

MOVIE PRODUCERS FINALLY NOTICE SKILLED ACTRESS

Laura Hope Crews at Last Recognized After Tutoring 'Stars' for Five Years

By Alexander Kahn (U.P. Staff Correspondent) Hollywood (U.P.)—Laura Hope Crews, who has been away from her native California for almost 50 of her 59 years, has come back to her home state to reside permanently.

At the same time the famous stage actress is engaged in staging a "comeback" as an actress after several years of teaching movie stars how to speak before a microphone.

And now that she is settled in one spot, she hopes to go through with her plan to adopt several children, a plan she first hit upon many years ago but which she was forced to drop because of World War troubles.

Debut at Four. Miss Crews was born in San Francisco on Dec. 12, 1880, and made her professional stage debut at the age of four at Woodward's Gardens in the bay city. She was an outstanding child actress and gradually shifted over into adolescent and then juvenile roles. Stock and repertoire companies were her training school and after years of experience she became a leading lady for such stars as John Drew, Henry Miller, Leo Dietrichstein and others of equal note.

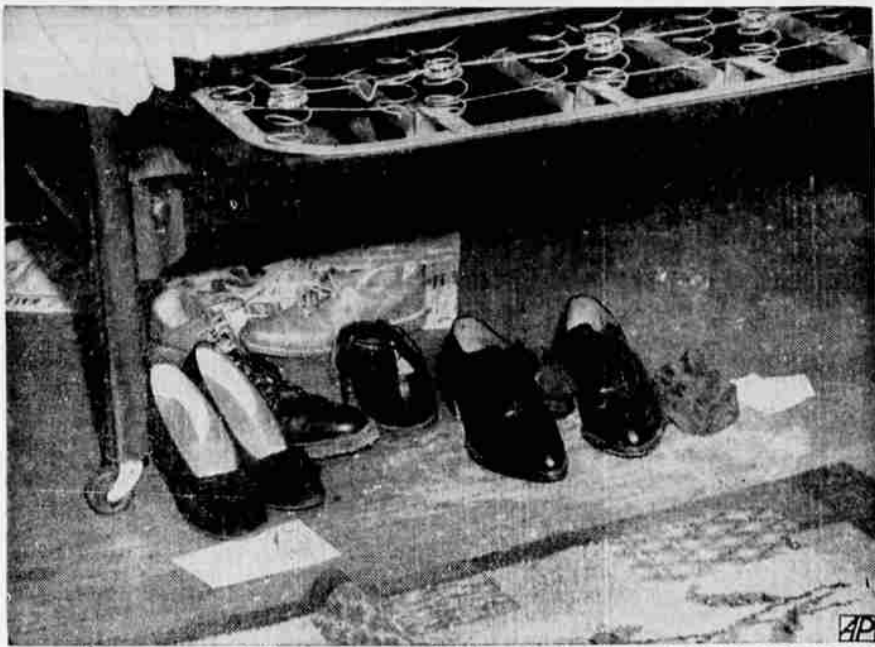
While at the height of her stage fame, Miss Crews decided to turn her 146-acre Connecticut farm and for five years and five boys who had no parents, giving them her name and making them her heirs. But business reverses and the collapse of the theatrical business after the war prevented her from carrying out those plans. It was in 1928 that Miss Crews was persuaded to come to Hollywood—but not as a player. Instead she was engaged as a dramatic coach for the stars of silent pictures who were trying to make the transition to sound. She also acted in an advisory capacity in the selection of stories for the stars. Among her pupils were such stars as Norma Talmadge and Gloria Swanson while she was advisor to Constance Bennett and Ann Harding.

Paradox. It was a strange paradox that while producers sought to change their silent players into talking ones, for years they overlooked the skilled actress in their midst and for five years Miss Crews worked behind the scenes, building up players, but never getting a chance to register her own ability as an actress.

One of the breaks of Hollywood came to her, however, when John Cromwell assigned Miss Crews to play a jealous mother in "The Silver Cord." He was familiar with her stage career and felt she could do the role justice. Miss Crews was a hit in the role and thereafter became much in demand for choice character parts.

