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**Letter from the Director**

I was walking the other day and I kept looking over my shoulder to locate a sound akin to a fast moving train, I finally stopped and to my surprise It actually was a large engine with the year 2013 written on it and yes, it did run me over. It is funny how we judge chronological ages: first there is the “age of reason” followed by the “age of productivity” (work), close behind is the “age of retirement” and finally there comes the “speed of light aging”. I have just entered the last of these processes. I barely remember 2013, it happened so fast. But I am really looking forward to 2014 and all the challenges that it is sure to bring.

The Museum, however, seems ageless. Every one that enters through the Museum’s (Mohave Museum, Rt.66 Museum and Bonelli house) portals, seem to bring a energy that pumps new life into these facilities. Together, we have revitalized and kept relevant Mohave County’s rich legacy.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and wish all of you the greatest In 2014.

Happy New Year !

*Shannon Rossiter*

**And a big THANK YOU to all who supported the Journey Stories Exhibition**



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## 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### January 1964

Airman Second Class Stephen H. West of Bullhead City, Arizona, has completed a special Air Force course for communications technicians at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.



Thirty-seven Yellowstone Park elk were released at dawn Sunday, December 22, on the Hualapai Indian Reservation, the first elk transplant in Arizona since the late 1920s. Photo #4875

Charlene Harshberger has been named Mohave County Union High School's "Homemaker of Tomorrow." General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the program, will award her a pin to signify her achievement.

Yucca: Plans are still going ahead on the opening of the Yucca Library. Dan Tudor is supposed to start building the shelves this week.

The first meeting of the Loyal Order of Moose was held at the Chamber of Commerce hall January 17th. State Director C. A. (Cap) Pierce who presided at the meeting said there were 14 persons in attendance. "Although this is a small representation, it is a start toward instituting a Moose Lodge in the city that will be a benefit and an asset in the community," he said.

Oatman: The Sullivans have revamped the Little Brown Jug in putting down a new linoleum, and it will be operated under a new manager, Mrs. Sullivan's sister.

A new apartment house, costing approximately \$75,000, is underway on a parcel of property at Copper Street and Stockton Hill Road in Kingman. It is being constructed and will be owned and operated by Charles M. Orr Construction Company of this city.

William L. Casson, longtime employee of Citizens Utilities Company, has been appointed manager of the company here, it was announced this week. He replaces the late C. M. (Mike) Hart.

The entire Colorado River area was covered by marching mothers, 18 in all, January 28th in the area's first March of Dimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Flavio Lopez and their four children were left homeless after a fire completely destroyed their home at 536 Fourth Ave. last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Lopez and two of her children were in the yard when an explosion came from within the house where her other children were sleeping. She broke a window and helped them to safety. She received cuts and bruises.

The employees and guests of the Valley National Bank enjoyed a Christmas party at Pine Lake Lodge in the Hualapais on December 28.

The Kingman Police Department received three complaints on Christmas Eve from widely separated areas of the city that oranges containing black powder explosives had been hurled at homes, apparently from a car. No damage was reported at any of the residences. Police officers have not yet apprehended anyone in the incidents but are continuing their investigation.

Bullhead City: Movie of the week at the Davis Dam recreation hall will be "Whistling in Brooklyn," starring Red Skelton, Ann Rutherford and Rags Dagland. Eighty-seven minutes long, in black and white, good for both adults and children.

Mrs. Frank Gordon, Sr., will instruct an art class at her home next Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The class will be for members of the Kingman Women's Club.

Among those present at the home of Senator Barry Goldwater in Phoenix last Friday when he made the announcement that he would seek the Republican nomination for the presidency were Raymond Sroaf, acting chairman of the Mohave County Republican Central Committee, Mrs. Sroaf, and Mrs. Wilma Brummett, third vice-chairman of the Republican State Central Committee.

Oatman school children are happy this Monday morning, also their driver, Willard Vincent, as their new school bus was delivered Saturday by Roy Dunton and his assistant.

A public meeting will be held at the Community Hall at Bullhead City on Wednesday, January 15, for the purpose of making plans and organizing a committee for the proposed Valley Community Hospital to serve the river area.

Vigorous opposition is being expressed to a bill now before Congress which would permit commercial establishments to be located on rights-of-way of the Interstate Highway System, and which, from a local viewpoint, would be a serious detriment to the economy of Kingman when the Interstate 40 bypass is completed around the city.

