

PROFILES

by Percy Villa



Dick Chappell is my 'Profile' for this week's 'Israelite' with great pleasure.

Manager of the Riviera Hotel for the past 10 years, he served in the same capacity for the Flamingo Hotel an equal length of time, making him a resident of Las Vegas for 20 years.

Wife Betty and Dick live at 1805 So. 8th Place with their three handsome children: Dick 17, Carter 15 and Joey 12.

Those who know Chappell (and thousands do, from coast to coast) will agree that he's one of the very finest gents in this town of ours.

He is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs a trim 165 pounds and has sandy (used to be red) hair. He takes long walks.

He is a favorite among all the bosses and employees. Could gain more votes among his co-workers than most of the executives.

He admits that he buys expensive clothes ("I have to



DICK

because it is expected of me.") He dresses according to the weather.

He averages from twenty to twenty-five out-of-town calls for either show or hotel reservations, daily.

His favorite all-time comic is Shecky Greene.

His hobby is meeting with people and playing golf.

He has the advantage of being able to eat anything without gaining a few pounds

over the course of a few years. Nevertheless he does a hundred sit-ups a day. Dick was born in New York City (he didn't give us his age but looks ten years younger, than you'd guess.)

He is cooperative, understanding and when he shows up for work he acts as though it was his most important assignment of all time. He is kind, ever-enthusiastic and energetic to the point of restlessness. ("I'm a Gypsy.")

He has a good appetite and enjoys eating. He particularly likes steak, pork chops and many cups of coffee daily.

He is a believer in many worthy causes. His favorite charities are The Salvation Army Youth Camp and the Variety Club Tent #39. He says: "I'll get up in the middle of the night to work for those fine people."

He is a good listener when others are talking or telling stories which makes him an unusual hotel personality.

He has a wide-eyed innocent approach that beguiles strangers and makes him many friends. He knows the score, though.

He likes to talk on the telephone. Even when eating his phone is nearby. He

answers all his mail and requests for favors.

He is no snap-judgment guy. His favorite answer is: "Let's wait and see."

He is punctual to the minute. He doesn't get annoyed if his friends aren't punctual.

He usually wakes up in good humor but doesn't have much to say about anything until after his second cup of coffee.

He says his philosophy can be oversimplified as: "I live for today, having learnt from the past for tomorrow."

He doesn't dream often but when he does it's about

what he's going to do tomorrow.

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

Dick Chappell always strives to be a gentleman, and that he is.

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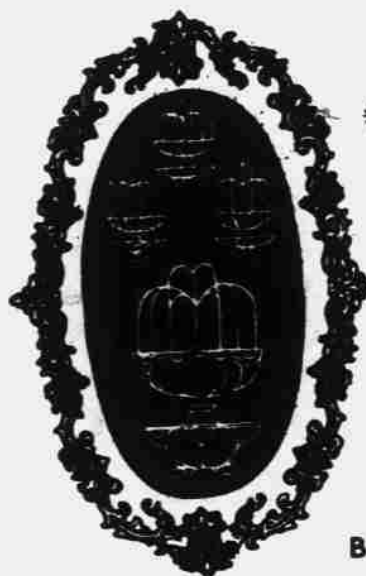
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