

Happy Camhi Family Gathering

JERRY
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as a shoe salesman, but hated being couped up indoors. Upon negotiating with the Pepsi Cola Company, he decided that a job as a driver salesman would be more to his liking. It most surely must have been, for he worked his way up to Supervisor of the Sales division. After six years, the wanderlust, which he had successfully hidden to this point, broke through. After much consideration, he bought himself a car, and in 1948 started across country finally arriving in Los Angeles where he was offered a position with the Royal Crown Company.

In 1950, a certain Lee Cohen, who lived with her mother and family in a 20-room house, (where one came and went—and never met) was introduced to young Jerry by her sister and brother-in-law. The two dated occasionally.

Young Jerry felt the time to revisit his family was long overdue, and he returned to New York for six months. Lee laughingly states that it was her Mother's cooking that brought him back.

During his return visit, the two accompanied by a couple of friends, took a trip to Tijuana, where Lee and Jerry decided that if they did not become hitched right



JERRY WITH WIFE LEE, MIKE AND CANDY.

then, they might never take the plunge. They returned to Los Angeles Mr. & Mrs. Camhi, March 31st, 1951.

Again the wanderlust hit, and the newly wedded couple set out towards New Orleans. They found it hot and horrible, and started back towards California.

Their return trip took them to Las Vegas. Something about the town and its surroundings hit a chord, causing them to stop and decide to at least give it a whirl. They have been on that whirl ever since.

Lamar Foremaster and Don Ferguson, took a liking to this tall cheerful man, with his open face and friendly smile, and offered him a

job as a retail driver. It lasted for one day, during which time, Jerry who has an aversion to dogs, met a pup in the wee small hours of the morning. Needless to say the milk never got delivered, for the bottles hit the ground, and Jerry ran.

Bud Swanson of the Las Vegas Bottling Company offered Jerry a position as manager. At that time Wing Fong, who is well known from Fongs Garden, was the bookkeeper. With Jerry's help and after expanding the business so that it sold for \$70,000.00, Bud went into another field, and Jerry again returned to Anderson Dairy and his friends Don and Lamar.

Ed Fountain, then of the Canada Dry Company, offered the Sales Manager position to him, and he remained there until just before it merged with Seven Up in 1957. Since that time he has been with the De Lucca Co.

Asked how he became "Uncle Jerry"? During the time Milt Bosnick had a children's program on Channel 8, Jerry was asked to stand in during Milt's many absences, and was finally

persuaded to take it over completely. In L.A., at this time, there were many programs with an "Uncle" as its figurehead, and it seemed timely to tack it onto his own name. He originated the "Pop floats", using the products of Bud Swanson, and the Anderson Dairy Co. Jerry comes from a strict Orthodox Sephardic family. He attended Cheda Hebrew School three times a week, and Temple over the weekend. His father was a tailor, and to supplement their income he purchased a four-plex, living in one apartment and renting the others. Jerry still laughs at the many times they ate beans and hot dogs.

At school he participated in all sports, and was an active player of handball for the J.Y.M.A. Today he still relaxes with swimming, and an occasional fishing trip, but mostly works with boys and scouting. This he does with son Mike who arrived December 27th, 1952. He leaves daughter training to Mom Lee, Candy was born August 2nd, 1955.

Jerry is well known in the Toastmasters, the Elks, Optimists, Footprinters, and is a member of the B'nai Brith (Lee calls herself a Lodge Widow).

Today the Camhis haven't enough praises for the community of Las Vegas, and Jerry is wanderlust seems to have been appeased. In the near future young Mike will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah, and to do this the family will travel to New York, to enable his Grandfather, (his grandmother passed away last year) to hear his rendering of his portion of the Torah.

We in Las Vegas have profited by their residing among us. May they continue to do so for many a long year.

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