Charlie Lum of the Jade restaurant hosted a re-opening party Friday evening, January 17, for his employees and their families. Forty-two people attended and enjoyed dinner and an evening of dancing.

## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### January 1934

At the Pasadena mid-winter poultry show held at the civic auditorium January 4th to 7th, Brown's Canyon Ranch entered nine Bronze turkeys and came home with four firsts, four seconds, and one third place ribbons. Their old Tom also took high honors, being declared the champion turkey of the entire show.

Ralph Brown is another of the C.C.C. boys who is spending a few days with friends and relatives.

Bud Lang, son of Mrs. Annie Lang, was in Flagstaff this week to take the competitive examination for entrance to either West Point or Annapolis.

Taps was sounded over the body of another of the fast-disappearing veterans of the World War last Sunday when funeral services were read at the grave side of W. B. Graves who passed away January 9.

E. A. Shaw reports that completion on the new Kingman telephone directories will be completed today and should be off the press within the next week or ten days.

Frank Ricca was a business visitor in Kingman Saturday, driving over from Oatman where he is employed in the Tom Reed mine.



Ansel Taylor of the Peach Springs Trading Post (Photo 6723, 1929) passed through Kingman Monday. He was en route to Los Angeles on business.

Sandy, the police dog said to have played in the picture "Little Orphan Annie," visited Kingman Monday night with her trainers, Chester Kinnamon and Ben Midkiff. Sandy is starting out from Hollywood on a tour of the country before returning to Hollywood for another picture for which she has a contract.

Miss Minnie Brown, Mrs. Laura Brindley, and Miss Melba Smith, Oatman teachers, attended the educational meeting held in Kingman last Friday.

Dorothy Stevens of Beverly Hills, California, who has just finished making a picture with Al Jolson, "Wonder Bar," was a weekend guest at the Kit Carson guest house.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### January 1914

C. N. Nickell has a new automobile and is giving all his neighbors a ride since Christmas..

Blaine Crozier is up from his cattle ranch near the McCracken and met with T. G. Walter who came down from Crozier. The men are interested in the cattle business at both places.



Photo 6753

The new hot-water heating system has been installed in the Elks Lodge and club rooms as well as the theater, and now those places are so comfortable that everybody wants to come and sample the cozy corners.

Taxes in Mohave County are being collected up close and when the board meets on the first of the year treasurer Devine will have a most inviting condition to report. Mohave County appears to be the most prosperous of the counties of the state.

C. A. Whipple, a well-known farmer of the Colorado river valley, was in Kingman yesterday as a witness in the Justice's court.

Mrs. E. M. Cohenour has the distinction of being the first woman to drive an automobile from Kingman to the Big Sandy, making the trip last week on Friday.

J. C. Maddux has started doing things on the Kingman-Hackberry National Highway, having enlisted R. P. Wheelock in the surveying part of the road. A road has been laid out and staked as far as Berry, the old road having been abandoned because it was inside the right-of-way of the Santa Fe.

Miss Leona Hoffman has accepted a position as teacher of the school at the mining camp at Golconda.

A large number of cattlemen and their wives were in from the east side of the county the past few days laying in camp supplies and doing shopping.

Last Monday Carroll W. Davis sold all his interests in the Clay Springs Cattle Company to Frank Crozier and Will Grounds. The consideration is not known but is supposed to have been large.

# Memories Thru Photo's

## FORT MOHAVE

Fort Mohave was originally named Camp Colorado when it was established on April 19, 1859 by Lieutenant Colonel William Hoffman during the Mohave War. It was located on the east bank of the Colorado River, at Beale's Crossing, near the head of the Mohave Valley in Mohave County by the recommendation of Lieutenant Edward Fitzgerald Beale.

The fort was established to provide a protection for emigrants to California through Northern Arizona on the Beale Wagon Road and across the Mohave Desert on the Mohave Road. It was also used as a base of operations against the Mohave people.

The post was renamed Fort Mohave on April 28, 1859 by its first commander, Captain Lewis A. Armistead. The post was abandoned and the buildings were burned down on May 28, 1861 by order of Brigadier General Edwin V. Sumner.

On May 19, 1863, the post was re-garrisoned by companies of the 4th California Infantry and was assigned to protect the travelers along the Mohave and Prescott road and successfully cultivated friendly relations with the Mojave Indians.

