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MOHAVE MEMORIES

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Museum President Bill Porter Presents Connie Kettlehut, the President of the Kingman Quilters' Guild with a plaque honoring all the years they displayed their beautiful wares here at the Museum.



Sandy and Mike Rusinko literally stand by their latest creation a "66" sign that invites photo opportunities. This will allow tourists that occasionally put themselves in harm's way by standing in the middle of route 66, a safe alternative for a remembrance of the "Mother Road". Thanks Mike and Sandy for a job well done.

Letter from the Director

June is the month that I refer to as the "two-edged sword", after all it ends the first half of 2014 (this addresses the age old question of the cup being half empty or half full). I must go with the notion 2014 is half full because I see a lot of great events happening to graciously fill the rest of the year. Although I lack the proverbial crystal ball to see the future, I can base my optimism on the first six months of this year. Our "Museum Complex" has set new attendance records and the Museum's partnering with the local community has made Kingman a destination for tourism, rather than just a gas stop on the way to some other attraction. Although I am proud of the outstanding numbers of visitors that attend our three Museum sites, I am even more proud of the way our town treats all of our guests. I have the opportunity to talk to people from all over the world and the consensus is unanimous that all visitors are treated with courtesy and respect. We should all be proud.

The Museum, as always, is playing the pivotal part in preserving our rich history. But, this role could not be accomplished without a strong team. One part of that team that I occasionally forget to mention is the group of volunteers that bring you this newsletter: Pat Foley, Andy Sansom, Luci Pewsey and Chuck Cook, without the hard work of these individuals your newsletter would probably not exist. Thank you one and all that put this publication together!!!

We at the Museum are proud of all our volunteers and yet there is one fault in the system and that is there is never enough to fill all the empty shoes waiting. Please visit the Museum and consider joining our Volunteer Family.

Shannon Rossiter

International Rt. 66 Festival - Kingman AZ

In August of 2014, Arizona will for a second time host the International Route 66 Festival - in 2009 it was held in conjunction with Route 66 Days in Flagstaff. And rightfully so, Arizona is home to the longest remaining stretch of Historic Route 66 - 157 miles of it – and Kingman lies at the heart of the 157 mile journey.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or about how to volunteer, contact the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce at info@kingmanchamber.org or call 928-753-6253.

For the most current information, visit www.Kingman66Fest.com.



Calendar of Events

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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

June 1964



Coronado Court Motel 1964

The mock war between Nazona (the good guys) and Calonia ended at 5 p.m. Monday, May 29. Operation Desert Strike came to an end with armies from both sides experiencing a taste of success and learning the art of withdrawal.

Mrs. Harold Hoge has taught second grade in the same room at the Kingman Grammar School for 21 years. She is retiring with the close of this year's term.

An estimated 8,648 people now live in the immediate Kingman area, according to City Clerk L. Rake.

Members of the Hemet Jeep Club of California visited Bullhead City and went over to Oatman to look at the historical old town.

Oatman: Sheriff Cisney surprised and delighted a number of persons with his fine music at the Brown Jug. Neighbors who sat on their porches and patios listened to the strains of the accordion.

Three generations of a Kingman family visited the Mohave Pioneers Historical Museum recently to read the first edition of the Mohave County Miner published November 12, 1882. They are descendants of the first publisher of the paper. Reading the paper were Mrs. Goldie Kay Briggs, born in Mineral Park, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Daughter of Mrs. Briggs, and Miss June Smith, daughter of Mrs. Smith. Miss Smith's great grandfather, Anson H. Smith, was the first publisher of the Miner in Mineral Park.

Hackberry: This week Hackberry lost two of its most loved and distinguished residents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Van Marter, who have moved to California.

Pool manager Carl Bowman announced that over 250 children and adults enjoyed the facilities at the Kingman Swimming Pool on Grandview Avenue on Sunday and Monday, the opening days of swimming.



Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Shaeffer and children attended the land dedication ceremony at Grand Canyon Caverns last Sunday. Denny Shaeffer participated in the dedication.

Rose Wallace, owner of the cute 66 East Fancy Pants Western Wear, is planning to open a charm and modeling school designed for teenagers. The ten-week course will be taught by Syd Randall, ex-Conover model and television personality.

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Saturday for the new Negus Professional Building which is to be built between Eighth and Ninth Streets on the north side of Beale.



The second annual 4-H barbecue, sponsored by the Forceful Feeders 4-H Club, was attended by approximately 655 people last Saturday evening, according to Mrs. Howard Grounds, club leader. Proceeds from the barbecue will be used to complete the corrals now under construction by club members.

