

GENE TIERNEY IN MYSTERY SHOW AT CRATERIAN TODAY

Romance, Drama, Comedy Also in "Laura"—Rialto Has Double Feature.

The mystery story rates tops among the hardy perennials of the screen.

But few—if any—such films have dared wander as far from the straight and narrow of conventional mystery films as has 20th Century-Fox's "Laura," the story of a strange and perilous experiment in love—and murder—which stars Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews and Clifton Webb and opens Sunday at the Craterian.

Advance reports from Hollywood have it that "Laura" boasts as fascinating a set of characters as has ever peopled a single film. The "name" part, Laura, gives Gene Tierney one of the most colorful roles she has ever played. Laura is a young and beautiful advertising woman who meets a fabulous man-about-town columnist-critic and, through sheer efficiency and charm manages to intrigue him so thoroughly he becomes her mentor in cafe society.

Waldo Lydecker, the critic, is played by Clifton Webb. It is a sharp characterization, notable for its pungent lines and comparable to the part in "The Man Who Came to Dinner," which brought Webb new stage fame.

Mark McPherson, the detective, played by Dana Andrews, is as startling a character as the famous Nick Charles of "Thin Man" fame, and much more romantically inclined. He is in sharp contrast to the charming, lady-beguiling weakling, Shelby Carpenter, played by Vincent Price. Judith Anderson as Ann Treadwell, Laura's self-indulgent aunt, rounds out one of the outstanding casts of the year.

FILM DESIGNERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Hollywood, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Possible tieup of operations of eight major Hollywood motion picture studios was threatened tonight when set designers voted to strike unless a union jurisdictional dispute is settled quickly.

Two A. F. L. unions—the International Brotherhood of Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees—are claiming jurisdiction over the decorators and affiliated artists.

The strike ballot taken today was directed by the NLRB, in accordance with provisions of the Smith-Connally act. The results showed 254 votes to strike and 42 against.

TRAINING COUNTS
Fort Worth, Tex. (U.P.)—It wasn't because he was breaking the law that police chased a seeing eye dog for an hour and a half here. The dog, who escaped from a baggage car at the railroad station, stopped for every red light while officers ran through the length of Fort Worth to capture him.

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Also **ARRAY** of Short Subjects

"Double Indemnity" Here Soon



Starting Wednesday for a four-day program at the Craterian, Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray are co-starred with Edward G. Robinson in the thrilling mystery, "Double Indemnity," with Jean Heather and Tom Powers. Medford people will be interested in the appearance of Porter Hall in this picture who boasts that he's "from Medford".

Chester Morris Booked at Rialto



Coming Wednesday to the Rialto are Chester Morris, Nancy Kelly and Russell Hayden in "Gambler's Choice," with Lee Patrick and Lloyd Corrigan.

Playing as the companion feature on the Rialto's twin bill policy will be Roy Roger's latest picture, "Lights of Old Santa Fe," with George "Gabby" Hayes.

Roxy Today



Now playing at the Roxy for three days are Betty Hutton and Bob Hope in "Let's Face It," one of the funniest army comedies ever to come from Hollywood.

BRITISH FORCES OCCUPY ATHENS

Athens, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—British forces have occupied all of Athens, torn for the past 32 days by civil war, and sent armored patrols today four miles into the hilly country around the city in search of Greek Elms guerrilla units which fled before a week-long British offensive.

Increasing uneasiness was reported elsewhere in Greece as the fighting died in Athens. But in the capital, Greek civilians ventured into the streets in search of food and firewood. Relief officials were rushing soup kitchens, some manned by British troops, into northern Athens, last part of the city entered in the clean-up drive against the Elms.

The national school bus conservation program is saving about 150 million school bus miles annually, the Office of Defense Transportation reports.

2 SUSPECTS HELD AT REDDING FOR BAY AREA CRIME

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Authorities here and in Redding, Cal., tonight were checking stories of two possible suspects in the brutal murder Thursday of Miss Winifred Cecil, 25, a navy bus driver, in San Francisco.

Charles Kesh, 30, a Negro, was held here while Patrick I. Flanagan, 31, was held in Redding.

Kesh was arrested as answering the description of a Negro who raped a 14-year-old San Francisco girl recently in the neighborhood of the San Francisco bus terminal where Miss Cecil was found shot to death shortly after driving her bus out of the storage garage.

San Francisco police believe the two crimes may have been committed by the same person and Kesh was held for their questioning.

Kesh was carrying a jacket apparently identical with those worn by navy bus drivers, Detective Art Thomas said. He told police he was in Oakland Thursday when the murder occurred.

Blood-stained clothing found on Flanagan at the time of his arrest yesterday afternoon by highway patrol officers was sent here for analysis by the state division of criminal investigation.

The air cargoes brought from overseas by air into the United States in the first half of 1944 totaled 22,000,000 pounds valued at \$79,000,000, establishing new all-time record.

CANADIANS TRAP PO VALLEY HUNS IN SWIFT DRIVE

Rome, Jan. 6.—(U.P.)—Enemy troops in the Adriatic coastal sector of Italy, compressed by a swift Canadian drive into a pocket between Alfonsine, the Adriatic sea and the Valli di Comacchio, tonight faced entrapment and loss of their entire position in the eastern Po valley.

Eighth army Canadians, eliminating several weeks of tough slugging, cleared the whole southern shore of the shallow Comacchio lake, engulfed the town of Sant' Alberto, and to the southward swept the Germans from the east bank of the Senio river between Faenza and the Valli di Comacchio. Enemy troops in the area have been "routed," an allied headquarters spokesman said.

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west of the Comacchio lake, the Canadians pursued the fleeing German remnants, said to number about 60,000 men, as they sought to escape capture or annihilation. Five hundred prisoners were caught up as allied troops obliterated the enemy position on the Senio's east bank, recently termed by headquarters as "a substantial pocket of enemy resistance."

Pits in western North Carolina in which 300-year-old trees are now growing are believed to be the remains of mines dug by De Soto.

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