

# Hutchisons Find Slot Machines Are Out In The Open In Reno

(Continued from Last Week)

## Real Fishing

Tales of interesting happenings and rituals at the park could fill endless pages, but let it suffice to mention that if you don't mind primitive living conditions, and cold weather, you can have a wonderful vacation there fishing, horseback riding, and enjoying many forms of nature at their best. We were amazed at the number of people fishing in the ponds and streams all over the park. One favorite spot is Fishing Bridge, which is exactly what the name implies. One evening we were driving near there when we observed a large number of people walking from the bridge to their cars with huge strings of beautiful fish. Stopping hurriedly, we dashed down to see this spot where fishing was so good that people could stand shoulder to shoulder on both sides of the bridge and catch that many fish. We must have stood around watching for about fifteen minutes, and not a single person caught a thing. Leaving with solemn, intent fishermen to their hushed jobs, we walked back to our car quietly wondering where there was a fish market around there.

Horseback riding beckons many into the deep recesses of the canyon, or the shadowy depths of the forest. After watching the peculiar saddle gear of one dude who foolishly took an all-day trip, we were glad we had resisted the temptation.

The night before we left Yellowstone, we attended one of the daily programs presented by the cottage help for the pleasure of the tourist. It was a variety show this night, one of the most popular features being a state-calling contest in which you tried to yell the name of your state louder than the next fellow yelled the name of his. I guess all 48 were well represented.

## On To Salt Lake City

Leaving lovely Yellowstone, we journeyed once more into the warmer regions of the country and into Salt Lake City. This was one of the warmest places so far. What fun we had floating and rocking in the great Salt Lake. In a 28% salt solution, you never need fear drowning, so even a non-swimmer has nothing to worry about but keeping the water out of his eyes or mouth. It was most delightful. People from all over the country came down to stare in disbelief, and go away praising the place.

Bingham Canyon, outside of Salt Lake City offers the tourist an inside view into copper mining. Bingham Open-Face Copper Mine is the largest of its kind in the world. The visitor can stand in one place, and see the entire operation. We went at 3 P.M. for that's when they start blasting. The mine looks like a series of 23 to 30 terraces 25 feet deep extending 2,000 feet into the ground. By means of movable railroad tracks and portable electric towers, they are able to keep digging deeper and deeper into the sides of the hills. They blast 100,000 tons of material a day, using 10 tons of dynamite, 2,400 men and 47 steam shovels help clean up and keep the trains rolling. When the blasting begins, all you can think of is the Fourth of July. The way it is used to be. This mining doesn't seem much like the coal mining at home.

No doubt you have heard at some time the beautiful Sunday music sung by the Mormon Choir in the Tabernacle. We saw the Mormon Temple and Tabernacle while in Salt Lake City. They are truly works of art. The Temple was done over a period of forty years, all by hand. The rocks were broken by means of drilling holes and pouring water in to freeze.

Then it was hauled thirty miles by oxen, and hand chipped and carved.

The Tabernacle is a dome-shaped building so acoustically perfect that you can hear a man whisper, brush his coat sleeve, or drop a pin 250 yards away. That's difficult to believe, but we saw it. We returned in the evening to hear an organ recital. People sat there motionless, thrilled by the variety of tones, and volume brought out so beautifully by the organist as he played some old songs, some new. It really topped the program off when he softly went into our old favorite, "When You Come To The End of a Perfect Day", for our day in Salt Lake City—as well as every other day on our trip—had been perfect.

**Reno or Bust**  
The trip from Salt Lake City to Reno made us forget how cool it had been in Yellowstone. Our thermos jug was most welcome.

Reno calls itself the Biggest Little City in the World and if they reckon size by the amount of money spent that may be almost true. As soon as you enter Nevada, every little excuse for a store has one or two slot machines, but the real slot machine center of the city seems to be Harold's Club—a place well known long before you reach Reno for its signs and slogan—"Harold's Club—or Bust." With its gold ore alley, silver dollar inlaid bar, mirrors with beautiful murals depicting the early days in Nevada, and lovely girls dressed in slacks with vests embroidered with appropriate pictures, Harold's Club presents the West as it used to be in a most colorful manner.

When you first walk in, all you notice are rows and rows of slot machines requiring anything from a nickel to a silver dollar for a turn. All over the floor are wrappers which originally held a dollar's worth of nickels, but are now empty and discarded. Although there are signs all over the place advising the visitor to bet no more than he can afford to lose, it doesn't seem to sink in, for there are people there just pouring the money in. We stood and watched one lady playing three slot machines at a time. Each required a silver dollar, so she had a whole handful out ready to use. In less than a minute, she had put 15 dollars in, and received only two back. I wondered what she planned to eat the next day.

Another man sat down at a Black Jack table and slapped a \$100 bill on the table. He lost it in one hand. Some people are wealthy, and come in as a pastime, others look as though it's their last dollar, quarter, or nickel.

One young fellow sat at a table with a collection of about thirty silver dollars. His mother came up and asked for twenty because she was down to her last one. The dealer mentioned that that was no way to earn money—giving it away. Out came the story of a hotel clerk who came with eighty-five dollars and lost it all, borrowed twenty dollars from his mother to earn it back, and now both were nearly broke.

