

Film Fanfare

Busty Linda Darnell Nixes Boyish Look Clothes Style

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 14 (AP)—If fashion designers are serious about promoting the "boyish look," they can include Linda Darnell out.

"I'll have no part of it," says the busty glamor girl about the proposed return of the slim silhouette of the '20s.

"I think it looks terrible. Besides, it's unhealthy. Many girls really ruined their figures for life when they had to bind their chests to get the flat effect."

"Why can't women look like women and men look like men? That's what makes life more interesting."

Tommy Dorsey may take his jumping jive to Europe next year. His manager, Arthur Michaud, tells me he'll visit the continent next spring to scout the possibility of a tour of France, Scandinavia, Italy, Holland and Belgium. Louis Armstrong has already pioneered the field with success.

Dorsey and band open in Havana January 12. Cab Calloway and Woody Herman have played there and Gene Krupa's band will follow. The bandmen are finding a lucra-

tive field in Cuba, now that the domestic music market is ailing.

Walter Huston keeps sighing that he's gotten to the age where he wants to do only one picture a year. But at 63 he plays tennis almost every day. "I'm not much good," he admits. "You might say I play a casual game."

Joan Crawford knows the value of clothes to a glamor girl. When her studio said it couldn't afford a vast new wardrobe for "The Victim," she came up with the solution. She is wearing some of her own models.

Greater faith hath no wife. Jessica Tandy is investing some of her own money in the play of her husband, Hume Cronyn. It's called "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" and the Fredric Marches are starring in it.

Betty Grable's leg measurements are the same as when she arrived at 20th-Fox 12 years ago. The vital statistics: ankle 7 1/2, calf 12, thigh 18 1/2. Asked if she ever gets tired of answering questions about her legs, she said: "They've been doing it for years. I have no objections."

Fred Astaire is now teamed with

a gal who may prove to be his best dance partner—Vera-Ellen. . . Mel Tormé is trying to avoid wisecracks about now being the velvet shoe. . . Funniest thing I ever saw on TV was a silent-movie skit by Buster Keaton on Ed Wynn's show. What a great field video will be for the great old comedians!

Col. Philip Cochran, fabulous figure of the war, is technical advisor on "Jet Pilot." The script is trying to keep up with the headlines. In it, Janet Leigh plays a Russian spy. . . Hard-working Richard Widmark leaves next week for New Orleans and "Port of Entry" location.

Elsa Lanchester, who has four unreleased pictures, was asked what she'll do next. "I think I'll sit around on my back," she answered.

Good Samaritan Gets Ticket

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—Patrolman Martin Knisley saw a motorist pass a red light and gave chase in his police car. Both cars swung out to pass a truck. Knisley lost control and his car swerved into a ditch.

As the officer, cut and bruised, climbed out, the car he'd been chasing drove up. The driver had seen the mishap in his rear vision mirror and turned back to give help.

Knisley asked to be driven to the Englewood police station, thanked the driver for the life and handed him a summons for speeding and running a red signal.



ROYAL FAREWELL — King Frederik of Denmark (above) waves as he leaves by train from Liverpool Street Station, London, en route home after a visit in the British capital.

Your Bright Pup May Be Big Nuisance

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—That happy little pup that brightens your life may be the biggest nuisance in town.

Portland's nuisance expert says so. And it isn't funny. For 21 years John C. Munk has

been with the city nuisance bureau. People tell him about nuisances. "People who have gardens have violent ideas about dogs," he said as he prepared to retire to a more non-controversial life.

For that matter, "People who have dogs have violent ideas about anybody who doesn't think these animals are the best examples of the Lord's handiwork."

Munk, personally, likes dogs. But as head of the nuisance bureau he wishes they had sense enough to stay away from neighbors' gardens. He also wishes people would get together on the subject of vacant lots. Seems the difference comes

in whom owns them. Non-owners want them cleaned up; owners don't want to do it or pay the city for it. And, says Munk, they put him right in the middle of the squabble.

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