

Pioneer Exhibit

Now under construction is the long awaited ranching exhibit. In the "Pioneer" section of the exhibit will be a digital frame, which will have rotating photos of ranching pioneers. If you belong to a Mohave County ranching family and would like your pioneer ancestors represented please bring a photo to the museum library to be copied and included in the digital frame. The original will be returned to you. The exhibit will also include a "tack room" and donations of tack and related items are needed for the part of the exhibits. No Loans.



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Director's Letter

"The roaring waters of the "Big Sandy" play host to a coliseum of drenched gladiators. I have often found shelter in the theater of its shifting banks and wrote poetry about the music surrounding the stinging of the morning sage coupled with the aroma of a brew of juniper melody"-anonymous

March marks the beginning of spring and I know this has a lot of different meanings to a lot of people. I like to look at this time as a new beginning, a time when new growth adorns the desert. I find this an even more important time to do the true soul searching that we promise ourselves in January. I remember the saying: "out of the mud grows the Lotus", and I would like to add: "out of the sands the Cholla blooms". Welcome, the sunshine of spring.

It seems that we are often bombarded with negativity, but today I would like to share some of the positive inputs that we receive in our comment box:

"I can't compliment the staff and the Museum enough....."

"There is not one thing that stands out, all your exhibits are nothing less than awesome! "

"Keep up your extensions (improvements) and we hope to be back one day. Thank you."

These comments were made by a group from Alberta, Canada.

The previous comment about Museum staff, was actually made about our volunteers that are the heart of this Museum. I have in the past intertwined the terms staff and volunteers, for this, I apologize. The "Volunteers" carry on the daily operation of this Museum and the RT. 66 Museum without any compensation. These volunteers are to be praised for not only enduring conditions that include adverse weather conditions such as heat and cold , then there is always my "dry sense of humor" (that is my term for it, although I have heard it referred to by other names). Thank you one and all.

Our Museums continue to thrive as the result of the many decent and responsible volunteers that manage these facilities; my hope is that we will always attract the high caliber of people who continue to keep this vision alive. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Shannon Rossiter-Director

MARCH 2010

FEATURED ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Albert S. Jagerson, Jr. is our featured artist of the month for March 2010. He was born in 1950 in Kingman, Arizona. Growing up and working on or near Route 66 helped to spark his original fascination with travel and seeing the excitement on the faces of the travelers as they retold their stories while just passing through was a huge influence and helped him to pursue a career in photographic art. Mr. Jagerson will be displaying film print media of the Automotive Culture, General Travel pieces, and various Route 66 location pieces. Plan to drop by the Mohave Museum to take a look at his works. A reception is scheduled for March 6, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Museum.

MISSING CLASS PICTURES

The alumni of Mohave County Union High School are looking for the class pictures for the classes of 1938, 1947, 1948, 1951, 1956. It has been discovered that these pictures are missing from the collection of classes that have been on display in the auditorium at the White Cliffs Middle School. That school is now in the process of being remodeled for the new Lee Williams High School. All these class pictures will be stored at the Museum until construction is completed and they can be returned to the auditorium. We are desperate to find these lost pictures. If anyone has any information about them, please contact Nancy Sloan at the Kingman Unified School District Office, 928-753-5678, ext. 2016.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOHAVE MEMORIES ON THE INTERNET

www.mohavemuseum.org

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

MOHAVE MUSEUM
Albert S. Jagerson, Jr.

ARTIST RECEPTION

MOHAVE MUSEUM
March 6, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Museum.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

MOHAVE MUSEUM LIBRARY
Wednesday March 10 th 1:00 PM

MOHAVE PIONEERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING
Mohave Museum Library
Thursday March 18th at 5:00 PM
Monthly Meeting

SUPPORTERS OF THE MUSEUM ARE TRAVELING...

Carl Crews, our Collette Vacations representative, will be in Kingman at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, APRIL 30th to discuss a tour of America's Music Cities featuring New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville. He will also tell us about a trip to Sicily and Southern Italy, Israel, and a return trip to the popular California New Year's Parade and Festivities.

The Oberammergau Passion Play and India trips are sold out.

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

March, 1960

Two Kingman National Guardsmen have received promotions. Promoted to Private First Class are Kenneth D. Steed and Lowell O. Steed. Both are members of Company "A", First Battle Group, 158th Infantry.

Supervisors Meet:



Mrs. Porter Sworn In As Sheriff Monday Morning

Included in the agenda of the regularly scheduled March meeting of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors, was the inaugural ceremony for the county's first woman sheriff. Sworn in to take over the office was Mrs. Frances Porter, widow of the late Sheriff Frank L. Porter.

