

MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS

# MOHAVE MEMORIES

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Mohave Museum of History and Arts  
Host

**Kingman Antiques Appraisal Fair**

**October 17, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

First 50 Tickets sold  
Tickets \$25.00 each at the Museum gift shop

Only two Items

No Guns, Coins or Stamps

**Verbal Appraisals (Not in Writing).**

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  
13 Annual Wine and Cheese

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

Wine Tasting  
Food  
Silent Auction

It seems incredible to me that the media banter with the terms “truth” and “fact” as though they were variables rather than constants, they pretend that they are subject to interpretation. The notion that what you observe must be continually revisited until you agree with some preconceived conclusion, should be put to rest.

The Museum was built to preserve Mohave County’s history, this is fact. The Museum added a library filled with the records of our area, also fact. The truth contained in the documents housed here are being sifted through daily so any fiction can be eliminated, until all that remains is a glimpse into the past that is accurate and reliable. The process to capture the truth through the records of the past is no easy task, yet through the tireless efforts of volunteers, staff and board members, the Museum has succeeded. I would ask that you come down and see the great work that has been done here and participate in the collection of data to help clarify any particulars of Mohave County’s rich history .

The Museum is approaching its 50th birthday and it does get better with age. The Mohave County Pioneers Society which pre dates the Museum’s conception has already passed the half century mark and still governs this well-oiled Museum Mechanism.

I don’t know how to say it other than I am proud to be a part of this organization and I am sure that you feel the same, this is why it is so important that the Museum gets your input. Once again, please feel free to come down and give any constructive suggestions or better yet volunteer and make a difference.

Volunteers are the back bone of our organization and the Museum can brag about having the best in the country and I salute you!!

Shannon Rossiter director



Jason Foose presents check to Mohave Museum President Bill Wales.

The Mohave Chapter of Arizona Professional Land Surveyors Association would like to memorialize both Devlin's and Householder's dominate role in raising a stalwart community from an incidental railroad siding near Beale Springs. In Memory of Jim Devlin and Ross Householder in Mohave Chapter presents the museum with a \$1000.00 donation for the purpose of obtaining a large screen monitor to enhance the museum visitors experience when viewing the large scale maps and video presentations.

## Calendar of Events

### **Mohave Memories On The Internet**

[www.mohavemuseum.org](http://www.mohavemuseum.org)

Mohave Memories Newsletter is Online

## **Climb Aboard, invite your neighbors**

### **Mohave Museum of History & Arts**

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

**General Member** \$30.00

Includes member and immediate family free admission to Mohave Museum, Powerhouse Route 66 Museum & Bonelli House.

**Supporting Member** \$100.00

Includes all General member benefits: plus no-charge research assistance from the Museum staff.

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**Director's Circle** \$500.00

Application available on  
[www.mohavemuseum.org](http://www.mohavemuseum.org)  
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## 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

### Oct. 1965

The Kingman United Presbyterian Church will dedicate its new Chapel and Multi-purpose wing at services Sunday, October 10. The building of block and stucco is located on the church's five acres on Detroit Avenue.

A number of complaints about shoplifting by school children during lunch hours and after school have been received by his department, Kingman Police Department Chief Carl W. Fisher said the week. He asked that parents help solve the problem by telling their children to stay away from the stores if they have no business there.

A Kingman woman was seriously injured by a homemade cannon which tore loose from its carriage while being fired at the rifle range on Highway 68 west of the intersection with Highway 93 Friday evening, the Mohave County Sheriff's Department reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Black performed a Gay 90's duet at the Mohave County talent contest here recently. They were not contestants and their act was in addition to performances of contestants.

On Tuesday Michelles Fashions presented the first of weekly fashion shows at the Kings Arms Restaurant. The shows are informal with the models "table hopping" and answering fashion questions put to them by the diners. This week's models were: Syd Clayton, Nellie Rayburn, Zelda Keller and Frances Bender.

Safecrackers broke into the Bullhead City post office early Saturday and made off with 323 money orders, Homer Fancher, postmaster, reported this week.

The Auto License Department is now occupying the old City Offices and Police Department in the basement of the Court House.

Bullhead City: Lee Williams will be the guest speaker at the P.T.A. meeting Monday, October 18. Mr. Williams is principal of the Mohave County Union High School. He will be speaking on educational training and preparing students for high school.



Seth Kingman of Carbondale, Kansas, son of the man for whom Kingman was named—Santa Fe Railroad locating engineer Lewis Kingman—has donated his father's Jacob-Staff compass to the chamber of commerce's museum. Seth says the instrument was used by his dad when he located the railroad through northwestern Arizona.



