

New Exhibit

IN REMEMBRANCE

On July 5, 1973 at 2:09 p.m. a Doxel railroad tank located in the 2600 block of Andy Devine Ave. exploded. Twelve men, mostly firemen, lost their lives as a result of this explosion. The Mohave Museum now has a permanent indoor exhibit in the auditorium honoring these Kingman men. For those interested in the details of this tragedy the Museum research library has more information.



Anyone having photos of the 12 firemen in uniform who would like to share them with the museum please notify Mohave Museum at 753-3195, or stop by the Library.

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Directors Letter

“I have always found comfort in the Mother Desert. The spiny cholla never gossips about its rigid prowess and the Yucca never brags of its magnificent bloom and yet there is such beauty and order in their arid home. I wish that such splendor could be found in the cities of man”

Hardy Privots-photographer

I am really looking forward to this September for the fact that I have really learned so much about this Museum during the Month of August. I finally realized that this Museum does not prosper only because of the donations and memberships it receives but rather from the reasons that you have to send them. If it were not for your passion to keep Mohave County’s history alive, we would be faltering like most of the nation, but rather this Museum continues to be the “Pride of Arizona”. I thank you for all of the positive input you give along with your monetary support.

Thanks to Karin Goudy and Pat Foley, there is a new and permanent exhibit honoring the men that lost their lives in the July 5th, 1973 DOXOL explosion. Although, I was not in Kingman at the time of this tragedy, it is always a somber reminder that we should honor the men and women that wear the uniforms and risk their lives daily to protect each and every one of us

The Kingman Schools will be in operation by the time that you read this letter. This year will offer a bittersweet relationship between the Museum and the School. The schools have no money to sponsor field trips (this is the bitter news). The sweet news is that through efforts of Lorraine Hunt, Pat Foley and Tony Libertini, there will be a “power -point presentation that some of the retired Kingman School Teachers will be able to take to each of the schools. If you can’t lead the horse to water, then you have to take the water to the horse. This will be a major undertaking, but all of the fine people involved are up for the task.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent this fine Museum for all of you great supporters.

EVENTS AND ATTRACTIONS

NEWLY REMODELED ART GALLERY

Because our present Art Gallery has proven too small for our fine artists, it has been moved to a new area. Come see the modern and classy new look, something entirely different. To help celebrate opening the new Gallery.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Our Artist of the Month, Herberta Schroeder welcomes all of you to a reception on Saturday, September 5 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Herberta has been interested in photography for many years and has had instruction in the art of photography from several talented photographers. She claims that photography is not just a hobby or a profession, it's an obsession to get that next perfect shot.

MUSEUM FUND RAISING TRIPS

Collette Vacations representative, Carl Crews, will be at the Museum on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. Carl will be showing slides of upcoming trips including Georgia and South Carolina, California New Year's Rose Bowl Parade, Mysteries of India, Alpine Countries and Oberammergau's Passion Play, The Music Cities, and Southern Italy & Sicily.

BONELLI HOUSE RIBBON CUTTING

The City of Kingman and the Museum of History and Arts are hosting a ribbon cutting at the newly refurbished Bonelli House. The ribbon cutting will be at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 21. The Bonelli House will be open during the Andy Devine parade on September 26th.

39TH Annual Andy Devine Days Parade Saturday, September 26th, 2009

This is the year of recovery and no better way to show your support for your community and your country than taking part in the Annual Andy Devine Days Parade and Rodeos. Participating in the annual parade will make you part of the legend that has become Andy Devine Days. Each year the entries in this parade celebrate Kingman's western heritage and its roots in the railroad, Route 66 and ranching. Enjoy all that Kingman has to offer as well as the adventure and nightlife of the Colorado River region. Applications are now available at the Recreation Office located at Centennial Park 3333 N. Harrison, or by calling 757-7919. Everyone is welcome to participate and there is no application fee. Participants are strongly encouraged to design and build floats and entries around the current year's theme. Participation plaques will be available to entries for a \$20 Fee payable at the time of application. Deadline to enter this year's parade is September 16th! This year's theme is; Kingman's Favorite "Son" Never Sets – A "Devine" Time for All.

