

ROCK ISLAND GIRL TRIES FOR MOVIES

Miss Ruth Corcoran May Be Given Opportunity to Act for World Film Corporation.

IN BEAUTY AND BRAIN TEST

Hopes To Be One of 11 Girls To Be Given Contract for at Least Year's Service.

Of the hundreds of girls in Rock Island who would just love to act in the movies, it remained for Miss Ruth Corcoran to suit the action to the word and arrive the nearest, as yet, to a glimpse of that wonderful limelight of stardom and reality. And this is how it happened.

Some time ago Miss Ruth submitted her photograph and a letter describing her attainments, as she viewed them, to be entered in the "Beauty and Brains" contest being conducted by the Photoplay Magazine in conjunction with the World Film Corporation.

The idea of the contest is, of course, to discover material for development of stars, or even to disclose good plain talent. Eleven young women are to be selected from among the numbers entered and later "boiled down" at the studios at Fort Lee, N. J., where they will be given try-outs judged by Miss Lillian Huestell, William A. Brady and other managers. If any or all of the number make good they are to be engaged and guaranteed a year's work at stars' salaries. In any event the ex-

penses of the 11 selected girls in every particular are to be paid by the corporation and proper chaperonage provided.

This, then, was the proposition Miss Ruth waded into and that she stands as good a chance as any to make the trip to New Jersey is evidenced by acceptance of her photograph and descriptive letter by the contest managers. Announcement of the favored ones will be made some time in March. A call at the home of Miss Corcoran, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Corcoran, 1424 Fourth avenue, disclosed her to be an attractive young girl of 17 happy years, full of the joy of life, healthy and sound, and not at all mistaken, the interviewer would say, in her notion that she could become a movie actress. After stating the object of the visit to the astonished young lady who hadn't supposed that anyone would be at all interested.

"Are you prepared," the reporter asked in mock seriousness, "to leap over a declivity so high—"

"I think I'd be perfectly willing to try it once," laughingly replied Miss Ruth, undaunted and showing exquisite dimples, and it appears that she is well acquainted with the requirements of the movie world.

Whether or not Miss Corcoran is among the 11 photoplay ingenues isn't going to affect her devotion to a profession she long has had in mind, taking it very seriously. She has been a patient onlooker for four years. She knows the history of each star of any note and has an amazing scrap-book collection of them in various poses, artistically arranged. Cameo glimpses of their lives are appended and her scrapbooks would be an entertaining evening for most anyone.

She was 14 when she received her first signed photo—she has a relay of these also—one from Norma Phillips. She is the proud possessor of a signed letter from Mary Pickford, who has also written her name and Miss Ruth's across a beautiful picture of herself. Marguerite Clark and Harold Lockwood and Anita Stewart are other celebrities of whom she has lovely pictures.

Names Her Favorites.

"Who is your favorite actress?" she was asked, and "Mary Pickford" came forth so emphatically it would have done the superb Mary good to have heard it. "Of course, I like Marguerite Clark nearly as well," modified our ambitious little girl, "but Mary Pickford has a sweetness all her own and she is my ideal in every way. I like her best in character plays like "Tess" and "Fanchon."

"And of the actors?" and Harold Lockwood just as abruptly stepped out of his niche in her heart, showing that Miss Corcoran has a clean taste in men as well as women.

Other famous players came and went in this little girl's rapid-fire description of her study of their characteristics and here Miss Corcoran struck one as being much unlike the average girl of 17—she knows what she is talking about. She regards the picture life as a serious profession and commented sagely on its history and future. Withal she is yet a little girl standing in the doorway of womanhood and these flashes of erudition, perhaps, are simply guides.

Charmingly frank and open in manner, Miss Ruth possesses marked individuality. Finality is her keynote. When she speaks it is with conviction and gives one the impression the matter is settled. She is of Irish-Swedish stock, so well merged it is difficult to trace either nationality. "American compound," she aptly suggested as the interviewer searched for alignment. Nevertheless she is very fond of her Irish lineage and teases her mother lovingly with her preference. In height she is 5 feet, 5 1/2 inches, weighs 130 pounds, and is roundly girlish over taut muscles, walnut brown hair, plenty of it, dark grey eyes with heavily fringed lashes—here is where Ireland scores—good teeth, with generous expressive mouth and adorable dimples that come with recurring smiles. Her skin is opalescent, tinted with the glow of health, unmarred in texture by cosmetics. A decidedly attractive young girl and not a mile away in any particular from proving good material before the cameras.