In a session concerned for the most part with traffic and zoning questions, city council Monday limited parking in two downtown areas—Beale and Oak Streets....A parking limit of two hours was set on the north side of Oak Street between 4th and 5th streets and on both sides of Beale Street between 5th and 6th streets.

The public is invited to see an outstanding display of birds and mammals, most of them of Mohave County origin, in the new wall display cases in the new Mohave County Union High School addition.

The first Shrine ceremonial ever held in Kingman will be staged at the Mohave County Fairgrounds building November 6, it has been announced.

Chloride: The Roy Purcell family visited his folks over the weekend.

Rock Murals by artist Ray Purcell at Chloride



## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

**Oct. 1935**

Two new drinking fountains have been installed in the grammar school building.

At the meeting of the Trinity Episcopal Guild next Wednesday, Mrs. George Burns will give a book review of "The Green Light" by Lloyd Douglas. Anyone who is interested in these meetings is welcome to attend.

The new diesel locomotive of the Santa Fe passed through Kingman twice during the week, westward on Monday and eastward on Wednesday. It is still being tested out on trial trips and operators are adapting themselves to the new type of motive power which the Santa Fe is installing for the swift conduct of its passenger trains across the continent.



The two units of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Diesel locomotive #1, photographed in Chicago on August 31, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gillespie spent the last week visiting at the San Diego fair and other points of interest on the coast.

Chloride: The medicine free show that has been located here for the past week made its final appearance last night and will go on to some other town. Several have said the medicines have helped their ailments quite a lot.

R. J. Heflin, a rancher from the Sandy valley, drove into town last week with a truckload of melons. There is nothing extraordinary about this for the Sandy valley is known for its prolific growths of soil crops. These particular melons, however attracted notice because of their size. One placed on the scales tipped them at 47-1/2 pounds. Mr. Heflin reports he raised three melons that weighed 237 pounds. Three watermelons with an average weight of 79 pounds speaks volumes for the fertility of the soils of the Sandy valley..

The Grand Canyon Exploring party, headed by F. H. Woody, which twenty-five days ago left Diamond Creek Canyon in boats to make a study of flood conditions for the federal government, landed Tuesday night at Pierce Ferry. The boats were loaded on trucks by John Osterman, who transported them to Peach Springs to have them in readiness for the next trip. The party spent most of Wednesday in Kingman.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

**Oct. 1915**

The Miner office is in receipt of a number of ears of corn raised on the little garden spot at Crozier siding about 30 miles east of Kingman. The corn is as fine as any raised in the prize corn belts of either Texas or Kansas. George E. Hartin is the donor of the corn.



Crozier Station

There is not a vacant house in town and every day people renew the search for a place of residence until they can build a suitable habitation. It would pay well to build 20 or 30 houses for rent in Kingman as they would be occupied as soon as the finishing touches were put on them.



Bonelli House under construction in 1915.

Busy street corner in Oatman taken in 1915. In the background is Elephant's Tooth.



# Mohave County Movers and Shakers

**WALLACE “Wally” STONE**, Radio and Television Pioneer

was born in 1907 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Through the late 1920s and the 1930s he was involved in various aspects of the radio broadcasting field.

Wally served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. After the war he spent time in Florida working in the television industry. On a trip through the west he stopped overnight in Kingman and discovered a radio station for sale, KGAN.

In 1956 along with John Holbrook he formed Stonybrook Broadcasting Company and purchased station KGAN from J. J. Glancy. In 1958 Stone bought Holbrook’s share and owned the station until late 1971 when it was sold to Sun Mountain Broadcasting Corp. Throughout his ownership Stone was active in the station’s operations and was often seen in the station’s mobile unit following up on local news. After the sale in 1971 he continued to act as an advisor.

Wally Stone served as director of the Mohave County Red Cross, director of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Kingman Rotary Club and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mohave County Historical Society. He was proud to be listed in “America’s Radio Pioneers.”

Stone spent the last 30 years of his life in Kingman; he died on October 28, 1985.



**ANSON SMITH** – Miner, Publisher, Businessman, Community Activist – was born on March 28, 1860 in the village of Hornellsville, New York. As a young man he moved to Pennsylvania and learned the printers trade. He worked on several newspapers in Pennsylvania and New York as a printer and a reporter.

Smith moved west, arriving in Mineral Park in Mohave County in 1879. This meant crossing from California at Yuma, going up the Colorado River by steamboat to Hardyville (now Bullhead City), then by wagon road through Union Pass. Mohave County could also be reached from Prescott by way of New Mexico and Phoenix, but most travelers took the former route.



