

## New Andy Devine Room



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## Director's Letter

“The battle has begun between the snarling wind and the frigid air. I speculate on the true victor. Acting as a metaphorical and repentant judge, I must call foul: these forces are not adversaries, so much as artists creating a painting of sudden and explosive beauty. We are all truly blessed to witness the combination of these imposing gems that tango in the winter sky”.

*Richard Porter, Grand Canyon Journalist*

January is truly a month that is mixed with many diverse emotions. First, we made it through the holidays without going broke (maybe we simply made it through the holidays). Secondly, we begin another year of financial and political wonder. Thirdly, we get a jump-start on doing our yearly taxes (this can be positive or negative, depending on whose hand is the receiving end of the money trading hands). Fourthly, we have made all those New Year Resolutions that we never intended to keep any way.

I am sorry that I did not have the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas in the last newsletter, however I can correct the oversight by wishing the best of 2010. My wife Lyn (truly my better half) and I wish you a prosperous New Year.

The Museum is continually undergoing changes in exhibits. The Museum chose to move the Andy Devine exhibit to a new location. I found this rather disconcerting because I grew up in the “Andy” era. I have come to learn that this puts me in an age bracket that I would rather not admit to, however, I could not have had any better youthful experiences that watching Andy Devine and Guy Madison on black and white television on Saturdays.

What used to be the Andy Devine room is now evolving into a Ranching exhibit. Please come down and tell us what you think of these changes!

*Shannon Rossiter, Director*

## Events and Attractions

Our January Artist of the Month is an accomplished artist, Toni Bigelow. Toni has been an artist most of her life working in oils, acrylics, and mixed media. She has also created many unique pottery and sculpture pieces. Please join us at a reception at the Museum on Saturday, January 9th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

### A new book in the gift shop:

#### Where the Ground is Even, A Christmas in the Arizona High Country.

Three Navajos ride from the east toward a white man's world of which they are suspicious. Two carefree but pining sheepherders walk through heavy snow from the west. A young family, the man wounded and the woman full with child, move north desperately ahead of a rage-filled cattleman and his men.

A young, rakish deputy sheriff rides up from the southwest in pursuit of a wanted man. In the days before Christmas of 1881, all converge on the small town of Flagstaff at the foot of the San Francisco Mountains.

Makes a nice gift. Come on in and check out our wonderful new jewelry and other great books.

#### AN UPDATE ON MUSEUM SPONSORED TRIPS

The date of "MYSTERIES OF INDIA" has been changed from January, 2010 to March 11, 2010. A new brochure is available at the front desk.

"SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY" on November 4, 2010 is still available, we have brochures at the front desk.

#### PIANO TAPES FOR SALE IN GIFT SHOP

Due to many requests, we are now selling tapes of Chris Commisso's piano music in our gift shop. Chris is an extremely talented musician and has recorded a selection of piano music including "Oh Holy Night" which he performed at our recent Christmas Program.

## Calendar of Events

### Mohave Memories On The Internet

[www.mohavemuseum.org](http://www.mohavemuseum.org)

Mohave Memories Newsletter is Online

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH

MOHAVE MUSEUM

TONI BIGELOW

### ARTIST RECEPTION

MOHAVE MUSEUM

Saturday, January 9th, 1:00 — 3:00

### GENEALOGY SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

Mohave Museum Library

January 13th 1:00 PM

All in the family fun.

### Mohave Pioneers Historical Society

Board Meeting

Mohave Museum Library

January 21st at 5:00 PM

Monthly Meeting

## Museum Business Memberships

These are some of the Business Members who support the heritage and culture of Mohave County



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# 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

January 1960

## Second Woman Senator In History Sworn In:

The second woman in Arizona's History to serve in the State Senate was sworn in noon on Monday. She is Mohave County Senator Thelma Bollinger, widow of the late Senator Clyde B. Bollinger.



Mrs. Bollinger received a very nice honor immediately following her oath of office. She was designated to escort Governor Paul Fannin to the rostrum of the House of Representatives where he delivered his official message to the combined house.

**Marvin Martin** is the new night clerk at the Beale Hotel. He was formerly stationed here with the 659th AC&W Squadron.

**Gary Lee Brummett**, son of Mr. And Mrs. T.E. Brummett, has been accepted by Northrop Institute of Technology, Inglewood California, for enrollment of the Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics Course. A graduate of Mohave County Union High School. Gary expects to complete the intensive course in fifty weeks. He will be graduated qualified to apply for his Federal Aviation Agency Certificate as a "A & P" mechanic.

Representatives of the **Junior Class of MCUHS**, presented Supt. Mr. O.B. Joy with a check of \$28 which they raised at a dance held recently as a benefit for the March of Dimes. Presenting the check was Sharon Boyer, Eric Bond, Bill Brakeman and Sharon Allen.

