

Lana Turner's Screen Career Began on Strength of Curves

Editor's note: Following is the second of three dispatches on the life of Movie Queen Lana Turner. In today's article, Vernon Scott tells of her discovery and her movie career.

By VERNON SCOTT
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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Lana Turner, whose love life overshadowed her acting talents, began her screen career on the strength (and size) of her curves.

Those same charms won her four husbands, innumerable romances and, finally, led to the Good Friday tragedy in which her daughter Cheryl, then 15, was killed by a knife in her mother's latest love, mobster Johnny Stompanato.

Platinum-haired, blue-eyed Lana is the first to admit her reputation rests snugly on her roller-coaster figure.

"I was one of those photographic accidents," she maintains. "In my first picture I was a 15-year-old kid (only a year older than Cheryl), who now faces a murder charge) with a bosom and a backside strutting across the screen for less than a minute."

The picture was "They Won't Forget," and Lana's only action was to undulate across the screen. The title proved prophetic. She was immediately tabbed the "Sweater Girl" and her rock-stardom was launched.

Drugstore Discovery
Lana was the last of the "drugstore discoveries." Though it reads like a press agent's pipe dream, the well-rounded youngster was found, sipping a soda fountain, a

tradepaper publisher. He arranged an interview at Warner Brothers that led to Lana's contract with producer Mervyn Leroy.

Until recent years Lana was considered a second-rate actress. But her greatest triumph came earlier this year when she was nominated as best actress for her motherly role in "Peyton Place."

Universally panned by picture critics, Lana has made more than 35 pictures, snagging Hollywood's best actors as leading men, including Clark Gable, Robert Taylor and Spencer Tracy. While her movies made money Lana kept the headline writers busy on her own time.

Following her four-month marriage to band leader Artie Shaw, the movie sex goddess fell in love with Steve Crane. She says that marriage, "I am lonely unless I have someone to love, and there was Steve. I married him."

They settled down in a mansion, but Crane wasn't working and Lana's career hit a momentary snag. In quick succession the beautiful actress discovered (1) Crane already was married to Carol Kuriz, and (2) she (Lana) was pregnant.

The marriage was annulled, but six months later the couple was remarried in the squalor of Tijuana. Shortly after Crane was drafted.

Birth of Cheryl
Cheryl was born an RH factor baby and almost died in infancy. The strain drained

Lana's physical and financial reserves. When the bills were paid the curvaceous girl was one of the biggest boxoffice stars in history. But she was flat broke!

Crane was discharged from the Army for medical reasons, and in January, 1944, when Cheryl was six months old, the Cranes called it quits.

There followed a four-year whirl of romances, including a lengthy idle with Tyrone Power. Her personal disasters affected her acting career, and it was during this period that Lana turned in her best performances—in "The Postman Always Rings Twice," and "Cass Timberlane."

Then entered Bob Topping, the millionaire who showered her with flowers and jewels. He became husband No. 3 in April, 1948, and Hollywood agreed Lana had finally settled down.

Topping walked out after four years, and many battles. The world's most publicized movie star had failed to hold her man for the third time. But Lana still had the curves which kept her at the top of the film world, and drew the attention of screen "Tarzan" Lex Barker.

The romance, typically Turner in essence, ended in marriage. But not before Lana gave up her romance with actor Fernando Lamas who later married actress Arlene Dahl, who in turn, previously had been wed to Barker.

Confusing? Lana's life was confusion compounded. And it is her daughter, Cheryl, who now faces a possible prison sentence as a result of her mother's latest caprice.

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is like a better angel. And I'm
quickly getting this to you to tell you
I adore the way you write and all
the truly beautiful things you say
to me. So please, please dearest
continue. Every line warms me
and makes me ache and miss
you more each time I read it -
It's true - It's beautiful yet terrible.
But, just as, in deep love, I'd be
driving, the letter I wrote you last
night was so much in the same vein
as yours. I'm just relieved - So you
see we certainly are in tune - All the
Way - I'll show you how, well
write tonight - Love to go to a meeting
now with the div. writers etc.
Know how deeply I love you Angel. Cuddles
4 here, here, here - Add me dear love
in yours - Love, your papa - Love you
Lana

POURING OUT LOVE for slain Johnny Stompanato in letter from Europe, Actress Lana Turner addresses him as "My beloved love" in torrid missive. (International)

Examinations Set For Statisticians

Examinations for analytical statistician and mathematical statistician have been announced by the board of U. S. Civil Service examiners, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Wash.

Applications are also being accepted for radioteletype operators in the four Northwest states at the commission office in Seattle, and several employment opportuni-

CENTRAL POINT Health Clinic Scheduled

By DORIS HUGHES

Central Point — The Jackson County Health Department, with Dr. A. E. Merkel in charge, will hold a pre-school clinic April 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Jewett Elementary school in Central Point.

George Johns, principal, stated that parents wishing to take advantage of this free medical examination of pre-school children may do so by calling the office at Jewett elementary school for an appointment. The number is NOrmandy 4-1114.

The Central Point PTA will meet April 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the Jewett Elementary school. Mrs. Ed Griggs will give the invocation. The speaker will be a Foreign Exchange Student from Southern Oregon college and hostesses will be the fourth and fifth grade mothers.