Bullhead City: If you chance to see a pair of white ducks floating down the river, or maybe alongside your boat, while you are fishing, trailed by two white baby ducks, they belong to Fisherman's Lodge which takes great pride in the duck family and asks everyone using the river to watch over them, too.

President Lyndon B. Johnson might find it worth his while to visit Kingman. He has a number of tempting offers from members of Mrs. Evelyn Israel's third grade class at Manzanita school, and even those families of the opposite political faith expressed friendliness. The class, in a letter-writing project, sent letters with some comments from each member to the President. The letters were answered by his personal secretary on White House stationery and a photograph of the first family was enclosed.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

June 1934

Clyde Cofer and Pete Bartmus are each shipping several car loads of steers from Hackberry this week.

Lois Spaw who for several years has operated the beauty shop in conjunction with F. H. Kapp at the Beale Barber and Beauty shop, has announced that she has moved her shop, which will be known as Lois' Beauty Shoppe, to the mezzanine floor of the Central Commercial Company. New equipment has been added, Mrs. Spaw states, and a cordial invitation is extended to her friends and customers to visit her in the new location.

J. Maxwell, Northern Arizona district salesman for Hudson Teraplane motor cars, spent several days here on business this week. His work is in connection with the Kingman Hudson-Essex Co.

A caravan of forty Auburns passed through Kingman last evening in route to Los Angeles. A stop was made at Osterman's garage to take on gas. One of the automobiles was wrecked east of Kingman and the others were forced to wait until it was brought in before continuing on their way.

Axel Ericson has recently remodeled one of his show rooms and has installed a new line of air-cooled Electrolux refrigerators.

George Russell of the Central Commercial Company meat department, had a knife slip while cutting meat, and found it necessary to make a trip to the Mohave General Hospital, where the cut was sewed up and the wound treated.

The fire which has been raging in the southern part of the Walapai range seems to have burned itself out this morning, although during the entire part of yesterday and last night the sky to the south of Kingman was at times entirely covered with the dense black smoke of the fire. In the part of the country that the fire seemed to be burning there are very few trees, although a few small groves of cedars may be found. Just what is starting these fires is not known, but it is thought that some of them are caused by sheep men.

The long announced 1934 Plymouth dance to be given by St. Mary's Catholic church will be give tomorrow evening in the Elk's hall. During the evening the new Plymouth automobile will be given away.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

June 1914

Henry Lovin looked over his cattle holding in the Big Sandy this week.

Last Wednesday evening some of the young folks of Kingman put on a skit at the Elks taken from the old playlet of the Russian School of Scandal, but under the caption of "How the Story Grew." The participants in the play carried their parts in an excellent manor.

The work of making a new road from Fourth Street to a connection with the state road below the home of Harvey Hubbs is now under way. When completed this part of the road work will make the upkeep far less than it has heretofore been.

Tom Devine is again in the race for Treasurer of this county. During the past three years Tom Devine had handled nearly a million dollars of the people's money and every penny of this big sum has been accounted for. Tom is one of the progressive men of the county, big-hearted and generous, always to the fore when the good of the community is to be conserved and one of the most dependable businessmen in the state.

Minnie A. Sawyer this week sold her interest in the Mohave County Miner to Anson H. Smith, and this week terminates her connection with the paper after 22 years continuous service.

Tomorrow Kingman baseball boys will go up against the Needles team, captained by manager Ryan. The game promises to be one of the best of the season, the two being evenly matched.



Ed Whipple, one of the old timers of this county, was a Kingman visitor this week, coming here from Flagstaff to look after the courthouse contract for his firm.

Agent Gaither informs us that the U. S. Weather Bureau will erect a high staff in the depot park on which will fly a weather flag, giving daily weather bureau service to the people of the town.

Memories Thru Photo's

National Old Trails Road

From Wikipedia



NATIONAL OLD TRAILS HIGHWAY, NEAR NEEDLES, CAL.

National Old Trails Road, also known as the Ocean-to-Ocean Highway, was established in 1912, and became part of the National Auto Trail system in the United States. It was 3,096 miles (4,983 km) long and stretched from Baltimore, Maryland (some old maps indicate New York City was the actual eastern terminus), to California. Much of the route follows the old National Road and the Santa Fe Trail.

