

Host's Debby Gets TV Interview Audience Experience Hectic But Fun

by Debbie Rogers

Debby Rogers, host of the TV quiz show "Jeopardy," was interviewed for a T-V quiz which is a truly amazing experience. The sensation it produces is made in equal parts of fear, self-consciousness, curiosity, and pure greed.

After several months of watching my rite show, NBC's "Jeopardy," I regularly decided I was the grand ideal contestant. My dream has always tended to store up odd bits of information, and "Jeopardy" I saw a perfect way to test this faculty pay off.

When applied, and was told to come to New York for an interview. Ordinarily, such a trip, taken at my own expense, would have been of the question, but my aunt uncle from the city happened to be visiting and volunteered to come home with them.

On July 31 I was on my way to New York. That Monday my cousin and I led into the big city. We arrived at the "Jeopardy" office about ten. After a rather startled but polite reception, we were greeted and indicated a room where we could wait.

My surprise was quite understandable; the interview was not to start until 11.

And so it went through 36 answers, 36 questions. Not once did they repeat a category. I hadn't realized there were 36 categories, but there they were.

Naturally, I didn't know all of them. No one, we were informed, had ever made a perfect score on the test. I skipped three, mistakenly answered several others.

An oral test followed the written one. The interviewer gave an answer, then asked all of us to make up a question. The purpose was to test our voices and our mental reflexes.

For the first answer, Sports: squash, routine questions came back concerning racquets and balls. My own question, "What do tennis players play in the wintertime?" brought laughs from both sides of the desk.

I rather liked it myself. When the oral test was over the men asked each of us questions about ourselves. All the great bearded one in front of me, turned out to be a snake hunter. Arthur, beside him, was French Canadian. Molly, the girl close to my age, is a student at Cornell.

When it was my turn I spent most of my time trying to explain the whereabouts of Shavertown in relation to Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes Barre in relation to New York.

Frustrating. By 12:00 it was over and all nine of us left the interview room as loose as we had been tense one short hour before. Molly and I walked down the street together, exchanging comments about Syracuse and Cornell, promising to look each other up during the school year.

Behind us, two men bent over our test sheets, forms, and their own notes, deciding which to reject, which to recommend.

McMILLAN REUNION

Twelfth annual McMillan Reunion was held at Dunlap's Grove, Mehoopany, on July 18, with a total of 96 members present.

Business meeting was conducted by Bill McMillan. Mrs. Allan Nichols, secretary, read the minutes of last year's meeting.

Births recorded: a son Glenn, July 22, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunnis, and a girl Lynn Renee, October 12, 1964. Mr. and Mrs. William Gunnis also recorded a boy, William Jr., July 22, 1963, and girl, Cheryl Ann, April 20, 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waters, Carolyn, Dec. 4, 1963, Margaret Ann April 9, 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ras, Dawn Marie, Jan. 21, 1965; Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Mara, Edward O'Mara Jr. July 17, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vilasi, Peter John, Jan. 13, 1965; Mr. and Mrs. Kern Dibble, Raymond, Aug. 22, 1964; Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Patton Jr., Alice Diane, Aug. 27, 1964; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Evelyn, Jennifer, Nov. 25, 1964; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Condon, Robert David, Dec. 21, 1964; also a boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Newhart.

Marriages recorded: William E. McMillan to Janice Getty, Oct. 17, 1964; Lorraine Gunnis to Robert Ras, April 25, 1964.

One death recorded, Mrs. Margaret Rudolph, Los Angeles, Calif. Gifts were presented to: Mrs. Alma Minor, oldest woman present; Jacob Minor, oldest man present; Cheryl Ann Gunnis, youngest baby; Lorraine and Bob Ras, youngest married; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gunnis, Massachusetts, travelled farthest distance.

Same officers were elected to serve another two years. Next year's reunion will be the third Sunday in July, the same place.

I left New York without knowing how I fared. Wilkes-Barre, it seems, is close enough to New York for them to put me on the available list for up to six months before calling me.

So, I may turn up on your TV screen some time soon. Don't watch for me, though, because chances are 20 to 1 I didn't make it.

Instead, look for a red-bearded snake hunter. I know he made it. Such a beard and such a voice shouldn't be wasted on snakes; they should belong to the nation!