Charles A. Meyer, principal of Central Point Junior High and elementary school, reported that the fifth six-week period would end April 30 with report cards going out at that time.

The Jackson County school librarians met Tuesday at the Central Point Junior High school library.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Monia arrived in Central Point Friday from Illinois. They reported being re-routed in Reno due to a snow storm. Monia, who has been recently discharged from the Air Force, was stationed in Illinois. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Monia, Central Point.

The Faith Circle of the First Presbyterian church of Central Point will hold a rummage, plant and cooked food sale at the Crater Department store, April 18. Donations may be left at Crockett's Hardware store or at the church.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. O. T. Wilson Sunday afternoon. Guests were John Wilson and daughters, Susie and Debbie, of Shady Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wilson and son, Richard, of Eagle Point, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilson and daughter, Barbara, of Eagle Point, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dusenberry and son, Jan and Lan, of Trail, Mrs. Harry Tonn, and Mrs. Dick Dunn and daughter Diana, of Central Point.

The Dean Wilson family of Central Point was unable to attend the family gathering due to the children's exposure to chicken pox. The group had an Easter egg hunt with Debby Wilson playing the roll of Peter Rabbit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Wilson accompanied Mrs. Stephen Wilson to Williams Tuesday to visit Mr. Wilson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wilson.

Mrs. Alma Meyer of Lake Creek visited Monday and Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn of Central Point.

Harvey Tonn returned to Linfield Sunday afternoon after spending the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn.

The Central Point Home Extension Unit will meet on Monday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Chuck Taylor of the Old Stage road. Miss Mary Pat Lucy, Jackson County Home Economics agent will give a

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28 New Faces Due in Senate and House Regardless of Vote

Washington — (U.P.) — There will be at least 28 new faces in the House and Senate next year, regardless of the outcome of the 1958 elections.

New members will take over four seats in the Senate and 24 in the House because of the death, resignations or retirement of incumbents.

This number undoubtedly will be swelled as the deadlines for entering primary elections approach and more congressmen decide the time has come to retire.

A number of other congressmen, who are trying for reelection but face stiff tests, are likely to be unseated to bring about still further changes in the House and Senate makeup next year.

Eight members are dropping out of the House to run for other office. Six of them aspire to the Senate — Democrats Clair Engle (Calif.), Robert C. Byrd (W. Va.), and Eugene J. McCarthy (Minn.), and Republicans Hugh Scott, (Pa.), Robert W. Kean (N.J.), and Winston L. Prouty (Vt.).

Rep. James P. Devereux (R-Md.), Marine hero at Wake Island during World War II, is running for governor and Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R-Calif.), seeks the office of California attorney general.

Four Deaths
There now are four House vacancies caused by death to be filled in November, and a fifth due to the resignation of Rep. Earl Chudoff (D-Pa.), to take a judgeship. Eleven other House members are retiring from the political arena.

In the Senate, Republican leader William F. Knowland is leaving to run for governor in what is regarded as the first step toward a bid for the 1960 GOP presidential nomination. Sens. H. Alexander Smith (N.J.), Williams E. Jenner (Ind.), and Edward Martin (Pa.), all Republicans, are retiring.

Some of those who won't be here next year have held key posts. Martin is ranking Republican on the Senate Finance and Public Works committees, and Smith is senior GOP member of the Labor committee. Martin is the oldest Republican in the Senate and Smith is the second oldest. Both are 78.

Longest Service
Rep. Charles A. Wolvertson (R-N.J.), 77, has the longest term of service in congress of all those who are leaving, with 31 consecutive years in the House. He is senior Republican on and a former chairman of the House Commerce committee.

Rep. Karl M. Lecompte (R-Iowa), a member of Congress since 1939 and ranking Republican on the House Administration committee, has announced his decision not to seek reelection.

Two of the House members who won't be back are now committee chairmen — Engle, who heads the House Interior committee, and Chairman Thomas S. Gordon (D-Ill.), of the Foreign Affairs committee. Gordon is retiring, as is the No. 2 GOP member of the committee, Rep. John M. Vorys (Ohio).

North Dakota will send an entire new delegation to the House next year. Both of the state's representatives — Republicans Usher L. Burdick and Otto Krueger — are calling it quits.

Others retiring from the House are Benjamin P. James (Pa.), Cliff Cleveland (Ohio), Hal Halmes (Wash.), Donald W. Nicholson (Mass.), and Hubert B. Scudder (Calif.) all Republicans.

Heat Conversion Breakthrough Seen

Washington — (U.P.) — The Navy believes it is "on the verge of a breakthrough" in efforts to convert heat directly into electricity.

If it is, cheap atomic power is on the horizon and the existing conventional power industry faces a revolution.

In testimony before a House Appropriations Subcommittee Rear Adm. A. M. Morgan of the Bureau of Ships said:

"We are on the verge of a breakthrough apparently in conversion of heat to electric power through thermoelectric couples."

Morgan added that "We should have something definite on this in a matter of three years."

Salem — (U.P.) — Marshall R. Leeper, general manager of United States Plywood Corporation in Oregon has been appointed to the advisory committee of the forest products research laboratory.

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