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ANNE 5, & EARL 3

"GRIP"
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It was on Jan. 12 1930 when "Grip" first saw the light of day in Marshfield, Wisc., where he attended public and high schools. At Marshfield High he played football, basketball and baseball. He was president of the senior class. After acquiring his B.S. degree in accounting at the University of Wisconsin, "Grip" did a two year hitch in the U. S. Army. During a portion of the time he was stationed in Texas. He vowed, at the time, to settle in the southwest. That's how he came to choose Las Vegas, which he considers the community with the greatest potential.

After the Army he returned to the U. of Wisc. for his LL.B. degree which he was awarded in 1957. At that time he not only won his diploma, he won the heart of a classmate, the lovely Joanne Doctor, who became Mrs. Gripentrog in the spring of that year. Joanne's dad was, you guessed it, a physician, known as Dr. Doctor. "Grip's" father was a cheesemaker in the state most famous for that product, Earl and Joanne are parents of Anne 7, and Earl Jr., 5, who was adopted.

When the Gripentrog first arrived in Las Vegas 12 years ago, he worked for State Farms Ins. as an adjuster and then became auditor for State Tax Commission. In 1961 he became

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"Grip" shares the opinion of this writer that an elected official who chooses to defy the mandate of the voting public that elected him, is outrageous, irresponsible and anti-democratic. We refer, of course, to the present city commission and city attorney who are guilty

of incessant attempts to ignore the firemen's raise ordered by a majority of the voters. (The salary increase was grudgingly granted Monday, after six months of unnecessary delay. But the inept city officials insist on becoming engaged in a similar involvement with the policemen).

If "Grip" is elected City Attorney, he pledges that all matters will be legally researched. "There will be no off-the-cuff opinions that call for an end to litigation instead of encouraging it to bring about just conclusions," vows "Grip".

"Grip" promises he will be available for consultation, by department heads who need legal advice. "They will get an opinion, not a reference to the Attorney General," he says.

While the city attorney has no jurisdiction in the prosecution of narcotic offenders, "Grip" feels the status of the office would make it reasonable and desirable to com-

mence a program of education especially for the young. This is the kind of sentiment we'd like to hear from all men in every branch of public service.

"Grip" says he will become personally involved in the city's criminal court. "not make one appearance in five years." He stated that

a judge informed him "in recent years more than 200 cases were thrown out because they were improperly prepared."

There you have Earl Grip-

entrog. Are his qualifications able to cope with the projected growth of Las Vegas, estimated at 600,000 population in five years? We think so.

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