

OF THE STARS' ★



Good Morning and welcome to Vegas NiteLife.... First of all I want to tell you how happy I am to be associated with Jack and Bea Tell and their very fine newspaper. I'll be taking a look around the town each week and shall endeavor to bring you some news of interest from both the worlds of show business and our local people.

About my little trek to Hollywood....Those of you who are entertaining thoughts of leaving our Fabulous City take heed, it is not an easy move. I found that after so many years in Las Vegas, once you leave it seems as if the world is standing still. We are in fact still a small enough town where one gets to know everyone and it is not an easy thing to move away from old friends. I found Hollywood to be very interesting and I enjoyed my work there. But at three in the morning when my day usually started it was me and the T.V. set and that was it, why I even watched some movies that I had played here on the late show.

Upon returning to Las Vegas I was very pleased to note that not too many changes had occurred during my absence, Howard Hughes bought a few more hotels, but I had expected that.

Pat Ginn got married, I hadn't expected that. He and his lovely wife Candy, had their first baby, a boy. Gus Gallo sold the Albi to Joe Lerz and took over the graveyard duties behind the bar at the Jungle Club. Dickie Burke moved across the

street from Gelo's to work for his old pal and my very first sponsor, Ernie Cast, at the Psychiatrist.

Red McIlvane beat me back to town and resumed his early time lot on KORK radio. Sam Salerno bought his own radio station in Carmel Calif. and Alex Gold took over as Sales Manager at KLAV radio. Gene Cimorelli took over as host at the Stardust. Mac Harris, one

of my favorite people, moved into Caesars Palace as Captain in Nero's Nook. Murray Craden sold his car lot and became boss man at the Chemin De Fer game at the Sahara. Peter and Hank, two Vegas top musicians who perform at the Flamingo, began to write songs and have now completed over sixty tunes and they're all good. Jack Markus, who suffered through a year of street repairs on Sahara at his shoe store, was informed by his landlord that his space was to be cut in half. He moves to a new location soon. Sid Hudson of the Cleaners, celebrated his 22nd year as a Vegas resident.

All in all not too many major changes in this great city of ours. The world of Show Business in Vegas was

heightened by the arrival of a very lovely "Mame" Susan Hayward. Her performance is one to be remembered. Esquivel, who has five more weeks remaining on his present contract with the Stardust, is looking for a new Vegas home for his group. He plans to revamp his act and add all new talent. Don Cornell may be moving to the Riviera. Louis Bellson, who is clicking big with disc jockeys with his new album, is also seeking a Las Vegas booking with his big band, a wise buy for some clever entertainment director. Sloopy and the Red Barons breaking it up nightly at the Fremont Hotel's Carnival Room. The Novelites are enjoying a few weeks rest while the Stardust puts in their new lounge. Local lad Wayne Newton once again proved what a talented guy he is by packing the Frontier hotel during his engagement. It seems impossible but every time I see his show I enjoy it more.

See you next week.

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