Andy Devine Days PRCA Rodeo

Cowboy up and mosey on down to the Mohave County Fairgrounds, 2600 Fairgrounds Blvd Kingman Az, for the Annual Andy Devine Days PRCA Rodeo. It's sure to be a calf ropin', bull riding, bronc bustin', pretty cowgirl watchin', good time! Tickets will be available in advance beginning Aug. 1, 2009.

Calendar of Events

Artist of the Month

Mohave Museum
Herberta Schroeder

Artist Reception

Mohave Museum
Saturday, September 5 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting

Mohave Museum Library
Wednesday Sep 9th at 1:00 PM
All in the family fun.

Mohave Pioneers Historical Society

Board Meeting
Mohave Museum Library
Thursday Sep 17th at 5:00 PM
Monthly Meeting

Museum Fund Raising Trips

Mohave Museum Library
Collette Vacations presentation
Wednesday, September 9

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Bonelli House
Monday, September 21st at 12:00 Noon

Mohave Memories On The Internet
www.mohavemuseum.org

Museum Business Memberships

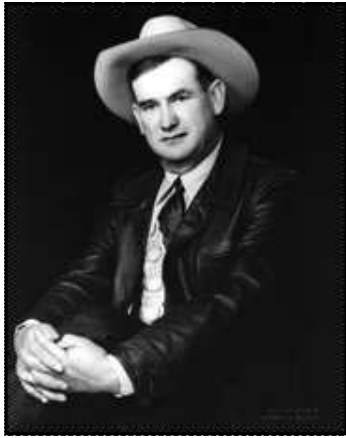
These are some of the Business Members who support the heritage and culture of Mohave County



50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER



Fair building, May 18 1961



J. Leonard Neal, Mohave County rancher and pioneer



Earl Duke, longtime Kingman businessman

September 1959

The gates of the local fairgrounds swing open at six this evening for what promises to be one of the most outstanding events in county history- the 1959 Mohave County Fair. Scores of new attractions and free shows, plus a greater number of entries will greet the visitors during the four day fair run. The gates will close Sunday night.

The newly organized Mohave County 4-H Club Beef Sale is to be held Saturday at the Mohave County Fair Grounds. 4-H members who have sold their calves are Charlotte Isaacs, Chuck Warren, Charlene Evans, Cheryl Evans, Dickie Grounds, Jay M. Gates Jr., Joann Short, Helen Warren, Hubby Grounds, Beverly Wells, Jimmy Short, Dennis Owen and Timmy Brown. The championship calf at the event was bred by Claude Neal and fed by Charlotte Isaacs.

News from Bullhead, A freak gust of wind accompanying last Saturday night's freak storm wrecked the TV tower and antenna at the main street home of Glenn Taylor and also cut of the electric wires to the house.

Mr. And Mrs. Earl Duke of Kingman have purchased the Chloride home formerly owned by the Frank Meredith family.

J. Leonard Neal of Kingman is the new member of the Mohave County Committee for the Farm and Home Administration. He succeeds local rancher John Odle whose term expires on June 30, 1959.

News from the Sandy

Mr. And Mrs. Charles Nelson and daughter, Laska, accompanied by Mr. And Mrs. John Nelson and Ernie Nelson of Peach Springs went on a weeks vacation to Utah and Northern Arizona.

Mrs. Charles Hartup is a new employee at the soda fountain at the Kingman Drug Store (Now El Palacio restaurant)

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

September 1929

LAUGHING JACK, INDIAN SCOUT, PASSES AWAY

Laughing Jack, one of the Oldest Indian scouts in the southwest, died at the Mohave General hospital last Monday night following a major operation.

