

It's June in Hollywood

By MAE TINEE

JUNE TRAVIS is "a typical American girl who has gone ahead in a typical American fashion."

June is the daughter of Harry Grabiner, vice president of the Chicago White Sox. He was secretary of the Sox when June was born on Aug. 7, 1915.

The cunning baby, who at present telling is a little more than 5 feet 4½ inches tall and weighs 116 pounds, grew up into a gay youngster who spent a lot of time traveling over the country with her parents and the Sox.

June was seven years old when she entered the Parkside Grammar school in Chicago. The Starrett School for Girls took her through high school and junior college courses. After a winter in Los Angeles, June attended the University of California. She returned to Chicago and matriculated at the University of Chicago.

go girl accepted a contract with Warner Brothers.

Her first role was in "Stranded," with Kay Francis. In this picture, you may remember, June played a Russian girl trying to enter the United States but who is turned back with her mother at the San Francisco immigration offices. Her scene was an emotional one and demanded a lot of what it takes.

When the twenty-year-old girl had finished Kay Francis walked across the set. She put her arm around the shaking shoulders—for June was all wrought up, as any girl would have been.

"My dear," Miss Francis said warmly, "I'm proud of your scene! It's as fine a thing as I have ever witnessed. And do you know what I think? That one day, when I'm playing old lady parts, you'll be a movie star."

Kay Francis is like that!

June went right on being successful. In "Ceiling Zero," in which she appeared with James Cagney and Pat O'Brien, she won favorable notices. She made a hit with Joe E. Brown in "Earthworm Tractors." And did famously in "The Big Game." She was cast in "Jail Break" with Craig Reynolds and made good. Soon we will see her in "Times Square Playboy" and "Men in Exile."

Speaking of "The Big Game," it was June Travis who taught Jay Berwanger, University of Chicago half back, how to make up for his supporting role in the picture.

It was upon the suggestion of Joe E. Brown that June changed her last name from Grabiner to Travis. The studio wanted her to call herself Myra Moore, but June liked the name June. And when Mr. Brown said he felt that Travis was just what was needed to make it a perfect June, why, she agreed with him.



June Travis in the movies. At left: With James Cagney and Pat O'Brien in "Ceiling Zero." Above: Rehearsing a scene with Cagney for the same play. At right: With Phil Huston in "The Big Game."



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June Travis of the films, a typical American girl who has gone ahead in a typical American way. She's not yet 22 years old.

