



Dorothy Collins has turned down more than 20 movie offers since she just can't bear to be away from her baby daughter.

No. 1 on the Baby Hit Parade

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DOROTHY Collins knows what she wants.

Let other girls yearn to become movie stars and burn up the world with headlines. Dorothy wants a home with babies, and, to her supreme delight, her first baby arrived last October. Dorothy and husband Raymond Scott named the new arrival Deborah: Debbie has black hair, blue eyes, and weighed seven pounds and six ounces at birth.

Dorothy is the lovely blond Canadian girl who was discovered by Scott and become such a bright TV personality on the NBC Hit Parade. Her new fame brought the usual flurry of movie offers, more than 20 of them, but Dorothy said, "No" to all of them.

She said "No" because she was happy on TV, happy living in her snug Babylon, Long Island, home, happy with her husband, and happy awaiting a baby.

"I'm impatient," she once confessed, "to have children. I'm going to become a mother some day, and have a complete home life. I love children, and want a lot of

them. Enough of them to need a great big cookie jar, a big hall closet with skates, baseball bats and toys.

She was impatient because, she explained, she had waited so long to get married. (She's 28, and has been married about three years.) She's in a big hurry to raise that family. Romance came to her slowly. She had a lot of crushes, she admits, but not real love. Even when she met Raymond, she didn't think of him as a lover boy. They worked together for four or five years before she saw him in the light of a man to love and marry. Her first impression of him was: "He has the kindest eyes."

When they discovered their love, she realized she had been maturing and changing, and that now, finally, she was old enough to marry, and make it stick.

She married just as she had always wanted to, in a lovely white bridal dress, because, she says, "I want this to be my only marriage." For Dorothy, this is the end of the rainbow: The man she loves, a little house in the country, a baby, and a satisfying job on a big TV show. "I want it to stay this way," she says. "I don't like change."