



GRETA NISSEN

ON HER WAY TO Hollywood to start in a new picture, Grete Nissen, celebrated screen star, who has been appearing on the legitimate stage, came to Albany today to rehearse for her production, "The Guardsman," with the Capitol Players. The show is billed all next week at the Capitol theatre.

Around the Town

WHILE business in Albany is said to be generally good, the whoopee racket has been dealt a paralyzing blow. Following the announcement several days ago that two of the city's prominent night clubs had closed their doors, attributing their lack of patronage directly to the collapse of stocks, other night club managers admitted their business had fallen off alarmingly.

Not so long ago night clubs flourished here. There was no shortage of customers willing to pay exorbitant prices for everything under the sun, and sometimes for nothing at all. But since the stocks did a "Humpty Dumpty" from their lofty peaks all that has changed and today the gossip is that, with one exception, there isn't a "whoopee" resort in town that's making money.

As one night club manager puts it: "Since the crash in the market our business has gone sour. The folk who come are not spending much and hundreds of others aren't coming at all. They were

the size of its travellers' cheques, according to the manager of the local branch at the Union station.

AFTERNOON milk delivery has been started by most of the dealers in Albany, thus eliminating much of the danger of frozen milk.

The first sharp drop in temperature resulted in the change of delivery time and provided a few hours more of sleep for the drivers, accustomed to arising about 2 or 3 a. m.

Health authorities are behind the late winter delivery idea. They point out that milk de-



Man Arrested on Larceny Charge

George Wright is in the Malone jail, charged with grand larceny and awaiting the action of the grand jury, the result of using his wooden leg as a cache for money, which, it is alleged, he stole from a sleeping companion.

According to Malone troopers, Wright met Charles Caskins of Malone last Thursday and they went out to "make whoopee." Caskins went home with Wright that night. They slept and when Caskins awoke the next morning, he found himself minus \$160.

He reported his loss to troopers. They found Wright and the money which he had hidden in his wooden leg, the next day.

PACKED GOODS DISPLAY OPENS HERE TOMORROW

A special display of package merchandising of fresh meats will open today and continue for three days at the sales rooms of Page-Morris, Inc., 59 State street. Representatives of the refrigeration department of the General Electric company and Swift and company will attend.

Available cuts of fresh meats in units that are adaptable for distribution to both large and small stores have been originated by the Swift company.

THE NEBBS

AFTER BEING TURNED DOWN BY THE MAMMOTH COMPANY, WE FIND DE LONG JONES TRYING TO GET ANOTHER COMPANY TO DISTRIBUTE HIS FAMOUS PICTURE. ON MONDAY DEC. 9TH, WE EXPECT TO ANNOUNCE THE TITLE OF THIS PICTURE.

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PORT DREDGING NEARING FINISH FOR YEAR

Authorization for New Bridge to Be Asked of Congress

APPROVAL OF MEASURE IS EXPECTED

Authorization for construction of the new Albany-Rensselaer bridge, plans for which have been approved by army engineers, will be asked of the national rivers and harbors committee of the 71st Congress which opened yesterday in Washington.

Very little opposition to the bill is expected from navigation interests, it was indicated by Harvey O. Schermerhorn, state engineer of bridges and grade crossings, inasmuch as the matter is decided and all the interests involved are waiting to co-operate in the project.

At the last session of the state legislature, \$30,000 was appropriated for buying and drafting plans for presentation to the board of army engineers.

In addition, the city of Albany has appropriated \$500,000 in its 1930 budget for approaches to the new structure, which will mean a new elevated Broadway and the elimination of South End grade crossings.

The Delaware and Hudson railroad has agreed with the state and county to co-operate in the elimination of grade crossings in the South End.

After the final authorization by Congress, an appropriation from the state legislature, which convenes, January 1, will be asked in order to start construction as soon as possible. Col. William M. Acheson, state engineer, hopes to have the bridge completed in 1931 as the present load on the old bridge is tremendous, and traffic tie-ups, particularly on week-ends, affect the entire stream of tourists between New York and Buffalo.

The new bridge will be wide enough to accommodate six lanes of automobiles and will treble the capacity of the present structure.

The lift span will be the heaviest in the world for its length. It will be 300 feet long and will weigh 4,800,000 pounds.

RENSSELAER SCOUTS PLAN HONOR COURT

The December session of the Rensselaer court of honor committee of the Fort Orange Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be in School 2, Rensselaer, Friday night, Dec. 13. Frederick G. Appleton, chairman of the court, will be in charge of the examinations and will be assisted by the members of the committee from the community districts covered by the Rensselaer court of honor. The troops which are expected to have representatives present are: Troop 53, Castleton; Troop 54, Clinton Heights; Troop 57, East Greenbush; Troop 66, Nassau; Troop 68, Rensselaer; Troop 69, Rensselaer, and Troop 70, Rensselaer.

