



AT DAUGHTER'S HEARING—Stephen Crane (left), and Lana Turner are shown at the hearing for their daughter, Cheryl Crane, at Juvenile Hall in Los Angeles, Calif. Cheryl was ordered held for a further hearing later this month, to determine whether she will be prosecuted for the fatal stabbing of Johnny Stompanato last week.

Lana's Daughter Wrote Stompanato

Hollywood—Lana Turner's teen-age daughter wrote her mother's lover a chatty, "love ya and miss ya loads" letter just six weeks before she killed him with one stab of a razor sharp butcher knife, it has been disclosed.

In a misspelled, schoolgirl scrawl, Cheryl Crane urged gangland gigolo Johnny Stompanato and her film queen mother to come back from Europe "soon," according to a copyrighted letter published today in the Los Angeles Evening Herald Express.

An autopsy report, meanwhile, showed Stompanato suffered from an incurable kidney ailment that might have meant his death in only a few years.

Eugene Newsstand Operator Arraigned

Eugene—William Jackson, Eugene newsstand operator, was arraigned in Lane County Circuit Court Thursday on three grand jury indictments accusing him of selling obscene and indecent material.

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Lana Turner's Tears Flow in Knowledge of Her Own Failure

Editor's note: Following is the last of three dispatches on the career of Movie Queen Lana Turner. In today's article, Vernon Scott says that she is aware that her own failures are responsible for her daughter's slaying of Johnny Stompanato.

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Hollywood—A mother's bitter tears sting Lana Turner's beautiful face today in the knowledge that her own failures are responsible for her daughter Cheryl's knife slaying of mobster Johnny Stompanato.

More than anything else, the blonde screen beauty wanted 14-year-old Cheryl to have a happy childhood. Lana's own youth was blighted by tragedy, neglect and cruelty. She wanted things to be better for her only child. But Cheryl's plight is infinitely worse than anything that ever befell her mother. She has killed a man.

Lana Turner, who real name was Judy, loved her father dearly. He was a happy-go-lucky man who was murdered in a San Francisco crap game when his red-haired daughter was only 9 years old.

When he lived he was a lively companion for his sensitive daughter, but a poor provider. When her parents separated, two years before "Tex" Turner was bludgeoned to death, Lana was farmed out to some "friends" in Modesto, Calif.

Beaten Frequently
She was treated worse than a scullery maid. She made breakfast, prepared dinner, did the family washing and ironing and was beaten for the slightest mistakes.

Her mother visited Lana one day after a particularly brutal beating and, seeing her daughter black and blue, took Lana back to live with her in San Francisco. It was then Lana learned of her father's murder.

So Lana wanted a normal home life for Cheryl, but not badly enough to make the necessary sacrifices. Cheryl's father, Steve Crane, was divorced by Lana

when the girl was still an infant. Thereafter she knew two other fathers, millionaire Bob Topping and movie "Tarzan" Lex Barker. Between, before and after those marriages, Cheryl watched her mother date a parade of playboys and goodtime Charlies.

A gangling, leggy filly who claims little of her mother's beauty, Cheryl spent much of her time with servants and in private schools.

When she was old enough to read the headlines provided her with information about her mother that few little girls would find comforting. But there remains a fast bond between mother and daughter.

Sometimes it seemed as if sober faced little Cheryl provided the major share of stability and security in their broken family life.

Last year the tensions at home and the snipings of school friends took their toll on Cheryl. She dramatically decided to "run away" from her madcap mother.

She was found in Los Angeles' skid row and reunited with Lana. Crane also was present when the wretched girl was released by the police.

The limelight captured Cheryl again three months

later when she tumbled from a horse in Estes National Park, Colo., suffering a fractured vertebrae and slight concussion. Again Crane and Miss Turner rushed to her side, and again, though briefly, Cheryl knew the warmth and security of having both parents with her for a bedside party.

Girl's World Collapsed
But Cheryl's world crashed around her last Friday night as she listened to gangster Stompanato threaten her mother's life.

Still protective, looking out for her emotional mother, Cheryl plunged an eight-inch knife into Stompanato, killing him within minutes and changing her life forever.

The tears that Lana sheds are as much for her own failings in raising Cheryl as for the horror of the bloody tableau that took place in her bedroom on Good Friday.

What of Lana's future? Is her career ruined?

Not necessarily. Robert Mitchum bounced back after his marijuana mix-up. And Errol Flynn's legal battles only heightened his popularity. Hollywood's stars seem to prosper after their scandals are aired. Lana could well continue to greater triumphs.

Navy Marks 58th Anniversary of Use of Submarine

U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn. — The Navy's "silent service" is 58 years old today, and modern submariners find it hard to believe that the Navy's first undersea boat could be anything more than a museum piece.

But on April 11, 1900, the Navy was so impressed with the performance of the USS Holland that it commissioned it as a coastal defense vessel and a warning to any nation with notions of aggression.

The Holland was 54 feet long, displaced 74 tons and had a beam of 10 feet. It was armed with one torpedo tube and a pneumatic dynamite gun. Carrying a two-man crew, the Holland had a dual propulsion system, a storage battery-powered electric motor plus a gasoline engine.

Rapid Change
That was the beginning of the Navy's submarine service which, with the fairly recent advent of the atomic era, now presents the most formidable striking force in the world.

The one torpedo tube has given way to atomic war heads, missiles that can be launched from the decks of surfaced subs and soon will be launched from submarines traveling beneath the waves. Destruction power, once measured in yards, will be carried to better than 1,500 miles from a moving base which the enemy cannot locate.

The Navy now has three powerful atomic submarines in service: Nautilus, Seawolf and Skate. Each is capable of girdling the globe three times without surfacing or refueling. Each can operate at sea for as long as two years without surfacing except to take on supplies and fresh crews.

More Coming
More atomic submarines are coming off the building ways. The fastest, USS Skipjack, will be launched at the electric boat yards of General Dynamics May 26. The biggest will be the Triton, a radar picket ship which has been compared to a destroyer in size and which will serve as an undersea radar station. The Polaris subs, soon to get into construction, will be able to penetrate to almost any part of Russia with missiles having a 1,500-mile range. Recently, Rear Adm. William F. Raborn called this, "One of the most significant weapon systems yet devised by man . . . by carrying the launching site to sea, it will take the bulls' eye off our country by forcing the enemy to concentrate his counter-measures on the seven seas."

Three Polaris subs have been ordered and the Navy hopes to have nine in operation by 1961.

Seattle — Former Teamster President Dave Beck's office here will be closed effective April 30.

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