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## **HAPPY 102th BIRTHDAY ARIZONA**

Arizona is a state in the southwestern region of the United States. It is also part of the Western United States and of the Mountain West states. It is the sixth largest and the 15th most populous of the 50 states. Its capital and largest city is Phoenix. Arizona is one of the Four Corners states. It has borders with New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California, and Mexico, and one point in common with the southwestern corner of Colorado. Arizona's border with Mexico is 389 miles (626 km) long, on the northern border of the Mexican states of Sonora and Baja California.

Arizona is the 48th state and last of the contiguous states to be admitted to the Union, achieving statehood on February 14, 1912. It was previously part of the territory of Alta California in New Spain before being passed down to independent Mexico and later ceded to the United States after the Mexican-American War. The southernmost portion of the state was acquired in 1853 through the Gadsden Purchase.

Arizona is noted for its desert climate in its southern half, with very hot summers and quite mild winters. The northern half of the state features forests of pine, Douglas fir, and spruce trees, a very large, high plateau (the Colorado Plateau) and some mountain ranges—such as the San Francisco Mountains—as well as large, deep canyons, with much more moderate summer temperatures, and significant winter snowfalls. There are ski resorts in the areas of Flagstaff and Alpine. In addition to the Grand Canyon National Park, there are several national forests, national parks, and national monuments. About one-quarter of the state is made up of Indian Reservations that serve as the home of a number of Native American tribes.

## Letter from the Director

We have just entered February at a rapid velocity! I enjoy the month of February, and although it is the "Runt" of all twelve months, it holds some of the greatest honors amongst the other sibling months.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is the day cupid shot its arrow into the air and it landed in Arizona and granted it Statehood. (This is more or less a simplified version that does not take into account the actual snail's pace with which government works). With some reservation, William Howard Taft, 27<sup>th</sup> president of the United States gave Arizona the distinction of becoming the 48<sup>th</sup> State of the Union.

I confirmed all of these factoids through the use of the Internet, although I had the privilege of going to the Museum's great Library and enjoying reading all the interesting twists in the Statehood process.

I must remind you that we are more than just a Museum, we are a complex mix of tourism delights, consisting of the Mohave Museum, the Route 66 Museum, the Bonelli House and of course our state of the art Archival Research facility.

I am grateful to be able to start a new year with all of the Members of this Museum, it is going on thirteen years that most have been partners in this wonderful Museum and been witness to its successful growth. I hope that we have many more years in this creative endeavor and pass this brightly lit torch to the next generation. Once again Happy New Year!!!

Shannon Rossiter-Director

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## 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### February 1964

**Gil Powers** told the Miner this week that the finishing touches are being put on the Shangri-La Bowling Lanes east of the city on Highway 66.

**Mrs. Ollie Secrest** of 2316 Herrod Avenue received a certificate of award this week honoring her late husband Roy J. Secrest, who served in the infantry in World War II. The certificate was signed by the president of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson.

**Estrella Road** on each side of Highway 68 is sporting two new stop signs put up by the Highway Department this week.

**Mrs. Ron DeLong** is the new clerk-matron in the office of Sheriff Floyd Cisney.

**Three new Ford Econoline** vans were delivered to Citizens Utilities Company last week by Mohave Motors. The trucks will be used in telephone installation work.

**A grand new addition** to Kingman will be the beautiful professional building to be built between Eighth and Ninth streets on Beale Street by William Negus and Victor Hopeman.

**A small airplane** owned by Andrew J. Allee of Riverside, California, with James R. McCann of Kingman as passenger, hit a cow Monday evening as they were landing at the Davis Dam-Bullhead airstrip.



**Yucca: Burt Hillman** was in Topock last week and had a real good catch, a six-pound cat and a two-pound trout.

**Lake Mohave: Jimmy Whitcomb** has joined the teenage group who own their own cars. Jim has a bright red MG sports car.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lum** played host to a party of some 600 people Saturday night at the Mohave County Fairgrounds in honor of their new baby Charlie Lum, Jr.

**An unusual light snowfall** accumulation in the Arizona high country may be the first indication of a critical low-water problem for the state's lakes and streams later this year.

**Davis Dam: Maintenance** men have been busy putting Masonite shades on the benches at the local swimming pool in readiness for the coming swimming season.

