

Her Beauty Steals a Year Out of Career



Beauty is one of the attributes of youthful Anita Louise. Too much beauty kept her out of the films for a year.



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In her costume for her first scene in "Anthony Adverse."



Relaxing at Santa Monica beach between shots of one of her recent picture plays.

At left: How Anita Louise appeared before The Tribune's color camera.

Anita Louise Rises Rapidly After Curious Vacation

"TOO beautiful," said the casting director.

● So Anita Louise for a year after obtaining a contract with a major studio went without a rôle. There were no productions then being filmed by her studio that provided a rôle for one so lovely as she. And then she signed with Warner Brothers, appeared in the picture "Madame Du Barry," and was on her road to fame.

● That was in 1934, when she was 17 years old. She had been in many films before and had had a background of stage experience that began when she was only 7 years old.

● Anita, whose father and mother both were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, was born in New York City on Jan. 9, 1917. Her mother right from the start had determined that her little girl should be an actress, and the Professional school in New York and the Greenwood School for Girls of Hollywood provided Anita with an education along the lines desired by her doting parent. New York stage plays, including "Peter Ibbetson," "Gloss of Youth," "The Marquise," and others, supplied rôles for the child actress, Anita Louise (yes, that is her real name).

● Then came the movies, two of the first films in which she appeared being "The Music Master" and "The Life of Franz Schubert," the last named produced in Vienna. In all she has had parts in more than forty film productions, but it was only after her year's vacation because of her beauty that she began traveling rapidly toward stellar possibilities. It has not been so long ago but that fans will remember her as Phyllis Dexter in "The Green Light," as Annette Pasteur in "The Story of Louis Pasteur," and as Maria in "Anthony Adverse." All the while one must be sure to bear in mind that she is still a very youthful actress, with many fruitful years ahead. Her latest picture was "The Go-Getter," in which she appeared with George Brent. Her next is "The Gentleman from Kimberley," in which she is to be co-starred with Warner Baxter.

● Anita is only a mite of a girl. She's 5 feet 3½ inches tall and weighs 106 pounds. Her greatest interest is music, and her two most prized possessions are an 80-year-old piano and a 200-year-old violin. She's fond of books, too, her tastes running to lengthy novels such as "Anthony Adverse."



With Claude Rains in a dramatic scene from "Anthony Adverse." Anita played the rôle of Maria and Rains that of the cruel Marquis Don Luis in this production.