Laughing Jack, as he was dubbed when serving as a scout in the days when the officers of the department of the west used men from one tribe as scouts, served under Gen. George Crook and was a valuable man in that service, acting as a cook, packer and scout. He was discharged from the service after the close of the Geronimo campaign, having served through Nanai Victorio and other Indian uprisings. Gen Crook appraised Laughing Jack as one of the bravest Indians of all the tribes. For several years he had been receiving a pension as a reward for the good war record.



Lillian Anderson, Laughing Jack, Polly Jack, wife of Laughing Jack.



"SHOW BOAT." MOVIE-TALKIE HERE SEPT. 22

"Here Comes the Show Boat". Local people are due for some genuine entertainment when Carl Lammeles's big talking and singing picture comes to Lang's Theater on September 22nd and 23rd. This picture which ran for record time on Broadway with seats selling for \$7.70 comes to Kingman with the identical talking and singing cast, among whom are such well known stars as Helen Morgan, Laura La Planate, Joseph Scildkraut, Otis Harlam, Alma Rubens, Emily Fitzroy, and Jane La Verne.

Through special arrangements, Mr. Lang has secured for the entertainment the necessary equipment.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

September 1909

Gold Road mill is fast approaching completion and before three months passes it will be in commission and turning out bullion at the rate of \$100,000 per month. The mill will be one of the most complete on the Pacific coast and the savings of values is expected to be very high. It is estimated that there is more than \$5,000,000 added daily to the reserves.



E.F. Thompson is the first of the business men in Kingman to have his place of business lighted with the electric fluid from the new Desert Power & Water Company in Kingman. Others are expected to follow as quickly as fixtures can be put in.

Three carloads of zinc ore was brought in yesterday from the Golconda mine. The Mine is in shape to ship about 40 tons daily of ore running about 50 % zinc and also values of gold and silver.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Kay Ellermann- Librarian

The Way of a Woman

Mohave County Miner – September 21, 1884

Why a woman is always late in taking the train is inexplicable. A ticket agent, who lived with his family right over the depot, once observed that his wife never took the train she expected to take. When her train arrived she generally had on one boot and was looking out of the window with one eye on the train and the other eye looking for her second boot. A married man, when he first goes to reside in the country, generally misses from six to a dozen trains in the first few months waiting for his wife to take the train with him to the city. After this he pays no more attention when his wife says she will go on the train with him than on her informing him when the church "Strawberry Festival" is bound to come off sometime and he knows his wife will go to the city; but she will not go on the train with him, or on the one she expects to go on.

If you reside ten minutes walk from the depot, your wife, after keeping you waiting at the house until a few minutes before the train leaves, will inform you she is ready; and when you inform her that it is impossible to catch that train and you must take the next one, she will inform you that she has walked to the depot from the house in five minutes a dozen times. You know you can't do it. About ten minutes before the next train starts you set out with your wife to the depot. Before you walk thirty yards she returns to the house for her pocket book, and to tell Jane not to let the baby fall down the back stoop, and that she will be back on the 4:30 train.

Your wife, having used up about two minutes of the ten in running back, although she can walk to the depot in five minutes, asks when you are half way to the depot if you want to walk the clothes off her back, and at the same time informs you she never felt so hot in all her life and that you have plenty of time and your watch must be wrong, and that the train is always late; and when your reply that it is always on time she wants to know how about two years ago, last January when you had to wait an hour for that train.

She refers to the day of the big snowstorm when all the trains were late, and tries to play it off on you for a day in June, with the thermometer 85 in the shade.

Sorry Ladies, this was too funny not to print. Kay

Labor Day History



As the Industrial Revolution took hold of the nation, the average American in the late 1800s worked 12-hour days, seven days a week in order to make a basic living. Children were also working, as they provided cheap labor to employers and laws against child labor were not strongly enforced.