Although the western half of the road was signed by the Automobile Club of Southern California in mid-1914, according to their in-house magazine *Touring Topics*, the routing remained under much discussion until 1917. In particular, the western alignment was debated, with an early proposed routing going through Phoenix, Arizona, and San Diego, California, up to San Francisco, California.

Eventually, however, the alignment below was agreed upon, which followed earlier Indian trails, preexisting railroad tracks and, in some cases, new construction.

Throughout its life, the road was upgraded and realigned in order to improve the route. But, by 1926, significant portions in the west remained difficult to drive on, and much remained unpaved. Only 800 miles (1,300 km) were paved in 1927. Most of the road that traversed the California desert was widened and paved (or "oiled") by the late '20s, reportedly by a process pioneered by a local road superintendent, and some of this blacktop still can be found to this day.

In 1926, the section west of Las Vegas, New Mexico, to Los Angeles, California, was certified as U.S. Highway 66, (now better known as U.S. Route 66) by the AASHTO, as was a section in the St. Louis, Missouri area (Manchester Road).

In 1928 and 1929, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) had Madonna of the Trail monuments placed in each of the 12 states through which the highway passes.

After U.S. Route 66 was decommissioned, in eastern California portions of the road were renamed with the old name, and signed accordingly. Most of the modern-day "National Trails Highway" follows latter-day U.S. Route 66, however, and not any of the alignments that actually were part of the original road (the main exception being the section of road between Barstow and Victorville, which follows the almost exact routing of the 1925 realignment of the road). The last alignment of National Old Trails Road in California (and the first alignment of U.S. Route 66) followed a distinct course from the modern-day route between Daggett and Essex, California, and now survives only as a series of now-disconnected jeep trails and abandoned tracks in various stages of decay. The modern-day Route 66 in California is a result of a series of realignments that were undertaken in the early 1930s.



Railroad Bridge on Old Trails Road, south of Slaughter House Canyon

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Susan Lee White
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Mohave County Movers and Shakes

ARTHUR F. 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



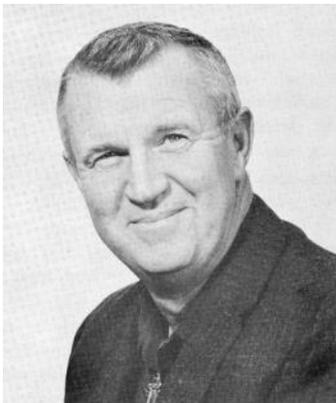
and Boulder City Stages from 1928 to 1951. He also had an interest in Kingman's first taxi service.

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.

Arthur Black died in Kingman in May 1971.

J. J. GLANCY, businessman, politician, newspaperman, was born in Kansas in December 1910. He came to Mohave County in 1932 to work as reporter for the Mohave County Miner. In 1938 he married Leta Wanslee; the couple had eight children.



In 1941, Glancy purchased the Miner and published the paper until 1950 when he leased it to C. R. Waters and J. M. Long. In 1968 he sold the paper to the corporation headed by Waters. Glancy also built and operated radio station KGAN that went on the air on October 5, 1949. The station was bought by Wally Stone in 1956 and became KAAA.

Glancy was elected as a democrat to the Arizona House of Representatives in 1957, and was re-elected three times. He retired in 1964 to devote time to his construction company.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Kingman Elks. He coached and managed Little League and All-Star teams, was a long-time director of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce, and first chairman of the Kingman Hospital Board. He was a member of the Kingman Rotary Club and the Arizona Newspaper Association.

J. J. Glancy died in 1972 in Kingman.

HERB GOLLIS, Newspaperman, Realtor, Civic Leader was born in Massachusetts in 1928. Before moving to Kingman in 1974, he had worked at Western Newspaper's Yuma newspaper. He came to Kingman to manage the Kingman Daily Miner in its early stages. In later years Gollis worked as a real estate agent for Century 21 Storms Real Estate.



Herb Gollis

Gollis was actively involved in the Kingman community and the state of Arizona. He was a member of many state organizations including: the Fiesta Bowl committee; the Arizona Judicial Nominating Committee for the appellate courts; the Arizona Easter Seal Society; the Arizona Town Hall; the Arizona Chamber of Commerce; and the Arizona Department of Commerce.

In Kingman his posts included the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce; the Kingman Regional Medical Center Foundation; the Rotary Club; the Kingman Airport Authority; the Mohave County Airport Commission; and the Kingman/GoldenValley Board of Realtors. He was a recipient of the Kingman Citizen of the Year Award.

Herb Gollis died in Kingman in 1998.

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