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SPEND AN AFTERNOON WITH LEONARDO

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Saturday, April 12

9:00 am Departure (loading begins @ 8:30 am at KHAC)



More than 500 years ago Leonardo da Vinci astounded the world with his genius as the world's greatest inventor and mind. His accomplishments include the design of early flying machines, submarines, robots and even solar devices. The BLUE WATER RESORT in Parker, AZ proudly presents: ***Da Vinci: Man-Inventor-Genius.***

This world class "self guided" interactive Exhibition highlights some of the greatest inventions, paintings and machines created by da Vinci. The exhibition consists of 60 invention models presented through 23 replicated exhibits that are interactive with audio/video guides as they take you through scale masterpiece paintings, hydraulics and military machines. Nothing is left to the imagination! THIS IS A MUST SEE SHOW..

Cost: \$65.00 per person (includes motor-coach transportation and Exhibition entry)

This Excursion is open to the first 46 to register and pay. (Minimum 38 needed). Participants will have ample time at the BLUE WATER RESORT to enjoy the exhibit, have lunch, and free time to indulge in "Games of Chance." This one day excursion will depart at 3:30 pm for Kingman to be home in time for dinner.

For More Information and Reservations Call Debera at the Center, 928-757-2778 or Bill Porter at 928-753-2183

Letter from the Director

The "silver lining" of April is about to reveal Spring's colorful pageantry. I have noticed that throughout my tenure at the Museum, there has been one great competition we must endure each year: the desert splendor bursting forth with colors and clouds that rival any of the classic masterpieces. The desert in April is so inviting that it is difficult to spend any time inside our fabricated structures; however, the Museum is set up in such a way that we encompass both inside and outside exhibits and thus we incorporate the desert's beauty rather than try to compete with such magnificence.

The Museum continues to prosper, not only in increased attendance and new members, but also in the prestige that we have gained in the Museum community through the help of so many dedicated people. In fact one of the reasons that this newsletter is done so well is because of a great effort by the media committee. The media committee is made up of all volunteers who work diligently to produce a work of art in such a timely manner. I receive newsletters from other institutions throughout the United States and without a doubt the Museum's Newsletter is the best.

I also give much credit to the members that have throughout the years given freely of your advice and comments how to keep this publication in such high quality, not to mention generous contributions.

April is "Volunteer Month" and I would be remiss in not praising the Museum's exceptional volunteers. In the twelve years that I have been at the Museum, I have had the pleasure to have worked with some of the finest people in Arizona. The volunteers work without any compensation and do so with professionalism. On April 5th, the Museum Board of Directors will present their annual volunteer award brunch. I would like to take this time to personally thank these individuals for all the time they spend helping make this Museum and the Bonelli House and the Route 66 Museum the wonderful places they are. Thanks to my "warrior volunteers".

In closing, I would again invite all of you to visit your Museums and experience that special feeling you get when you enter these facilities.

Shannon Rossiter

We have such a great group of volunteers!!!

As I counted up the volunteer's hours for the upcoming Awards Banquet in April, I thought about all the great volunteers we have been blessed with over the years. We count on our volunteers for the daily events at the Route 66 Museum, The Mohave Museum & The Bonelli House. And as we work together and know each other more have over the years I've thought about how special it is to have such a loyal & dedicated group. We feel more like an extended family. (Without the drama)

We want to thank each and every one of our great volunteers. We hope you will continue to enjoy your time with us at the museums! Remember to mark your calendar for the Volunteer's Award Banquet at 11:00 am on April 5, 2014.

Louise Benner

THE MOHAVE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU.

Our genealogy society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm at the Mohave Museum to discuss ancestry and help members sort out their respective family histories.

We would be happy to have you visit us and possibly become a member.

Calendar of Events

Mohave Memories On The Internet

www.mohavemuseum.org

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The Mohave Museum of History & Arts invites you to participate in preserving our past and building for the future.

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50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

April 1964

Citizens Utilities Company will call their new electric generating plant at Mineral Park "Mike Hart Generating Plant," in honor of their long-time manager, C. M. "Mike" Hart, who died here in January.



Photo #14255 Citizen's Utilities Mike Hart Generating Plant for the Duvall Mine in Mineral Park being hauled down Front Street. (Andy Devine Ave.)

Dean Wieters, representative for Arizona Properties, and Mary Lou Booth, Westward Ho hotel representative in Kingman, entertained Grover Collins, brother of Crystal Collins, proprietor of Paradise Acres, and movie actress Ann Miller at the Paradise Acres office Tuesday.

