



DAN DUNHAM, President of the Future Farmers of America.

### Roberta Sherwood Hits Big Time With New Style

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HOLLYWOOD (UP)—In the darkness of the Mocambo night club a stocky, middle-aged woman wearing glasses, a plain black dress and a sweater appears in the back of the room and, singing, walks toward the stage.

There, standing in the spotlight, her brown hair slightly mussed, she looks for all the world like a housewife who got up to conduct a PTA meeting.

Then she belts out old favorites like "Lazy River" and "Mary Lou" with an astonishingly strong voice and pep beat—all the time beating a batted old cymbal.

That is the way a new star was born. Roberta Sherwood, after 37 years of trying, finally hit the big-time at the age of 43.

Only last spring she was an unknown singer in a Miami saloon for \$125 a week, working to support her sick husband. Suddenly celebrities from a big hotel across the street such as Frankie Laine, Walter Winchell and Jan Murray, noticed her and began to spread the word.

Roberta was booked into New York's smart Copacabana Club. She was hustled in August to the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas and then to her first appearance in Hollywood.

Now Roberta sings for \$7500 a week. She'll appear on NBC-TV this fall and Warner Studio is dickering for her life story.

"I'm the oldest new star in existence," cracks Roberta. "I get nice letters from older people who had given up trying for success until they heard about me."

The new star has a story of harrowing struggle. At six she was singing in vaudeville with her father, Bob Sherwood, and mother. At nine she danced in carnivals and wild west shows. She never went to school past the seventh grade. For 18 years she was a dancer in touring vaudeville, including three years as a "Hawaiian" hula specialist.

She married actor Don Lanning in 1939. They opened their own bar in Miami and sang together.

They reared three boys, now 18, 13 and 8.

"I became a housewife but I never gave up my goal of success as a singer," she said. "When you're born and bred in show business there's a bit in your teeth and you never lose it. When my husband got sick with cancer I went back to work."

Now that she's in the big-time, Roberta is turning down advice to wear glamorous clothes and give up her glasses and sweater.

"I'm grateful for the security this money gives me but I take it in my stride," she said calmly. "I wore the glasses in Miami because I saw better with them, and the sweater because it was chilly. Gene Austin hated me in those glasses but I won't give them up."

"It's no use to compete with glamour girls. I'm not built for that type of clothes. To have mink and earrings wouldn't be me!"

**SUPPORT**

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Shakespearean actor John Carradine, 50, has agreed to pay his wife, actress Sonia Sorel, \$500 a month for the support of their three children. Miss Sorel, 35, waived any rights to alimony yesterday in Superior Court and will be permitted to obtain a default divorce. She charged cruelty and intemperance.

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## Lake County Man Has Busy Time Ahead In Post As Chief Of Future Farmers

**LAKEVIEW**—When he has come West about as far as he can get, the logical sequence for a young man would seem to be a reverse Horace Greeley. So this is the way Dan Dunham, a young man Lake County has reason to be proud of, is doing it—he is going east!

First Dan is going east as far as Kansas City to reside, in his capacity as national president, at the annual convention of the Future Farmers of America. Then, a little later, he is scheduled to go to the Far East in the capacity of a State Department specialist. There will be a lot of activity and miles covered during both of these trips for this young farmer, just 20 years old, and, certainly there is a great deal of prestige attached to either position.

Dan leaves Lakeview on October 9 to spend five days in Kansas City preparing for the convention which is set for October 15 through the 13th. This will close his term as the top national officer of the FFA. He will preside over meetings that will involve about 12,000 boys of the organization from the 48 states, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the territory of Hawaii. The boys represent about 85 per cent of the FFA chapters. Other guests include such notables as Dr. Kenneth McFarland of General Motors; Charles B. Schuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; the Honorable H. Roe Barile, mayor of Kansas City; and Major-General R. F. Cornwall, general secretary of the National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs of Great Britain.

A note of interest in connection with Dan's later trip to Japan will be the presence of Takanaki Kurihara, national president of the Future Farmers of Japan, and

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### SUGGESTION

**PORTLAND (UP)**—A suggestion that the Oregon Legislature ask Congress to make the Columbia River Gorge a national park was made here Monday by the chairman of the Oregon Columbia River Gorge Commission. The chairman, Mrs. Gertrude Gluch Jensen, outlined her proposal at a meeting of the Portland Women's Forum.

R. L. Stearns of Gailtherburg, Maryland; and daughter, Joyce, a student at Oregon State College, will be passengers in the grouping. Joyce is also to be a featured vocalist singing "The Oregon Trail." Another son, Gordon, living at Corvallis, will be unable to attend. The pageant audience is usually about 15,000 persons.

Another high honor goes to the family with the announcement that the degree of Honorary American Farmer will be conferred upon Marshall Dunham on Tuesday, October 16. A special invitation, requesting that he be present in person, if possible, to receive the degree was sent to Mr. Dunham from Dr. A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary of FFA. In his letter Dr. Tenney also says, "It has been a privilege to have the opportunity to work with Dan this year. We recognize it would not have been possible for him to serve so effectively without the whole-hearted cooperation of his parents. This degree is being conferred to show the appreciation of the organization for the assistance you have rendered to your son and the Future Farmers of America."

Dr. Tenney will accompany Dan on the trip to Hawaii and Japan; the date to be released in the near future by the State Department at Washington, D.C.

Dunham is the youngest specialist under the jurisdiction of the State Department. His work will bring him in contact with farmers of Japan, where agriculture is centered in every inch of available

ground, with approximately half of its 90 million population engaged in this phase of life. Because of interest in the growth of the Future Farmers of Japan he will carry a message of goodwill to these young men from the United States.

The future appears to have a lot of promise for this young man from a small farm in Lake County. He plans to continue at Oregon State College for the winter term beginning in January. However, it will probably be necessary for him to stay home again during the spring term to farm the 790 acre ranch in which he has a third interest with his father. A crippling arthritic condition makes it impossible for Marshall Dunham to do any heavy farm labor.

The statistics are impressive when summed up for Dan Dunham. Since last October 13 and counting through the national convention, he will have traveled 75,000 miles; spent 233 days out of the year in the interest of FFA; visited 26 states; made 220 speeches; and appeared in 52 radio and television programs.

He started out in 4-H work by borrowing \$110 from the bank to buy his first cow. He spent seven years in club work, followed by one year as a junior leader and one year as an adult leader. He is closing his seventh year in FFA work, during which he was president of the state association in 1954-55 and also won the state public speaking contest that year.

At the end of his high school term he was worth about \$22,000 developed from that first dealing in credit with the local bank. He had 44 head of registered beef Shorthorns, 100 chickens, 40 hogs, 55 acres of grain, and a one-fourth partnership with his dad. During the four year period, too, he fed out about 20 head of fat steers for showing at the county fair, Pacific International and the Cow Palace. His participation in other high school activities kept pace with his farm work, and his availability for community work is hampered only by the number of hours in the day.

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