With the long hours and terrible working conditions, American unions became more prominent and voiced their demands for a better way of life. On Tuesday September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers marched from city hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first-ever Labor Day parade. Participants took an unpaid day-off to honor the workers of America, as well as vocalize issues they had with employers. As years passed, more states began to hold these parades, but Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later.

On May 11, 1894, workers of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago struck to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. They sought support from their union led by Eugene V. Debs and on June 26 the American Railroad Union called a boycott of all Pullman railway cars. Within days, 50,000 rail workers complied and railroad traffic out of Chicago came to a halt. On July 4, President Grover Cleveland dispatched troops to Chicago. Much rioting and bloodshed ensued, but the government's actions broke the strike and the boycott soon collapsed. Debs and three other union officials were jailed for disobeying the injunction. The strike brought worker's rights to the public eye and Congress declared, in 1894, that the first Monday in September would be the holiday for workers, known as Labor Day.

The founder of Labor Day remains unclear, but some credit either Peter McGuire, co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, or Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, for proposing the holiday.

Although Labor Day is meant as a celebration of the labor movement and its achievements, it has come to be celebrated as the last, long summer weekend before Autumn.

Membership Renewal

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New Memberships

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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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WHO WHAT AND WHEN IN MOHAVE COUNTY

The Babbitt Brothers mercantile firm from Flagstaff decided to open a general merchandise store in Kingman during the early part of the 20th century and settled on an ideal location at the southwest corner of Beale and Fourth Streets where the Wells Fargo Bank building presently stands. During September of 1947 one of the largest fires in Kingman destroyed the store. During the middle 1950's the remainder of the walls were torn down leaving a vacant lot at one of the busiest intersections in Kingman.

The Babbitt Brothers continued to operate a temporary store on Beale Street for a time after the fire.



Photo #1573...Babbitt Brothers Mercantile Store about 1930.



Photo #13452...Babbitt's Store after the fire of 1947.



Photo #13881.... The temporary Babbitt Brothers store on Beale Street between Third and Fourth. This building is now occupied by a printing business.

John "Pop" Girdler was one of the most well liked and capable school administrators to grace the halls of Kingman schools. Girdler was Superintendent of Kingman schools from 1930 to 1944 before moving to Tempe where he became a professor at Arizona State University. "Pop" was also a poet and writer and his works graced the pages of national education and literary publications. Mr. Girdler's wit, humor and dedication to the students endeared him to many during his tenure in Kingman.



Photo # 14502... "Pop" Girdler with Kingman High student Olive Clack Bond at Kingman High School in ca. 1937.



Photo #8851... The B.P.O.E. (Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks) Elks Drill Team of Kingman in 1940. Pictured left to right are: Burton Porter, Glenn Johnson, Ted McDevitt, Frank Ricca, Roy Wicke, Jack Hulet, Ted Braffet, Larry Langford and Harold Lewis.

Lake Mohave had become a water sports Mecca by the mid 50's. The county population would double during the summer. Ham Pratt, general manager of Lake Mohave Resorts, Inc. at Katherine wash said the opening of the fishing and water sports seasons would bring an estimated six or seven thousand people into the county during the Labor Day weekend alone.

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EARLY HISTORY

Kingman Water Company was founded in 1917. Prior to that time various individual and private wells in town had the task of supplying water to inhabitants. Neighbors furnished neighbors, so to speak. During 1917 the Kingman Water Company constructed modern pipe lines from nearby springs leading them into a large reservoir located north of town. From the reservoir the various water mains lead to individual consumers.

SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

Johnson's Springs and Beale Springs, located about three and a half miles from Kingman, are the chief sources of supply. These springs are encased by concrete to insure sanitation and keep foreign matter out of the water. This water is brought to the reservoir in the original state. A well, 250 feet deep and encased with a 12-inch pipe, augments this supply. Each month the management sends samples of the water to state laboratories for inspection.

We congratulate Anson H. Smith and the "Miner" on the Golden Anniversary day. May continued success be yours.

I. M. GEORGE
E. M. CARROW

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THE MONTH**

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