Bullhead City: The Wild Burro barbecue, which is being held April 25th in our fair city, promises to be an exciting day for all. It will feature a world championship burro race from our neighboring city of Oatman to Bullhead City with a purse for the winner and fun for all who watch.

Ruth Chambers won first place in the ladies matched play golf tournaments which ended Tuesday at the Kingman Country Club. She turned in a score of 44 to beat the runner up, Nellie Blake.

Rex Hobbs and his Flying A truck service station are featured in the April issue of "Flying A News," Tidewater Oil Company's national publication for its 10,000 service station dealers.

Oatman: On Easter Sunday the Little Brown Jug held open house for the soldiers from Desert Strike. Hot dogs and buns were in order, and the Sullivans are to be complemented for their gesture. It was Easter and many of the boys were a long way from home.

The world's fastest jet boat crashed into the shore at Lake Havasu Tuesday, but driver Lee Taylor of Downey, California escaped death as he jumped free of the craft moments before it hit the bank. Minutes after the powerful hydro-plane crashed an Army helicopter fell into the water during a rescue attempt. The speedboat "The Hustler" was undergoing supervised test runs at Lake Havasu.

Chloride: Fannie had one of her famous chicken fries Friday evening. Impromptu music was enjoyed throughout the evening.

The public is invited to an old-fashioned hymn sing Sunday evening at the Bible Baptist Church, 2101 Fairgrounds Boulevard. It will begin at 8:30, immediately after church services. The Ladies Prayer Circle will serve refreshments.

Styling and features of expensive European road cars are combined with an American mass production price, compact economy and traditional Ford quality in the Mustang—a new line of cars from the Ford division of the Ford Motor Company.

The tenth season of the "Baseball Game of the Week," featuring Dizzy Dean and Pee Wee Reese at the microphone, will open on CBS network, Channel 10 Phoenix, Saturday. Playing will be the Yankees and the Orioles.

The Mohave County Cowbells and the Mohave County Livestock Association held a meeting at the Howard Grounds ranch last Friday, April 11. A delicious barbecue dinner was served by the Grounds. The Cowbells provided the salad and desserts.

The State of Arizona is now listing Lake Havasu City on its highway signs.

The Kingman Police Department received nationwide attention in a recent Associated Press news story by J. W. Davis. The article cited methods local officers use to check out hitchhikers.

Two Kingman men, Airmen Third Class George W. Dodson, Jr. and Bill R. Stalhut, have graduated from the technical training course for the United States Air Force at Amarillo Air Force Base and are being reassigned.

Ground breaking ceremonies for Grace Lutheran Church will be held Sunday at 2:00 p.m., reports W. R. Fairall, president of the congregation. The service will be held on the church property at Harrison and Gates on Hilltop. The community is invited.

At the 73rd annual meeting of the Arizona Medical Association in Phoenix Dr. Walter Brazie will be presented with the annual Community Service Award to Physicians for 1964. The award is presented annually by the A. H. Robbins Company of Richmond, Virginia.

The poolside of the Arcadia Court was the scene of an outstanding fashion show on Sunday afternoon. The fashion show was sponsored by the Kingman Business and Professional Women's Club. The proceeds will go to the Arizona Federation, to be given to the University of Arizona, Arizona State University and Arizona State College as student loan funds.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

April 1934

The boys of Chloride enjoyed a kite contest last Saturday. Fifteen boys entered kites which they had spent quite some time in constructing, ranging from the old style cross-stick to the modern box and star kites.

Dwight Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faulkner of Kingman, returned home last weekend after spending two enlistments in the C. C. C. camps in northern and central Arizona.

The Indians on the Wallapai reservation are planning a big time from Saturday, May 19, to Tuesday, May 22, at Frazier Well. They are celebrating the return of their reservation lands, an attempt having been made to take most of the reservation away from them. Band concerts, games, Indian war dances and rodeo events are to be featured.

Jimmy Dugan, famous Ford racing driver, passed through Kingman last Saturday morning, making a stop at the Ford garage. According to J. W. Tarr, Dugan will have broken all stock car records across the continent if his average is maintained from here to the coast.

The Senz brothers have purchased a new Chevrolet one and one-half ton truck from the Old Trails Garage to haul fresh produce from Los Angeles to their local store.

