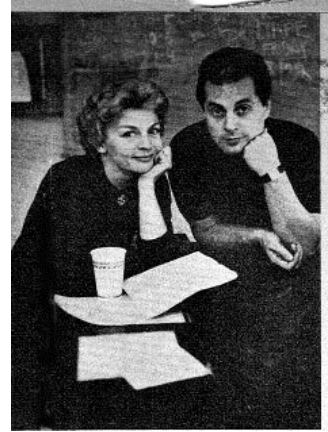


# Return Engagements



The nursery in the Scotts' big home in Manhasset, Long Island, houses baby Elizabeth, born in June, 1958. Her sister, Deborah, was four on October 24.



Dorothy and her co-star Johnny Desmond, during a rehearsal break.

In a crisp white blouse with a black velvet ribbon at her throat and her hair blonde and smooth and shining, Dorothy Collins was for years one of the best known girls on television. Even when she changed into another costume to sing one of the top tunes on the "Hit Parade" each Saturday night, she stuck to the modest frocks suited to the personality she had created. And she was as much a part of "Hit Parade" as its format.

But in television nothing stays the same for long. A year ago plans were made to revamp the show—and Dorothy, along with everyone else, got a pink slip. Dorothy didn't want for jobs. She sang in night clubs, blossomed as an actress, and turned down a good many offers while she awaited the birth of her second child last June.

And this fall she got, in place of the pink slip, an engraved invitation to return to "Hit Parade." The network and the time (CBS-TV on Fridays) were new; the format was new. And, for that matter, so is Dorothy. She is no longer the ingénue in the little white blouse with the non-revealing neckline. She's a smoothly sophisticated young woman with a new and shorter hairdo; smartly cut gowns and the poise to wear them.

A lot of people urged her not to accept the offer to return. But Dorothy is not one to hold a grudge. "It means I can spend all my spare time with my family," she said happily, as she went back to work.

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**DOROTHY COLLINS** was born Marjorie Chandler on November 18, 1926, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Winner of an amateur contest when she was 12, she appeared regularly thereafter on a children's radio program across the river in Detroit. She joined the "Raymond Scott Show" on radio in 1943; toured with it until 1950; was hired by Lucky Strike first to do a commercial. Within a few months she was featured on "Hit Parade" and stayed on the show until the 1957-58 season. She and Raymond were married in 1952; have two daughters, Deborah and Elizabeth.