

OF THE STARS

he seldom gives the impression he is working.

2He doesn't believe in taking anything for granted. ("I've discovered from past experience that 'pride cometh before a fall.'")

Al is loyal. He has known some people in this town for 20 years. ("I have a strange antenna, he says, "I seldom tune in to wrong people.")

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

He likes to watch prize fights, wrestling matches, football and baseball games. His favorites however, are golf and swimming. In golf he shoots in the high nineties.

He is always on time. ("Something else I learned in the Army.") In fact he often arrives at an appointment 10 to 15 minutes early.

Pat loves to play tennis and to ice skate. ("It keeps her in good physical condition.")

He plays Lanza and Sinatra records on his hi-fi. When he does the classical bit it's recordings by Leonard Bernstein or compositions by Aaron Copland or Ravel.

I enjoyed doing this piece on AL GARBAN who in my book has been one of the real nice guys in this town of ours.

FOUNTAIN GUSHES AT TROP

New Orleans' favorite son, Pete Fountain, rolls into the Blue Room of Hotel Tropicana for a two-week engagement starting Aug. 30.

Fountain and his group, playing uninterrupted one-hour sets during their frequent trips to the Tropicana, set soaring attendance records and firmly established the jazz medium along the Strip.

While Mr. New Orleans rarely roams far from his bustling bistro on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter, Tropicana's entertainment director Maynard Sloate has signed Fountain for several engagements a

year in the Blue Room. Besides owning and operating his own cabaret in New Orleans, Fountain is kept busy with motion pictures, TV appearances and recording sessions for Coral Records.

Despite all this activity Fountain returns to the Tropicana two or three times each year to do his stint. As he says, "The Tropicana is my second home!"

Set to work alternate sets with Fountain in the Blue Room are three boys and a pretty girl who have been making quite a name for themselves in the recording world as the Lyric Sounds.

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