

FLYING REPORTER VISITS LOUISIANA

Arrives by Plane to Inter- view Maestri and Leche

Flight from St. Louis to New Orleans Friday night; interview with Mayor-Designate Robert S. Maestri Saturday; another with Governor Richard W. Leche today; return trip by airplane tonight—that's the way Kathryn Cravens, radio news commentator, is spending the week-end.

Miss Cravens and her traveling companion, Mrs. Susan Simrall, who are guests at The Roosevelt, go flying about the country once a week. Miss Cravens interviews celebrities and gathers stories about interesting places for a 15-minute talk called "News Through a Woman's Eyes," which is broadcast each Monday over a nationwide chain.

Miss Cravens, who in private life is the wife of a St. Louis broker, was born in a small Texas town, studied dramatics at college in Tulsa, Okla., and began her professional acting career in Western movies. Because she had long, blond hair and knew how to ride, she was cast in "good girl" parts. Later, when she joined a stock company, Miss Cravens says, she was cast in vampire, "bad girl" parts, because of the same blond hair.

The flying reporter was on her way to New York to begin an engagement when she changed her mind, got off her train at St. Louis and became the wife of a suitor of long standing. For a hobby, she turned to radio, and three years ago became the first woman news commentator to broadcast on a national hookup.