**Dr. John Standifer** has returned home from San Francisco where he took a three-day course in cardiology at the University of California.

**The opposition of Lee Stephens** to the "any deer" permits issued by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, which would allow the shooting of does and fawns by the hunters, is meeting with increased support throughout the state. Stephens has received many letters supporting his opinion that "any deer" permits are depleting the deer herds.

**George Owens**, formerly of Phoenix, is the new office manager at Central Commercial. His wife and daughters will join him here soon.

**The Oatman Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring its annual spring rock swap to be held at the community hall in Oatman March 1st. A special welcome is extended to all rock hobbyists in the area. Provision is made for mineral specimens in the hall for those who would like to exhibit their hobby.

**The Kingman Business and Professional Women's** club entertained a few of Kingman's foreign-born ladies at their meeting Tuesday evening. The guests gave short talks on their native countries.

**The Mohave County Livestock Association** and the Cowbellees held a joint meeting last Saturday afternoon and evening at the Dick Stephens Ranch. Hosts and hostesses were Dick and Fanny Stephens and Judd and Jennielee Bishop.

**Lake Mohave: The telephones** were out of order on and off the whole weekend. It sure was quiet for a while.

**Bullhead City: Sam Sansom** had the winning ticket at the Fireman's Ball in Kingman this past week, winning \$250.

**Naturalization ceremonies** for three Kingman people will be held February 13th at the Superior Courtrooms in the Mohave County Courthouse. Those persons who will be come citizens of the United States are Rafael Landa, Carlotta Flores, and Felipa Flores.

**Sheriff Floyd Cisney** has advised that Robert L. Roberts who has been held since the shooting of the late Sheriff Robert Tarr as being an accomplice, has now been sentenced and was transported to the Arizona State Prison. He was sentenced to ten years for manslaughter.

**The Joshuettes** homemakers club at Lake Mohave Ranchos recently presented a check for the purchase of a crib to hospital administrator Joseph Coppa. The money was raised at a bazaar held by the group in Kingman.

## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### February 1934

**H. L. Richardson**, general manager of the Walkover Mine near Hackberry, was in Kingman Wednesday. Mr. Richardson stated that the hills near the mine are full of prospectors and thinks this is the answer to the new price of gold.

**Frank R. DuBois** took over the U. S. 66 Service Station on the first of this month. He has taken a lease from Tony Milles, who has been the proprietor of the station for the past several years.

**A distinguished Indian pottery maker**, Paqua Naha, of Polacca in Hopiland, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Adams of Truxton Canyon Indian School, planning to stay with the Adams for some time. Paqua sells her wares to Hubbell, the Indian trader, and to the Fred Harvey curio shop at the Grand Canyon.

**A crew of men** have been busy this week remodeling and renovating the building next to the Old Trails Garage. When completed the place will be a very attractive show room for Chevrolet and other General Motors products, for

which the Old Trails has recently been appointed agent.

**Al Jagerson** came up from Willow Beach on Wednesday to do some shopping. He returned the same day.

**“The Whole Town’s Talking”** is the name of the senior class play to be given in the grammar school auditorium on March 9th.

**L. C. Hicks** spent two days of this week in Phoenix on business. The trip was made over the Phoenix-Kingman-Boulder City stages. Mr. Hicks reports that it is a very enjoyable trip down the Sandy and over the hills to Burro Creek, although a small part of the road just this side of Burro Creek is very rough.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Kay**, who have been stopping at the hot springs on the Big Sandy for the purpose of treating Mr. Kay’s rheumatism, returned to Kingman. Mr. Kay reports entire recovery from his ailment.

**Have you noticed** the attractive window displays of the Central Commercial company this week? The window on Beale street is especially pleasing to the eye.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### February 1914

**A large number of fruit trees** have been planted in the Hualapai mountains the past several months and it is believed they will mature. The trees planted a year or so ago are said to be showing considerable growth and will soon be bearing.

**A. C. Werden**, justice of the peace at Goldroad, was a Kingman visitor this morning.

**The Santa Fe Entertainers** will be with us again on the evening of the 12th of this month. The University of Missouri Glee Club with 32 song birds is doing the stunt. These young folks come to us well recommended and they are sure to meet with a full house. Kingman people are music lovers and turn out in force to welcome musical companies.

