hopes It's Not Needed.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—When and if the new Army cantonment is constructed near Columbus, Ind., it will house a complete new Division, with everything from a commanding general down, Rep. Earl Wilson (R. Ind.) was informed by the War Department this week.

"The first announcements of the proposed camp was predicted on the idea that this would merely be a training camp for selectees," Rep. Wilson said.

"But to equip and train a complete new Division there will give the place far greater standing."

The Ninth District Congressman made inquiry regarding the camp because he thought that perhaps it might be built from funds included in the eight-billion-dollar defense deficiency bill just passed by the House. Such isn't the case, however, and Gen. George Marshall now is on record as expressing the hope that the Columbus camp need never be built.

Squires Made

Cross-examined on the subject by Rep. Louis Ludlow (D. Ind.) when he appeared before the House Appropriations subcommittee, Gen. Marshall said:

"There is no immediate prospect of its establishment. We are asking only for a small item of construction in here for the Air Corps, and for 28,000 men of the ground arms not otherwise provided for. The question of the surveyors, we are told, is to avoid having to move suddenly into another construction program without having foreseen and calculated upon every contingency."

"All of the reconnaissance engineering tests, working plans and surveys were made, so that we could proceed to advertise for bids on construction if suddenly called upon to do so."

Marshall Hopes Not

Rep. Ludlow—"I understand that it had been gone into very elaborately in detail, so that it was all set, and you might go ahead at any time."

General Marshall—"Yes, sir." Rep. Ludlow—"I get inquiries all the time from our State as to whether or not this camp is going to be established."

General Marshall—"We hope not, but we want to be prepared to get in the most efficient and economical manner if any change in the situation requires us to do so."

No Statue of Living

MARTIN MILLER, well known in the Indiana Legislature as the representative of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and a great crony of Alex Gordon, is now the national representative of his organization with headquarters here. As one of his first assignments,



With time to relax between acts, stilt-skater Fritz Dietl (center) sits down with Mrs. Dietl (left), one-half of the Brandt Sisters, and Dorothy Caley (right). The lounge, incidentally, is from the set for the "Rendezvous" number.



A few minutes before the overture, the men's dressing room was a scene of quick dressing and grease paint. And the boys were nervous, for last night was opening night here and there were a few added turns in the first number they hadn't tried before.

463 Clothed

\$2384 Contributed in First Week of 12th Campaign.

REDUCE COUNTS IN AUTO CASES

Officials Order Charges Consolidated as Aid To Disposition.

The number of children clothed in the 12th Annual Indianapolis Times Clothe-A-Child campaign neared 500 today after 64 more were outfitted by Times shoppers and direct donors yesterday.

The direct donors yesterday were the International Chapter, Retired Railroadmen and Railway Mail Clerks, who took four children out to outfit, and the Ace Auto Radiator Co., which clothed one.

The 64 clothed yesterday brought the total to date to 463. Of this number 442 were clothed by Times shoppers and 21 by direct donors.

Cash contributions yesterday were from N. M. R., \$5; the Thursday Afternoon Euchre Club, \$2; the Clermont Homemakers Club, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell, \$1, and M. D. Shea, \$1. The receipts for the first week of the campaign totaled \$2384.21.

CLAIMS STRIKES EMBITTER ARMY

Officer From Evansville Calls for Higher Morale at Home.

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Strikes and bickering among the civilian population causes bitterness in Army camps, Col. Louis L. Roberts of Evansville asserted here.

Col. Roberts, commander of the 139th Field Artillery, 38th Division, addressed the National Institute of Mental Health Officers at their convention last night.

"The morale, discipline, confidence and will to win of a citizen army can never be greater than the amount of these qualities possessed by those at home," he said.

"The plain, unvarnished truth is that the morale of the Army, its fighting heart, its unity of purpose, its sacrifices in service and its devotion to a single purpose which should engage all, is the shining light which all should follow in our defense effort."

Edward H. Knight, Indianapolis corporation counsel, led a discussion on the model provisions for licensing ordinances. James Deery, Indianapolis city controller, and Michael B. Redding, city attorney, also attended.

Otto K. Jensen, State Examiner of Indiana, led a round table report on "State Experiences With Local Government Reporting."

PURSE THIEVES ROB TWO MORE WOMEN

Purse snatchers were active on the streets again last night when two women reported they were assaulted and robbed.

Miss Georgia Couley, 29, of 4501 N. Illinois St., said a man grabbed her, put his hands over her mouth and jerked her purse away at Blue Ridge Drive and Illinois St.

Miss Alice West, 36, of 1835 Argonne Ave., said two men slipped up behind her, one of them grabbing her arms and the other taking her purse which contained \$6.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Fair and slightly colder tonight with lowest temperature 20 to 25 degrees. Fair and rather cold tomorrow with rising temperature at night.

Sunrise 6:33 | Sunset 4:20

TEMPERATURE —Dec. 6, 1940—

6 a. m. 27 | 1 p. m. 51

BAROMETER

6:30 a. m. 30.23

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 0.00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1. 27.59

Deficiency since Jan. 1. 7.78

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES: 6:30 a. m.

Station Weather Bar. Temp.

Austin, Tex. Clear 30.18 35

Bismarck, N. D. Clear 29.18 35

Boston Foggy 28.68 56

Baton Rouge, La. 30.20 35

Chicago 30.20 37

Cincinnati 30.18 35

Cleveland 30.20 35

Denver 30.29 35

Dodge City, Kas. Clear 30.47 25

Erie, Pa. 30.20 35

Fargo, N. D. 30.32 38

Fort Smith, Ark. 30.46 38

Honolulu 30.20 35

Irvine, Calif. Foggy 30.61 72

Jackson, Miss. 30.20 35

Mobile, Ala. Clear 30.23 50

New Orleans Clear 30.28 54

Norfolk, Va. Clear 30.28 54

Ottawa, Ont. Clear 30.55 31

Ottawa, Neb. Clear 30.46 35

Pittsburgh Rain 30.19 48

Portland, Ore. Rain 30.19 48

San Antonio, Tex. Foggy 30.40 28

San Francisco Foggy 30.40 28

St. Louis Foggy 30.40 28

Tampa, Fla. Clear 30.20 35

Washington, D. C. Clear 29.92 48

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indians—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow, slightly colder in south and east sections, below freezing temperatures to night.

Michigan—Slight breeze, light winds, with portion of afternoon tomorrow.

Lower Michigan—Generally fair and cold with freezing temperatures to night.

Ohio—Somewhat colder with fair in south and central portions and some rain, with portion of afternoon tomorrow.

Illinois—Fair tonight and tomorrow, with portion of afternoon tomorrow.

Wisconsin—Fair, with portion of afternoon tomorrow.

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