Bill Porter wins trip to United Nations

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges are proud to announce the winner of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. This contest by the two groups and is open to eligible students in the sophomore and Junior classes. Bill Porter was declared the winner and Kathleen Glancy, another Junior was runner up.

Mr. And Mrs. Frank X Gordon, Mr. And Mrs. Frank X Gordon Jr. and Mr. And Mrs. Lane Smith attended the district conference of the Rotary International at Yuma

Mrs. Lawson Bradley is a new employee of the Lane Smith Title and Trust Company.

Bill Gibson's Valley Market in Bullhead City is getting a face lifting job these days, turning the little store in to a big-time city market. Congratulations to the Gibson's who are striving to improve our fast growing community.



Judy Schritter is a new cashier at the Sprouse-Reitz. Store

Mr. And Mrs. Ivan Markee were given a surprise party on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary March 12th. The party was given by Corliss Markee, daughter of the couple.



Corrine Dollarhide is employed at the Valley National Bank under the D.E. program at the high school.

Bob's Sportsman Club in Bullhead City has been sold. The new owners are Mr. Kelly and Mr. Krammer of Daggett Ca. who plan on redecorate the club and café, calling it "KELLYS".



Aerial View of Kingman, 1960

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

March 1930

There was a shipment of 256 pounds of turquoise that went out this week from Kingman which is believed has foreign markets for its destination. The shipment was made for Guy Atlee, Mohave County has several turquoise deposits, another deposit being owned by George Shea.

Langs Theatre

Saturday, March 8th

“Long, Long Trail”

Featuring

Hoot Gibson

Also Comedy and Serial

“Ace of Scotland Yard”

Prices 20 cents and 40 cents

Misses Dorthy Thomas and Mary McHahan who have been doing time substitute nursing at the Mohave General Hospital during the past month., left for Phoenix where they will continue their profession.

Peter R. Campbell, manager or Rittenhouse and Campbell clothing store here, spent time from Sunday to Wednesday in Prescott on business for this firm. Only recently Rettenhouse and Campbell established a store in Prescott bringing the total in the chain up to four. The trip was made by automobile.

NEW SERVICE STATION WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK.

Jim Beauchamp’s service station is practically completed and will ready to open to the public the first of the week. This is one of the most modernly equipped places along U.S. 66 and besides the service station features has eight furnished rooms for tourists. In each room there is hot and cold water and a gas plate. New furniture has been purchased for each room.

There are two gas pumps now in and two more are on the ground ready to be installed. Mr. Beauchamp has changed the name of his business to the S & S Service Station, the S & S standing for Satisfactory Service, he tells us.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

Kingman Post Office is becoming one of the most important in the territory, having the largest receipts of any office in the United States when population is taken into consideration. The receipts of the office from all sources last year were 4560\$ while 5,000 money orders were sold. The amount of these orders was large, practically all Mexican money transmission going through the office and none of them running below ten dollars.



Exterior of the Gaddis & Perry General Store. There are boxes and sacks stacked on the front porch. The first Post Office in Kingman is on the right.

Photo #1121, Ca 1890-1910

Under sheriff J.P. Gideon put in the last ten days in the saddle rounding up jurors for the forth-coming term of district court.

Hugh Wilson, business man of Chloride, was in Kingman this week. He reports great improving in the business conditions of the Big Lead Camp and believes that a boom town will soon be in progress

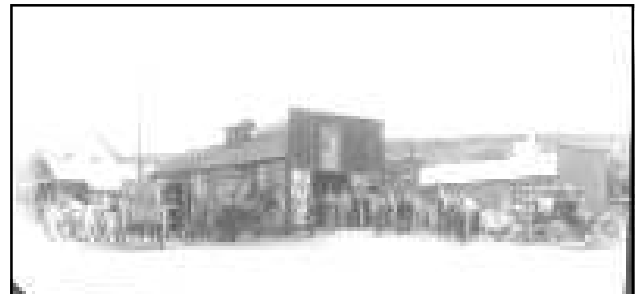


Photo #3449, Ca 1890-1910

George Sowers and J.C. Goulding have a garage and repair shop in the old blacksmith shop on forth street where they will care for and make repairs on all classes of automobiles.

Fred W. Dunn, who placed the Quartette mine, at Searchlight Nv., among the big gold proprieties in that state, is in Kingman. He is a presently developing a group of mines below the Needles.



