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Greeting Museum Visitors at the Mohave Museum and/or Rt. 66 Museum

Assisting the Museum Librarian cataloging and maintaining research materials (Computer skills required)

Assisting Museum Archives Cataloging and maintaining Artifacts. (Computer skills require)



Applications available at Mohave Museum

Director's Letter

It is common to associate sanctity with austerity, but I never refer to the Museum as being mundane in any area; although the Museum presents local history is a very reverent venue, it also has a lighter side. The Images on the Museum's walls chronical a period of time when life was hard, especially in Northern Arizona where our forefathers attempted and succeeded in taming a vast area that was hostile to such a venture. The other side of the proverbial coin was the laughter and dry humor that these pioneers provided, and we are again blessed to have a Library that has preserved the human side of desert life.

I look forward to reading 50, 80 and 100 year ago section from the Mohave County Miner in the Museum's newsletter because it puts a personal touch on our history. It is really refreshing to read stories of how people treated each other with respect and dignity, no matter their station in life. This was life well done. I could go off on a tangent about today's news reporting but that would serve no positive purpose. The bottom line is that because of the Museum's Library the human side of history is well served, and now with the ability to reach so many with electronic data, these stories are literally within reach of the world.

Often times, I write about the Museum in the third party, suggesting that I am more of an observer than a participant; I would like to correct that image by saying how proud I am to be a part of this Museum, as well as the Bonelli House and the Rt. 66 Museum. I take pride in my work and I have always believed that this symbiotic relationship was a "win-win". I have grown as a person and that in turn has helped the Museum prosper, and I know that every volunteer, member, staff person or board member is able to make the same claim.

The date for the hundred year celebration of the Bonelli House is August 7th following the centennial festivities at the courthouse, look for time and specifics in the next newsletter.

Shannon Rossiter



Presents
North County Music
July 19, 2015 at Metcalfe Park
Fourth FREE Concert in the PARK
for the 2015 Season
and you are invited.

Based on the great audience response from their 2014 appearance, we had to bring 'em back, for their encore and farewell appearance during our 5th Anniversary Season.



This will be a guaranteed Country good time. Willa Mae Mullins, rhythm guitar, Herman Huffman, Guitar and vocals; and Blu Roberts on drums. They have played their style of music in Mohave County for past 10 years.

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Mohave Museum of History & Arts

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50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

July 1965

Kermit M. Edmunds, 26, of Santa Rosa, California, began work this week as the curator and museum director of the Mohave County Historical Society Museum. Joining Edmunds in Kingman are his wife, Janie, and month-old daughter Amy Ann.

Photo #582, Kermit Edmonds and Col. H. M. Younger, at Mohave County Fair 1965



The Arizona Development Board has unanimously voted to urge retention of Interstate 40 routing via Kingman-Needles-Barstow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grounds celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Saturday at a barbeque at the ranch home of Howard Grounds.

“How the West Was Won,” the Cinerama movie that was partially filmed at Oatman several years ago, will be shown at the Sage Drive In Theatre, theater manager Bill Christman has announced. The film company rebuilt Oatman city streets for the filming in that community.

Lake Havasu City: Who owns the burros frequently seen in the area north and east of our city? Several of our citizens have expressed an interest in capturing a burro as a pet for their children. If they are truly in the “public domain,” it might make an interesting project to catch one.

Bullhead City is today the hub of a fast growing recreation area along the Colorado River. Twelve new businesses have opened their doors to serve the area since the first of 1965.

Beale Street in Kingman was the scene of a Western-type gunfight last Saturday when members of the Scottsdale Jaycees protested not receiving a parade trophy for their participation. The gunfight ended with several members of the Billy Williams Mountain Men coming to the rescue of the Scottsdale Sheriff, Dick Hamilton.

The Mohave County road crew has been oiling and renovating the road below Bullhead City near Holiday Shores.

Marine Corporal Glenn C. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Walker of Hackberry, is serving with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 at Da Nang, Viet Nam.

The Mohave County Parents for Better High School Teachers group will meet on Tuesday, July 20, at the Ben Ginsburg residence.

Barry Goldwater, who spent two weeks boating down the Colorado River, visited at Temple Bar Resort and Mohave County Thursday evening and Friday before returning to his home in Phoenix.

Harold Johnson and his wife Ann have begun construction on a desert oasis called La Valle Grande Mobile Home Park. The park is north of the Sage Drive In Theatre on Bank, and holds hours of pleasure and leisure living for the mobile home owner.