Fort Mohave was again garrisoned by regular United States Army troops until September 29, 1890 when the War Department transferred the land to the Office of Indian Affairs by order of President Benjamin Harrison. It was given up by the Office of Indian Affairs in 1935 and is now part of the Fort Mohave Indian Reservation.



Left, Photo #111, Old Fort Mohave. Historical Marker



Right Photo - Dr. C. C. Clark, Surgeon at Fort Mohave in 1867 with two Pahute Indians



Parade Field, at Fort Mohave



Old adobe quarters, at Fort Mohave, Arizona

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# Mohave County Mover and Shakers

**Arthur Black**, businessman, was born in Kansas in 1895.

He came to Kingman in 1912. He was one of the founders of the Kingman Motor Company Ford dealership and he owned and operated the Boulder Dam Freight Lines and Phoenix, Kingman and Boulder City Stages from 1928 to 1951. He also had an interest in Kingman's first taxi service.



As a member of the Arizona Highway Commission, he worked to get U.S. 93 designated through Kingman, insisting on the construction of Burro Creek Bridge at its 1971 location. He was also instrumental in securing the routing of I-40 through Kingman.

Black served twice as president of Mohave County Chamber of Commerce and was a life member of Kingman Elks Lodge, a director of both the U.S. Highway 66 Association and the U.S. Highway 93 Association. He was instrumental in establishing the Knights of Columbus and the first parochial school in Kingman, serving on the school committee for many years.

Kingman pioneer **George A. Bonelli** was the son of Daniel Bonelli, descendant of the Bonelli family of Switzerland.

In 1861, Daniel was sent by Brigham Young to colonize the Santa Clara Valley of Nevada. He and his family settled in Rioville, where George A. Bonelli was born in 1869.



In 1894, George moved to Kingman where he married Effie Ellen Tarr on January 1, 1895. As a wedding gift for Effie he built the original Bonelli House in 1894. The house was destroyed by fire in 1915 and George rebuilt it with stone construction. Their nine children were born in the original house.

From the gift of his father of Quail Springs Ranch in Mohave County, George increased his holdings to some 100 square miles of grazing land with over 1200 head of cattle and water rights to 20 springs.

Bonelli opened a meat market in Chloride (run by one of his sons) and a general store in Kingman. Letterhead from the store dated 1913 reads: Geo. A. Bonelli, Wholesale and Retail Deal-

ers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, Goods, also Grower and Dealer in Range Horse and Cattle, Piano and Musical Instruments. Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler." A flyer dated 1910 sets out details for a giveaway of a piano.

In the 1920's George was proprietor of Bonelli Grocery and Market in Kingman. He also opened a jewelry store that he was still operating at the time of his death.

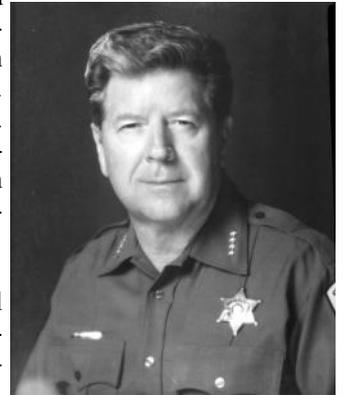
George Bonelli served on the Mohave County Board of Supervisors from 1916 to 1918. In 1921 he held lode claims Golden Eagle and Golden Eagle No. 1 in the San Francisco Mining district.

**Al Carpenter** was born in 1926 in Oklahoma. He came with his family to Arizona the following year.

Carpenter served in the military in World War II. After the war he became general manager of Mohave Electric Cooperative, and he served as Kingman's mayor from 1978 to 1982.

He was a member of the Kingman Rotary Club, Elks Lodge No. 468, American Legion Post No. 14, and Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 2516.

**Joe Cook** was ten years old when his family moved to Kingman. After completing high school he served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He attended Arizona State University for four years and then joined the Phoenix Police Department.



In 1960 Cook became a special agent for the U.S. Treasury Department. After retiring in 1984 he returned to Kingman.

Cook was elected Mohave County Sheriff in 1989 and served until his death in 1996. During his term in office he spearheaded an \$11 million tax override election that helped to add 25 certified officers and 25 new vehicles to the department.

Cook was a licensed pilot and was sometimes referred to as "The Flying Sheriff."

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