



BARBARA BUICK

SEX-CHANGE GIRL BARBARA PLANS GRETNA WEDDING

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CAGNES-SUR-MER, French Riviera, Saturday.

FRENCH artiste Barbara Buick, whose striptease act draws crowds to a cabaret here, said to-day: "If the French authorities keep me waiting much longer for my papers, my fiancé and I will go to Gretna Green to get married."

Barbara has been waiting six months for the documents that will permit her to marry the man she loves.

Why the delay? Because brunette Barbara, now 33 and endowed with voluptuous curves, was not born with the physical charms she has since developed.

Her birth certificate describes her as "Jan Joly, son of Col. and Madame Gaston Joly of Paris." It was not until she was 18 that she adopted women's clothes and announced that she had changed her sex.

"There was a certain hesitation on the part of the doctors as to my true sex on the day I was born," said Barbara. "But both my parents wanted a boy so that is how I was registered."

DELICACY

Brought up in a military atmosphere until she was 16, Barbara returned from Bad Ems, Germany, where her father served with the French Army of Occupation, determined to launch herself in a theatrical career.

It was then that her manager, pointing out the delicacy of her features and her other feminine

attributes, suggested that she become a "female impersonator."

She threw herself into the role with such enthusiasm that she began to feel more and more like a real woman.

This led her to seek medical advice and finally to surgical intervention in order to transform herself completely, she claims, into a woman.

In France, as in Britain, laws regarding unofficial changes of sex or the wearing in public of women's clothes by men are extremely stringent.

But in Barbara's case, the medical evidence plus the fact that her conduct as a woman was always inoffensive secured her tacit consent of the authorities to continue in her new character.

Then, while holidaying with her mother in Avignon two years ago, Barbara met Monsieur H., a man of her own age.

"We fell in love," she said. "At first I was very distant with him because of the secret on my conscience, but in the end I confessed all."

A SHOCK

"It was a terrible shock for my fiancé, a situation very difficult for him to accept. But for love of me, he became reconciled to the facts and still wishes to marry me."

"But, first, I shall have to submit to most searching medical investigation by the greatest surgeons in Paris."

"All I need now is my new birth certificate. But this is taking an awfully long time."

"We have resolved, if they keep us waiting much longer, to go to Britain at the end of the Summer and, if necessary, get married in Gretna Green."

Who is Barbara's fiancé? "I cannot reveal his name yet," she said. "It would be very damaging to his professional reputation as a solicitor. And, besides, he is a member of the old French nobility."

"But once we are in Britain and legally wed, my life will change completely. I am anxious to give up this night-club work and follow my true vocation, the legitimate stage or the screen."

"I have already had one offer from a German film producer. But my German is atrocious and, besides, he wants to do a film based on the story of my life which I could never agree to."

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A boy crook should have his trousers taken down and should be spanked with a hair-brush by a policewoman. A photograph of the spanking should be exhibited in coffee bars.—*Mr. Ewen Montagu, Q.C., Middlesex Session's chairman.*

Women should stay on earth and look after the home.—*Space man Herman Titov.*

The British have a way of being very polite when they throw you out.—*American singer Johnny Mathis.*

We in the Government get less than we pay our civil servants . . . Some-times when I read the