The Kiwanis Club of Kingman will sponsor two movies this evening at the Sage Drive-In. The movies are “Flipper” and “Roadrunner Review.” The charge of admission is \$2 per carload.

Lake Havasu City: The local deputies are actively enforcing the speed limits on city roads. There have been several serious accidents caused by excessive speed. Fortunately, they resulted only in road burns.

Davis Dam could provide radiological protection for some 29,000 persons the state’s civil defense agency has revealed. An engineer survey reports the possibility that Davis Dam could provide a fallout shelter for a total of 29,955 persons.

Kingman’s newest industry, the Fil-Ter-Fridge Corporation, took the first step toward becoming an important cog in the economic life of Mohave County when they delivered the first shipment of units to Executive Products of Toledo, Ohio. The Kingman location is three miles west on Highway 66.

Jane Wienke of Kingman and Ernie Delgadillo and Pam Owen, both of Seligman, are attending the 15th annual Summer Music Camp for senior high school students at Arizona State College, Flagstaff.

More than 25 million miles of testing has been accomplished by the Ford Motor Company at their Arizona Proving Grounds near Yucca since the facility was opened in



1955. Manager of the 4000 acre proving grounds is Benn Keller of Kingman. He oversees 130 employees as they test Ford and competitive automobile and truck products.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

July 1935

Mrs. J. H. Kane sustained a fracture of her left arm one day last week. Mrs. Kane discovered a rattlesnake near her home in the Cerbat mountains and so she took down the shotgun and ended the earthly existence of the rattler. In maneuvering for a position to make the attack, Mrs. Kane stood at the edge of a retaining wall at the side of the house and when the gun discharged the recoil shunted Mrs. Kane off the wall and in the fall she sustained the injury. Neighbors brought Mrs. Kane to Kingman where the fracture was treated.

Ernest Leichsenring and Neil Rodgers have accepted positions as carpenters at the CCC camp in the Hualapais.

Cook's Kingman Dairy has rented quarters in the Wat Thompson building on North Front Street and will be established in the new location in a few days. It is reported that the new establishment will be known as the Kingman Milk Depot.

Charlie Imus, former deputy sheriff of Mohave County, is visiting with friends and relatives in the vicinity this week.

Oatman: Mrs. Roy Dunton and Mrs. Bill Russell of Gold Road are spending a month in the Walapai Mountains.

Ed Carrow, proprietor of the swimming pool, service station and cabins at Crozier Canyon, was a visitor in Kingman Wednesday. Photo #12319



Ray Stackpool is having the home on the corner of 6th and Beale streets, which he recently purchased from the Lovin estate, remodeled and two new rooms added.

Chloride: Bert Larson is to have charge of the business to be run in the brick corner formerly occupied by J. N. Ausenhus. J. L. Newell is to open up a first class café in the rear end of said building, according to information given us.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

July 1915

Until the Tennessee mine is tied up with electric power the operating company will install a big boiler and steam hoister to sink the new lift to the 1500 level. The company has evidently opened great ore



on the deep levels that have been run in that property or no effort would be made to open the mine at a greater depth. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cravens and the baby have departed by automobile to San Diego and other coast resorts, taking in the big fair at San Francisco before they return.

Yesterday at the camp of the Tungsten company, a little child belonging to one of the teamsters was accidentally shot by another child while playing with a .22 target rifle.

J. K. P. Fancher brought the family to town and surgeons have been working on the little one.

Miss Una Uncapher of Mineral Park visited with friends of Kingman during the Fourth of July, also taking in the big dance and barbecue at Walapai Mountain.



Uncapher home in Mineral Park

Mohave County Movers and Shakers

JOSEPH P. GIDEON, Mohave County Sheriff, 1913-1914, was born in Mississippi in 1852. He came to Arizona in about 1883 and served as sheriff in several locations throughout the state. Gideon was married to Jennie Fisher.

After coming to Arizona Gideon lived primarily in Mohave County, and served as sheriff of Mohave County in 1913 and 1914. In Kingman he was a member of the Elks Lodge. Joseph Gideon died in 1925 and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery

"Three young Kingman gentlemen departed this morning for a prospecting trip into the mountains this side of the Gold Road. They were John Gideon, Joe Brown, and Charles Roe. The boys will remain in the hills for a month or more and give that section of the country a thorough overhauling."



