

Worked as Steno For Years Hoping For Movie Career

Jorja Curtwright Weighed 155 Pounds at 16 But Worked to Attain Beauty

BY VIVIAN BROWN

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Keep pounding away at your typewriter, girls. If you pick the right spot to pick out your "p's" and "q's", you might even become a movie star. That's what happened to pretty Jorja Curtwright. What fate wished on Cinderella Curtwright can happen to any girl, she says. But you've got to have perseverance. She explains: "I'd always wanted to be a movie star so I finally got to Los Angeles and into the office of producer Seymour Nebenza as a stenographer. Then I knew it would only be a question of time."

Time in Jorja's case, however, was four years, enough to thwart the ambition of any girl. But Jorja didn't give up. And all that time she knew that his stenographer was a movie star, but a part never popped up that suited Jorja well enough so that she could ask for it. When she finally spotted the script of "Whistle Stop", she recognized a part that she decided nobody would get away from her. Nobody did.

She had started plotting her career and trying to get people on her side since she was five. Lots of sacrifices had to be made. To study voice at the West Texas State College Jorja worked long hours after school as a half-sitter, soda jerk, cosmetic demonstrator and refrigerator saleswoman.

On Glamour Quest

But with all her yen to be an actress, Jorja says she didn't have the figure or the face. At 16 she was five feet four inches tall, a chubby 155 pounds with crooked teeth and blemished skin. Using her own magic wand comprised of hard work, as she advises all "driving underellas" to be lovely.

She went on a diet, ate only sensible foods, exercised until she had increased her stature three inches, had dental work done and managed to clear her bad complexion.

Now she is all set. She wears a size 12 dress as if it had been moulded to her body. Her brown eyes and skin are clear and healthy.

With a seven-year contract tucked in her bag and in the offing the lead in her second Hollywood role, "The Tempest", Jorja isn't resting on her laurels. Though she is sitting on top of the North Star, she is going back to resume her secretarial duties at the studio, temporarily, she says.

"I want to keep my stenographic job, particularly until work on the new role begins. In that way I can work with the authors and get the feel of the role I am to play."

"PROFESS AND CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS"

BY LEWIN MILLIGAN

Canada is a Christian country—at least, the vast majority of the people of this Dominion claim to be Christians. In order to confirm this statement, I have just looked up the 1941 census figures in the Canada Year Book and I find that out of a total population of 11,563,855, only 10,126 said they had "no religion," while 17,157 are listed as "religion not stated," and 2,908 as "pacan." Those listed as "Jewish" numbered 168,367.

Adding these four categories together we have a total of 193,309 non-Christians, which leaves a balance of 11,313,346 Christians. Moreover, these Christians registered themselves as members or adherents of particular denominations. The figures for the leading churches are as follows: Roman Catholic, 4,986,522; United Church, 2,304,875; Anglican, 1,731,188; Presbyterian, 829,147; Baptist, 483,592; Lutheran, 401,153. The total for all other Christian denominations is 905,178.

These figures are quite striking, and they made me feel proud to belong to a country in which 98 per cent of the citizens not only declared themselves to be Christians, but claimed affiliation with particular churches. I suffered a let-down, however, when I made further enquiries, for I found that there was an enormous difference between the number of those who "profess and call themselves Christians" and those who are actual members of the various churches.

I confined my investigations to the four leading Protestant churches and found that their official memberships were as follows: Anglican, 800,000; United Church, 739,079; Presbyterian, 173,482; Baptist, 137,474. The figures show a total of 1,850,035 persons in full membership of those four churches, as compared with 5,263,802 persons who told the census takers that they belonged to those denominations.

The Week at OTTAWA

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OTTAWA (CP)—With the Commons gradually settling back to practice routine, private members' days are coming back into their own. These days, set aside for ordinary members of all parties to introduce their own bills or resolutions, provide an interesting and enlightening chapter in the Commons' routine. Sharp curtailed during the war, they are still viewed somewhat askance in parliamentary circles for their tendency to drag out a session. But their value and interest was pointed up when they returned to the Ottawa scene last week.

Unlike government legislation, which often brings cut and dried divisions by parties, a private member's bill cuts across party lines and brings out in open debate many of the problems of Canada's far-flung constituencies. It also leads to surprisingly sudden subject-changes in the House, and often provides an outline of the policy the government should follow with regard to new legislation.

For example, the first private member's day brought a resolution from William Irvine (C.F. Carleton) which provided the Commons with subject-matter for a full day's debate. Mr. Irvine called on the government to consider building a railroad from the Peace River district of Northern British Columbia and Alberta to the Pacific coast as a means of opening the north country.

