

**PROFILES**

by Percy Villa



Today's 'Profile' goes to **BILL PATRICK BARRY**. His title is Assistant to the Chairman and host at the Riviera Hotel. That's the way his title reads but in our opinion it should read, Everybody's friend.

Bill makes friends and keeps them.

You name a city or state and Bill can rattle you off many names from each area. Bill was told that I come from Minneapolis and in less than 30 seconds he named a couple of dozen of big timers. Mention, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Chicago and its the same. Walk into the casino with him and a dozen or more will say



**BILL PATRICK**

'hello Bill'.

He was born in Brookline, Mass., March 17, 1909. He delivered papers to the Swig and Kennedy families in his own neighborhood.

He is married to the former Gini Coomers of Webster, South Dakota (the heart of the pheasant land) and not many miles from where his (and our) good friend, Vice

President Humphrey lived. The Barrys have three good looking children: Kathy 20, Bill 17, and Nancy 15. The family occupies a beautiful apartment at 449 Desert Inn Road.

Barry has been around show business most of his life and his all-time favorite is Shecky Greene. ("I see his show at least 3 times per week during the 20 weeks he appears each year at the Riviera Hotel").

He is 6 feet one inch tall and wighs 215 pounds. He has sandy gray hair ("once during my younger years it was red"). He always appears to have a suntan.

His favorite food is a steak for dinner.

He is frank to admit that he enjoys everything about the Riviera Hotel and his many bosses.

Barry requires only an economy of sleep. On an early night he turns in about midnite and on a late morning sleeps until 7:30.

He usually delays going home to sleep as long as possible. He reads in bed ("it must be a large bed and I have little trouble falling asleep").

He enjoyed working with the United Fund. His hobby is helping people.

He loves to watch most sports, particularly swimming, tennis, baseball, football and boxing. Years ago he attended most boxing shows in New York's Madison Square Garden.

He is not the handy-man-around-the-house type. ("P, strictly unskilled labor.") He hates to go shopping for anything. He like the refrigerator to be brusting with food. ("I remember when I was a boy how often the icebox was empty, without even ice.")

He has a casual elegance in dress whether it be blue jeans or blue serge.

He is cool and logical at all times. He prefers an evening with friends where the conversation is argumentative.

He enjoys being surprised by small gifts.

He argues, and vehemently, for what he believes in.

He enjoys being surprised by small gifts (that's what he got on 'Fathers day).

He believes he can sing as well as any male, in the bathtub or shower.

When he relaxes a few hours every afternoon, he can be found at the swimming pool. ("It makes me feel young watching the kids in the water.")

He is basically easy going and a nice guy. ("Thanks. It's because I have no real frustrations"). He realized he could not fulfill all his ambitions in one lifetime. Years ago he decided to do the best he could.

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.")

People have a good time, just meeting Bill Patrick Barry.

I enjoyed my chat.

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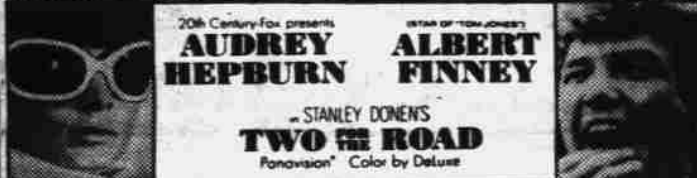


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