

OF THE STARS



PROFILES

by Percy Villa

DON (RED) McILVAIRE of KORK-radio (6 to 10 a.m.) and live TV show (Ch. 3) from 2:30 to 3 P.M. daily, is our profile for today.

Seems like everyone knows and likes the redhead and appreciates his brilliant wit and soothing remarks. He was born at Trenton, New Jersey on December 29 ("you can't get me to say what year.")

Before coming to Las Vegas three years ago he lived in Phoenix and Los Angeles. As recent as a year ago he moved back to Los Angeles because of a good offer but after three months he returned. ("Believe me, I sincerely hope that I never get another offer to leave this town.")

On October 14th, 1966, Red, married the attractive and personable Ginnie Gorman. They live at 3858 Pima (across the Stardust Golf Course.)

He is one of the most polite and gentlemanly persons in Las Vegas. People who don't know him well believe he is putting it on when he holds the door open for a stranger, etc. He isn't. He has a very sensitive consideration for other peoples' feelings.

He does not drink liquor, wine or beer. He will sometimes toy with a glass and touch his lips to just be sociable. In the same manner, he smokes only an occasional cigarette "next year this



RED

time you can predict that I won't smoke any."

He graduated from Trenton High School and joined the 'Horace Heidt Show'. He did the announcing and also served as the comedian for the show. He traveled around the world three times with the band. Five years later he joined the air force for special service for 2 years.

He is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, heavy red hair, blue eyes and a trim 152 pounder. ("I weigh the very same for the past twenty years, give or take a pound.")

He likes to dress in sports shirts, slacks and sweaters. ("It's a comfortable way of being sloppy, but neat.") When dressed up he could be called a member of the Ivy League set.

Have a few words from Red about his favorite foods:

"I like any farm foods, like potatoes, meats, peas and beans. He can cook Hungarian goulash and is a whiz at barbecuing. ("But I'll put my money on Ginnie as a cook anytime. She's a wonder.")

His hobby is flying but he recently purchased a pool table and as a result he has company most any evenings.

His favorite theatre and show business personality is and has been for years - Jack Paar. ("I think most show biz personalities will agree with me on that score.")

He is continually in a good humor. Those who know him well have never seen him

angry. Red is a no snap-judgment guy. His favorite answer is; "Let's wait and see." He doesn't read books, fiction or non-fiction ("While I was in school that was a different story.") He does read the newspapers and sometimes the encyclopedia.

In his younger years he didn't go out too much for sports but now likes to watch prize fights, football, wrestling matches, baseball and basketball games. His favorite, however, is boxing.

He is very punctual. He keeps his promises. He never belittles his business or co-workers. ("I am a TV and radio personality, but I'm also in business like anybody else.")

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expect from my guests?" explain how he does his shows and finds this difficult to do. ("I am honest, trustworthy and dull. If I tell you a lie, I'll tell you a lie -- unless I'm lying. Understand" I told you it was hard to explain"). Seems that Red has no critics. Just friends.

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