## Kyser's Job 'Nebulous'; No Salary

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD IN - "Everybody gets the urge at some time in his life to go back to his home town or college. Well, I did it."

This is how Kay Kyser explains why he gave up show business five years ago and returned to the college life of his alma mater, the University of North Carolina. The former bandleader was here with his family on his annual visit to old Hollywood haunts.

Kyser rose to fame in the '30s with his band of sweet swing and singing song titles. His impish, bespectacled face and drawling voice became known to millions, along with vocalists Ginny Simms, Harry Babbitt and Ish Kabibble. Top Show

Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge was long one of the top 10 shows on radio and he made several movies. After dabbling in TV, he disappeared from the en-tertainment field in late 1950.

"It started during the war," he recalled. "After I came back from entertaining the boys in the Pacific, I was impressed with the difference between service audi-

ences and those who had paid to be entertained or had come in free. "After 1945, I never again played before a paying audience. All the appearances were for hospitals, service camps, etc."

In 1946, he announced he was quitting show business to "whittle and spit." But his sponsor had other plans for him and a twoyear contract. He finally made the move five years ago. Wasn't Fun

"I'd had it," he explained. "I had gotten to the point where it wasn't fun anymore. Our operation had always succeeded because we did have fun. So that was the time to quit.

Kyser and his wife, former cover girl Georgia Carroll, moved back to Chapel Hill, N.C., where he had graduated from the university. There he took a post which he admits is nebulous. He said he has no salary, no office and no title. He serves as a sort of adviser and consultant.

One of his functions was to help establish the university's educational TV station, WNC-TV. Now that it is underway, he is work-ing on a state-wide traffic safety program.

Something Wrong "I wonder if maybe our whole traffic safety system is on the wrong track," he said. "The figures indicate things are getting better, but we're still killing thousands of people a year. Something's wrong when a boy is safer In uniform defending his country than he is behind the wheel of an

Kyser looks much the same as

he did when he was the old professor on radio. His blonde locks are grayer, but he still has a boy-ish look at 50. Gone are the rim-less specs he used to sport; he hasn't worn glasses in four years. He admitted that the university life agrees with him. He and Georgia live in a four-story house built in 1814, along with their daughters, Kim, 9. Carroll, 71/2, and Amanda Kay, 21/2, all of them

## Troubles of Taxi Owner 'Unlimited'

FARMINGTON, N. M. (A) The troubles and tribulations of a taxicab operator, E. E. Shipley recently told the town trustees, are almost unlimited.

Appearing to talk about a flew franchise, Shipley told the town fathers that it's automatic when someone loses something, it was lost in the cab he took home but they may not tell anyone for several days. He told of town housewives ganging up to beat a 10 cents extra charge for hauling the week's groceries. He says a customer calls to ask the fare to his home "about a mile and a half from town," winds up kicking because the fare is so high when he takes the cab seven miles from town.

But the real straw, Shipley said, was the Texan who accused him of stealing his turnip greens.

29 YEARS LATE ST. JOHN, N.D. - (UP) - Mrs. Charles King chose matrimony in 1926 instead of graduating from high school. But she vowed some day to finish her education. Mother of three sons and three daughters-and a grandmother-she received her diploma along with eight other graduates here this



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