

# Claude Rains Believes He Has Reached Paradise

## Learned Hard Way Just How To Be An Actor

Started Career In London When Only 10; Has Had Severe Knocks

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 21 — Claude Rains, who learned the hard way how to be an actor, said today he guessed he'd reached paradise.

He meant he'd become well established in Hollywood. You can understand how he feels when you realize he started acting when he was 10 years old in London and that he's been at it all his life in theatres all over the world. Mostly they've been busy backstage, with rats on the floor and sometimes in the manager's chair. And he's had all the tough breaks that can be found during a lifetime in the theatre.

Now look at him. He's an American citizen. He earns a weekly salary in four figures at Warner Brothers. He works only a few hours a day; hardly ever at night. If he's thirsty there's a waiter on the set to bring him tea.

He has a house such as never even dreamed of 10 years ago, plus a country estate with a 17th century stone house in Pennsylvania. The radio's always after him to give him still more money for aerial dramatics.

And if any actor is happy in Hollywood, and satisfied with the way the master minds run the place, that man is Claude Rains. He takes their pay and does his best without argument about his roles. If his pictures are smash hits, that's fine; if they're flops, his salary goes on just the same.

Currently he is wearing clerical garb as David Belasco, the great theatre producer, in "The Lady With Red Hair."

The lady was Mrs. Leslie Carter, the amateur actress Belasco turned into a great star. She is being played by Micaela Hopkins and Rains is spending his time before the cameras teaching her how to act—as if she didn't already know.

How Rains became a movie star is one of those Hollywood stories that makes you blush. In 1933, in any event, he was on Broadway in "Peace Palace" when a Universal scout looked him up for a screen test. Rains was flattered.

He gave that test all he had. Nobody ever emoted and cried and laughed before the cameras more earnestly than he. He passed the test. Universal brought him to Hollywood.

"They told me I was to be the star of my first picture," Rains recalled. "They said this was very unusual. I nearly broke a button off my chest."

"So I went into the sound stage and started work on 'The Invisible Man.' The cameraman photographed by footprints, the smoke from my cigarette, the wrinkles my head made on my pillow, and my fingerprints on doorknobs—but he never photographed me. I was an invisible movie star for fair."

"The picture did well and I may have had my delusions of grandeur. I specified in my contract that I was to continue to get star billing."

He appeared in a couple of more horror items and then Universal ran out of parts for him. Not many pictures can use a middle-aged character actor for star; the fans want the Taylors and the Gables.

"And when I found that out for myself, I began to find myself in Hollywood," Rains continued. "I decided that I'd let somebody else take the blame if the picture was no good. I'd play supporting roles and do my best and not worry about anything."

That's the way he's been going ever since. He has appeared in dozens of films, in all kinds of parts, some good and some bad.

## NITE LIFE FOOTNOTES

**COURT CAFE**— Operated by the handsomest eligible in the village. Besides the crowds of the weaker sex who come in to view with alarm, many males also frequent the Court. Fine food and drinks.

**L. & L. GRILL**— Sea food is the main go here. Better stop in and help me gnaw a lobster out of his shell. Yes, there's an "R" in this month so the esters are okay.

**STONE'S GRILL**— All new equipment has been installed behind the bar so the finest quality draught beer is now available. Leave it to ole Harry Minton to do things up right. Also to be had is strong stuff and victuals.

**OHIO BAR**— A fine appetite pointer-upper is the turtle soup stirred up according to the mysterious Jim and Glen formula. Very elegant stuff and form a fine foundation for big activities in the stewart department.

**IRISH HILL**— Now is the time for all good men to come in and see the movies given twice a week. Likewise this entertainment feature has been moved indoors due to the draft or something.

**JUDY'S CAFE**— Gigantic, colossal and slightly terrific are the pork tenderloin sandwiches devised by the cunning hand of Onkle Elmer. Actually they're mighty fine eating, folksies.

**HELEN'S NITE CLUB**— Constantly on the up and up in the popularity poll. Crowds attest the excellence of an expansive dance floor and true content of the beverages.

**GLENDALE GARDENS**— Better take advantage of this elegant weather to get in a season or so of outdoor swinging. Very scenic it is way out there in the North West-st.

**WALDO**— An ideal place, really, to trip the light fantastic. The acoustics are stupendous and what with the reverberations and echoes the results are great.

**BEEHIVE**— Buzz out to this new one located at Main and Sixth-sts. Jimmy Laddin and his merry men give out musically. Six percentum stuff, wine and high test beverages are provided.

**CASTLE FARM**— Big anniversary show with an all-star studded floor show. Headed by Dolly Sterling who chants refined ditties. Dancing as usual and drinks more than usual.

**DE VERT'S**— The welcome mat act is handled by Ralph and Norah. If confronted by a loose evening be sure to take this club in your stride. Everything necessary to relaxation is provided.

