



MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS MOHAVE MEMORIES

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Mohave Museum of History and Arts
Hosts

Kingman Antiques Appraisal Fair

October 17, 2015
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Limited: 55 participants
(Only Two Items each at \$25.00)
No Guns, Coins or Stamps

Lottery tickets to participate in this Limited Event
available at the Museum Gift Shop—\$10.00 each
(No Refunds)

Tickets go on sale
August 17, 2015—Monday
9:00 a.m.

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Save This Date

Mohave Museum of History and Arts 13th Annual Wine and Cheese

Saturday
November 7, 2015
6:00 pm—8:30 pm

Wine Tasting
Food
Silent Auction

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Sean Morton of Morton Appraisals LLC. from Scottsdale and a member of the Antique Appraisal Association of America will be with us at our appraisal event offering verbal appraisals (not in writing) of fine art, porcelain, crystal, silver, clocks, Asian works of art, Native American and antique jewelry.

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A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR YOU

PLEASE JOIN US...
ON SPRING STREET IN KINGMAN, AZ

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015

TO

**CELEBRATE
100 YEARS!**

MOHAVE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
AUGUST 1915—2015

BONELLI HOUSE
OCTOBER 1915—2015

COUNTY COURTHOUSE CEREMONY
—10:00 A.M.—

ENJOY TALKS, TOURS, REFRESHMENTS & REUNIONS

BONELLI HOUSE OPEN
FRI. 11:00—3:00 & SAT. 10:00—1:00

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Sounds of Kingman

Presents

FREE

Blue Country Band

August 16 @ 5 pm at Metcalfe Park

Sponsored by Taco Bell



New Stage at Metcalfe Park



Dedication of the new stage at the Kingman Metcalfe Park on June 14th. L to R: Kingman Mayor, Richard Anderson, Sounds of Kingman Chairperson, Robin Gordon and major donors to the stage project Krystal and Everett Burge.

Photo courtesy of the Sounds of Kingman.

Museum Business Membership

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

August 1965

A meeting to decide what to do about a grasshopper invasion on the Big Sandy is to be held tomorrow at the Wikieup School, state representative Kent Smith said this week. The governor's office and state entomologist have been contacted about the plague of insects which has stripped a number of fruit trees of their leaves as well as attacking other trees and alfalfa fields, Smith said.

It may well be that the Beale Plaza will become a temporary battery site for artillery firing. Blast, flame and billowing black powder smoke will issue from the muzzle of a full-scale reproduction Model 1841 6-pounder light field gun. This muzzle-loading canon, mounted on a field carriage, will be served by a crew of locally-recruited and trained artillerymen and will be fired with one blank-powder round for every \$100 mark that is reached during the present Mohave Pioneers Historical Society membership drive.

Mohave Museum at the County Fair—1965 Hand made adobe brick building exhibit



Twenty-seven Boy Scouts and three adult leaders from Troop 24 left Kingman Friday evening to attend Scout Camp Leve Leve in the Hualapai Mountains.

Central Commercial Company, distributor for the Adolph Coors Brewing Company here, is collecting aluminum cans—thousands of them—to aid the brewer's anti-litter campaign.

Senator Carl Hayden said this week an independent post office will be established at Lake Havasu City.

High winds caused an estimated \$400 to \$500 damage at Mohave County fairgrounds Sunday, fair commissioner Robert England, Sr., reported.

Oatman: Much talk has been heard about the coyotes in Arizona becoming a menace. They have been howling in the streets of Oatman for some time, and they are becoming more bold and noisy, and something should be done about it.

Lake Havasu City: Flashlight and candlelight were used by Dr. Torgersen to complete a filling in the tooth of Dan Haught last week, during a temporary power failure.



Lake Havasu



80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

August, 1935

The installation of air cooling equipment at the Beale Hotel was practically completed today and only the feeder pipes leading to the lobby remain to be finished this week. The system that has been installed will keep the hotel at a maximum temperature of 75 degrees and will make it the coolest hotel between Albuquerque and Barstow, according to A. H. Berg.

Kingman's new drug store, which will be known as the City Drug Company, will hold its formal opening tomorrow, according to information given out by W. Brown, who is proprietor of the new establishment.



Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gaddis took delivery this week on a Lafayette from Wheeler's Garage.

