



**STASHES WINNINGS**—Anne Clarke of Vancouver, B. C., stashes away \$100 bills she won in big payoff on Nevada's first \$5 slot machines. She won \$13,750 on the machines this week. She couldn't get all the money in her stocking, so she put the rest in her bra—secured with a big safety pin. She's discussing her winnings with a casino employee. (AP Wirephoto)

## *Little Old Lady Takes Reno Slots To the Cleaners*

RENO, Nev. (AP) — "I get in front of a couple of machines and I feed and pull and feed and pull and get a rhythm going—the faster you play the more you get."

And the first thing you know you've got a brassiere stuffed with currency and a set of shin-guards made out of C-notes.

You do, that is, if you are Mrs. Anne Clarke, who tackled the new \$5 slot machines in Harold's club with a \$20 stake the other night and staggered away 10 hours later with a cool \$13,750.

"After I got my brassiere full I stuffed \$100 bills into the tops of my stockings until they were running down my legs," she said.

As anybody with gambling experience knows, you can't beat the house percentage playing the slot machines. But you can't prove that by Mrs. Clarke. She says she has been bucking the one-armed bandits at Harold's club with consistent success since 1963 and has the cash to prove it.

Mrs. Clarke, who runs a dress shop in Vancouver, B.C., told an interviewer:

"I've got \$12,000 worth of Harold's club money in a bank at home marked 'Reno money.' I usually carry \$2,000 down here

with me, and I only play with what I come down with. The rest is in safe deposit and I can't get to it."

Mrs. Clarke said she plays Harold's club about four times a year. She started in 1963 after surviving an illness which required three operations and almost killed her.

Health restored, "I decided I'd do something silly," she said. "I thought I'd come to Reno and gamble some."

Mrs. Clarke said she left Reno in 1963 with a net profit of \$560, made another \$3,900 in the spring of 1964, clipped the machines for \$4,900 a few months later and cleared \$3,000 on a Christmas visit.

She said she had a losing year in 1965, including a \$1,700 trip to the cleaners in April, but averaged a \$500 profit in four visits in 1966. On Tuesday night, playing the \$5 slots, Mrs. Clarke hit it big.

Mrs. Clarke said she turned to dressmaking after a professional stage career which included a stint as a Ziegfeld Follies girl in New York. She is married to a truck driver, Teddy Clarke, whose vices are poker and playing the horses—both with indifferent results.

"My age? Oh, hell, I'm 63, but put it down to the late 50s or so."