At this meeting scouts will be examined for promotion to the ranks of second class, star, life and eagle scouts and examinations will also be given in second and first class merit badges. The nominations of all scouts expecting to attend this court must be in scout headquarters on or before Monday, Dec. 9.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS. The board of education will have a meeting tonight in School 2. Routine business will be discussed. Robert E. Moore, president, will be in charge.

Miss Catherine Speight, girl's physical director of Rensselaer High school, has been called to her home at Springfield by the illness of her sister, Miss Eleanor Wetherell, of Saratoga Springs, is taking her place.

The basketball team of the High school will open its season December 13 with the Valatie High school five in School 1. Dancing will follow the game.

NOTES OF INTEREST. A general triduum for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be conducted in St. John's church, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, nights at 7:45. Masses for Friday this week will be at 6 and 7 a. m.

The Rensselaer Women's Democratic club will have a card party and social tonight in the headquarters, Broadway and Second avenue. Mrs. John Robinson and Mrs. Mary Doan of the Third ward comprise the committee. The public is invited.

A card and bingo party will be staged by members of the women's auxiliary of the James Hill Hook and Ladder company Monday night in the rooms. Mrs. James McGowan heads the arrangements committee.

Scout Review Board Will Meet Friday

The Second Class Board of Review of Fort Orange council, Boy Scouts, will meet in Scout headquarters Friday. Deputy Commissioner W. W. Bensen will be in charge.

The second Class Board of Review meets semi-monthly for the purpose of promoting Scouts from the rank of Tenderfoot Scout to that of Second Class. Before the Scouts of the Tenderfoot rank come up for review they must pass all Second Class tests.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS MEETING

A meeting of the Lawrence Missionary society is being held today at Madison Avenue Reformed church. Hostesses are Mrs. George Brooks, Mrs. Harvey Bradley and Mrs. John M. Hutchins. Mrs. F. Herbert Grey gave a review of the book, "The Splendor of God."

College Girls Divided on Long Skirts

State college is divided into two distinct camps on the long and the short of the skirt question. Half of the co-eds are for the long skirts and half are for the emancipated length for which they claim the World war was fought.

"The long skirts are more feminine, more graceful, more expressive, more individual," one camp says. The other issues the statement: "The short ones are more economical, more free, more athletic, more co-educational."

The leading advocates of the longer styles, the Misses Klara and Marguerite Schroeder, of Font Grove, stand firmly on the ground the new lengths will be worn by

Co-Eds Rule the Skirts



MARGUERITE SCHROEDER KLARA SCHROEDER ELVA NEALON SETTING THE LENGTH OF THE 1929 college skirt at State College, is a mathematical problem for the co-eds. Marguerite and Klara Schroeder, advocates of the longer style even for college wear, are showing Elva Nealon, extreme right, that the knee length will not be "The" length for the winter months. (Times-Union Staff Photo.)

LAST MACHINE SET TO LEAVE TOMORROW

Completion of Work Will Place Harbor At Depth of 40 Feet.

In a race against the freezing of the Hudson river, one of the five hydraulic dredges operating on the deeper Hudson project is being worked overtime while an ice breaker keeps circling about it in order to complete the contract before tomorrow and be out of the channel in advance of winter's icy grip.

This will mark the completion of nine miles of the fastest dredging recorded since the beginning of the deeper Hudson project. Col. John D. Myton, resident engineer, said today.

The largest machine of the National Dredging company is completing an old contract on the Rensselaer side of the part and may end operations today. This final operation will place the port of Albany at the depth of 40 feet, which is equivalent to that of the harbors of New York, Boston and Providence.

Two more hydraulic dredges are making preparations to leave directly south of the port area, while the other two are located at Cozackie and Hudson.

Two drills and two dipper dredges, which have been operating near Van Wie's Point and Castleton have completed their task for this year and are on their way to New York.

Two rock contracts, which will be awarded early next spring, are the only barriers that prevent a total deep draft channel between Albany and New York. The eastern terminus of the Deeper Hudson channel is near the light house in the harbor at Hudson. When that point is reached the 27 foot depth will be available the entire distance, thus making Albany a seaport and harbor.

The effect of the increased depth of the channel will be to cause a stronger tidal wave between Hudson and the federal dam at Troy, causing a difference of one or two feet in the incoming tide and the same with the outgoing tide.

The Deeper Hudson project, coordinated with the Port of Albany, is far ahead of schedule and well below construction costs estimated by the federal government.