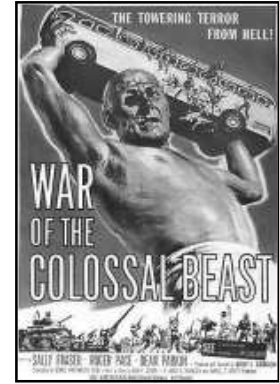
**Charlie Lum and Mr. And Mrs. Tommie Chan** and sons returned Wednesday, January 20, from a two week vacation in Honolulu

**Danny Bishop**, who has just completed his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. visited his family and friends in Kingman and on the Sandy for several days before leaving for Fort Knox, Ky. where he will attend a specialization school.

## News from Davis Dam

Congratulations to the Don Millers who are sporting a brand new Ford these days. Seems it was delivered Christmas Eve. It is blue and cream and a classy buggy.

**Rain, snow and sleet** descended on our area and camp almost all this week, with snow on the high ridges going into Kingman and around. Television reception has been out for about two days, due to the deep snow on the Hualapai range, but the air is so fresh and clear it makes one really glad to be alive.



## FAMOUS MOVIE MONSTERS

State Theatre, Monday Jan 11th

A new kind of horror show, unlike anything ever here before, plays the stage of the State Theatre in Kingman, Monday night, Jan 11th. Performances are scheduled for 7 and 9 pm.

It is said that the public is in for a big surprise if they expect the usual "run of the mill" horror show seen so often before. Over 500,000 people who have seen it acclaims it in a class by itself, — the kind of super thrill show they had always hoped for, but could never see.

Appearing in person, are such famous movie monsters as the FLY, the creature with a man's body and a fly's head; Teen Age Frankenstein and Frankenstein of 1970; The Daughters of Dracula; the Colossal Beast and countless others.

The public never before has seen these famous monsters all in person. They are said to be 100 times scarier for real, than the ones on screen.

You'll see beautiful Hollywood slave maidens captured and the mercy of the half human beasts! It is said that the show features scenes so scary it does not dare advertise them.

The theatre management warns the public that this is not a movie. Every monster appears in person and every scene is on the stage. Unless you can take it, you are advised to stay home.

This double header — on stage—super shocker promises to be more unusual indeed!

## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

Jan 1930

### BIG STILL ON COLORADO IS DESTROYED

Sheriff Ernest Graham and members of his department pulled another coup last Friday and although no arrest were made, one of the largest stills ever unearthed in the county was destroyed along with about eighty gallons of mash. Further investigation failed to disclose the whereabouts of the owners., but the still was the production of a large ring of Arizona and California bootleggers.



Mrs. Henrietta St. Charles, local beauty operator, left last night for the coast making the trip overland. She will return on Monday bringing with her a new permanent waving machine.

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### Lindbergh Here Last Friday Night

Col. Charles Lindbergh, official of the TAT-Maddux and without a doubt the best known aviator in the world, stopped over in Kingman last Friday night and unknown to the majority of the crowd around him walked about the streets, sat in the lobby of the Beale Hotel and to all appearances thoroughly enjoyed himself.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

Jan 1910

**Supai Canyon**, the home of the Supai Indians, was swept bare by the great rain storms and bursting the dam built by stockmen. A number of Indians were swept away by the floods, so says the report from Flagstaff. Not a building was left and the Indians saved themselves by climbing the precipitous sides of the canyon.

It is rumored that a daily train will soon be put on the Chloride branch which should be great benefit to the people living in the up range area.

Engine #1481— 4-4-2 type. Class 1480. Dia. Driving wheels - 73". Cylinders 22" x 26". Steam pressure - 200 lbs. Sq. in. Tractive force - 29,400 lbs. Built 1910. Rebuilt 1927. Used in light passenger service.



Two daily passenger trains have been placed into commission on the Santa Fe, number 9 and 10, for the accommodation of tourist travel. This gives Santa Fe four through daily trains each way.

Engine 1167 - Mallet type 2-6-6-2, compound steam locomotive built by Baldwin Locomotive Co. in 1910.



Mrs. K. K. Lake, who has been teaching in Phoenix, has resigned her position and this week returned to Kingman, having accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Expansion mines.

### ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE OF WINTER CLOTHING

\$25 Suits, now - \$20

\$20 Suits, now - \$16

\$17 Suits, now - \$13.50

\$14 Suits, now - \$10.50

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# MOHAVE SKETCHES

An excerpt from the book MOHAVE SKETCHES.

Author: Carroll S. Farley

Illustrations: Doris Lightwine

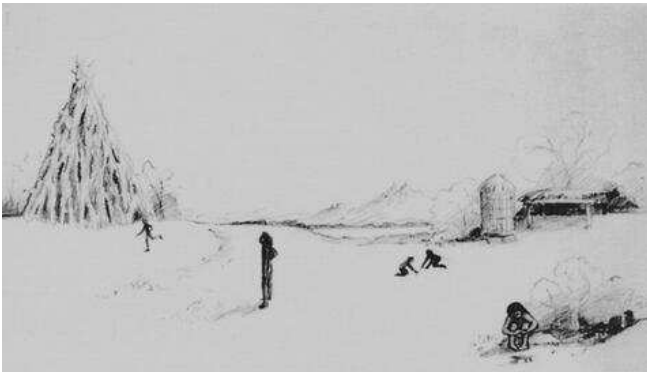
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## Life in Mohave Land



The Mohave nation numbered about 6,000 people when the white men arrived. Their villages stretched along the semi-level land on the banks of the Colorado River. The largest concentration was in Arizona, across the river from the present town of Needles, California.

