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Telegrams to Lester Vail

1925-1928

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Summary

Creator: Vail, Lester

Title: Telegrams to Lester Vail

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Abstract: Lester Vail was a stage and screen actor, most active during the 1920s and 1930s. Vail's stage appearances included CAUGHT (1925), George S. Kaufman & Herman J. Mankiewicz' THE GOOD FELLOWS (1926), Maxwell Anderson's GYPSY (1929), and Sophie Treadwell's HOPE FOR A HARVEST (1941), with Fredric March and Florence Eldridge. Vail's film credits include DANCE, FOOLS, DANCE with Joan Crawford and Clark Gable, I TAKE THIS WOMAN with Gary Cooper and Carole Lombard (both 1931), and BIG TOWN (1932). Lester Vail was born in Denver, Colorado, in 1899, and died in Los Angeles, California, on November 28, 1959, at the age of 60. Consists of 19 congratulatory telegrams to Lester Vail from friends and relatives, dated between 1925 and 1928, on the opening nights of various shows in which he was appearing. There is also one calling card inscribed with complimentary remarks.

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