This was shown today by Col. John D. Myton, resident government engineer, who has received word that his recommendation of \$1,000,000 for maintenance and development of the channel will be submitted to the present session of Congress.

He pointed out that of the \$1,000,000 authorized by Congress for the completion of the project, less than one third of that amount has been expended, yet the project is nearly two thirds finished.

Since dredging was started three years ago, the government has paid \$3,500,000 for digging the channel to its present depth. Col. Myton promises a channel 200 feet by 27 feet deep before the spring of 1931, which will enable deep sea craft to ply directly between Albany and Europe.

The rapid and economic method in which the work has been carried on is due to Mr. Myton, who attributes his success to ideal weather conditions, a spirit of competition among the dredging companies and co-operation from the Albany Port District Commission.

"The drought throughout the Albany Area during the months of July and August helped us by putting the river in such a condition that dredging was carried on rapidly," he said.

"The spirit of competition among the dredging companies in order that each one would finish their contract to get the next job was also a potential factor that has added to our success."

"We also had sufficient land on which to place the spoil dredged from the river bottom. These lands were easily accessible to the dredges," he added.

The pending request for \$1,000,000 will be used to complete additional operations. The specifications will be ready for bidders January 1 and work will be started as soon as the ice leaves the river in the spring.

SCOUTS PRAISED FOR AID IN FINDING MISSING MAN

For their assistance in locating a lost member of the Van Derpool family in Delmar, troop 56, Fort Orange Council of Boy Scouts, was commended last night by Mrs. Albert Van Darpool.

Child Culture Aides to Hear Speech on Books

A city-wide meeting of educators, parents and service groups will be addressed tomorrow night in the auditorium of the Girls' Academy by Helen Ferris, author of many books popular among young readers. Her topic will be "Reading for Older Boys and Girls."

The meeting has been arranged by Elizabeth M. Smith, director of the Albany Public library, in conjunction with women's clubs, schools of the city and other groups interested in children's culture.

The groups and their representatives are: Rotary club, Charles E. Stedman; Albany division of Sunday school association, Mrs. Franklin Brimmer; Child Conservation league, Mrs. Cyrus Crouse, Jr.; Fort Orange council, Boy Scouts, James Killough; Albany County council, Girl Scouts, Susanne Beutler; Women's club, Miss Cecilia Houghton; City club, Mrs. C. R. Chase; Mothers' club, Mrs. Emma Morry; Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Samuel Caplan; Junior league, Mrs. Truman D. Cameron; Parent-Teachers' association, Mrs. Louis Menand; Albany academy for girls, Miss Edna Lake; Albany Boy's academy, Islay F. McCormick; St. Agnes school, Miss Matilda Gray; public schools, Miss A. Louise Weidman and Miss Ethel W. Wagg.

Vincentine institute library is represented by Miss Mary B. Carey; the Union Free library by Miss Agnes McCarthy, and the Y. M. C. A. library by Bert Tracy.

Libraries of the Albany High school, the Junior High school, and Milne High school are represented by Miss Houghton, Miss Josephine Ralby and Miss Marian Redway, respectively.

The meeting will adjourn to the children's room at the Marman Biecker library after the lecture to see the "Best Books of 1929," and to discuss children's books with Miss Ferris.

everyone eventually, while Miss Elva Nealon will not give in and lengthen her frocks an inch for anyone.

"Of course, we wear long skirts to class. They are more graceful, more beautiful than the short choppy models which have been worn in the past to classes," the Schroeders say. "We think that there are more possibilities for individuality in the longer styles than in the shorter ones. They should be worn everywhere, for who doesn't want to appear just as feminine as she can?"

"I thoroughly agree with you when you say that we all want to look as feminine as possible, but I say that we can do it just as easily with the short skirts," Miss Nealon replies. "They are more athletic than the long ones and appear far more suited to a co-educational institution than the long ones which sweep nearly to the ankles and should be worn only for afternoon teas and on the dance floor."

The seniors of the institution almost to a woman agree the new style eliminates the monotony of yards of silken knees which formerly was the situation with short skirts. Junior are following the styles to a letter and freshmen, waiting for allotments for winter wardrobes, are contenting themselves with letting down the hems of their "old fashioned" dresses until they can secure a supply of new styles.

Peeping from three to four inches below nine out of every ten feminine coats that leave the col-

good fellows when they had it, but they haven't got it any more."

The fellow who used to "step out" for a party that would cost \$50 to \$100 now has his party at home. Formerly he paid anywhere from \$3 to \$5 for cover charge, paid a dollar a bottle for ginger ale and corresponding prices for other refreshments and foods.

Since the pinch in the pocket-book, he has the gang up to the house, turns on the radio, rolls up the rug and the crowd has a good time just the same. Sandwiches and ginger ale come cheaper, to say nothing of the enormous saving on tips.