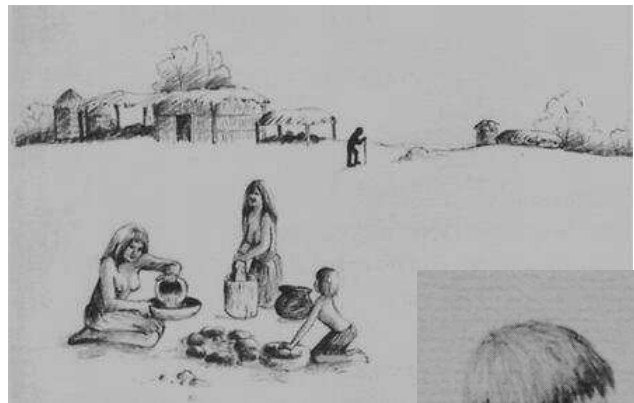
Each summer the melting snow in the high country fed the northern Colorado River and its tributaries, causing a huge flood that inundated the lowlands, forcing the Mohaves to build all permanent structures on ground above the flood level. Mohave houses were crude brush and thatched shacks clustered together in very small villages. Scattered throughout the village were many six-foot high arrow weed baskets in which each family cured and stored their mesquite beans. The baskets were built on low stilts to allow ventilation and prevent spoilage.



Each village had a tall teepee-like structure about thirty feet high and twenty-five or thirty feet across the base. It was made by fastening poles at a common point at the top and thatching the cone-shaped walls. The white man

called this structure a smoke house because it had no chimney and only a single very low entrance. A fire burned in the center on the ground, the smoke filtering through the cracks where the poles were joined together at the top of the teepee. On cold winter nights, when the brush shacks offered inadequate protection to the villagers, the entire population slept around the inner circular walls.

The Mohave women spent most of their time tending babies and preparing food. They were responsible for the farming, in addition to collecting and preserving food. They also made pottery and baskets in which to serve and store food.



Because most of the year the climate was from hot to moderate, clothing was quite simple. Women wore only bark skirts, men wore breech cloths, and children were completely naked. When the winter cold settled in this lowland, more protection was needed, such as buckskins, fur, blankets and moccasins.

The mothers spent much of their time combing lice from their children's and each other's hair. They killed the lice by biting them. The men would plaster their heads with mud to smother the lice in order to get rid of them.

The main occupations of the men were hunting, fishing, fighting, playing games, and participating in government. The Mohaves were a peace loving people. They rarely went to war unless another tribe stole their women or horses. Although the men sat in council and ran the government, the women were the absolute bosses in their own homes.

MOHAVE SKETCHES provides a brief description of Mohave Indian life through the arrival of the white settlers in Mohave County and is available on line at:

[www.mohavemuseum.org/mohave1.html](http://www.mohavemuseum.org/mohave1.html)

## Membership Renewal

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# WHO WHAT AND WHEN IN MOHAVE COUNTY



Photo # 14723 Charles, Margaret and daughter Florence Shull ca. 1897



Photo # 1919 Prentice Bait Tackle in June 1959



Photo #2840 Norene "Tiny" Cornwall Reichardt

Charles and Margaret Shull were born in the Midwest and settled in Kern County, California in the late 1800's. About 1906 the young couple migrated to Mohave County and settled in the Chloride area. Mr. Shull was engaged in the mining industry and spent most of his life in hard rock mining endeavors.

The Shulls raised fourteen children in the environs of Chloride and some of their descendants still reside in this county. Both Charles and Margaret Shull are buried in the Chloride Cemetery.

Prentice Bait and Tackle served Mohave County Anglers with fishing gear and water sports equipment for years. The business was founded in the late 1950's by George Allen Prentice who came to Kingman in the 1930's to serve with the Civilian Conservation Corp. George also served as Mohave County Supervisor from 1956 to 1960. Prentice Bait and Tackle was located in the vicinity of Motel 6 and the current Kingman Cerbat Justice Court on West Beale at West Hwy 93.

Norine "Tiny" Reichardt was born at Kingman in 1920 to Thomas and Ida Stevens Cornwall, pioneer ranchers in the Big Sandy Valley. A graduate of Kingman High School, she was actively involved in Mohave County and state civic activities. She was a charter member of the Daughter of the Mohave County Pioneers, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Mohave Museum of History and Arts. Among her many other civic endeavors she was instrumental in bringing the first state Architectural Survey of Historical Places to Kingman and was chairwoman of the 1976 Bicentennial Commission for the City of Kingman.



Lake Havasu Plumbing & Hardware, one of 1st commercial buildings completed. Photo taken 2/14/65.

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