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'SHOWCAST OF THE STARS'

PROFILES

by Percy Villa



Jack (Tiger) Novak is our 'Profile' today and one might wonder how such a nice, kind and considerate man was given the name of "Tiger." Read on and you shall learn.

Novak is casino executive of the El Cortez Hotel and has been in Las Vegas for 5 years. He comes from Omaha, Nebraska.

He married Bonnie Cameron, Feb. 9th 1953 and claims that it's one of the best deals that could have happened to him. ("A deal like that comes once in a lifetime, to me anyway.")

The Novak's live with their two daughters, Linda 13, and Judy 10 at 521 Parkway East.

His closest and most loyal friend is Jackie Gaughan, President of the El Cortez. In Omaha, Jackie used to spend the Jewish holidays with Jack Novak (you name a Jewish dish and Gaughan will tell you all about it.)

In his high school Novak was an all-round athlete. He took part in baseball, football, wrestling, basketball. He didn't have to wait a year till his favorite sport would come around. As soon as he finished the football season, it was basketball and after that it was baseball and after that football with wrestling in-between times. He was a tiger in



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sports.

The Novaks are members of the Temple Beth Shalom.

Bonnie is a grand booster for Las Vegas and recently her mother, Josephine Cameron was urged to move to the best city of 'em all.

Both Judy and Linda spend many of their week-ends at Lee's Canyon and love to ski there.

He will be 54 years of age come March 24. He is a bit on the heavy side weighing in at 215 for his 5 feet, 8 inches.

He was nicknamed 'Tiger' when he played four basketball games in one day.

He searches for integrity and sincerity in friends. ("I don't care whether they're successful or famous or what their profession is,

That's not the important quality of a friend.")

Of all the sports he likes to see or talk about, boxing and its former greats, tops the list.

Bonnie keeps busy with golf and bridge. She is also an active in P.T.A. work.

Jackie is sincere. He makes mistakes, like anyone else. ("I'm not a perfect character, I can say that. I do a lot of things wrong, but I'm always trying to be right, decent.") He is true to himself.

He has a tough time saying "no" or agreeing with anyone on any subject.

Most of the three hundred workers at the El Cortez greet Jack, by saying "hello Tiger". He's that kind of a boss.

He is not a big eater, holding to the simple foods. Steak, salad and coffee make a fine meal. He doesn't drink to excess.

He is very punctual. He keeps his promises. He never belittles his business or co-workers.

He admits he has a roving eye for a pretty girl and never fails to look, even when Bonnie is with him. ("She knows I am only looking.")

He says his ambition is "to be better than I am, as a human being and I count my blessings every day."

Readers and friends should make it a point to meet Jack (Tiger) Novak, since he's one of the most interesting and likeable personalities in this town of our's.

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