

Sorry, boys,

# DOROTHY COLLINS IS MARRIED



... but she'll be back with Your Hit Parade this week

The thousands of male viewers who adore Dorothy Collins as the sweetest, freshest, most wholesome, most ladylike young thing it has ever been their pleasure to dream of marrying, will have to stop.

The unhappy fact they'll have to awaken to is that Dorothy is happily married — has been for almost eight weeks now.

Dorothy was married to Raymond Scott, musical director of *Your Hit Parade* (returning this Saturday, 10:30-11 p.m., ☉ [E]) on July 7th. They had known each other since 1942.

The daughter of Nellie and Sydney Collins, Dorothy was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, November 28, 1926. Her early ambition was to follow in her favorite aunt's footsteps and become a first-rate secretary. Her parents had other plans.

They knew Dorothy had a sweet singing voice and entered her in a local amateur song competition. Dorothy won first prize — an opportunity to appear on a children's radio program in neighboring Detroit. She was an immediate hit and remained with the show throughout her school years.

In 1942 Dorothy visited Chicago. Mutual friends brought her and Raymond Scott together for the first time. She sang for him and he was charmed by her ingenuous manner. Scott advised her to study for a year and promised to hear her again.

When *The Raymond Scott Show* went on the air, the talented maestro remembered Dorothy, auditioned her, and hired her as his featured vocalist. Dorothy, accompanied by her mother, toured the country during the next years with Scott's organization.

In 1948, she left Scott to join the *Herb Shriner Time* radio show. A few months

later Dorothy rejoined her first boss to tour with the Raymond Scott Quintet. That group was disbanded when Raymond was named director of *Your Hit Parade's* orchestra. Dorothy once again concentrated on voice lessons.

Early in 1950 Raymond had Dorothy record some jingles he'd composed for the American Tobacco Company, sponsor of *Your Hit Parade*. The sponsor liked the bright young voice singing the praises of his cigarette and signed Dorothy to fill the role of sweetheart of Lucky Strike.

By October of the same year the hazel-eyed blonde was not only a singer of jingles, but a featured vocalist on both the radio and TV versions of *Your Hit Parade*. Her face, voice and trademark (a crisp, high-necked blouse with black tie, designed by Dorothy) became familiar to millions.

Success on radio and TV paved the way for her entry into the recording field. Her latest Decca release, made with Gordon Jenkins, is "So Madly in Love," backed by "From the Time You Say Goodbye."

Until her marriage Dorothy lived with her parents and 19-year-old brother in Queens, and, more recently, New Jersey. She is 5-feet-2 and weighs 106 pounds. She likes to ride and enjoys baseball.

Dorothy has arrived where she is today because of two things: her willingness to work hard to improve her singing, and the wise counsel of the man she married.

Raymond Scott was born Harry Warnow in Brooklyn September 10, 1909. (He re-named himself from the Manhattan phone book.) He learned music by studying the procession of the keys on a player piano in his father's record shop.

When the radio industry boomed, Ray's interest switched to electrical engineering. Upon graduation from Brooklyn Technical High School, however, he had a last minute change of heart and entered the Juilliard School of Music.

Raymond's brother, the late Mark Warnow, was becoming a musician of importance at this time. After graduation, Ray went to work for him. In the next four years he also played piano for Andre Kostelanetz and Freddie Rich.

## That well-known quintet

In 1937 he formed his famed Quintet. The group appeared in several musical films and toured the country. Ray took time out to score films starring Eddie Cantor, Fred Allen and Shirley Temple. He also wrote several hit tunes, among them "The Toy Trumpet," "In an 18th Century Drawing Room," and "Twilight in Turkey."

The boyish Scott is no longer the zany prankster he was a few years ago. But zany or not there is no better judge of musical talent in show business. Raymond saw Dorothy's potential in 1942 and brought her along at just the right tempo. Wisely, she listened to him, taking his hints about employing a certain gesture or phrasing to put over a song just a bit better. For 10 years, minus the sinister overtones, he has been Svengali to her Trilby.

## Why she didn't date

Members of the cast of *Your Hit Parade* speculated as to why Dorothy never dated. Most felt she was too interested in her career to bother with men. None guessed that the reason she never went out, except with the whole gang, was because Raymond Scott, the man she loved, was still married and waiting for his divorce.

When the divorce was made final Dorothy could contain her happiness no longer. She confided to Eileen Wilson and Sue Bennett, former stars on the show, that she and Ray were going to be married.

With only members of the immediate families attending, Dorothy became Mrs. Scott in a simple wedding at his home in Babylon, Long Island.

The wonderful part about the story is that it couldn't have happened to a sweeter, fresher, more wholesome, more ladylike young thing. The publicity is all true. Dorothy is still the sweetheart of Lucky Strike, Raymond Scott — and millions of TV fans.