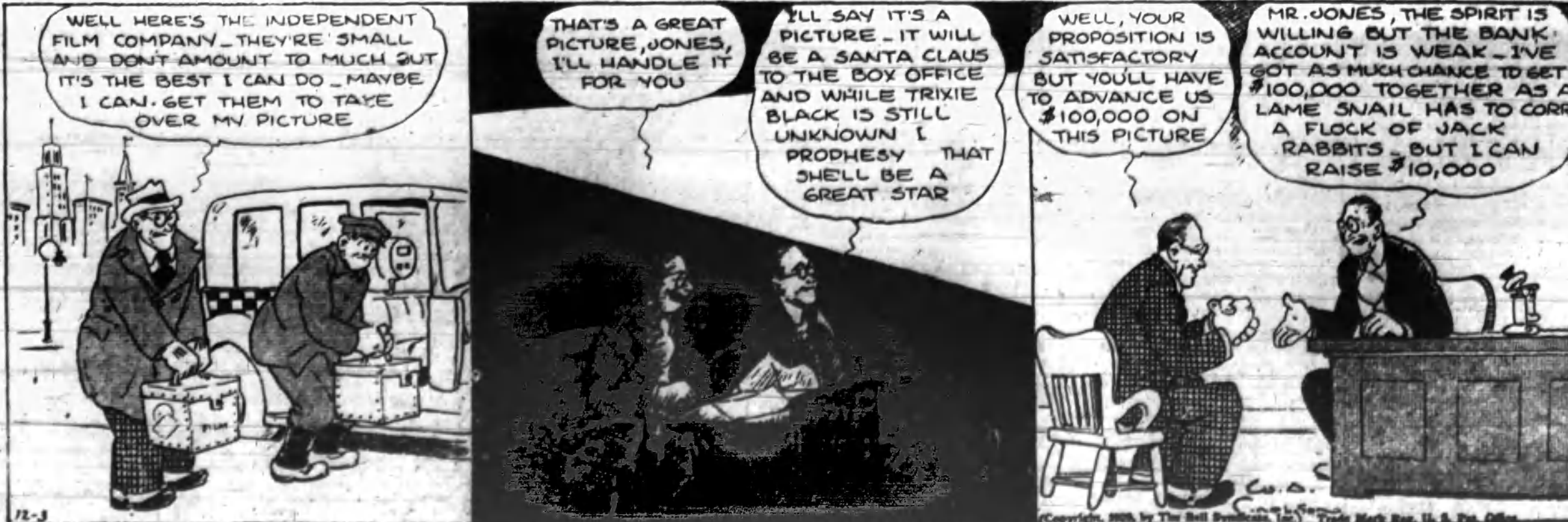
MANY VISITS TO N. Y.

IT'S NOT a particularly exciting fact, but it is a curious one that came to light the other day, when Joe Garry, license clerk at the City hall, figured out on paper just how often he had been to New York.

To his astonishment, his arithmetic showed that he had spent nearly a tenth of his earlier adult life in the metropolis. And the arresting thing about his calculation was that he had never really seen the city, that he had been in Brooklyn once, and that the whole field of his operations was encompassed within eight or ten blocks. So that he wasn't a visitor to New York city; he was really a visitor to certain streets, the same places on the same streets. His eye-opening collection of theatre ticket stubs and programs revealed where he spent most of his time—indeed, very nearly all of it.

SMALLER CHECKS

BECAUSE women interpreted the new smaller size government paper money as a concession to the limited space in their pocketbooks and handbags, the American Express company has followed the government's example and reduced



WELL HERE'S THE INDEPENDENT FILM COMPANY—THEY'RE SMALL AND DON'T AMOUNT TO MUCH BUT IT'S THE BEST I CAN DO—MAYBE I CAN GET THEM TO TAKE OVER MY PICTURE. THAT'S A GREAT PICTURE, JONES, I'LL HANDLE IT FOR YOU. I'LL SAY IT'S A PICTURE—IT WILL BE A SANTA CLAUS TO THE BOY OFFICE AND WHILE TRIXIE BLACK IS STILL UNKNOWN I PROPHESY THAT SHE'LL BE A GREAT STAR. WELL, YOUR PROPOSITION IS SATISFACTORY BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO ADVANCE US \$100,000 ON THIS PICTURE. MR. JONES, THE SPIRIT IS WILLING BUT THE BANK ACCOUNT IS WEAK—I'VE GOT AS MUCH CHANCE TO GET \$100,000 TOGETHER AS A LAME SNAIL HAS TO CORRAL A FLOCK OF JACK RABBITS—BUT I CAN RAISE \$10,000.