**Blaine Crozier** last week purchased the old Brooks place at Signal, and will occupy it as a ranch headquarters.

**Lovin & Withers Co.** have just added a stock of Pennsylvania Auto Tires and invite their friends to call and look them over.

**Mrs. Gertrude Miller** of Kingman made a great hit at the recent Normal musicale at Flagstaff on her rendition of a musical aria.

**William Grant**, the Hackberry merchant, was a Kingman visitor a few days ago. He stated that as soon as the road is platted between Hackberry and Anterez the people of that town will begin work on it.

**Roscoe Stephens and wife** came up from their home on the Big Sandy a few days ago and Mr. Stephens will look after his interests in cattle at Peach Springs.

**S. T. Elliot** departed last Thursday evening for New York and other eastern cities where he will buy a large line of spring and summer goods for his big dry goods store.

**Sheep shearing** is now underway at the pens east of town. It is understood that fully 100,000 sheep will be brought here this spring, the herds being scattered over the country to the east of town.

# Memories Thru Photos

## Mineral Park (1871-1912)

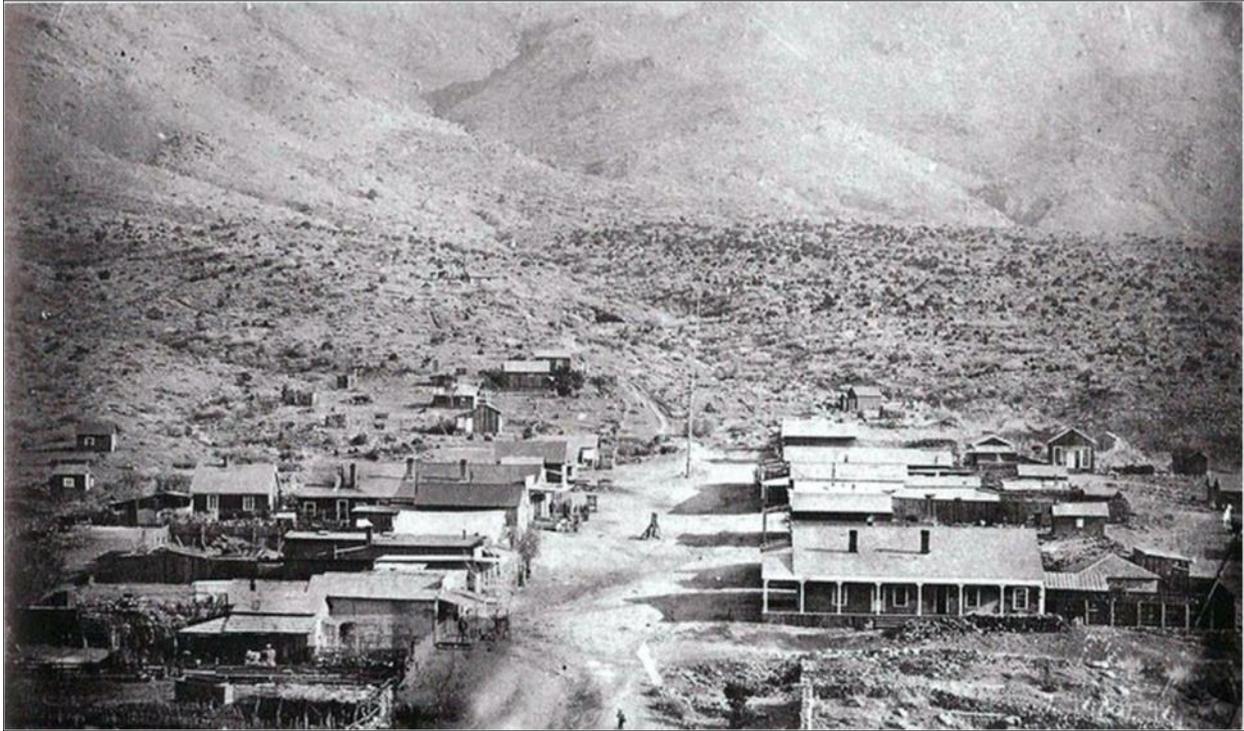


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**Birds Eye View of Mineral Park, 1880**



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**Mineral Park Saloon**

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**Mineral Park School Building**



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# Mohave County Movers and Shakers

**CHARLIE LUM**, “Charlie” Hing Lum came to Kingman as a child in 1922. His grandfather was an early Kingman pioneer, coming here in 1884. Charlie’s father, “China” Jack was born in California, but returned to China, where Charlie was born in 1912. Both his grandfather and father worked on the railroad. Charlie attended school in Kingman, but did not go beyond the eighth grade.