Photo #692, The Needles, etching of Colorado River with rock formations in background.

Francois Xavier Aubry

From the Library

(Excerpt from the Journal of Arizona History)

Kay Ellermann- Librarian

Francois Xavier Aubry

A successful merchant, traveler and trader.

On June 20, 1853, Aubry and his party left San Francisco enroute to Albuquerque, N.M. They arrived at Tejon Pass north of Los Angeles on July 10 and from this point turned east; planning to stick to the thirty fifth parallel route until they reached their destination.

They crossed the Colorado River near present Hoover Dam on July 22. On August 3, they had their first encounter with Indians, who shot arrows at them throughout the day, wounding a few mules, including Aubry's famous "Dolly." The next day the Indians began firing at sunrise and followed the party all day, eventually disappearing. On August 14, the party camped near an Indian village, probably a little to the west and south of Flagstaff.

Mr. Adair wrote, "before we had unpacked, our camp was filled with men, women and children...all were on foot, and they seemed quite friendly."

The extreme friendliness of the Indians made Aubry suspicious, so he selected a campsite on a small hill which would give him some fighting advantage. Adair estimated the Indian party as at least 250, and they practically ran into the travelers in an effort to show their friendship. In fact, "in our work we had to push them out of our way."

When the party was saddled and ready to leave, the Indian chief took Aubry's right hand in a farewell gesture-but he retained his grip. This was the signal to attack, and about fifty Indians accompanied by their women, children and babies in cradle boards charged the party, using clubs and rocks. This charge was the signal for the second phase of the battle, as about 200 other Indians, concealed behind brush and hills, joined the struggle, using clubs and arrows.

The plan of the Indians was to have several Indians hold each man while other Indians clubbed him to death. William Baskerville, for example, was held so tightly that he couldn't move, but a traveler with the group managed to shoot every Indian holding him. As each of the travelers was freed, he drew his weapon and fired on the Indians.

When the band of fifty Indians gathered to feign a farewell, no weapons were visible. The women had concealed clubs and rocks in the skins that wrapped the children and babies. Since bows and arrows could not be so concealed, these weapons remained with the Indians hiding behind the hills.

None of Aubry's party was killed. All but two of the party were wounded, however, twelve severely. In many ways the Indian fight was typical frontier warfare. Pretense of friendship was a familiar ruse and could have succeeded in this case. The only give away was the eagerness of the Indians to avoid suspicion. Aubrey and his party were experienced traders and mountain men, and to them the overly friendly gestures were suspect. The friendship, however, could not have been rejected by the travelers without offending the Indians.



Membership Renewal

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Sister Madonna M. Black
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WHO WHAT AND WHEN IN MOHAVE COUNTY



Photo # 14516

The Roy Walker home on the corner of Beale and Third Street ca. 1950



Photo # 11457

Duncan McRuer, Principal of Kingman Grammar School from 1934 to 1950



Photo # 2287

Sitting by the railroad tracks leading into Chloride about 1920. The lady on the right is Faye Kittrell Smith, long time resident of Chloride area.

Prior to the construction of the Circle K store at the northwest corner of Beale and Third Street, in the middle 1960's, stood the home of Roy and Georgie Walker. Roy was a real estate agent who came to Kingman in 1922 and built the spacious home in the mid 20's to house his family and business. The white building in the left of the photo was Motor parts service until the early 1950's when it became the "Market Basket" grocery store run by Romey and Rose Wegscheid. Currently the location is a printing concern.

Duncan McRuer was a native of Northwest Missouri and came to Arizona in 1918 after receiving his Master's Degree in Education from Park College in his home state. He was the Principal at Glendale, Arizona High School from 1918 thru 1930 and then taught in California for the next four years. Mr. McRuer came to Kingman in 1930 and started his teaching at Kingman Grammar School (now Palo Christi School). In 1934 he was named Principal at Kingman Grammar School and held that position until he retired in 1950.

The booming town of Chloride boasted railroad service from July 1899 thru July of 1933 with a rail branch line affectionally known as the CB&F Railway (Chloride Back and Forth Railway). Originally established as The Arizona and Utah Railway and later as the Western Arizona Railway. Cattle, ore from the area mines, and passengers rode the rails to and from Chloride and the McConnico Station, about four miles south of Kingman, a total of a little over 23 miles. Due to a decrease in mining activity in the Chloride area the line was discontinued in 1933. The rail line ran from Chloride, south and east across Golden Valley, and connected at McConnico with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa main rail line.

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