Moss Family Holds Reunion At Wolfe's Grove

The 58th Annual Reunion of the Moss family was held Saturday, August 7, at Wolfe's Grove, Sylvan Lake. After luncheon in the Grove the meeting was opened by the family singing "Count Your Blessings". Scripture reading, the first fifteen verses of St. John, were read by Mrs. Loren Moss. Prayer by Mrs. Russell Marion. Minutes of last reunion was read by Mrs. Dewey Martz. Mrs. Susan Hawk, recording secretary read the Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Prizes were given to the following: Oldest lady present, Mrs. Jennie LaBar; Oldest man present, Mr. Arthur Long; Youngest baby present, David Neil Haskins; Longest married, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Martz; Latest married, Mr. and Mrs. James Loving; Largest Household, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gregory and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Neil Haskins and family; Traveled greatest distance, Mr. and Mrs. James Loving.

Warner Franklin was elected Vice President and all other officers remained the same. Mrs. Silas Gregory, treasurer, and Miss Gertrude Taylor, historian, reported. Mrs. Harold Booth entertained with a reading.

The next reunion will be held the third Saturday of July, 1966, at Wolfe's Grove. The closing song was "God Be With You". Games followed.

Present were: Mrs. Harold Booth; Mrs. Leol Seward and daughters, Sherry and Jill; Mrs. Silas Gregory; Miss M. Gertrude Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Orian Moss and granddaughter Julie Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Moss; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Martz; Mrs. Averil D. Marion; Mrs. Susan Hawk, all of Shickshinny; Mr. and

Mrs. Loren Moss, Harrisburg; Miss Catharine Hawk, Cambria; Mrs. Florence Williams, Benton; Mrs. Heta Crandall, Sweet Valley; Mrs. Jennie LaBar, West Nanticoke; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Long, Trucksville; Mrs. Nellie Wagner, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Warner Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. James Loving and sons, Mark and David, Wellsville, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Haskins and family, Sue Ellen, Betsey Ann, Laurie Lynne and David Neil, Barnesville, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gregory Sr. and family, Myron Jr., Kathy Lynne, William and Matthew.

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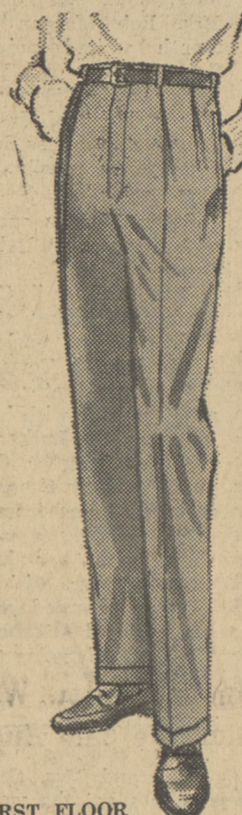
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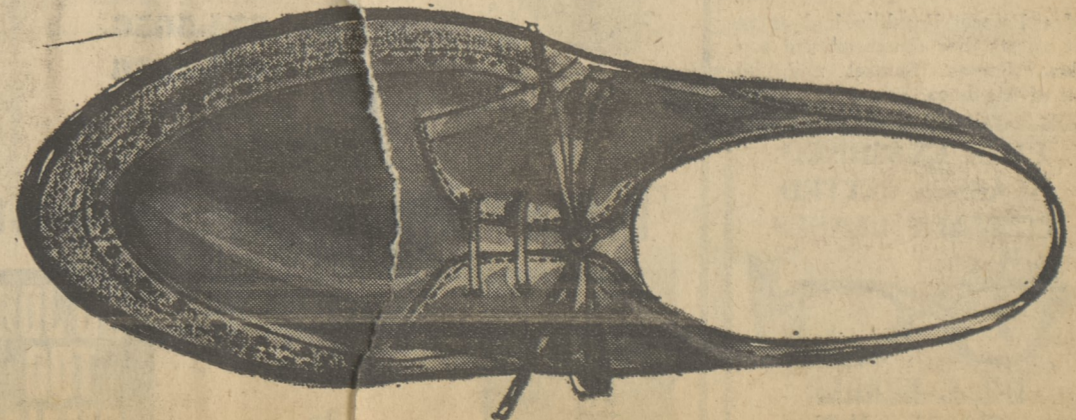
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