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NIGHT CLUBS FORGOTTEN

Lana Turner Now Home Girl And She's Mighty Proud of It

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Dec. 7 (AP)—Meet the self-proclaimed-and-proud-of-it new Lana Turner.

"I'm strictly the home girl now," she says. "You wouldn't know me."

The same goes for husband Bob Topping. "We're very folksy," she told me in her studio dressing room. "Surprised? So are we."

And so will be all Hollywood. Time was, even on a dull night the hot spot photographers could almost always count on Lana to put in an appearance. Now, she says, they haven't been to a night club since they dropped into a sunset strip spot after a premier a couple of months ago. So what do they do?

"We just stay home, Bob plays tennis and we both watch television. Every Saturday night I get the urge to go to a movie. But Bob says, 'you know the theaters are crowded on Saturday night; I'll take you any other night of the week.'"

"But all the other nights, I'm too busy watching television. So we just stay home."

Television is the Toppings' passion. They have five screens in their new home and a forest of aerials on their roof. Lana indicated one of the aerials is high enough to be a danger to aircraft. Their favorite program is the kiddies' show, "Time for Beanie;" the household drops everything at 6:30 p.m. to watch it.

Lana the homebody has amazed many people in her new role, including her publicity chief. She said she shook her hand one day and said, "Lana, I want you to know how proud I am of the fine way you and Bob have been conducting yourselves. I know it's hard for you."

"This may be hard to believe," she answered, "but I like it."

"And I do, she told me. 'This is the good life. And amazingly enough, Bob likes it, too. You know, he's had his share of night life, too.'"

Right now, Lana is more than eager to get back to work. She returned here June 30 to begin "A Life of Her Own" on July 15. Five months and three scripts later, she is still waiting to start the picture.

"It's none of my doing that we haven't started," she said. "Everybody agrees that the script is still a pile of junk."

"I'm anxious to get started. By the time this one comes out, it will be almost three years since I was last on the screen—in 'Three Musketeers.' I don't think it's healthy to stay off the screen that long."

"I would like to either start making pictures again or give them up—one or the other. But I don't like this waiting."

She added that she preferred to stay in pictures, at least for a while. "But that doesn't mean I'm going to do them until I'm 99 years old."

Small-Town Doctor Praised for Work

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—Dr. Andy Hall, a small town physician of Mount Vernon, Ill., today was named the outstanding practitioner of the year by the American Medical association.

Hall, who will be 85 next month, was first choice of the AMA's house of delegates meeting here this week in their interim session. Second choice was Dr. Thomas Edward Ryan of Thornton, Ark.

Dr. Hall, who was born in 1865 on a farm in Hamilton county, Ill., still has an active practice in Mount Vernon. He is in Washington to attend the AMA's sessions.

Later in the week he will be formally cited and will be given a gold medal. Hall typifies the average small town doctor in that he has delivered, on the average, 60 to 70 babies a year. It is estimated that in 50 years he delivered some 3500 children, which is about one-tenth the population of his home county.

SET OFF 'FIREWORKS'

'Russians Got Me Promoted' Declares G. Racey Jordan

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—G. Racey Jordan, who has touched off an investigation by charging that atomic materials were sent to Russia during the war, says "the Russians got me promoted" from captain to major in the air corps.

Heavy set, with gray and balding hair, Jordan has a background as a member of the air corps in World War I and as a beer advertiser.

He told the House un-American activities committee that he has an apartment in New York City, a country home at Punxsutawney, Pa. and an 80-acre ranch at Bremerton, Wash.

He was dressed before the committee in a gray double-breasted suit set off by a matching tie and pocket handkerchief of red and blue.

He didn't explain how the Russians got him promoted but he said he was assigned to help them get American lend-lease planes overseas.

He said he worked at merchandising and selling and has been advertising manager of the Ruppert, Schaefer and Piel Breweries in New York.

Jordan said he was a sergeant in the first World War in the air corps with the "Old Rickenbacker outfit" under Billy Mitchell.

In the last war, he said, he went into the air corps as captain on May 1, 1942, and was stationed at Newark airport as acting executive officer. He said he was also appointed to liaison work with Col. A. N. Kotikov of the Russian purchasing commission.

He said he was transferred to the air base at Great Falls on January 1, 1943, after the losses of planes in the Atlantic route to Russia became severe and it was decided to fly them to Russia by way of Alaska. He said Col. Kotikov also was shifted to Great Falls.

Later, at a news conference, Jordan said:

"It wasn't until Mr. Truman said the Russians had the atomic bomb that I realized I had been a party to it."

He testified that he learned that atomic materials were being flown to Russia by poking into the shipments. That was be-



George Racey Jordan

fore the public was told of the atomic project.

The 51-year-old former major said he now is with an engineer and consulting company, the American Pacific Industrial Corp. of New York, in New York City. They specialize in construction work in South America and Puerto Rico.

Jordan said he is an assistant to the president, and is also a vice president of some of the company's subsidiary firms.



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Jordan said he had talked with some members of the joint atomic energy committee but that no date had been set for any hearing before that group. Jordan said he didn't think too much about the material he had until a senator asked him "a couple of questions" about his job at Great Falls. This was around 10 or 12 weeks ago, he said.

He would not identify the senator. News commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., who was present at the news conference, said he got the tip from the senator and went up to interview Jordan on Oct. 26. Jordan told his story in a Lewis broadcast Friday night.

At one point, Jordan told reporters: "Everyone seems surprised about Hopkins. (He testified that the late Harry Hopkins, aide of President Roosevelt, had given orders to expedite important shipments to Russia.)"

"The Russians contacted Hopkins all the time. If you wanted 10 pilots, all you had to do was tell the Russians and they would get in touch with Hopkins and he would get them."

Jordan said that when he opened the Russian suitcases he had to do it over the screaming protests of a Russian armed guard.

"This Russian tried to guard it with his body and when I broke into the suitcase he screamed 'Diplomatique! Diplomatique!'" he related.

"A Russian colonel came up and said I would be removed from my job for what happened."

Jordan was never taken from his position, and that he didn't believe that the Russians really wanted him removed.

"I don't think they complained too much," he said, "because they were afraid there would be an investigation and this little rat hole would be stopped."

Defense officials said Jordan served at Great Falls until July 6, 1944, when he was assigned to a base unit at the Washington airport.

He was honorably discharged September 4, 1944.

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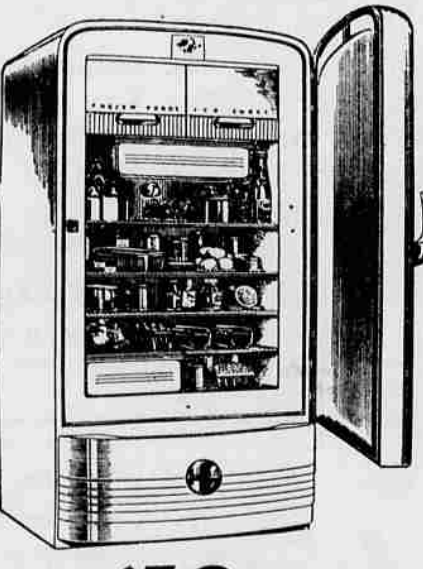
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