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PROFILES

by Percy Villa

Todays column and 'Profile' goes to AL KIRSCHNER boss man of the Master Furriers LTD., located at the Somerset Shopping Center, Convention Center Drive.

Al is a do-gooder and is always willing to give the other person a break, rain or shine.

He was born on the East Side of New York on February 13, 1910. He attended P.S. 97 and also attended Seward Park High School. He was in the first graduating class.

Al left New York City in 1939 for San Francisco and later moved to Los Angeles. He now feels that this (Las Vegas) is by far the best city of 'em all. He has lived in Vegas since 1961.

His ever loving wife Miriam, owns the 'Lilly Dache Cosmetics' (a make up consultant) at the Dunes & Flamingo Hotel.

Al claims to have the only

retail fur shop that does all its work in Las Vegas. ("And once we do your work, you'll be our customer for life.")

His window displays the world's first mink bikini in the world. ("It sure makes people look twice.")

Miriam and Al enjoy their beautiful home at 4501 Cinderella Lane. Their 4 children, Lynne, Joyce, Marc and Cindy love the place, too.

He is conservative in all his clothes, avoiding any suggestions of flashiness. He has a sizable conservative wardrobe.

He smokes about two packs of cigarettes a day but wishes he hadn't.

His closet friend is Bobby Berent, owner of the 'TOWER OF PIZZA'. They went to grade school together in New York City.

It was on March 15, 1964, that Al was instrumental in bringing more than 250 members of the Los Angeles



AL & MIRIAM

Chapter of the Saints & Sinners to Las Vegas. It was the first joint meeting with the local chapter which at that time was started by Kirschner. The meeting was held at the Thunderbird Hotel. He is a member of the Elk's Club in Atlantic City and the Evening Optimist Club.

He is 5 foot, seven and one half inches tall and weighs an even 160 pounds. He and Miriam love to attend dinner shows and hardly ever miss a Strip opening or closing. His hobby is golf ("only when I find the time") and add's ("when I had the time I couldn't afford it. Now that I can afford it I haven't the time.")

He doesn't consider himself gregarious, but he is. He can keep a booth of people occupied and interested in what he has to say.

He never seeks out trouble. He is well liked by all who get to know him.

He is frank to admit he enjoys everything about Las

Vegas and the talented people who make it such an exciting place.

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

He has an amount of shyness but it is diminishing. ("I get stupidly embarrassed meeting people for the first time.") But when he is selling himself, he becomes aggressive, sure of himself.

He is neat around the house. He carefully hangs up his clothes after undressing. ("I was once poor. I value things.") He sleeps in the raw.

Al says his ambition is ("to be better than I am, as a human being and friend to all people.")

He hates showers, prefers bathtubs ("I don't always have the time. But when I do, it's a tub, a bubble bath. Very relaxing.")

He has a good legal mind and always reads the fine print in all contracts.

He treasures the many pictures he takes with stage and screen stars usually at his fur shop. ("Com by and see them plastered on our front window.")

He says his motto is "Never Take Anything for granted."

He is soft spoken, seldom excited. ("I never lose a friend. If I do it isn't my fault.")

Al puts in a full day at his place located at the Somerset Shopping Center, so don't worry about his not being there, just in case you want to drop in on him.

You'll like Al, just as most people in Vegas.

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