Still people go there—it seems to get into their blood, and they can't stop playing while they still have money and hopes of gaining more. Not so with us. We played the nickel machine for kicks, had beginners luck and hit the jack pot—and left!

We talked with a man in an ice cream parlor later. He had money tales to tell of people who saved for years, and lost it all in one night. As he put it—you only win a couple times.

We left Reno glad to have seen it—and glad to still have our money with us so we could head for San Francisco and the Golden Gate.

Sincerely,  
Jim and Norma Hutchison  
P.S. Glad to hear the auction was a success again this year. I'm sure Dr. Schooley's patients are happy that he has some new equipment, and suitable clothes for midwinter midnight deliveries!

## Miss June Ann Kistler To Marry Albert Adams

Tomorrow at 12:30, Miss June Ann Kistler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan G. Kistler of Harveys Lake, will become the bride of Albert Livingston Adams of Welch, W. Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Adams of Douglaston, L. I. Rev. Ruth Underwood will perform the ceremony in Alderson Methodist Church.

Miss Emily Kistler, New York City, sister of the bride will be maid of honor and Mrs. James Kistler, sister-in-law of the bride, and Mrs. John Lees, Douglaston, L. I., sister of the bridegroom, will be bridesmaids.

Donald H. Adams, Chicago, will be best man. James Kistler, brother of the bride, and Duncan S. Adams, brother of the bridegroom, will be ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception for members of the family and a few friends will be held at the Irem Temple Country Club.

## Covered Dish Picnic

J. A. B. Class of Dallas Methodist Church will hold its annual covered dish picnic at the summer home of Mrs. M. J. Brown, West Dallas, Friday evening, August 18 at 6:30.

# Lloyd Phoenix Named President Of Kitchen-Montross Families

Lloyd Phoenix was elected president and W. S. Kitchen, vice president at the forty-fourth annual reunion of the Kitchen-Montross families held at Wolfe's Grove last Sunday. Other officers: George Montross, treasurer, Ray Kitchen, secretary, Miss Helen C. Williamson, assistant secretary.

The following births were announced: Byron William Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Atkinson, Byron Richard Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kitchen, Ronnie Naugle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Naugle, Marion Swortwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Swortwood, Charles Paul Montross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montross, Sandra Campman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campman, Susan Herty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herty.

Marriages reported were Joseph Paul Morris to Dorothy Santee, Elwood Bassler to Edith Kitchen, Art Kitchen to Peggy Mericle.

Dead during the year were Norton Montross, Clarence Root, George Hoover and James Hoover.

Oldest member present was Amos Kitchen.

Program consisted of a poem read by Mrs. W. S. Kitchen, a brief review of the Kitchen family by Ray Kitchen, read by Mrs. Harvey Kitchen and a letter of greeting from Mrs. Ethel Kitchen Garrison of Idaho.

Next year's reunion will also be held at Wolfe's Grove in July.

Present were: Harveys Lake—Amos M. Kitchen, Mrs. G. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Delaney; Mrs. Hattie Rauch, Jesse Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Kitchen, Nellie Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Loomis, Sandra and Darrell Jr., Mina Harrison, Leroy Swigle, Ronnie Swigle; Idetown—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kitchen; Mountain Springs—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kitchen; Luzerne—Mr. and Mrs. John Montross; Eleanor Montross, Mrs. E. McGuire, Patsy McGuire; Kingstan—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith; Lehman—Mrs. Minnie Hoover; Wilkes-Barre—Mrs. Pearl Kitchen; Nancy Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Atkinson, Donna and Byron Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kitchen, Lillian, Willard, Fred and Betty Kitchen, Marjorie Case, Nancy Albamse, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pascoe, George and Viola Pascoe, Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Rehn, Sharon and Maureen Rehn; Shavertown—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kitchen, Jack Kitchen and Ricky Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hoover; Dallas—Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Kitchen; Walnutport—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kitchen, Carol and Albert Kitchen Jr.; Alder—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kitchen, Arthur, Ronnie, Leda, Raymond Kitchen Jr.; Wyoming—James Sax, Mamie K. Gregory; Mt. Zion—Miss Elizabeth Kitchen; Wynewood—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith; Millville—Stephen Bitler; Bloomsburg—Mrs. Norton Montross, Claudia P. Montross; Philadelphia—Miss Helen C. Williamson; Weatherly—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kitchen, Jo Ann Kitchen; Noxen—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Montross, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montross, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Montross, Mr. and Mrs. George Siglen, and daughters; Ceasetown—Hendrick Cease.

## Ask President To Send Gift For Flower Show

W. S. C. S. of Alderson Methodist Church has added another feature to its annual flower show at Lake Township School Wednesday afternoon and evening, August 23.

It is a village store and post-office. The women are asking friends to donate a gift and send it to them by parcel post. Articles should be worth at least a quarter. The packages will be sold wrapped. No one will know what they contain.

One of the women sent a card to President Truman asking for a gift and although she hasn't heard from him, she is still hoping that the Korean War will not prevent his sending a package before the deadline date of August 19.