Currently she is appearing in RKO Radio's comedy, "Reno," and has been cast in an important role in "The Blue Bird," the next Shirley Temple film.

Death in Auto Court Ends Honeymoon



Muteily testifying to the honeymoon trip of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Welch of Des Moines, Ia., are these new shoes and rice scattered over the floor of their San Francisco auto court cabin in which the couple was found dead. Coroner's deputies at first believed the girl had been beaten to death and the husband had died of poisoning; but Coroner W. F. Crosby said that circumstances indicated both had died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

AMATEUR RADIO BEING LINED UP FOR EMERGENCY

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Government and private agencies are quietly drawing up plans for wartime use of the United States' unequalled network of long and short wave radio transmitters.

Military authorities, it was said, have obtained technical data on every radio station in the country and have conferred informally with the American Radio Relay league, which represents a majority of the 52,000 amateur stations. They could provide a highly efficient network for emergency communications.

The army and navy direct their own amateur organizations and are interested in all amateurs' developing independent power supplies that could keep the stations in operation even though the ordinary power plants were out of commission.

Military authorities and league members are linked closely through the federal communications commission. While officials declined formal comment, it was reported that the FCC is in frequent contact with army and navy representatives. The commission has been cooperating closely with the ARRL, and last year, for the first time, adopted special rules covering operation of amateurs during an emergency.

"Most of us in the league anticipate some kind of war service," Roy Cordeman, regional director of the ARRL said. "We could help handle the flood of military point-to-point messages. And of course we could help direct rehabilitation and relief work. We've done that before."

"But probably our greatest help would come in intercepting enemy messages and detecting invading airplanes."

Cordeman scoffed at one popular idea that amateurs were mostly teen-aged boys who stayed up all night tinkering with their equipment. "The average age of the ARRL member is about 28," Cordeman said. "We are capable individually and as an organization. We are ready to help."

FCC officials supported Cordeman's views, pointing out that many amateur operators would be more effective during wartime than some commercial telegraphers. The amateurs, it was explained, were accustomed to combating interference and equipment failure, such as might be experienced during an emergency.

Central Texas has many Czech and German settlements.

Menus of the Day

- Planning A Sunday Breakfast Menu Stewed Prunes Egg Omelet Broiled Bacon Buttered Graham Toast Waffles Currant Jam Coffee Milk for Children Dinner Menu Mushroom Soup Crackers Celery Meat Loaf Russell Browned Potatoes Escalloped Cauliflower Biscuits Currant Jam Date-Pineapple Torte Whipped Cream Coffee Milk for children Supper Menu Toasted Cheese Sandwiches Cocoa Grapes Sugar Cookies

- Meat Loaf Russell 1 pound chopped beef round 1/2 cup soft crumbs 1/4 cup chopped celery 2 tablespoons chopped onions 1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper 1/4 teaspoon celery salt 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 1/2 cup catsup 2 eggs, beaten

- Mix the ingredients until very smooth. Pack lightly into a greased loaf pan and bake one hour in a moderate oven.

- Date-Pineapple Torte 1 1/2 cups chopped dates 1 cup crushed pineapple 1 cup broken nuts 1 cup granulated sugar 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon vanilla 1/4 teaspoon lemon extract 1 cup flour 1/2 teaspoon baking powder 3 eggs yolks 3 egg whites, beaten

Lightly mix together all the ingredients. Pour into a shallow greased pan. Bake in a pan of hot water for 30 minutes in a moderately slow oven (325 degrees). Serve warm or cold, cut into squares. Top with whipped cream.

Ward's Must Rehire Portland Employes

Chicago, Nov. 9. (U.P.)—The national labor relations board's order to the Montgomery Ward & Company, to cease discouraging union activities at its Portland, Ore., plant, was upheld by the federal circuit court of appeals yesterday.

An NLRB order to reinstate with back pay 23 Portland employees was also upheld. The workers claimed they were discharged in 1936 for joining the Weighers, Warehousemen and Cereal Workers local No. 28-123 of the International Longshoremen's association (A.F.L.).