Smith worked at El Dorado Canyon mine, and in 1880 worked for the *Arizona Miner*, the oldest paper in the Arizona Territory. He also spent some time working at mines in Globe and Wickenburg, then returned to Mineral Park.

The *Mohave County Miner* first appeared Sunday, November 5, 1882 in Mineral Park, published by Anson H. Smith & Co., with James J. Hyde as editor. When the county seat was moved to Kingman in 1886, the *Mohave County Miner* also moved to Kingman. On March 17, 1916, Smith began publishing the county’s first daily newspaper, *The Mohave Daily Miner*. The newspaper’s building on Beale Street was built with Smith’s faro winnings – he liked to play cards.

Anson Smith married Mary Agnes Hughes in November, 1883. They raised four sons, six daughters, and had 19 grandchildren. Anson and Mary Agnes celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 1933.

Smith promoted projects he felt would benefit the community, such as the Oatman to Topok road and the Mohave General Hospital. He was among the first to recognize the advantages of a dam on the Colorado and agitated for the construction of what is now Hoover Dam. Herbert Hoover called him “The Father of the Boulder Dam.” Sadly, he did not live to see the completion of the dam. In 1977 the Mohave County Bicentennial Commission placed a monument near the dam in his honor.

Interviewed in 1936, a former partner, William Carleton, remembered Smith as never lacking in courage. Though not a large man, he was strong and would “tackle the devil.”

Anson Smith was connected with Mohave County newspapers in various capacities for 54 years, and in 1953 was inducted in the Arizona Newspapers Association Hall of Fame.

Anson Smith died on June 19, 1935 from complications of a fractured hip. Mary Agnes Smith died in November 1947.

**JOHN C. POTTS**, Mohave County Sheriff, Chairman of Board of Supervisors, was born in Pennsylvania in 1838. He moved with his family to Nebraska as a young man, and fought for the North during the Civil War. At the end of the war in 1865 he moved to Prescott where he married Louise Burke in 1874.

Some years later John and Louise moved to Cerbat in Mohave County and operated Cory & Potts, a general store. John Potts served as Mohave County Sheriff in 1881 and 1882, and was elected again in 1897, serving another one-year term. In 1908 he took the position of Chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors and served in that capacity until his death on April

## Membership Renewal

Mary Jane Bell, Sun City, AZ  
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The Hon & Mrs. Frank Gordon, Phoenix, AZ  
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Diana Broeckel  
Charlotte Bland, Orovada, NV  
Susie Patch, Golden Valley, AZ  
Kathy Ortman  
Eileen Proffit  
Ralph and Arlene Stayner, Nutrioso, AZ  
Mai (Mabel) Gray, Tucson, AZ

## New Memberships

Jay Bonelli Ashworth, Saratoga Springs, UT  
Marina Hunt  
Mr. & Mrs. Dale E. Enlow (3/2015)

## Memorials

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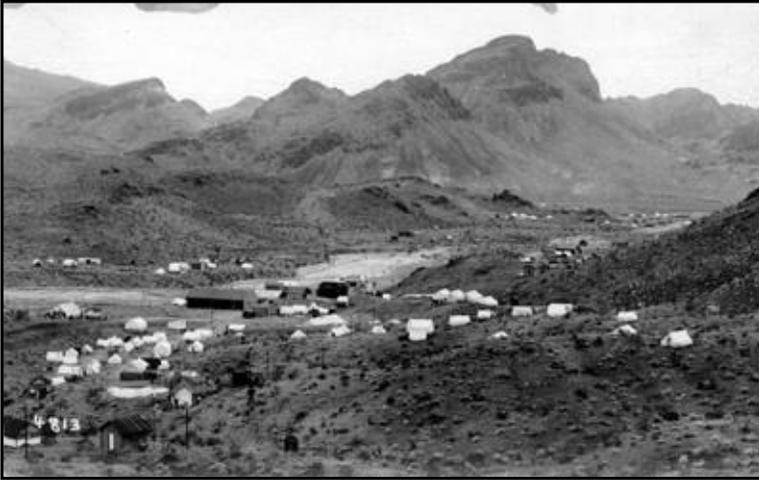
### In Memory Of

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Tracy Alan Davis  
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# Memories of TENTS



Tent City arising in 1915. Oatman, AZ

Tent city, Utah Construction Co., construction of Davis Dam.



Interior of Tent House in Oatman, note decoration on the wall from 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition in San Francisco, 1915. Other items show that this young man was living well in the mining camp.

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