

# Star Greatly Concerned Over Public Impression

By RICK DU BROW  
HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Lana Turner says she is greatly concerned with the "wrong public impression" that she has lost Cheryl, 15.

"I have complete and legal custody of my daughter," the actress told United Press International in an exclusive interview at a fashionable Sunset Blvd. restaurant. "So many people seem to have the wrong impression," she said, "and I would like to clarify it. There are people who believe I

have lost custody of Cheryl, but I still have complete and legal custody. The only thing is that my mother has physical custody of her."

Cheryl was made a ward of the Juvenile Court and temporarily placed with her grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Turner, after the death of Johnny Stompanato last year. A coroner's jury ruled the incident "justifiable homicide."

"I see Cheryl a great deal," Lana said. "There are no limitations now and haven't been for months. Her father (restaurateur Stephen Crane) and I see her every day after school, and on weekends."

Cheryl is a student at Beverly Hills High School. "The probation people have been very nice," said the blonde movie queen. "They don't go around peeping in windows, and they provide a tremendous feeling of security for Cheryl and all of us."

"Some people think there will be a custody battle between me and Cheryl's father, but there will not be."

"I live alone now in a tiny house in Beverly Hills, but I see Cheryl almost as much as before the incident. She used to stay with her granny anyway when I

went away — even when we had governesses.

"But what upsets me are articles in some of the magazines saying, 'Will Lana ever get back her daughter?' I haven't lost her, and the Juvenile Court people agree. They can't understand why there are such articles and are as annoyed by them as I am."

Lana gave her position before leaving Sunday on a 12-day tour of five cities — Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Boston and Washington — to promote her new film, "Imitation of Life."

She wore a black suit, a white hat decorated with lilacs, white gloves and a string of pearls.

"The important thing for Cheryl," she said, "is keeping up her grades. And as a mother, I'm worried about the way all the kids run around in cars. Cheryl will be 16 soon, and already she's talking about a car. But I tell her she has to prove she has the

capability of handling such a responsibility.

"She's had a tremendous emotional shock — but with God's will and strength she will come out of it. All our lives have changed—admit it or not."

Cheryl has been seen more and more in public with her mother and father — separately — in the past few months.

A few days before the new year, Cheryl flew to New York for a three-day holiday with her father. They saw a couple of shows, dined in several "right spots" and were photographed together.

On Lana's birthday last Feb. 8, Cheryl and her grandmother threw a surprise party for her at Crane's restaurant, the Luau. Crane was out of town.

And when "Imitation of Life" had its invitational press premiere last month, Cheryl attended it with Lana and went dancing with her afterward at a party in Romanoff's.

## School Ousts Senior Class After 'Big Bopper' Dispute

GROVE HILL, Ala. (AP) — The entire senior class has been suspended from a new Negro high school in Jackson, Ala., for a school official described as refusal to participate in classroom work.

The county education superintendent, Forest Lee Mathews, said Friday night that the 46-member class organized a "big bopper" society which intended to disrupt the function of the school.

He said the 33 boys and 13 girls are out of school "until they can convince me and the Clarke County Board of Education that they are willing to abide by the public school regulations that apply to all students white or colored alike."

He said he couldn't "read any racial issue or anything like that into" the trouble.

Mathews said that after Principal James Nichols of the Harper High School reported the activities

investigated and found that the boys "got the idea they didn't have to participate in class exercises at all, take orders from anyone and that they would disrupt functions of the school in very, very way they could."

"That left but one course of action—that was to suspend the entire class."

Nichols said members of the "big bopper" club sat in classrooms with arms folded and refused to answer questions. They also refused to eat in the school cafeteria, he said.

The principal, a Negro, quoted letters taken from club members as saying: "I hereby solemnly swear by all my ability and power to erupt (sic) the entire student body of the school. I intend to overthrow the function of the school—as my power is unlimited. And I defy anyone who interferes with my plans."

The letters were signed "Big Bopper."

Nichols said the group adopted a uniform of blue jeans, red shirts, one suspender over the shoulder and one under the arm and a red patch on one leg of the jeans.

The school is the largest of four Negro high schools in this south Alabama county. It has an enrollment of 650.

Mathews said, "The trouble was headed by a group of juvenile delinquents, reform school graduates and ex-jailbirds."

