

# and now comes ray felt, orpheum stage manager shake flippers with the man who does more rope pulling and "fixing" than a Chicago gangster; his life story in one installment

By Irv

AND lo! on a stormy sixth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, there came into this world in the City of Madison, County of Dane, one Raymond Alfred Felt. And even so was he destined to grow and prosper until he should be called by men who were familiar with their horses' fodder, "the best stage manager in the state" . . . Ray went to Doty grade school and Central High, leaving the latter before he was finished to go as assistant operator at the old Majestic in 1914. For two years he worked there and then went over to the old Orpheum (now Garrick) as Property Manager. Two years more of this and the Trench Mortar division of the army found him enrolled among its members at Fort Casswell, N. C. Three months in Europe, but no fighting, and then, in 1919, back home again for two years as a flyman (in charge of the ropes) backstage at the old Orpheum. At this point, he left the show world and went with the C. M. & St. P. as a brakeman for a couple of years, but the yelping of the theater life was too insistent and so back he went to the Orpheum as carpenter for the Al Jackson Players. There he remained until 1927, when the new Orpheum was opened up and he became Stage Manager . . . Ray is married, lives at 2417 University avenue, is the father of Ray, Jr. (11 weeks old), is a Mason, a Moose, Business Agent of local Stage Employees Union No. 251, and is a golf, baseball and football enthusiast and player. . . . This year Ray went along with the Haresfoot Club as Electrician and came back loud in praise of the "gang" on tour and still louder in behalf of Director Bill Purnell, whom he classes with John Scharnberg (Orpheum manager) as "the ideal type of man to work under." Incidentally, Ray was termed by Bill, "the best stage manager Haresfoot ever had" . . . The toughest sort of act to set up, according to him, is the big acrobatic act, which uses so many platforms, wires, props, etc. The present vaudeville at the Orpheum is easy to set up, compared to the old days when there were six full acts, with five of them using the full stage—then was when the backstage men worked their heads off. Yet, believe it or not, Ray would like to see a return to the six acts of vaude. "It would seem more like the old times," he says.

And As A Parting Shot

Ray wears a hat that no other man but he wears, yet more men wear it than any other in the world. Yes, Mr. Ripley, it's a Felt hat. (Guess that ought to panic house guys backstage, huh?)

One Of The Biggest Mistakes Ever Made

In filmdom will be foisted on us public if present negotiations by Al Jolson for his playing the film role of the Lord in the Pulitzer Prize play, "Green Pastures," go through. Jolson is nothing but a blackface comedian. The role requires ability, sympathy and understanding. Jolson in such a part would be equivalent to Ben Turpin's playing Abraham Lincoln.

In Browsing Through The U. P. Releases—

We find that—Frank Carideo, star Notre Dame quarterback, has passed screen tests and will appear with Lew Ayres in Universal's "Spirit of Notre Dame." . . . Edwin Carle is having a hard time making his Dallas, Texas, garbage disposal plant pay. . . . Carl Laemmle, Sr., has had 289 lawsuits in three years, according to Drinkwater's biography of him. . . . Mae Murray is reported to have been "shot" by a New York escort after a bad 15 years her junior. . . . Young artists, drawing the animated cartoons on the coast, are probably the lowest salaried studio workers bound by contract. Starting salaries are around \$25 to \$30 a week, with \$60 standard after two years' experience. . . . Rose Turner, veteran aviator and stunt flier for the movies, recently fractured a leg and blood poisoning complications have set in. Fracture was due to a nightmare which caused him to fall out of bed. . . .

Woofus, Denied Any Welcome, Goes Back Home

MILWAUKEE—(U.P.)—Carl Lawrence, a fur farmer, disgustedly made for home Saturday with his original creation, the "Woofus," a freakish animal both wild and weird.

The "Woofus" was the product of fantastic genius of Lawrence in attempting to develop an animal with a fur as valuable as that of a silver fox, yet as durable as that of a dog.

The creature represented nature's answer to a cross between fox, dog, and opossum, Lawrence said. From all appearances Lawrence was right, for the "Woofus" had the sharp-eared characteristics of a fox, the hind quarters of a dog, and the tail of an opossum.

Lawrence had imagined that he would meet everywhere with wide acclaim for his accomplishment, but as things turned out the welcome mat was pulled in wherever he took the "woofus."

Scientists scoffed: "You can't spoof us with your woofus—there ain't no such animal."

Then Lawrence offered the animal to the Washington Park zoo here. His offer was coldly rejected.

The breeder was undaunted un-

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# Garden Contestants Wage Friendly 9th Ward Battle



A group of women entered in the ninth ward better homes and garden contest. Top row, left to right, Mesdames Accardo, Sallone, DiSalvo, Badinina, Messina; second row, left to right, Joe Accardo, Mesdames Ginsto, Simmetta, Pullara, Navarro and Joe Scaresi.



Above is shown one of the typical flower gardens in the ninth ward better homes and garden contest.

Twenty-eight contestants who have entered the ninth ward division of the Better Homes and Garden club are waging a friendly but determined battle to win the contest which closes Labor Day when prizes are to be awarded.