Mrs. Florence Baunreiter took over the management of the Arizona Hotel this week from the former manager, Mrs. Mabel LeClair. And we also notice, right next door to the hotel, that Roundy Richardson has reopened the Arizona Pool Hall after being closed for almost two years.

An especially large crowd made up of dancers from Oatman, Kingman and Needles, was present at the second dance of the season at the Riverview Dancing Pavilion last Saturday evening.

A large shipment consisting of over seventy boxes and weighing more than two thousand pounds arrived at the Kingman Drug one morning this week. The merchandise, Mr. McAlpine said, was for the gigantic Rexall one-cent sale which he will hold next weekend.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

April 1914

Mrs. Charles Buffen has been compelled to close the Cozy Corner restaurant on account of sickness, but will have bread, pies and other eatables for sale at the old stand.

E. R. Lucy, who has been one of the most proficient of the Western Union operators in Kingman the past several years, has been appointed chief operator as well as head ticket clerk by agent Gaither at the local station.

Mrs. Mary Sweeney has added a handsome front to her residence on South Front Street.

Last Saturday the Board of Education of the County Union High School met at the office of County Attorney C. W. Herndon. O.D.M. Gaddis was elected president of the board and Thomas Devine secretary.

Young Charley Maddux suffered a slight wound in the head this morning, caused by the rebound of a bullet from a .22 caliber rifle that he had fired against a stone wall.

A handsome drinking fountain is being put in front of

George A. Bonelli's store by the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. It is the intention to place several more of the drinking places around the town. A drinking fountain is a necessity and its installation will be greatly appreciated, at least by the children.

Sunday evening Rev. Deming will preach to the women on their power for good in the life of this nation. The public is cordially invited to hear this interesting sermon.

Hon. A. Cornwall and son were in Kingman this week attending court. More than a week ago a prospector in passing through the Big Sandy country is said to have killed a cow belonging to Cornwall, and was arrested in Oatman. The trial was held this week, the court finding him guilty and imposed a probationary sentence.

Saturday, May 2nd, which has been designated National Suffrage Day throughout the United States, will be observed in a fitting manner in Kingman. The ladies of the city, assisted by Mrs. J. L. Munds, will give a suffrage burlesque which promises to be an amusing and entertaining affair. The public is invited to attend.

From The Library

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Kay Ellermann- Librarian

KINGMAN

The first train pulled into Kingman, March 28, 1883. Kingman's history began. Captain William H. Hardy's stage always met the daily 9 a.m. train to whisk passengers 19 miles to Mineral Park in 2 ½ hours flat. Later that same year Mr. Hardy built a large warehouse beside the track for storage and forwarding.

Some Mineral Park merchants relocated to Kingman, others opened branches here and eventually the County Seat was moved. Kingman grew as people began coming in by train. There was a hotel, a restaurant, a couple of saloons, a blacksmith shop and a few houses. By the mid 1890's Kingman was a sprawling little western town full of commercial activity. Three big stores supplied miners throughout the county. Restaurants served a choice of two or three meals for 25 cents each. The finest eating house was charging 45 cents for a T-bone and hamburger was 14 cents a pound, bread was 7 cents a loaf and the OK Dairy delivered milk to the house for 12 cents a quart.

According to Mildred Dimmick Maher, only one hanging is remembered in Kingman of a man who murdered his wife in Oatman. A scaffold was built in an enclosed area by the court-house. Only a few people attended and the curiosity seekers were kept out. The first car was a Stanley Steamer. Gaddis & Perry, early time grocery store, won the car as a prize. The car was delivered and directions to start it were read..... the car started to run, but both men failed to read the instructions on how to stop it. The car crashed into Mr. Hardy's warehouse.

At the dawn of the new Century, saloons abounded on Front Street (now Andy Devine Avenue). They had such names as the Nighthawk, The Bucket of Blood, The Elite, The Palace, and The Silver Dollar. In an area called the "Rabbit Patch" at First and Beale Streets, were several cottages drab and quiet by day, but brightly lit and lively at night. Soiled doves nested in this environment.

Some whiskey was sold during the prohibition. A front page in the July 7, 1917 issue of the Oatman news proclaimed, "Bounty for Pelts of all Bootleggers", followed by the news story, "Bootleggers are now classed the same as coyotes, bob cats, and other predatory wild animals in Mohave County. A bounty of \$20 has been placed on pelts of every bootlegger that is delivered to the Supervisors of Mohave County."

