

Paris Model Now Craven Farm Wife

From Paris model to a tobacco hand on her husband's Cove City farm. That's the success story of Mavis Christine Ipock.

It IS a success story, for in her marriage to Ray and her role as a Craven County housewife, Christine has found a joy and contentment that fame as an internationally known model failed to bring her.

London born, she little dreamed of coming to America, and in her wildest imagination couldn't have foreseen the rural life that was to be a new experience for her.

So much was the charming and completely modest blonde in demand when she launched her ca-

reer that she realized the dream of every model. She was selected by the greatest of them all—Dior, to exhibit his creations to their full advantage.

"He was a very nice person," Christine recalled in the midst of this exclusive Mirror interview. "He wasn't excitable or temperamental, and it was a pleasure to work for him."

She got to Paris in a roundabout way. Her parents, the late Dr. Leonard Harwood and Dr. Fannie Harwood, were both dental surgeons. During the London blitz her father was in the service of his country, and Christine helped her mother in typical war-time British fashion.

"After the war," she says, "I decided to try for a modeling career in Paris." Fearful that she might encounter parental disapproval, she explained that she had a desire to learn French.

True to her word, she did learn French, but success as a model came with it. Her physical dimensions—35-25-37, coupled with a beautiful face that reflected her cultural background, were all that any designer could ask for.

She traveled all over the Continent for personal appearances, was a familiar sight on television, made Hearst Metrotone and other newsreels, and had photos of herself wired all over the world, including the United States, by major press services.

Returning to London, she decided to visit the Spanish Riding School at Wells, Austria. Ray Ipock was stationed there with the U. S. Army. They met and became friends. "It wasn't a case of love at first sight," she readily admits. "We were just friends, and when I left Wells I invited him to visit in our home if he ever got to London."

The day came, but Christine says Dan Cupid didn't shoot any devastating arrows in the direction of either of them. "I never expected to see him again when he left for the United States," the present Mrs. Ipock said of Ray.

It was a yen for travel, rather than romance, that brought Christine to America some time later. "I had friends in New York," she says, "but I knew Ray in North Carolina, and had other friends in Mississippi."

Landing in New York, she visited acquaintances there, and then headed for the Old North State. She never got to Mississippi, at least



Lovely to look at is Mavis Christine Ipock as the camera reveals her incomparable charm at the height of her modeling career.

not then. Three weeks after she got to Cove City, she and Ray got married. Three years later they are still happily wed.

Christine loves rural life in Craven County. "The people are friendly and kind," she observed, "and living in the country has made me appreciate the wonders of Nature and given me a constant awareness

of God's wonderful gifts."

Among other things, she marvels at the fireflies, or lightning bugs, as we call them hereabouts. "There aren't any fireflies in England," she revealed. So Southern is Christine now that she even craves collards.

Fitting right in with the natives, she has helped out on style shows for Home Demonstration and 4-H Clubs, and belongs to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Beech Grove Methodist Church. London born though she is, she is "our kind of folks" and a joy to know.

Behavior is a mirror in which everyone shows his image.—Goethe.

Those who covet much suffer from the want.—Horace.



Top flight models go everywhere. Here Christine is seen displaying British fashions at the Venice Film Festival.



Queen Elizabeth's Coronation was a home town event for the future Cove City farm wife. Christine looks queenly herself as she models in London during the week of the big occasion.

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