

MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ARTS

MOHAVE MEMORIES

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Mohave Museum of History and Arts
13th Annual Wine, Spirits and Food

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

Silent Auction Items
Wines, Chocolate, Fine Art, and More
Alcohol Free Beverages Available



Tickets \$30.00 Per Person
Must be at least 21 years old

Contact and Ticket Information
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Event Location



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Director's Letter

Every month, you hear me praise the Museums in every aspect and invite you down to see the changes made to all three facilities, yet I have neglected the one aspect of the everyday Museum operations that are essential to its very existence: the Guests. I have the opportunity to talk to the visitors that walk by my office during their visit.

While reading the guest book in the lobby for the month of October and I noticed it boasted of guests from: Italy, Scotland, Canada, France, Japan, China, Germany and one group was even as far away as California. Most of the guests speak great English and those that have difficulty with our language still express their approval of the Museum through broken English and hand gestures. The only group that I have trouble understanding is the Californians, maybe it's their accent. The over whelming message is that our Museum Complex is one of the best attractions that they have seen since coming to America. I must stop and explain that I am a California transplant and although I have been here some twenty plus years, I bear small trace of the California twang in my voice.

The Museum offers an evaluation form that visitors can fill out as they are leaving and one question is: "What did you like about the Museum?" The answers differ very little, and always include the word "EVERYTHING!" It has been a privilege to have the time to meet such wonderful people traveling through Arizona and to be a part of an institution that adopts "courtesy," as its watchword.

I had a chance to speak to Bill Bailey the other day and we were recalling all the struggles of the Museum in the early days when Norma Bailey was Director (1979-1992), she was the true embodiment of doing so much with so little. All of the Directors and Board of Trustees as well as volunteers that have gotten us to this point in history, all deserve applause for their accomplishments, and thanks to all of you for leaving a legacy that this Museum will enshrine with pride.

Thank you one and all!
Shannon Rossiter-Director

Calendar of Events

November 7, 2015

Mohave Museum of History & Arts
13th Annual Wine and Cheese
6:00 PM—8:30 PM Saturday
Wine Tasting, Food, and Silent Auction

November 14, 2015

Quilts of Valor Presentation
2:00 PM, Saturday, The Kingman Quilters
Guild is presenting quilts to the
Wounded Veterans of Mohave County.

December 5, 2015

Volunteer's Christmas Brunch
11:00 AM Saturday at The Mohave
Museum.
We are planning our annual catered brunch to
honor all our great volunteers!
Paul Carson will perform several classic
Christmas songs on the piano!

Please plan to attend & bring a guest!

Both day & night you've given of your time to make The Mohave Museum, Route 66 Museum & The Bonelli House better places. Every visitor has benefited, and your efforts can never be erased. We just want to tell you that we are aware and all agree your gifts of time large or small are special ones indeed!

December 6, 2015

Mohave Museum
35th Annual
Christmas Program
2:00 PM Sunday
This is open to the public with no
admission charge!
Come early, as seating is limited!

50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

November. 1965

Mrs. John Neal has been chosen Senior Citizen of the Year for Mohave County. Her name will be entered in competition with other county entries at the Arizona State Fair on November 7.



John and Amy Neal

Sportswear and floor length cocktail dresses were worn this Tuesday at the informal fashion show held at Kings Arms. The fashions are shown during the lunch hour and models from Michelle's were Dixie Crawford, Syd Clayton and Wilma Brummett.

Bullhead City: The Colorado River area which stretches over 24 miles has tripled in population and growth in the past three years.

The new Union 76 service station on Hilltop opened last Friday. Managers are Mr. Ross Webb and son Don.

It is fitting and appropriate to dedicate the high school athletic field in the memory of a boy whose personal traits of character exemplify best what athletics should teach. We refer to the late Dick Grounds, in whose memory they dedicated the MCUHS athletic field last Thursday night.

Two Arizona State College students from Kingman, Ellen Fiscel and Mrs. Barbara Snelling, are members of the Arizona State College 1965-66 marching band.

The Wayne Pearson family of Colorado City tied for first place in the Amateur Contest held at the State Fair last Saturday. There were 14 of the family on stage including tiny 18-month-old Lillith. In matching outfits of blue pants and jumpers with white shirts and blouses, the family proved to have real audience appeal.

There will be square dancing Saturday at 8:30 at the V.F.W. Hall. Everyone is welcome.

A holdup man, who made off with \$500 in cash from the Kingman Safeway store Friday evening, eluded road blocks and is still being sought by police.

Jack Hokanson, Kingman's "Culligan Man," announces celebration of the first anniversary of business in his new location, 111 South Fourth Street.

Every day there are people coming to Oatman looking for houses and lots. They are mostly from the Los Angeles area.

The new motel is in operation at Willow Beach Resort and can take care of the many fishermen and their families who come back to the resort year after year for the holidays.



Aerial view of Colorado River and Willow Beach marina.



Pioneer Cemetery Memorial

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

November, 1935

The road from Kingman to the Hualapai mountain recreational area has changed from a steep, narrow, dangerous mountain trail to an excellent highway. The many dangerous places which were a menace to those visiting the mountain park have practically all been eliminated. Great progress has been made by the boys of CCC Camp No. 1837.

