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New faces in the new tv picture - I

Would be stars not lacking in ambition

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HOLLYWOOD—

Success dangles like a toy on a baby's crib just within grasp, as another hopeful batch of actresses and actors reach for stardom with the start of the new television season.

This year's crop of rating fodder is large and varied. The newcomers range in age from Bonanza's Mitch Vogel, just 14, to Ted Knight, 40-plus, a veteran actor playing an egocentric newscaster on Mary Tyler Moore's new CBS-TV series.

Unlike series stars in the Era of the Pretty Parking Lot Attendants, which was long on looks and short on talent, this season's group

comes well-established with credentials. Some series, like Storefront Lawyers, The Young Rebels and The Interns (with Broderick Crawford the nominal star) are entirely in experienced hands.

The newcomers all agree that whether or not their particular series is a success, they are already well ahead of the game in recognition and experience for having done it.

How ambitious are they for stardom?

Rick Ely, one of the stars of The Young Rebels on ABC-TV, says, "I'm ambitious enough to get me where I am and where I want to be."

Sandra Smith, the lady

among CBS-TV The Interns, says, "I'm not at all ambitious and I could give it up as easy as pie."

Robert Foxworth, who gave a memorable performance last season in the CBS Playhouse production of "Sadbird," and is now one of The Storefront Lawyers on CBS, says he doesn't know what "ambitious" means but, "I'm fairly interested in the development of my career. If that can be construed as ambition, I suppose I have a good deal of it."

Andy Griffith's wife on his new CBS-TV series, Headmaster, is played by delicate-featured Claudette Nevins, an actress with a solid stage background and excel-

lent reviews from all who have seen her work.

She says, "As I look at what I have done, I must be ambitious because the facts clearly indicate that. But I have a daughter, 5½, and if for any reason my career were to jeopardize her happiness, I'd have to do what is right for her."

Lou Gossett, a fine actor who starred on Broadway in "My Sweet Charlie," and is in the film, "The Landlord," is one of The Young Rebels.

He says, "I think the best way to gain recognition is on a TV series. A successful one is the most powerful way, and it gives you a chance to do all the things you want: drama, humor, excitement."

It's not supposed to be chic for actresses to admit their ambition, but Elaine Giftos, who plays Mike Farrell's wife on The Interns, says she's "terribly ambitious and I'm honest about it."

Renne Jarrett, an actress destined for stardom, is Nancy on NBC-TV. She says she also wants to raise a family. She doesn't know if she could give up acting, something she has done since childhood, "because I don't know anything else."

Susan Dey, a New York teen-age fashion model, is, at 17, the oldest daughter in The Partridge Family on ABC-TV. "I'm very ambitious," she says, "although I still don't know where I am."

Valerie Harper, who is playing Mary Tyler Moore's best friend, says, "I have always wanted to be in show business but I have never thought in terms of stardom."

Sheila Larken, another of The Storefront Lawyers, says, "I'm not a hustler. But my ambition hasn't really been tested. I've been very lucky since I left school. I've always had a job and been able to support myself. I might whine a lot but I won't go out and hustle for a job."

David Cassidy, the oldest boy in The Partridge Family and the son of Jack Cassidy, seems to sum up the thoughts of most of this exciting new crop of performers when he says, "I want to succeed."



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