

Las Vegas Gambling 'Gold Mine'

Capitalizes on Human Facilities

Las Vegas, Nev., (AP)—Wilbur Clark, silver-haired gambling impresario, says it's human nature and its "frailties" and not stiff house odds that turned his Desert Inn in to a gold mine equipped with a swimming pool.

"The average man just doesn't know how to gamble," the keeper of the swanky casino and inn said with a modest wave of his card dealer's hands. "He may win \$50 a day for 10 days, but in the long run he'll lose it back, along with his car, house, bank account and wife."

"This self-made sucker wins a little, then loses his shirt because he's not satisfied to settle for his first winnings."

Clark, once the proprietor of a nickel beer parlor, said his competitors in this desert resort called him a dreamer when he battled financial odds to build his \$4,000,000 hotel. Now he's the town's golden boy.

Odds Best at Craps

But if it weren't for human nature, he said, he couldn't even light his hostelry, much less meet the 585-person payroll.

Clark said odds favoring the house are lowest at the craps table, where customers are discriminated against only to the tune of one-and-a-half per cent.

At the roulette wheel, the house manages to keep its hands on a little more than five per cent of the money crossing the board. At blackjack, the odds can't be determined, Clark said, because people insist on playing different systems.

The colorful ex-bartender warned that in this game, the man who "stands on stiff" refuses to take another card when the tickets add up to 16 or less — increases the odds against him.

"Notice the dealer," Clark said, brandishing a \$16,000 diamond ring for emphasis. "In the

long run he always wins. Why not play the way he does. Stand on 17 and take another card on 16 or less."

How to Win
In all games, the only way to win big money is to put down a dollar and let it ride, he said. At craps, for instance, eight passes would multiply the buck into \$512.

"But how many people let their money ride?" he said. "They can't resist reaching in and drawing out part of their winnings. They don't realize that only the original dollar is at stake."

Professional gamblers, whose appearance sends cold chills down the spines of Desert Inn croppers and stickmen, limit losses but press their winning streaks for all they're worth, Clark said. The big money boys usually win 10 times as much as they lose.

"They know the secret," he said. "They know the man who plays a scared game is the loser 99 times out of 100. They think of money as water."

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Butte Falls

Butte Falls, June 27—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer "Nick" Carter from Reno, Nev., visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore here Thursday. The Carters are former Butte Falls residents.

Darrell Stephenson is in a Medford hospital with blood poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mays of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Springall of Los Angeles are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carson.

Construction of the new pond at the Butte Falls Hatchery is near completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Smith and Darla visited Thursday in Eagle Point with Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Stoddard were their son, Calvin and family, from Detroit, Mich. While here Mrs. Stoddard entertained at a bridge party in honor of her daughter-in-law.

Before arriving in Butte Falls they visited in Seattle with Calvin's brother, Byron and family. From here they left by air for Salt Lake City to visit Mrs. Stoddard's family before returning home.

Mrs. Caroline Thomason, who has been confined to her home is now able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Menteer and children have moved to Butte Falls and are living in one of the new houses.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Facey of California visited here last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shepherd. They visited also with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Clark of Corvallis visited here last week-end with Mrs. Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lockard.

Delores and Tommy Edmandson have spent the past week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Edmandson.

Mrs. Jim Arnold has been working in the post office for the past month.

Work is being done on the main streets.

NOT ON YOUR LIFE!

Des Moines, Ia., June 27—(AP) The city council sought a buyer for Mayor Abe Chambers' official car today because his honor wouldn't ride in it. The car is a shiny 1948 Chrysler. Chambers is a Ford dealer.

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