

Looking back at Six Companies Inc. mess hall

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When the late Morgon Sweeney was asked to share stories of early day life in Boulder City his favorite topic was the historic Anderson Mess Hall. Morgon's history collection is deposited at the UNLV "Special Collections" in it are the following statistics.

Anderson's mess hall served 6,000 meals daily plus lunches. Tourists from all over the world visited the mess hall and marveled at the wholesale methods. Seven meals a day served. All the per-

ishables were brought in by refrigerated trucks, one truck was constantly on the road.

About 300 gallons of milk brought in daily. A turkey farm was maintained by Anderson Bros. Each day 8700 sandwiches, 360 pies, and 36 cakes. A record in sandwich making when Clifford A. Jones, Las Vegas, and Wally Hobbs, together made 3,000 sandwiches in a day.

Leroy Burt, when interviewed by reporters from the Bechtel Co.,

shared the story of scrambled eggs for Anderson Bros. Crates of eggs were dumped into a giant mixer, it had a fine screen, the machine turned in a circle, shells remained in the big container, eggs strained through, breakfast was ready in minutes!

Seventy-five pounds of butter used daily in the lunch room, 200 loaves of bread in the dining room, 300 to 400 in the lunch room.

1300 men would gather in the mess hall and be out again in 25 minutes.