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Former residents of Van Houten hold reunion

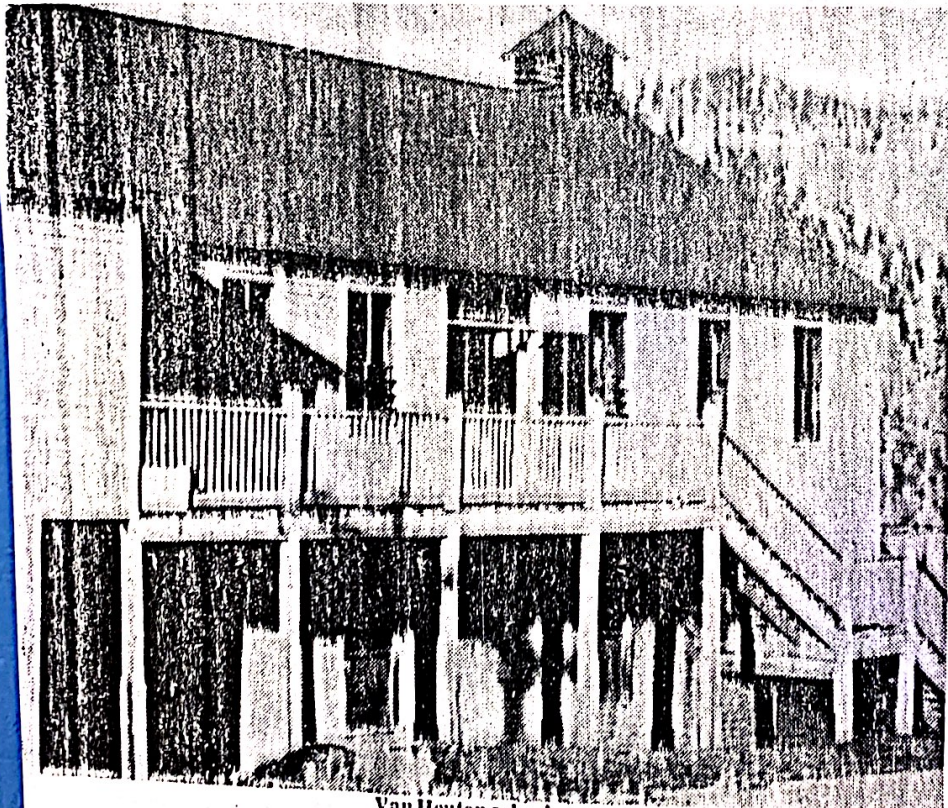
Over 300 former Van Houten residents and their families recently attended a reunion held here. The residents attended a registration held at the home of Larry Gatti and a picnic held at the old Van Houten site.

The Van Houten coal camp was opened in 1902 and was owned by the St. Louis Rocky Mountain Co. The camp, which was largely composed of Yugoslavian, Greek, Italian and Spanish immigrants, closed in 1951.

Presently, Van Houten is owned by the National Rifle Association. Many foundations still can be found at Van Houten, including the machine shop and the blacksmith shop which still have walls. One house still stands there which belonged to Grandma Alliman.



Van Houten, N.M.



Van Houten school