Mrs. Isaac Sinaiko heads the committee which is directing the contest. Points which will be considered in making the awards are neatness of yard, care of lawn, freedom from weeds, arrangement of plants and care and culture of property.

A meeting was held Friday to discuss progress and others will be held about the middle of the month and early in July.

A flower show is planned for Labor Day at the Neighborhood house when there will be an exhibit of the accomplishments of the summer. Ribbons will be given for the best looking flowers and for the most tastefully arranged bouquet.

# Baraboo Dancing Pupils Present Third Recital

BARABOO—Pupils of Mrs. Florence Knight's dancing school appeared in third annual recital at the Al Ringling theater on Wednesday night. Prof. Leo Kehl, Madison, with whom Mrs. Knight has studied, was present and commended her work in a short talk given at the conclusion of the program. Pupils from Baraboo and Reedburg appearing in the dance recital were Ella Rose Young, Keith Hollenbeck, Virginia Bruhns, Lillian Lee, Kathryn Burke, Patricia Ann Page, Betty Sorge, Helen Roloff, June Knight, Marjorie Ann Stekl, Virginia Roloff, Margaret Mary Edwards, Jackie Jean Joyce, Joan Osborne, Jackie Powell, Phyllis Schwingle, Lila Feinberg, Patricia

# ARKANSAS PASTURES PLENTIFUL

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# 348 Negroes List Madison as Home in Federal Census

Of City's 57,899 Residents, 52,212 Are White Persons Born in This Country

BY RUBY A. BLACK

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WASHINGTON—Madison is 99.3 white and Wisconsin as a whole is 99.1 per cent white.

Of Madison's 57,899 persons, 52,212 are white persons born in this country, 5,274 are white persons born in foreign countries, 348 are Negroes, and 65 belong to other races.

In Dane county, there are, according to the 1930 census of which additional details were made public Saturday—101,041 native-born whites, 11,237 foreign-born whites, 383 Negroes, and 76 of other races. In 1920, there were 12,876 foreign-born white persons in the county, although its total population then was only 89,432, and of these 4,852 were in Madison then.

# Neighboring Counties' Rate

In neighboring counties, the color and nativity of the population were as follows:

Columbia, 27,777 native whites, 2,699 foreign-born whites, seven Negroes, and 20 of other races; Crawford, 15,942 native-born whites, 798 foreign-born whites, two Negroes, and 39 of other races;

Dodge, 46,925 native-born whites, 5,642 foreign-born whites; 73 Negroes, and 52 of other races; Grant, 36,847 native whites, 1,584 foreign-born whites, 27 Negroes and 11 of other races; Green, 19,028 native whites, 2,834 foreign-born whites, three Negroes, and five of other races;

Iowa County

Iowa, 18,812 native whites, 1,222

foreign-born whites, three Negroes and two of other races; Jefferson, 33,183 native whites, 3,512 foreign-born whites, seven Negroes, and four of other races; Lafayette, 17,453 native whites, 1,195 foreign-born whites, and one Negro;

Richland, 18,988 native whites, 2,244 foreign-born whites, 11 Negroes and two of other races;

Rock, 66,427 native whites, 6,747 foreign-born whites, 897 Negroes and 135 of other races;

Sauk, 29,471 native whites, 2,498 foreign-born whites, 34 Negroes and 27 of other races.

Beloit has 21,284 native whites as against 20,426 in 1920; 2,249 foreign-born whites as against 2,819 in 1920; 836 Negroes, being second only to Milwaukee in the number of Negroes, and 90 of other races.

31 Negroes in Janesville

Janesville has 19,840 native whites as against 16,049 in 1920; 1,730 foreign-born whites as against 2,217 in 1920; 31 Negroes, and 27 of other races.

For the state as a whole, 2,527,646 of the total population of 2,939,096 are native born whites according to the 1930 census, as against 2,156,810 native whites in 1920; 386,213 are foreign-born whites as against 460,128 in 1920; 10,739 are Negroes, and 14,408 are of other races.

Of the total number of Negroes in Wisconsin, 7,501 were in the city of Milwaukee.

Of the total numbers of members of other races, 11,548 were Indians and 2,396 Mexicans.

There are five pure white counties and two 100-per cent white cities in Wisconsin, that is, counties and cities without either Negroes or members of other races. They are Buffalo, Florence, Green Lake, Kewaunee, and Pepin counties, and the cities of Stevens Point and Two Rivers.

# Chief, Five More Hurt in Rum Boat Blast

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(U.P.)—An old rum runner, recently converted into a police river patrol boat, exploded Saturday while Director of Public Safety Lemuel B. Schofield was making his final inspection.

The director, Supt. of Police William B. Mills, Assistant Supt.

Joseph Lestrangle and five patrolmen were thrown into the water and injured. The blast occurred as the craft left its base at Penn Treaty park. A sheet of flame spread over the front of the vessel, followed immediately by a roar as the gasoline tank exploded. Within a few minutes the boat sank.

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