

## Acting Career for Crosby Boys Must Wait College Completion

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Feb. 16 (AP)—It's still too early to determine whether Bing Crosby's sons will follow in their famed father's footsteps. That's the word of Papa Croz himself.

The groaner was noticeably proud of the singing debut of his oldest sprout, Gary. But he doesn't know whether Gary wants a career in show business.

"Right now he's more interested in football," said Bing of his husky first-born. I asked if Gary would be allowed to make records or accept any singing dates.

"No, he's got to finish college first," Bing answered. "That goes for all the boys."

Do the other three lads show talent? "Well, they sing around the house, just like Gary. But they seem more interested in playing right now. They're all good at baseball and football."

He added that the boys will appear on his radio show once a year, but that will be the extent of their singing and acting careers until they become college graduates.

Much-traveled Crosby was in town briefly for a musical number with Groucho Marx in "Mr. Rhythm." I asked about reports he would be seeing Rome this year.

"I doubt it," he said. "I expect to go to Europe this summer, but I don't think I'll have time to get down there." The trip will be strictly pleasure and will center around Paris. As for the boys, "they'll be still in school."

Bing will be pretty busy with picture making in the future. He has two or three films already lined up. I asked if one would be another "Road" picture with Bob Hope.

"I guess not," he answered. "The studio seems to think 'road' pictures are too expensive."

The reasoning around Paramount seems to be: Why waste Hope and Crosby in the same picture when they can be making a picture apiece.

Twenty years ago in Hollywood... Flapper Joan Crawford turned to cooking and sewing since her marriage to Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Loretta Young was a star at a mere 17. Rudy Vallee got his first screen kiss—from Loretta's sis-

ter, Sally Blaine, in "The Vagabond Lover."

Clara Bow was starring in a film called "Station S-E-X"...

Noah Beery emerged in a career—as a singer... Richard Barthelmess' new contract gave him one of the top salaries in the business—\$10,000 a week.

Lon Chaney conquered his microphone phobia and was making a talkie.

Claudette Colbert was a new face in Hollywood... Young Joan Bennett was making her fifth picture... Jack Oakie was a comedy sensation and making pictures "as fast as he could from stage to stage"...

Gloria Swanson took a New York apartment and seemed to be settling in the East... Virginia Bruce possessed "the perfect figure of 1930."

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