## "DENNIS THE MENACE"



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## Officials Laud Crime Drive

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City police Sunday ended a nine-day crime prevention drive and proclaimed it a success.

Officers worked 12-hour shifts without days off to put the equivalent of 200 additional policemen on the streets.

"It was a huge success," said Maj. Don Bishop. He said the exercise, called Operation 200, was stopped because of fatigue among patrolmen.

Bishop said 135 major crimes were reported, compared to 224 in a similar drive last year. Traffic accidents were reduced 15 per cent, and arrests for traffic violations increased 51 per cent.

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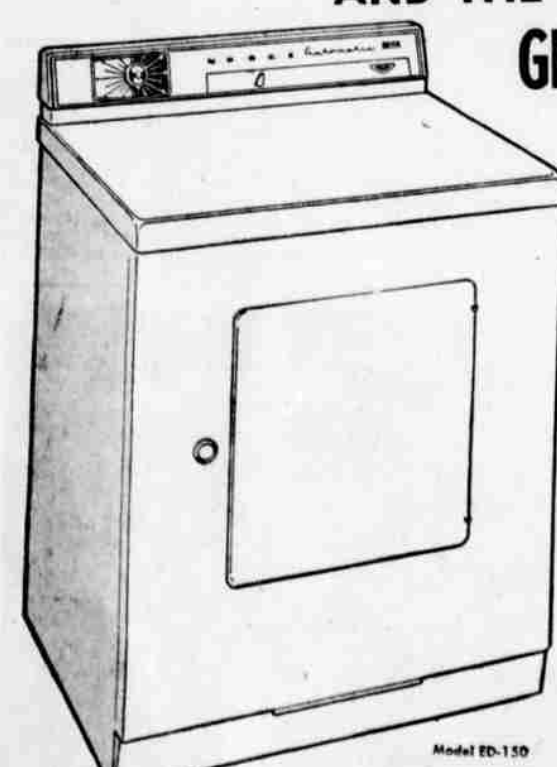
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## Few 'A' Pupils Have Autos, Survey Shows

PORTLAND (AP) — A science teacher told the Parkrose High School Parent-Teacher Assn. Thursday night that few A students have automobiles.

And, Marlin Struckman added, there is a successively larger proportion of automobiles owned by students with lower grades.

He said that a survey of 320 junior and senior students showed that 54 had automobiles. Among the 15 A students, only 1 owned a car. Of the 36 B students, 5 owned cars. Of the 90 C students, 21 owned cars. And of the 11 D students, 4 owned cars. All four of the failing students are car owners, he said.

He said that the average cost per year to the student of the cars was \$650. Those who worked to pay for the cars averaged 17.5 hours of work a week.

Of the 125 licensed drivers in the two classes 18 reported a total of 23 accidents costing \$3,010. Of the 18, 9 girls reported 14 accidents.

He said that a study of 23 seniors showed that grades dropped from 2.36 before car ownership to 2.12 after they got cars, based on college grade point averages. Four students' grades went up but 17 went down.

The average IQ of car owners was reported at 104—somewhat higher than average.

Similar studies were made in Idaho and at South Salem High School recently. Results were just about the same.

## Thieves Rob Meal Guests

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Twenty dinner guests thought it was a practical joke when three masked gunmen robbed them at a home in suburban Mission Hills, Kan.

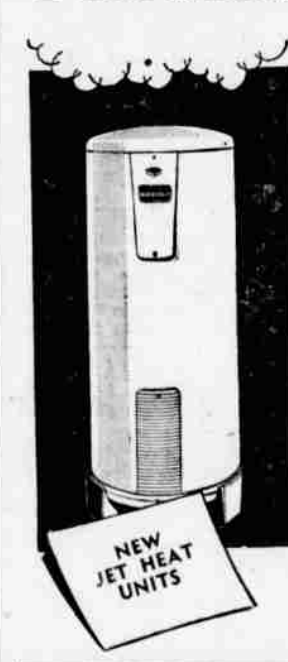
The bandits escaped with an unknown amount of money and jewels during a snowstorm Saturday night.

"We thought it was a joke because we have some practical jokers in the crowd," said W. H. Hoffstot, a lawyer and one of the guests. "The robbers got perturbed because nobody paid them any attention."

The bandits finally got full attention by cracking Dr. J. A. Gorwain on the head with a gun. That's when "the joke became real to me," Hoffstot said.

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