There is more than a dash of courage in her makeup. She is fond of horseback riding, loves ice skating and can drive a car. She is genuinely sympathetic, loves animals and has pets of every sort from white mice to a beautiful coach dog. The dog met



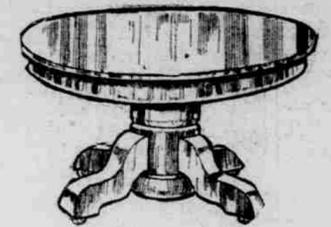
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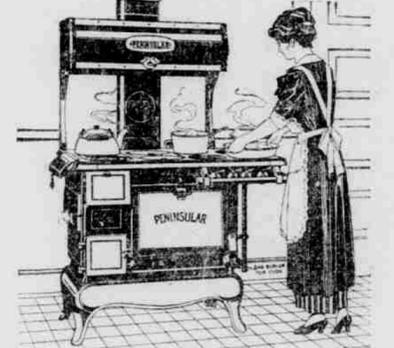


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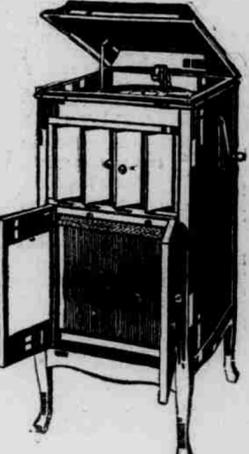


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Healthy View of Life.

All of which would seem to indicate that this Rock Island girl has a very healthy outlook on things in general. She was graduated from St. Joseph's school and still continues her study of music there, in which she is quite proficient.

"What would you think of your daughter going to the studios if she were among the successful ones?" the interviewer asked the mother of this aspiring young woman. Indulgent to her child's dreams, nevertheless, Mrs. Corcoran replied that her daughter was far too young to leave home and had yet to sleep a night from beneath the family roof and had never been outside the three cities. One can have no doubt in looking Miss Ruth over that she would go if she got the chance, and equally certain is the fact borne that Mrs. Corcoran would go along.

Rock Island would be delighted to contribute a star to the movie heavens and the best wishes of many will accompany Miss Corcoran in her quest in the photoplay contest. Lack of previous stage experience is no barrier, as the careers of Mae Marsh, Mable Normand, Marguerite Courtot, Beverly Bayne, Edna Purviance, Anita Stewart and many others testify, all these be-

STREETS CLEARED OF OBSTRUCTIONS

Order of Mayor Is Being Enforced Generally Throughout City With Good Results.

The order from Mayor McConochie calling for the removal from the streets and sidewalks of all obstructions is meeting with general observation.

One of the particularly good results of the move is that the peanut stand which was situated on the west side of Sixteenth street, near Second avenue, has disappeared. It was only good fortune that no accidents occurred at this point with jitney busses continually passing north on the street. The stand was a blind both to pedestrians and drivers, as neither could see the other.

Vendors' wagons which have been permitted to stand on the streets during the night have been removed to private alleys and in all sections of the city, improved condition of the streets is noted.

Nelson Is Almost Moving Distillery

When Moline police Wednesday p. m. arrested Axel Nelson they thought for a moment that they had discovered a new style of blind pig. For in Axel's pockets, when he was searched at the station were found:

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Axel was charged with disorderly conduct and was assessed \$2.80 by Magistrate Frank Gustafson. The beer and whisky were confiscated, but the gin was returned on Axel's plea that he had to have it as medicine.

Mary Schoemaker, aged 22, of Dayton, and N. A. Peterson of Moline were arrested Wednesday and assessed \$4.50 each on charges of disorderly conduct after a hearing before Magistrate Frank Gustafson.

The two had been members of a party which had been served liquor in the back yard of a saloon. Following the departure of their friends they started out to find the street car line, but couldn't locate it. Peterson, the Schoemaker girl said, tried to drag her along by the arm and she resented it.



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Those who are familiar with the author's brilliant fiction know well her gripping style and that any subject is invested with a lively interest when touched by her flashing wit. The story touches closely millions of our people, in fact, it might be termed a personal record of the acts of 40,000,000 Americans, as that is the number who are said to have contributed time and money and labor to making the Christmas ship a success.

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