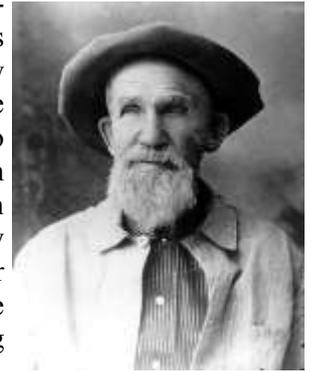
ERNEST GRAHAM, Mohave County Sheriff was born on December 5, 1882 in Silver Reef, Utah and came with his family to Arizona in 1888.

He was elected Sheriff of Mohave County in 1928 and served until his retirement in January 1945. During his years as sheriff the department was expanded and maintained cooperation with Federal law enforcement. The department was known to have among the most complete records in the state.



Over the years Graham owned a ranch in the Hualapai foothills. He was a member of the Kingman Elks and the Small Mine Owners Association.

WILLIAM H. HARDY, Colorado River Pioneer, (known as Capt. Hardy) was born in New York State in 1823. During the gold rush of 1850 he went to California, then to gold strikes in Arizona Territory in 1863. In 1864 he established a ferry crossing on the Colorado River known as Hardyville, which he built into a major freight landing for surrounding mining districts.



At Hardyville he built a store, warehouse and hotel, and established the first post office in Mohave County in January 1865. The post office was discontinued in 1883 upon the arrival of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad in Kingman. Hardyville was the county seat from 1867 to 1873. All that remains of Hardyville is the Hardyville Pioneer Cemetery located on Highway 95 south of Bullhead City. An historical marker was dedicated there on November 6, 1999.

Hardy purchased a road from Willows Camp to Ft. Whipple near Prescott, which he developed into a 160-mile toll road from Hardyville to Prescott. The road was used both by white men and Indians using wagons, carriages, and driving horses, cattle, mules, sheep and goats. Tolls on the road were from one-eighth of a cent to eleven and a half cents per mile. In 1865 Hardy secured a treaty with the Hualapai Indians whereby they would allow teams to pass unmolested in exchange for merchandise and hiring them to maintain the road. But there was some trouble between the Indians and whites in 1867.

Hardy was a member of the Territorial Council and served as Justice of the Peace, Mohave County Supervisor and a delegate to Congress from Arizona. By 1866 he was one of the richest men in Mohave County. In later years Hardy lived in Kingman, then moved to California where he died in 1906.

In the "Hardyville" file at the Mohave Museum of History and Arts there is a copy of Hardyville Historical, Vol. 1, Edition 1, October 2000, in which is printed a copy of a letter Capt. Hardy wrote to the Mohave County Miner, detailing his early experiences in Arizona.



Entrance to the Hardyville cemetery

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Memorials

If a Memorial donation is not designated for a specific purpose, it will be used at the Museum's discretion

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Memories thru Photos

Valentine – A Broken Heart in the Mohave

Courtesy of Legends of America-Ghost towns along Arizona Roads.

Moving along the Mother Road, parallel to the railroad tracks, you soon come upon the nearby ghost town of Valentine.

Established in 1898, it showed promise when 660 additional acres were set aside for the Native Americans. In 1901, a two story Indian School was built that served as a day school for the nearby Hualapai Indians and a boarding school for children of the Apache, Havasupai, Hopi, Mohave, Navajo and Papago tribes. A separate school was built for the white children south-east of the Indian school, now referred to as "The Red Schoolhouse." The Indian School closed in 1937 but reopened some time later, continuing on until 1969.



Before I-40 bypassed this old stretch of the road in 1978, Valentine was called home to several hundred residents. Both locals and travelers alike often stopped at Bert's Country Dancing Bar for a little two-steppin' and a couple of brews.

It was also during Valentine's better days that thousands of Valentine cards and messages would flood into the tiny contract post office for its heart shaped postmark. That too ended when tragedy occurred on the afternoon of August 15, 1990. Unfortunately, even in the smallest of towns, murder and mayhem can be found. On that day, 44 year old Jacqueline Ann Grigg was working when a short stocky white man robbed the post office of its cash and left poor Jacqueline dying on the floor from a gunshot wound. Before long, Jacqueline's husband bulldozed the building and left the area. The Valentine postmark was retired to the Kingman post office, where you can still get your special cards post-marked with the heart shaped cancellation.

Though there are still a few remaining residents, Valentine is a ghost town. However, both the old Indian School and the "Red Schoolhouse" still stand, along with several other remnants of Valentine's better days



Valentine Store, Ca. 1940-1950 and Post Office, Ca. 1960



Little Red School House , Valentine, Arizona. "...Fifteen children in attendance, teachers lived in the basement of the school..." Ca. 1925

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