Transport Minister Chevrier said surveys had shown the building of such an outlet would not be practical until traffic from the area averaged at least 1,000 tons annually. While the district had immense wealth in timber, fisheries, agriculture, oil, gold, uranium, zinc and other metals, it was estimated that it could only provide about 250,000 tons of traffic annually at present.

Meanwhile, the Commons had heard the views of about 15 members of all parties on the advisability of the Peace River project (all were in favor) and, presumably, the views of the same number of constituencies had been aired on that matter and on north-land development generally.

Private members' bills cause surprising turns in the Commons. Last week Phileas Cole (L. Matapedia—Matane) introduced an innocuous-looking measure designed to change the name of Canada's national holiday, Dominion Day to "Canada Day." The suggestion, opposed by most Progressive Conservatives who felt it would mean another break in Canada's ties with Britain, threw the Commons into an uproar. In the most heated debate of the young session, the Commons passed the bill through all three readings.

All but one or two Progressive Conservative members, together with Social Credit members, opposed the bill. Most Liberal members voted for it, but among dissenters was Labor Minister Mitchell.

State Secretary Martin's bill to provide for a more distinctive Canadian citizenship came up for second reading last week. The bill received support in both Progressive Conservative and C.F.E. circles. Explaining the measure, Mr. Martin said it would enable a Canadian for the first time to receive a Canadian passport, receive Canadian diplomatic protection and say "Canadian citizen" when asked his national status.

The bill would also remove anomalies existing under the Canadian Naturalization Act and define marriage and birth conditions under which Canadian citizenship might be acquired. A special feature is that 20 years' residence in Canada would substitute for a knowledge of French or English a concession to persons, many in western Canada, who have proved good citizens but have never learned either of the official languages.

Expressing Progressive Conservative support for the bill, John Diefenbaker (P.C. Lake Centre) said it was one where "political considerations fade and which can be viewed free and untrampled by any consideration other than the good of the country."

The government apparently considers its early tentative experiments in lifting price controls "successful"—which may mean further price-cutting in the near future. A Prices Board survey of prices of 300 goods and services from which ceilings were removed Feb. 1 shows there have been "no significant changes and no unexpected increases" in the retail prices of such goods. Some prices have gone up, board officials say, but as many have declined.

Some increases have been allowed in the ceilings of butter, pork, molasses, paper products, steel and furniture and Finance Minister Halsey said a "modest" increase in the cost of living would result. However, he stressed again the danger of inflation was still very great and that the government has no intention of de-paging from price control.

FREDERICTON (CP)—This city was bombed by leaflets during the past week in a campaign to obtain housing accommodation for about fifty married war veteran students to enable them to bring their wives and families to the city.

How to Make Dad's Shirt Last Longer

Suggest Adding Specially Prepared Wax-Like Product To Stop Iron Sticking

BY VIVIAN BROWN

NEW YORK (AP)—You may have to give special priority several times a week to the job of laundering scant supplies of dad's essential garments. Even an amateur laundress can do a good job of keeping precious shirts handbox fresh.

Before washing, check shirts for mending needs and stitch on the spot. Whether you use a machine, tub or washboard, build up a two to three inch suds, dissolving bluing flakes along with the soap. Wash white shirts first. If you blue automatically as you wash, white shirts should emerge gleaming, colored ones will look brighter and bluing streaks won't spoil the shorts' looks. Follow with two clear water rinses which are essential to good laundry results.

When starching you can add a specially prepared wax-like product to keep the iron from sticking. Shirts will stay clean longer if you use this wax for it imparts a smooth finish that is dirt-resistant.

A table top, well padded, may give better space than an ironing board for shirts and makes less handling necessary.

Practice Brings Speed

You can work up speed in shirt ironing by practice. Here is a good routine to follow:

Iron the wrong side of yoke and collar, right side of yoke and collar, cuffs, sleeves, back, wrong side of each front along edge, then right side of front. Iron along both sides of row of buttons, then use point of iron between buttons. Stretch seams while ironing so they won't pucker, and be sure to iron them dry.

Put the shirts away on hangers, or here's a conventional way to fold them if you prefer to pile them in a bureau drawer:

Place shirt, front side up, on table and button top, middle and bottom buttons. Place front down and fold each side of shirt over lengthwise, then fold other sleeve on top of it. Fold up the tail of the shirt about seven to nine inches. Then fold again, bringing the bottom fold up to the collar. Pin to shoulder yoke at both upper corners.

