

PROFILES

by Percy Villa



JUDY BAYLEY

her husband, Warren Bayley, who died a year ago last December 26th. "No one ever called him Warren," said Mrs. Bayley. "He was always 'Doc' to me and his thousands of friends.

The Bayleys, she from Texas and he from Wisconsin, met while he was in the Lone Star State on a trip in 1936. "It was love from our first date. We were married shortly after."

She is a procrastinator. Yet once she starts something, she can't stop until she completes it.

She is loyal. She has known the same people for years and years. "I have a strange antenna," she says. "I seldom tune into wrong people."

Mrs. Bayley was the guiding spirit in an enterprise that provided more than a million dollars worth of free entertainment to stress the Mother's March for Heart Sunday.

She has her dislikes, too. When a person on the phone says, "Guess who?" her reply is: "I guess I'll hang up." When a person approaches her and says, "I'll bet you don't remember me," her reply is: "You're right, I don't."

Mrs. B. is always willing to give a helping hand and hopes there'll never be a day when she hasn't done something to help others.

"Life has been good to me," she says. "My working hours are long and often difficult, but it has rewards that go beyond monetary returns."

"I have been fortunate in finding friends and have been able to do some good to my fellow man. And I've had all these wonderful years with Doc. I'm really lucky."

Whether viewed in her role of a hard working executive, of humanitarian, or of "First Lady of Gambling," it is evident that Judith Bayley is a person who enjoys life with a zest that few persons ever realize.

Upon meeting Judy Bayley for the first time, one might easily mistake her for the president of a Woman's club, or perhaps the owner of a small but fashionable dress shop.

She has the qualities of engaging friendliness and the wellbred graciousness usually associated with a person who is accustomed to leading and keeping harmony among small groups.

Mrs. Bayley is head of a vast enterprise that employs thousands of persons and holds the title, "The First Lady of Gambling."

She is chairman of the board of Las Vegas Hacienda, Inc., Standard Hotels, Inc., and Bakersfield Hacienda, Inc.

Mrs. Bayley is also president of Casino Operations, Inc., Frontier Properties, Inc., Silver State Hotel Co. and Mt. Charleston Lodge and Recreation Center, Inc.

Presidency of Mt. Charleston Utilities, Inc., El Rey Operations, Inc. and Warren Bayley Investment Co., round out her personal posts.

The latter business was named for

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to the deserving. She was ambassador to Russia, Minister of Labor, Foreign Minister, and one of the original founders of Israel Bonds. In Milwaukee she had been a school teacher and, in the parlance of the school teacher, we may say that in whatever capacity she performed, she got a grade A.

Golda Meir has recently resigned from the post as Foreign Minister, but this does not mean that she has withdrawn from political life. In fact she only this week took another step in that direction when she accepted the post of secretary-general of the Mapai Party. She continues to be a member of the Knesset and a dominant figure in her party.

Golda Meir's presence at the Israel Bond conference indicates intention to continue her activities in behalf of the nation she did so much to bring into being and to develop.

Golda is an Israeli. But when she comes in our midst we can't help but receive her as one of our own.

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without hesitation. "Meet me in my dressing room at the Latin Quarter, anytime, before, between or after the shows." That was Sophie.

The actual taking of the photo was less than a minute. For another quarter of an hour we discussed Israel. Before we met, all this writer knew of Israel was what he had read in the headlines. After we came away we felt we were authorities on the subject. The confidence she exuded, permeated us until we glowed. Some Sophie.

Before Sophie, all we knew about her was that she, Joe E. Lewis and Harry Richman had established an all-time Palace Theatre record of ten straight weeks.

After Sophie, we remembered her as the person who converted an ordinary Jew into a Zionist.

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