COAST MILL WORKERS SEEK WAGE INCREASE

Mashfield, Nov. 9. (U.P.)—A 15 cent an hour wage increase in mills from Reedsport to Crescent City, Cal., has been asked by the Coos Bay District Lumber Workers' Council (AFL). Business Manager J. J. Hennessey said last night.

The Oregon-Washington district council will be urged to adopt the proposal at its December meeting.

Seeking to improve distribution of its open bed springs a firm did them in silvery aluminum paint. Sales jumped 25 percent.

MOTORCAR BEARS HEAVY TAX RATIO, SURVEY DISCLOSES

Portland. (U.P.)—The average Oregon motorist pays \$50.84 each year for the privilege of owning and operating his automobile.

The figure, according to the Oregon State Motor association, represents the amount of local, state and federal taxes paid by

the average car owner in Oregon in 1938. A national survey made by the American Automobile association shows that the average U. S. motorist paid \$51.87 in 1938 or approximately one dollar more than the Oregon motorist.

Bearing the load of increased taxation, each car in its normal life span pays levies equivalent to twice its average value. Each year, it was further explained, the tax amounts to 23.4 per cent of the average vehicle's value.

Comparing motor vehicle taxes with those levied against other forms of property, the motor association reported that "rural real estate in 1937 was taxed at the rate of only \$1.15

per \$100 of true value. Thus, the motor vehicle with a value constantly diminishing down to zero in a limited period of time, was taxed at 23 times the rate of rural real estate, with a more or less permanent and generally increasing value.

"Reports from the interstate commerce commission show that in 1937 the over-all tax imposed on the nation's class I railroads was at the rate of \$1.31 per \$100 value, as compared with the motor tax rate of \$26.43 in the same year. Thus the motor vehicle was taxed at a rate 20 times that imposed on the class I railroads of the country."

German Planes Downed London, Nov. 9. (U.P.)—The

air ministry announced two royal air force machines brought down two out of three German planes in air fights over the North Sea today.

The first auto to cross the U. S.—1901—took 61 days for the trip.

MORE COMFORT WEARING FALSE TEETH

No longer does the wearer of a loose dental plate have to endure the discomfort and embarrassment it causes. PASTEETH, an alkaline (non-acid) denture powder, sprinkled on upper or lower plates holds them firmer and makes them feel more comfortable. No gummy, goopy, pasty taste or feeling. Being alkaline, PASTEETH relieves gum soreness due to chafing of a wabby plate or to excessive acid mouth. Get PASTEETH at your drugist.

Advertisement for Kitchen Craft Flour featuring a woman baking and the text 'Recipe for Baking Success... Kitchen Craft Home type FLOUR SAFEWAY'. Includes 'Armistice Day' logo and 'Closed Armistice Day' notice.

Market section with 'Fresh Produce' (Oranges, Sweet Spuds, Cranberries, Celery, Grapefruit, Cauliflower) and 'Guaranteed Meats' (Oysters, Pork, Steak, Hamburger, Veal Roast, Veal Steak).

Advertisement for Robin Hood Milk, Raisins, Karo, Hot Sauce, and Pumpkin. Includes 'Candy' and 'White King' soap.

Advertisement for 'FREE! SILVERPLATED TEASPOON' and 'SU-PURB SOAP'.

Large advertisement for 'LIPTON'S TEA' (Orange Pekoe, Peach, Pineapple, Del Monte Corn, Lindy Peas, Del Monte Tuna Fish, Sun-Sweet Prunes) and 'WESSON OIL'.

Advertisement for 'SAVE ON SYRUP!' featuring 'MAPLEINE' syrup.

Advertisement for 'Snowdrift' pies, featuring an illustration of a woman and child.

Large advertisement for 'OLD QUAKER WHISKEY' with the headline 'IT'S HERE! OLD QUAKER WHISKEY NOW 4 YEARS OLD-YET STILL NO ADDED PRICE FOR THE ADDED AGE!'.

Advertisement for 'OLD QUAKER' whiskey featuring a bottle illustration and pricing.