Arthur F. Black made a hurried trip to Los Angeles Wednesday where he will supervise the finishing details in the construction

of the new passenger bus to be used by Earl Cook and Ray Atherton in the transportation of the school children on the Sandy road to Kingman.

Moving picture fans of Will Rogers and aviation fans of Wiley Post will read the following with a great deal of regret and sorrow. The special wire to the Miner read: *Seattle—Wiley Post and Will Rogers were instantly killed last night 15 miles north of Barrow, northern-most point in Alaska, when Post's plane fell 50 feet head on into water, it was reported by U. S. Signal Corps today.*



Early downtowners Wednesday morning wending their way along Beale Street halted to gaze at the recumbent form of a good looking young lady nonchalantly taking her morning beauty sleep on the loading platform of the Central Commercial Company's store. Across the alley in the shadow of the Miner office walls was parked a car bearing a California license. Reports state that all hotels and auto camps in Kingman were full this week and more than one traveler was obliged to "sleep in the street."

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

August, 1915

Miss Edith Mensch, well known here, was the winner of the first prize in a voting contest of one of the newspapers at San Diego. The young lady gets a handsome Cadillac automobile. She was born in Kingman, and the many friends of the family are much pleased with her success.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Devine departed to the coast Thursday last. Mrs. Devine has been quite ill the past ten days and will take special treatment while in the city.



Left to right; Amy Devine, Andy, Tom Jr., Tom Devine at Kingman, Arizona in 1913. At family home at 137 Pine Street, between first and second streets.

Frank Noli has purchased a run-about car and expects to become so proficient in its operation that he will not get stuck in the mud oftener than any of the car owners of Kingman.

Next week the Mohave County Miner office will have installed one of the very latest models of the Intertype line casting machines. Mohave County is just now on the edge of a boom and the Miner is not to be behind the progressive procession.

Willie Bonelli departed this week for Los Angeles where he will continue his law studies at the University of Southern California.



William Bonelli at Right with a Friend in a 1912 Buick

Mohave County Movers and Shakers

MARGARET STRAIT, Photographer, was born in 1918 in Liberal, Kansas. She came to Kingman during World War II with her husband who was stationed at Kingman Army Airfield. After the war the Straits became permanent residents of Kingman.



Mrs. Strait owned and operated the Gallup Studio for 38 years from the late 1940's to the 1980's. Alfred and Elsie Gallup were the original owners of the studio, which made portraits of local residents, took photos of weddings and took high school senior class photos. After Mrs. Strait retired she volunteered her time to help organize and preserve portrait negatives from the studio, which were donated to the Mohave Museum of History and Arts.

In addition to operating the studio, Mrs. Strait was past commander of the local American Legion Auxiliary. She cared for her invalid husband until his death in 1971.

Margaret Strait died in March 2006, at the Gardens Care Center in Kingman.

ESEUBIO SERGIO "JOE" TORRES, Kingman Mayor, was born in Kingman in 1921. Three generations of his family made contributions to the community and he was taught the value of community service.

Torres served in the U. S. Army in World War II and remained in Germany after the war to work in military communications. When he returned to Kingman he started the Pony League summer baseball program; he was a coach for 17 years. He belonged to the VFW, American Legion Post 14 and the Lions Club. He was on the committee for incorporation of Kingman and the chairman of the Democratic Central Committee.

Joe Torres was appointed to the City Planning and Zoning Commission in 1964 and to the City Council in 1965. He served as vice-mayor from 1968 to 1970 and was elected Kingman's first Hispanic mayor in 1974, serving until 1978. Among his many accomplishments he worked to bring a nutritional program to the county and helped the city acquire the old post office building. From 1967 to 2000 he was owner of the Kingman Cab Company.

At the time of his death in July 2000 he had been married to his wife Irene Murrillo Torres for 52 years. They had two children.

IVAN T. WILSON, MAYOR, BUSINESS LEADER, was born in 1927 at Boulder, Colorado. In 1928 the family moved to Williams, Arizona. Wilson studied pharmacy at the University of Colorado and graduated in 1949. He served with the military during the Korean War.



With his wife and three children he came to Kingman in 1960 and purchased the Kingman Drug Store at Fourth Street and Andy Devine

(now the El Palacio Restaurant).