Kingman maintained its position as the shopping and shipping center of the sparsely populated northwestern Arizona. In the early 30's, the narrow pick and shovel roads had been improved and Kingman called itself the gateway to the new Boulder (now Hoover) Dam, 71 miles northwest of town.

Membership Renewal

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Mohave County Movers and Shakers

DAVID BERKELY BABBIT, County Attorney was born December 23, 1927 in Phoenix, Arizona to a pioneer Arizona family. He was the grandson of one of the founders of the Babbitt Brothers empire.

Babbitt moved to Parker in 1937 and attended high school there and in Phoenix. After two years at Texas A & M he transferred to the University of Arizona and graduated in 1949.

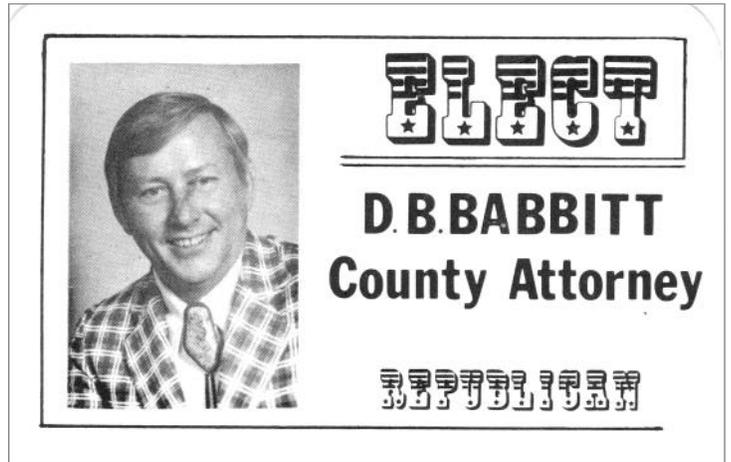
He then spent two years in Alaska after which he served with the United States Air Force until 1953 and then transferred to the United States Coast Guard. After leaving the service he was elected, at age 26, to the Arizona State Legislature from Yuma and served two years. He then moved to Parker where he owned a convenience store and a realty office.

Babbitt returned to the University of Arizona in 1970 and after obtaining a law degree, established a practice in Parker and later in Lake Havasu City.

He was elected Mohave County Attorney in 1977 and again in 1979. Thereafter he returned to private practice and was appointed Justice of the Peace in 1985.

An Eagle Scout as a youth, he was a life-long supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. Among his civic activities he was a member of the Rotary club, the Elks club, the VFW, the Republican Men's club, and was an appointee to the Judicial Ethics Committee of Arizona.

D. B. Babbitt died in Lake Havasu City on March 14, 2001 and was buried in Parker.



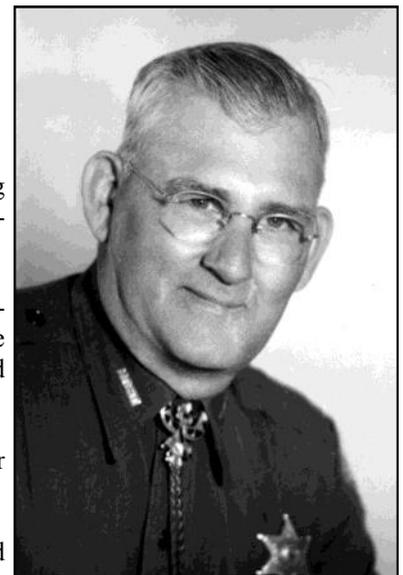
DONALD W. "BILL" HARRIS, Sheriff 1961-1962, was born in Kingman on September 21, 1897, the son of Mohave County pioneers Ace and Libbie Harris. He attended Hackberry grammar school and Kingman High School. He served with the U.S. Navy in France during World War I.

After the war Harris worked for the Central Commercial Company and Babbitt Bros. Trading Co. In 1924 he went to work for Union Oil Co. and eventually headed the company's operations in Kingman.

He then served for five years with the Arizona Highway Patrol, and was in charge of Northern Arizona. In 1929 he joined the Mohave County Sheriff's office as deputy, and became undersheriff to Frank Porter, holding that post until he was elected sheriff in 1961. He retired due to ill health in 1962.

Harris was a member of the Kingman American Legion Post, the BPOE, and was a volunteer fireman.

Bill Harris died August 24, 1964; he was survived by his wife Mayme, two daughters and three grandchildren.



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