

Linda Darnell Wants No Part Of Boyish Look in Styles

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Dec. 14 (AP)—If fashion designers are serious about promoting the "boyish look," they can include Linda Darnell out. "I'll have no part of it," says the busty glamor girl about the proposed return of the slim silhouette of the '20s.

"I think it looks terrible. Besides, it's unhealthy. Many girls really ruined their figures for life when they had to bind their chests to get the flat effect."

"Why can't women look like women and men look like men? That's what makes life more interesting."

Walter Huston keeps sighing that he's gotten to the age where he wants to do only one picture a year. But at 65, he plays tennis almost every day. "I'm not much good," he admits. "You might say I play a casual game."

Joan Crawford knows the value of clothes to a glamour girl. When her studio said it couldn't

afford a vast new wardrobe for "The Victim," she came up with the solution. She is wearing some of her own models.

Greater faith hath no wife. Jessica Tandy is investing some of her own money in the play of her husband, Hume Cronyn. It's called "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" and the Fredric Marches are starring in it.

Betty Grable's leg measurements are the same as when she arrived at 20th-Fox 12 years ago. The vital statistics: ankle 7½, calf 12, thigh 18½. Asked if she ever gets tired of answering questions about her legs, she said: "They've been doing it for years; I have no objections."

Shirley Temple says she would now like to leave the past behind and devote her thoughts to the future. She has no comment on how the recent divorce might affect her career. As for work, a picture is being prepared for her at Warners under the Selznick loan-out deal.

But she's not eager to return to work. "I'd just like to sit at home," she sighs.

"Shadows of the Manger" is a different kind of Hollywood production. It will be presented in the week preceding Christmas right on Hollywood Boulevard in front of the Congregational church. Among those taking part in the religious pageant are Barbara Britton, Don Defore, Wendell Corey, Harry Carey, Jr., and Lee Bonnell.

John Wayne is glowing over his latest box-office rating and over his new film, "Sands of Iwo Jima." I see the picture will be shown here at advanced prices. Ho hum... Fancy sign on a Christmas tree lot near Beverly Hills: Xmas Tree Salon.

Evelyn Keys excused herself from an interview on the set when she received a call from Kirk Douglas. "You couldn't ask me to give that up, could you?" was her explanation.



Smuts Obliges—Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa passes cakes to Lady Samuel, wife of Britain's Liberal party leader, at a reception in Smuts' honor in London.

Extortion Case Reveals Charge Of 'Ride' Threats, Recordings

Los Angeles, Dec. 14 (AP)—Ben Klekner, middle-aged head of a Hollywood talent school, testified Tuesday he met Helen Keller, accused of working a "sex-extortion" plot against him, when he tried to line up party girls to entertain salesmen.

Miss Keller and her former roommate, Toni Hughes, both 26, are being tried on charges of extorting money from Klekner on threats he would be taken for a ride by mobster Mickey Cohen's aides. Cohen denied he was a party to the alleged plot.

Under questioning by Dep. Dist. Atty. Al Lucas, the school head testified a friend had given him a telephone number of girls available for dates. Klekner said he contacted Miss Keller to arrange for her and a friend to entertain some visiting salesmen but the party fell through.

Instead, he said, he contacted Miss Keller himself several weeks later and they went to a motel together.

"I saw her several times afterwards until March of 1947 when I suffered a heart attack and was laid up for five months," Klekner testified. "After I went back to work, I saw her eight or ten times more."

Klekner was the first witness at a trial opening arguments in which opposing attorneys pic-

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What Causes Man to Commit Sex Offense Against a Child?

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 14 (AP)—Rape and murder are the extreme and most violent forms of sex offenses against children.

They've made headlines lately. But sexual offenses against children also take other forms less violent. There are more of them.

What causes a man to commit any kind of sex offense against a child? I asked a couple of Washington psychiatrists.

They said there are a number of causes. Here are some:

1. Feeble-mindedness. A man of 40 may have the mind of a child.

2. Senility. An old man's brain may have deteriorated so that he's in his second childhood.

3. Disease of the brain. Syphilis, for example. Disease destroyed that part of the brain which previously kept a man from such an offense.

4. Bad early family and social training. It may have left a man socially immature so that he never fitted into grown-up society.

5. Or, for one reason or another, he has become a sadist who can find emotional comfort only in inflicting suffering or death upon a child.

Can such a man be cured by medical or psychiatric treatment?

Some can, some can't. Almost nothing can be done for the feeble-minded (No. 1) or the old and senile (No. 2).

If the man with brain syphilis (No. 3) isn't too far gone, the disease can be stopped and in time may he may resume a normal life.