He later opened Wilson's Uptown Drug Company in the Hilltop area.

From 1962 until 1964 Wilson served as Kingman's mayor. He was a member of Elks Lodge No. 468 and was one of the organizers of a Toastmaster's Club in Kingman.

Ivan Wilson died on January 4, 1970 from injuries suffered in an auto accident on the old Burro Creek Road southeast of Wikieup.

HARRY BRICE HUGHES, Businessman, Kingman Mayor, was born in Oklahoma in 1925. He came to Kingman from California in 1960, and owned a business here for the next 20 years.

Hughes was active in the community, a member of the Masonic Lodge, on the board of directors of the Mohave County Historical Society, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, and chairman of the Mohave County Hospital Building Committee. From 1982 to 1987 he was executive vice president of the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce.

Hughes was a member of the Kingman City Council for twelve years. During his tenure as mayor from 1966 to 1972 the Bonelli House and the Little Red School House were declared historic sites, the municipal golf course was developed and the community school program was developed.

Hughes retired from business in 1987 and he died in September 1999.

Membership Renewal

Ms Sue Baughman, Dolan Springs, AZ
Louis & Rosemary Bottini, Peralta, NM
Doug & Patty Bradley
Bob & Louise Dinneweth
Mr Paul R Elstrod
Charles & Valerie Kaiser
Mrs Archie Kinsel, Dewey, AZ
Cathy Kreis
Kay Losson
Beverley Potter
Taylor T Ross

Ann Blair Smith, Phoenix, AZ
Barbie Trapp, Chesterfield, MO
Kathy Younghusband
Patricia Martineau
Frank and Sharon Popp, Golden Valley, AZ
Dan Brownell, Golden Valley, AZ
Mr & Mrs Daniel D Gaddis II, Woodland, CA
Mary Alice Inman, Tucson, AZ
Patrick Otto
Helen L Black-Tapp, Phoenix, AZ
Dolores Robb, Meadview, AZ

New Memberships

Dorothy Brown
Bob and Jill Moon

Memorials

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

In Memory Of

Barbara Gail Legg
Fred Lowe
Charlotte Marian Grimes
Dennis James Sim
George Pennell Boone
John Wilburn Wade
Elinor Gene Gaddis
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Larue B. Smith
Larue B. Smith
Edgar Newton Stephens, Jr. "Newt"
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Viquesney Doughboy

"**THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN DOUGHBOY**", is a pressed copper sculpture by Ernest Moore "Dick" Viquesney, born 1876 in Spencer, Indiana, was designed to honor the veterans and casualties of World War I. Mass-produced during the 1920's and 1930's for communities throughout the United States, the statue's design was the most popular of its kind, spawning a wave of collectible miniatures and related memorabilia as well as numerous copies by other artists. Its title is often shortened to "The Doughboy", and in some locales it is nicknamed Iron Mike. This is a WWI infantryman advancing through No Man's Land around stumps and barbed wire entanglements, his rifle held in his left hand while his right hand is raised high, holding a grenade.

WORK UNDERWAY ON MEMORIAL BASE, (*Mohave County Miner and Our Mineral Wealth* May 4, 1926). Work started this week on the Memorial monument, all the rough part of the base will be completed this evening, rock work will be started in the morning. The statue should be here at anytime now, being shipped from Chicago, and by the fifteenth should be in place. for the unveiling Memorial Day. Seven men volunteered for work or donated a day's pay, all under supervision of Ora Gruninger.



Memorial Day is to be observed with a program at the unveiling of the memorial monument. Mohave County Memorial Day will have a greater meaning than ever before, for on that day will occur the unveiling of a memorial to those who sacrificed in the World War, this memorial is the only one of its kind in the United States.

A day long ceremony starting at 9:00am. The services dedicating the Memorial monument will start with the "Preamble of the American Legion" followed by the community singing of "America". Commander Wishon will introduce the Hon. Ross H. Blakely, who will dedicate the memorial.

Memorial Day Services will start at the Mountain View cemetery around 11:00am with a talk by C. P. Elmer. On an order from O. W. Gildow the firing squad will fire a salute over the graves to be followed by Taps.

The Monument stands in front of the Mohave County Courthouse.

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