His father owned the White House restaurant where Charlie worked as a young man, and he also worked at another Kingman restaurant. On October 20, 1926 when he was 14 years old, Charlie witnessed the killing of his boss, Tom King, by members of the San Francisco “tong.” The national press followed the case, and Charlie was called to testify in the trial. Four of the five perpetrators were executed.

In the 1930’s Charlie returned to China to marry, but was unable to bring his wife to the U.S. His daughter Mary was born in 1935. Charlie’s first wife died in 1939 and he married her sister, who died in 1957. Charlie then married May Yin Chow.

His daughter Mary came to the U.S. and to Kingman in 1947. She married Tommy Chan. They owned the Holiday House restaurant, and then the House of Chan, which they sold in 1997.

Charlie opened the Jade restaurant in Kingman 1952. Later in life he told an interviewer that he worked there 15 to 20 hours daily doing everything including cooking and washing dishes. He also owned a laundromat, a nightclub, apartments and a chicken franchise. He was an active member of the Rotary Club, the Elks and the Lions Club.

Charlie moved to Hawaii in 1978, but he came back to Kingman to visit several times and stated he always missed Kingman. He died in 1996.

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**Lewis Kingman** was born in Massachusetts in 1845.

He was married to Jennie E. Duncan in 1875. They moved west to New Mexico, where he obtained a government contract to locate and survey a railroad.

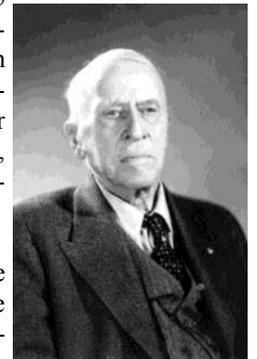
Lewis and Jennie were divorced in 1877. That year he went to work for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. By 1882, the year Kingman, Arizona was founded, he was locating a line from Winslow to Beale Springs, as the town was then known. He was in charge of construction of the line, which actually reached Kingman in 1883, and the town was named for him.

Lewis Kingman had a colorful life. In his later years he moved to Mexico and in 1907 he wrote and published a family history dedicated to his children. He died in Mexico City in 1912, the year Arizona became a state.

Scan this QR to visit the Lewis Kingman Story in the Santa Fe Magazine 1914.



**Charles Metcalfe** was born in 1855 in Ohio. The family moved to Missouri, and as an adult Metcalfe settled in Las Cruces, New Mexico where he married Sadie Bowman. They had four children. While living in Las Cruces, Metcalfe published the Las Cruces Republican.



The family spent some years on the Pacific Coast, and then came to Mohave County where Metcalfe tried prospecting near Mineral Park. They moved to Kingman in 1885 and Metcalfe worked for Anson Smith on the Mohave County Miner, then became bookkeeper for the mercantile firm of Gaddis and Perry.

Charles Metcalfe served as U.S. Postmaster, was elected Probate Judge of Mohave County under the Territorial government, was Superintendent of Public Schools of Mohave County, a member of the Masonic Order, Past Exalted Ruler of Kingman Elks, and a principal owner of the Great Eastern group of mines.

At the age of 74 Metcalfe homesteaded a half-section near Kingman, called it Metcalfe Acres, and sold lots. An advertisement in the Mohave County Miner reads: “Lots in Metcalfe’s addition to the town of Kingman, size 50 X 146 feet, from \$20 up. Apply to Charles Metcalfe.”

Metcalfe was active in promoting the construction of Boulder Dam and donated the last mile of the Boulder Dam Highway.

He acquired land for Metcalfe Park and donated it to the city in 1934. In 1982 a monument to Metcalfe was erected and dedicated at the park.

Charles Metcalfe remained active and healthy until his death on February 9, 1943.

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