

Dale Carnegie

5-Minute Biographies

Author of "How to Win Friends and Influence People."



HELEN JEPSON

A Darn In Her Stocking Set Her Feet On The Ladder To Fame

Do you like Cinderella stories? Well, here is one that actually happened.

This is the story of a little girl who was once called "Fatty," but who grew up to be one of the most beautiful singers of all time.

This is the story of a little girl who was so poor she couldn't afford to take music lessons; yet she is now a prima donna in the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

In 1930, this girl had one radio audition after another; and nobody wanted her. Four years later the radio editors of America voted her the most important new radio personality of the year.

One season while I was broadcasting I often admired a beautiful platinum blonde sitting in the front row of the studio audience — a glamorous blonde with soft brown eyes, a stunning figure, and personal charm. Finally I met her — and discovered she was none other than the famous Helen Jepson, and that she was the wife of George Fossell, the flute player in the orchestra.

I asked Helen Jepson what was the most astonishing thing she knew about herself and she said: "Well, most people are surprised to know I am married and have a baby."

When her baby was born, the nurse in the hospital put an identification tag around the baby's neck — a string of beads with the baby's name on it. Miss Jepson has had that tiny string of beads made into a bracelet and she

wouldn't dream of singing without wearing that bracelet or holding it in her hands.

If Helen Jepson hadn't sung "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" before the Rotary Club in Akron, Ohio, she might still be selling corsets today instead of being one of the most talked-of figures in the musical world. It happened thus: She had always longed to be a singer. In high school, she was a star performer in the glee club; after she graduated, she got a job selling corsets in a department store in Akron, Ohio. A dull job; but it enabled her to save nickels and dimes and go to Cleveland occasionally to take music lessons. She sang in the choir on Sundays, and sometimes dressed herself up in colonial costumes and sang before clubs and social organizations.

One day a business man heard her sing at the Rotary Club, heard her sing Carry Me Back to Old Virginny. He needed a salesgirl to sell phonograph records in his store; so he gave her the job and changed the whole course of her life. In the music store, she played operatic records over and over again and tried to imitate them, and she sang with Jeritza and Bori and Rosa Ponsella.

Finally, she had an opportunity to compete for a scholarship in the famous Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Should she go? It would take almost all her savings to buy a ticket to Philadelphia. She was only one of two hundred girls competing for the prize.

Nevertheless, she gambled on her future and went to Philadelphia. Some of the other two hundred contestants had voices just as sweet and clear and colorful as hers. But she had something they didn't have. She had showmanship, the ability to sell herself, the ability to put her songs across. And then one of the judges noticed that Helen had a neat little darn in one of her stockings; and this judge liked girls who had sense enough to darn their stockings. So Helen Jepson won the scholarship.

She and another girl rented a room on the outskirts of the city. They had to walk up five flights and on cold winter days, they sat on one another's feet and rocked back and forth to keep warm. They lighted candles and put them on the floor and imagined

they had a fire-place. They had only fifty cents a day to spend on food, so they cooked their meals over a little gas burner. Sometimes they had nothing but soup for dinner; but they sang songs from La Boheme and imagined that they were in Paris. Hardships? Not a bit of it. They were having the time of their lives.

One of the things I admire most about Helen Jepson is the fact that success and fame and money haven't spoiled her. She is just as democratic and unassuming now as she was fifteen years ago when she was sweeping the floor and frying pork chops for her father back in Akron, Ohio.

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What's What About SOCIAL SECURITY

(112) QUESTION: Why should I tell my Social Security Number to my employer?

ANSWER: So that your employer can report accurately your wages by your number as well as by your name, thus giving double assurance your wages will be credited to your individual account and not to some one else who may have a name like yours. No one else has the same number you have.

(113) Q: Will I lose my old-age

insurance if my employer doesn't pay the tax he should?

A: No. The amount of your old-age insurance depends on the amount of your wages and not on the amount of tax your employer pays. But if your employer doesn't pay the tax the law requires him to pay it is likely that he also will fail to report the amount of your wages. If you have a good reason to believe your employer is not making the proper reports of the taxes he deducts from your wages you could report the facts to the Collector of Internal Revenue for this district.

(114) Q: What is the age limit for benefits under the unemployment compensation law?

A: There is no age limit for benefits under the unemployment compensation law.

(115) Q: How many employees does an employer have to have before he comes under the Social Security Act?

A: Employers of one or more persons are subject to the taxes provided in Title VIII of the Act.

(116) Q: How many States have unemployment compensa-

tion laws? A: All the States, the District of Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii have unemployment compensation laws which are a part of the national movement to combat unemployment through the Social Security Act. Each State administers its own unemployment compensation law.

MINE RIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holleman and children of Jonesville were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White visited their daughter, here Sunday, Mrs. George Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Syden of near Mt. Park visited the latter's parents here Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norman.

THURMOND

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Norman announce the birth of a son on December 1st.

Mrs. Etta Atkins of Elkin visited relatives here recently.

We are glad to note that the sickness in this community is improving very much and that Mrs. Paul Norman who has been in the Hugh Chatham hospital has returned home.

White Rock church extends a hearty welcome to everyone to attend the Christmas program there on Christmas day and there will also be the regular preaching Sunday, December 19.

We are glad to note the improvement in Mrs. Callie Woodruff near here who recently returned from the hospital.

Due to the sleet and rough

weather the roads are almost impassible and disagreeable.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to publicly thank the staff of doctors and nurses at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital for their efficient care and kindness to me while a patient there. Wm. R. SKAGGS, Roaring Gap, N. C.

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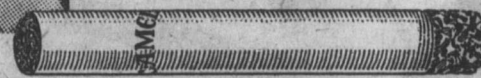
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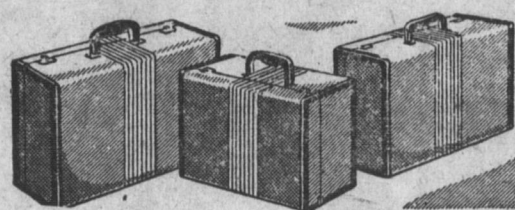
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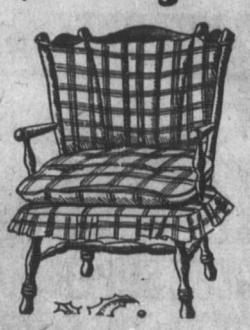
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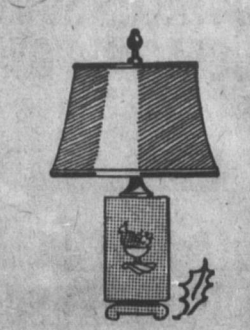
CARD TABLES

Give her a new card table. We are featuring several styles, all sturdy and well-constructed.



Bedroom Chairs

You'll like these attractive bedroom chairs, with their gay cushion and covers. Fine for gifts.



SCATTER RUGS

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"FAREWELL AGAIN"

With Leslie Banks—Flora Robson

Pathe News

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Friday-Saturday, Matinee and Night—

"COME ON COWBOYS"

With The Three Mesquiteers

First Chapter Frank Hawks Serial

Comedy

Admission 10c-25c

Monday-Tuesday, Next Week—

"THE GREAT GARRICK"

With Brian Aherne—Olivia De Havilland

March of Time

Adm. 10c-25c

Wednesday, Matinee and Night—

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