**MILANO CAFE**— No floor show here and none needed with these masters of pishemup and double talk. Frank and Joe dishing out bufoonyery and prime drinks.

**DIXIE NITE CLUB**— Bill Harper and the boys tie 'em in knots hereabouts.

**LOST CREEK**— Fine business this where you can dine on the piaz amidst cooling breezes and at the same time heckle the golfers. Headman Russ knows just how to treat a steak.

**RAINBOW ROOM**— I've practically twisted my head off giving a gander at the lovely gals that frequent this establishment. They're there in great covies. On the dancing side Madam LaZonga certainly takes a beating on the juke box.

**LOUIE'S NITE CLUB**— Once a patron always a patron, says the boss. Must be so because I see the same congenial faces everytime I'm there. Fine spot for dancing and drinking.

**DICK'S PLACE**— Those Sierra Sue scouts, the Del Rio Cow-boys are still riding herd on the popular songs. Lots of fun to be had at practically all hours.

**BOXY GRILL**— Ketchum brand fresh now front here. Manager says despite having the place's face lifted, the same old policy of fine food and ditto service will be maintained.

**ALPINE VILLAGE**— Big fun house. Lots of people dancing. Much laughter. Alert waitresses. Dandy spaghetti. Setah.

Actors must speak louder in cold weather in order to be heard; their audiences wear more clothes and clothes absorb sound.

## Miss Dragonette And Newill Will Sing Popular Numbers

Summer Hour To Close With "Repeat" Selections; Ellery Queen To Bow Off Air With Exciting Case

Melodies which highlighted the past season's performances of the Summer Hour will comprise the program's closing show Sunday over WABC at 8 p. m.

Jessica Dragonette and James Newill will sing once more those songs which won the greatest response from their listeners; and the most favored selections of the orchestra and chorus will be repeated, with Leith Stevens directing.

Highlighting the popular musicquiz, vocalist Marvel Maxwell will sing "Pushing The Conversation Along," on the Beat the Band program.

Sunday at 5:30 p. m. over WEAF. Perry Como croons "Maybe" and the Ted Weems orchestra opens and closes with "The Sun Comes Up In The Morning" and "Wait 'Til -ui shrdlu shrdlu shrdl I Catch You In My Dreams."

Ellery Queen will bow off the air with one of his most thrilling cases, "The Adventure of the House of Cain," over WABC Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

The "Screen Guild Theatre" will supplant the detective mystery series in Sunday, Sept. 29.

When the 52 consecutive "Hour of Charm" program is broadcast next Sunday night, 30 lovely ladies, members of Phil Spelvin's famed all-girl orchestra, will celebrate the start of their fifth year on the air.

The aria, "La Morte e Mollo Bella" from Jock Dickenson's soprano solo in the American Album of Familiar Music, Sunday at 8:30 p. m. over WEAF.

The Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, auxiliary bishop of Boston, beginning a new series of two addresses, "Missionary Responsibility," during the nationwide Catholic Hour will be heard Sunday at 5 p. m. over WEAF.

The stirring story of man's conquest of the stratosphere will be the subject of "Reaching the Upper Air," World Is Your Drama on Sunday at 4:30 p. m. over WEAF.

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## ROMANTIC HIT AT THE STATE

Bette Davis and Charles Boyer bring glowing life to "All This, and Heaven, Too."

A new furniture finish recently underwent severe tests to prove that it has the resistant qualities that consumers have long been seeking in furniture they buy. A series of walnut, maple and mahogany panels were subjected to 100-proof liquor, which was liberally poured on the finished surface and allowed to stand overnight; for a period of 20 minutes boiling water from an electrically heated kettle poured over the panels continuously; a hot china plate, after being placed in boiling water for two hours, was filled with fresh cooked steaming vegetables and allowed to stand on the finished surface until it cooled. Another panel was placed in an oven heated to 110 degrees temperature, then immediately removed to a refrigerator where it was subjected to a temperature of five degrees below zero. This was repeated six times. In each instance, the panels were undamaged, according to those who watched the tests.

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## NEWS IN COLORED CIRCLES

Social Items, Lodges, Societies, Personals

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## PICKS FOWL FEATHERS

Mechanical rubber fingers now pick chicken feathers cleanly and expertly. The labor saving plucking device consists of a revolving drum on which are mounted several hundred rubber fingers resembling short lengths of garden hose. An electric motor revolves the drum at high speed and the feathers are removed without tearing the flesh, according to the American Poultry Journal.

## JUNK RACES

Run in the MUD Absolutely No Dust Today-2 p. m. ALLENTOWN SPEEDWAY

Rev. Leroy McGee, pastor of the Fourth-st. Baptist church, will speak at the St. Paul A. M. E. church Tuesday evening at the final meeting before Rev. A. H. Turner, pastor, leaves to attend the church conference at Cleveland.

## CASTLE FARM

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