Mrs. C. B. Paden and Mrs. Warren Dennis are co-chairmen of the Post Office Committee.

## D. of A. Meeting

Mount Vale Council 224, Daughters of America, will meet at I.O.O.F. Hall Friday evening, August 11 at 8 P.M. Officers are asked to wear white.

## Lehman-Jackson FFA Plans Project Tour

John Southwell, Reporter  
Executive Committee of Blue Ridge Chapter, F.F.A. of Lehman-Jackson High School met at the home of Russell Ruble, adviser on Thursday evening.

Plans were discussed for the county F.F.A. Project Tour to be held in the Dallas Township School area all day August 17.

Plans were also made for the annual chapter outing to be held at Kitchen Creek Falls Sunday afternoon, August 20.

Pins, pencils and other various F.F.A. paraphernalia were ordered for the coming year.

# Lightning Rods Tame Bolts

## Swanson Says Steel Roof Adds Safety

In connection with two recent barn blazes, Fred Swanson, chief of the Daniel C. Roberts Fire Company at Harveys Lake as well as chief of police, states that properly grounded lightning rods or a steel roof grounded by a woven copper cable, are of value in deflecting lightning and grounding it where it will do no damage. He explains that there are two kinds of bolt, a hot bolt which will set afire anything through which it passes, and a cold bolt which will expend its energy in knocking things apart but contains no heat. Both types of bolt can usually be tamed by proper equipment, lightning rods properly installed or a steel roof. Neither of these features is mandatory with insurance companies, but both are recommended as safety measures.

Fred cites the instance of James Hoover's barn which was burned to the ground some years ago. Rebuilding plans included a steel roof, not connected with the ground, with a copper cable but with a down-spout clearing the ground by a foot and a half. When lightning struck the barn, it followed the down-spout, leaped from the end to the adjacent corner of the barn, and did considerable damage. A cold bolt, it did not set the barn on fire. With a properly grounded cable, the chances are that the static electricity would have passed into the ground with none the wiser.

## Ransom History

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He was strongly made, broad-chested and active in early life. He sprang quick and moved fast. His life and cheerfulness in this most gloomy hour diffused itself in good humor and spirit through the whole company.

The death of his father, and the loss and sacrifices in the Revolutionary contest—for the savages spared nothing of theirs when they swept the valley with fire and sword—left him poor at the close of the war and imposed the necessity for constant industry. Children and grandchildren, among the most respectable in the Valley, are living and growing up around him. Without being wealthy, he is yet comfortable in his old age. None takes a livelier pleasure in beholding the freedom and prosperity of his beloved country, the fruits of his own and his father's toils and sufferings.

Rare indeed is the case presented of a son serving through the whole of the Revolution and of his father serving several years and then laying down his life in the same noble cause. Verily, the services and the blood of the Ransoms have been a portion of that seed from which have sprung the independence, freedom, and prosperity which make happy our favored land. Long may these blessings continue, long may the veteran soldier and patriot live to enjoy them. And may the young men of the present generation take pattern from these noble spirits and resolve to give everything, even life itself to defend the glorious cause of liberty and law.

Footnote: Colonel Ransom is still the enjoyment of very tolerable health except for his lameness, though his age is eighty-two. A grandson, George Palmer Steele, has just closed his term of office as Sheriff of Luzerne County. Captain Ransom's father was born in Canterbury. He and

Captain Durkee had both been in the old French war. Durkee at the time of his death was fifty, Captain Ransom forty-one. Colonel Durkee, an older brother who is frequently spoken of, was colonel of one of the Connecticut regiments and died at Norwich more than forty years ago, and was buried with extraordinary display.

This sketch was taken from Charles Miner's History of Wyoming Valley, published 1845, appendix, pages 23-27. There is a copy of the original history in the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Dallas.

## Jackson Firemen Plan Ice-Cream Social

Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department will hold its second Ice Cream Social of the summer Wednesday evening August 16 at the Jackson M. E. Church.

The men of the Huntsville section of Jackson Township customarily hold the first social at Norris Glenn in July and the men of the rest of the Township hold one in August at Jackson Church.

Dennis Bonning, assistant fire chief, chairman, reports that in

addition to all flavors of ice cream banana-splits as well as hot dogs, cake, soda and coffee will be available. Serving will start at 6 P.M. All big ice cream eaters are requested to sign up for an ice cream eating contest.

## Official Board Meets

Official Board of Alderson Methodist Church met at the Church last Monday evening. All business was completed so that Rev. Ruth Underwood can go on her vacation the last week in August and the first week in September. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Mrs. Gilbert Carpenter, Mrs. Warren Dennis, Mrs. Giles Comstock, Mrs. George Armitage, Mrs. Albert Armitage, Mrs. Kate Shultz, Mrs. William Deets, Mrs. Harry Allen, Mrs. Fred Swanson and Mrs. Morrison Witter.

## Fire Company Social

Sweet Valley Fire Company will hold a social at the Church of Christ Hall, Thursday evening, August 17. Pictures of the Memorial Day Parade will be shown.

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