Some of those in No. 4 and 5

may be cured by psychiatry, some not.

These doctors think the definitely incurable ones should be put away for life in a hospital or, if they've committed a crime, in jail. Why? Because, if let loose, they're a menace.

And they think the curable ones should be kept in custody for treatment until the doctors feel it's safe to let them loose again.

All sex offenders against children, these doctors think should be given medical care as soon as first detected to get them out of circulation until they can be cured or, if incurable, permanently isolated.

Does a person progress (or regress) from one stage of sexual offense against a child to another until finally he rapes or kills?

Some do, some don't.

An exhibitionist, for example, may never go beyond that stage although he needs medical treatment and should be isolated until cured, if that's possible.

Some may start with exhibitionism and go beyond rape and murder. Others may start with rape and murder.

Fifteen states and the District of Columbia have recently acted—more or less—to crack down on sexual abnormalities. But what they've done or plan to do varies widely: from hospital treatment

L. A. Cops Freed Of All Charges

Los Angeles, Dec. 14 (AP)—Inquiry of Hollywood police vice cops has concluded with the clearing of the last of five police officers of all charges.

The fifth to be freed was Police Sgt. Elmer V. Jackson yesterday. Superior Judge Stanley Barnes dismissed the case, relieving a jury of seven men and five women of the chore.

Brenda Allen, former Hollywood vice queen, flatly refused to testify against Jackson, although she told the grand jury that she paid him \$50 per girl to stiffer jail sentences.

There seems to be no agreement among the 48 states on how to handle sexual offenders against children. Rep. Chelf, Kentucky Democrat, wants a sexual offense against a child made a federal crime, with psychiatric treatment for those not sentenced to death.

Fearing publicity, some parents don't report to police a sexual offense against their child. This leaves the offender free to approach, attack or maybe kill some other child.

The psychiatrists and J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, think sex offenses against children would be cut down if police were called in on every case. This would help, no doubt.

But at this point in America's social development, there are many instances where sex offenders against children are arrested and then released with hardly more than a brief detention, if any.

per week for protection. Her refusal was on constitutional grounds that she might incriminate herself.

Whereupon, the district attorney's office recommended dismissal of perjury and bribery charges against Jackson.

Others previously indicted in the vice investigation but later cleared were former Police Chief C. B. Horrall, former Assistant Chief Joseph Reed, Capt. Cecil Wisdom and Lt. Rudy Wellpot.

Hoyt Gives Message Of Faith in Future

Los Angeles, Dec. 14 (AP)—A message of faith in the future of America was left today with the Los Angeles stock exchange on its 50th anniversary by Palmer Hoyt, publisher and editor of the Denver Post.

Speaking at a dinner Monday night honoring the exchange's birthday, Hoyt lashed out at fears of depression and a guilt complex brought on by prosperity. The Denver publisher also urged persons in the financial world to take the public into their confidence if free enterprise is to continue.

"Today we are beset by a lot of problems which include taxation, labor-management strife, lack of understanding of the American system of business and many other things," he said. "All these difficulties could be partially resolved if we could but broaden the base of ownership in American business."

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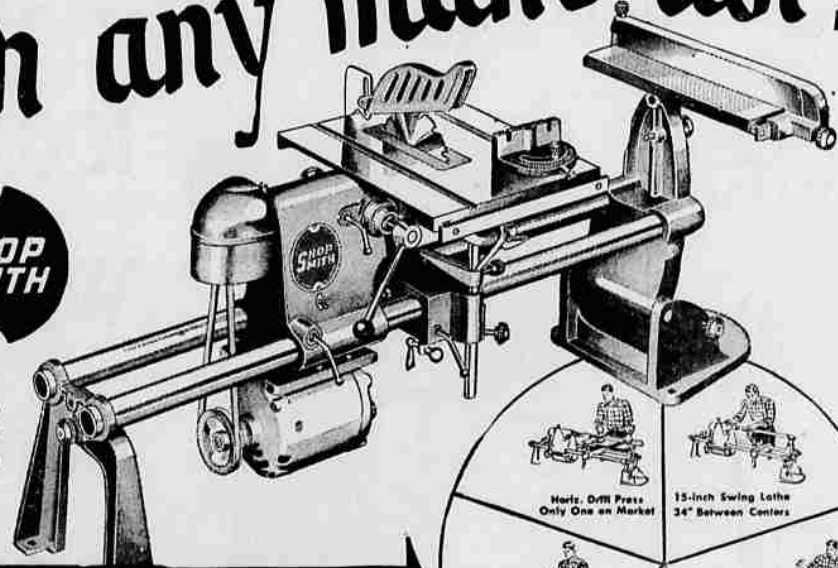
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