STATUE TO DUTCH SCOUT

At one end of an important bridge in Nijmegen, Holland, will shortly be erected a statue honoring a Boy Scout. It will recall the heroic efforts of a Dutch Boy Scout who was entrusted by the British with a message to be carried through the enemy lines. In making delivery it was necessary for this Scout to cross a heavily guarded bridge. As he was creeping across, removing as he went the fuses from the explosives prepared by the Germans, he was seen, captured and shortly after shot. The message got through by another route, but the courage of Jan Van Hoof, the Dutch Scout who gave his life, will be kept green by the erection of this monument.

61-Year-Old Makes First City Visit

Kelowna Dog-Catcher Amazed At Elevators and Escalators

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)—William Blackwood, at the age of 61, has had his first glimpse of the wonders of a modern city and his first experience with streetcars, elevators and escalators which he termed "amazing." Born in Peel County, Ontario, he journeyed west in 1903 and landed in Kelowna with a carload of cattle. He has lived here ever since.

Recently Mr. Blackwood visited his brother in Vancouver for two weeks. "No sir, I had never seen a street car in my life until I went to Vancouver," he told an interviewer. "The dang things go too fast, and I always seemed to get on a car going in the wrong direction."

"And these revolving escalators they have in the departmental stores I clung on for dear life. But when I neared the top I guess I lost my head. I never jumped so high in all my life. I wasn't taking any chances of being sucked down."

Mr. Blackwood is Kelowna's dog-catcher and he doesn't think much of the methods employed by the householders in the big city. "I got a kick out of how they go about it," he said. "They use a net and a long stick with a hook on the end of it." He thought his system of coaxing the dogs and slipping a bit of cord about their necks was better.

Says Frenchmen Anxious To Come

French War Correspondent Against Migration to Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—Two French war correspondents, Jean Henri Ser-vier of the Paris Liberation and Jean Henri Debarge of the weekly Paris publication, Carrefour, arrived here recently to study the Canadian style of living for articles for their respective papers.

Although France is at present greatly interested in Canada for economic, cultural and immigration reasons, Mr. Servier said he did not approve the fact a great number of French people are anxious to migrate to Canada because France now needs her population for reconstruction.

Mr. Servier, prior to being attached to the French Lend-Lease Mission in Washington, served as a tank officer in North Africa, Italy and France. He also served in the Tunisian campaign where he joined the United States Army as liaison officer.

Mr. Debarge was a war correspondent from the Island of Elbe, in the Mediterranean to the south of France and from the Vosges to Alsace, Holland and Denmark. In Holland, he was with the Canadian Army for some time.

MAROONED BY FLOOD

LONG BRANCH, Ont. (CP)—Flood waters of Etobicoke Creek in this suburban Toronto municipality marooned 40 families in their homes recently. Ground floors of some homes were covered with six inches of water.

MEXICO LIKES HOCKEY

MONTREAL (CP)—Two and possibly three Quebec Senior Hockey League teams have been invited to participate in a two-week series of exhibition games at Mexico City next September. Montreal Royals and Ottawa Senators likely will make the trip with Quebec Aces making the third team.

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1 lb. minced beef
1/4 cup paprika
1/4 cup salt

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PROCLAMATION

Daylight Saving Time in Acton

Whereas a number of municipalities in the district about Acton are adopting a uniform time for the adoption of daylight saving time, and in order to avoid confusion in travel and business, the Council of the Corporation of Acton has passed a by-law establishing the period for the observance of daylight saving time in Acton from

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 1946
AT 2 A.M. TO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1946
AT 2 A.M.

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It is proposed to establish cancer clinics at suitable centres throughout the province where all who suspect they may have cancer may be examined, and receive the proper treatment if necessary.

Plans are also under way to pay a portion of the cost of treatment of cancer, as well as travelling expenses, for those needing financial help.

The third objective of the campaign is an energetic program of cancer research in Ontario with the aim of discovering a specific cure for cancer, or for some means of preventing the disease.

Cancer research carried on to date has been entirely inadequate. It is estimated that less than \$1,000,000 has been spent on cancer research in Canada on cancer and related subjects.

Cancer can be conquered. It is now possible to organize sufficient forces against the scourge of cancer, the solution will sooner or later be found.

Your contribution is needed—to cut down the death rate from cancer now—to carry on the search for a method of ridding the world of this dread disease.

This appeal is for an objective of \$2,000,000 to provide for a three-year program of cancer research, treatment and province-wide service.

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This organized drive against cancer is a joint effort of The Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation and The Canadian Cancer Society.

Contributions may be made through your local bank or at the Hamilton Cancer Campaign Committee, United Gas Company's Office 82 King Street East, Hamilton, Ont.