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JILL COREY

Of NBC-TV'S "Your Hit Parade" Colorcasts

Jill Corey's rise to national prominence is an American Cinderella story. The new member of the star roster of NBC-TV'S YOUR HIT PARADE Colorcasts was singing for six dollars a night in small towns with an unknown dance band only a few years ago. Today at 22, she is not only prominent on television, but is a top recording nightclub and Summer stock performer.

Jill was born in Avonmore, Pa., a town of 1,500 people, on Sept. 30, 1935. She was the youngest in a family of five children. Her real name is Norma Jean Speranza. The singing she did with a local band took them only a few miles from home, except for a "big" trip to Pittsburgh, 40 miles away. That was an important engagement, for a local radio station manager heard her. He was so impressed, that he had a tape recording made to send on to Columbia records. Although the tape wasn't so good, it was enough to interest the record company who sent her to audition in person. The audition was a success and Jill got a contract. But that wasn't all.

While Jill was in New York, she auditioned for Dave Garroway, who was looking for a girl singer for a new show. Scared to death, Jill auditioned in between rehearsals of the "Howdy Doody Show" and was given the spot. Her success on the program is now showbusiness

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history, and it was well documented in an 11-page feature in Life Magazine. Other TV appearances were on the "Robert Q. Lewis Show," and "The Johnny Carson Show." She also filled guest spots on video's top variety hours and appeared in a filmed series of programs for the National Guard, which will be syndicated throughout the world.

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY -- JILL COREY

REAL NAME: Norma Jean Speranza
BIRTHPLACE: Avonmore, Pa.
BIRTHDAY: Sept. 30, 1935
HEIGHT: Five Feet Four
WEIGHT: 108.
HAIR: Dark Brown.
EYES: Brown.
HOBBIES: Dancing, recordings.
RESIDENCE: New York City.

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