The walls of the new federal post office building are steadily rising and the building will be shortly encased. Some idea of the imposing structure may now be obtained. It will be a notable addition to the business buildings of the city. It is expected that the building may be completed so that it may be occupied early in the year.

Progress photo of U.S. Post Office showing flooring construction in progress at corner of 4th Street and Oak Street. Photo looking Northwest toward Elks Building. Little Red School House in center left of photo.



Henry King, motion picture director of Fox Studios, spent Sunday at the Kit Carson. Mr. King has just purchased new Waco plane. Mr. King was leaving immediately to direct a picture of the Dionne quintuplets in Canada.

L. Murray Dunn has announced tomorrow as the date for the formal opening of Dunn's Bake Shop, Kingman's newest business enterprise. Mr. Dunn has been busy for the past several weeks remodeling and painting the building, which is located on West Front Street, just west of the Old Trails Garage.

A real Halloween spirit prevailed at the Kingman Country Club barn dance last Saturday night. About 40 members and guests were present to enjoy an evening of fun. A great variety of costumes and many clever ones made the judgment of winners very difficult.

Chloride: The postmaster feels quite grateful to the young folks here for leaving the post office out of their program on Halloween, as he has about all the work he can possibly do now without any extras thrown in.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

November, 1915

A great art exhibit for Arizona of original paintings exhibited by the painters themselves is the aim of the art department of the 1915 Arizona State Fair, and in order to do this and make it really a great art exhibit, the Women's Club of Phoenix agreed to join with the art department of the Arizona State Fair and make it a real attraction of the state for the year 1915 and succeeding years.

The sole purpose of the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce is to make known to the world the resources of every description of Mohave County by the distribution of unbiased absolutely reliable information. Every resident, firm or corporation of the county are cordially invited to become members of this organization.

George Settle and Tony Jeannette, drivers of fast racing cars, passed through Kingman a few days ago on their way to Phoenix, where they are entered in the big race scheduled for today. They made the trip from Los Angeles of Needles in eleven hours, being behind the time of the racing cars but one hour.

Hugh McFee, district commercial superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, this week has been looking over the widening field of the county for the purpose of extending the lines of the company. As a result of his observation the Western Union will enter the Oatman field through a leased wire system. The company is now fitting up a city office for Kingman on Front Street in the Luthy block and will also have a city office in Oatman.

That Ray D. Harris, manager of Mohave County Chamber of Commerce personally believes what he preaches as to the wonderful future of Mohave County is evidenced by the fact that he several days ago entered into a partnership with W. J. Johnson, a practical laundryman of 25 years' experience, in the establishment of the Mohave Steam Laundry, an institution for which there has been a long need



Mohave County Movers and Shakers

FRANKLYN EDNA WALKER "FRANKIE" YOUNGER, Museum Librarian, was born in Kansas in 1912. She was named for her maternal grandfather and throughout her life received correspondence addressed to "Mr." Walker or "Mr." Younger. She even received a draft notice and showed up at the draft office.

In 1930 she met cavalryman Swede Younger in Junction City, Kansas. They were married three months later. Frankie and Swede had two children, Norton Griffith and Karin Elizabeth. The family followed their soldier all over the world.

During World War II Frankie worked with the Red Cross and volunteered at the Hill Air Force Base, Utah, hospital. In 1946 she and the children traveled to Europe on an old army troopship to be with Swede who was stationed there during the occupation. They returned to the United States in 1949.

In 1958 Frankie and Swede moved to Kingman, Arizona to escape harsh Kansas winters. In Kingman Frankie was active in a bridge group, the Republican Women, and the Mohave Museum of History and Arts, where she was the first librarian, cataloging hundreds of books donated to start the research library.

After the death of their son Griff in 1965, Frankie and Swede traveled in the United States and on several cruises.

Frankie died in Kingman in 1977.

HAROLD MARTIN "SWEDE" YOUNGER, Museum Volunteer and Board Member was born in about 1900 to a Quaker family in Tonganoxi, Kansas. In spite of his parents' disapproval he decided on a military career and joined the U.S. Cavalry, lying about his age to get in. In the early 1920s he patrolled the U.S./Mexican border from Texas to Arizona. In 1930 while stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas, he married Franklyn Edna "Frankie" Walker. They had two children, Norton Griffith and Karin Elizabeth.

Younger switched to the Army Air Corps, became an officer and during World War II served at Hill Air Force Base in Utah and after the war was with the occupation forces in Europe. He retired in 1954 and returned with the family to Kansas.

In 1958 they moved to Kingman to escape the harsh winters. In Kingman he worked part time in real estate and volunteered many hours with the Mohave Museum of History and Arts where he also served as president of the Board of Trustees. He was also active with the Shriners, the Lions and the Methodist Church.

Younger's son Griff was killed in a Felspar mining accident in 1965. Swede Younger died in 1979, surviving his wife by two years.

H. H. WATKINS, Druggist and Banker

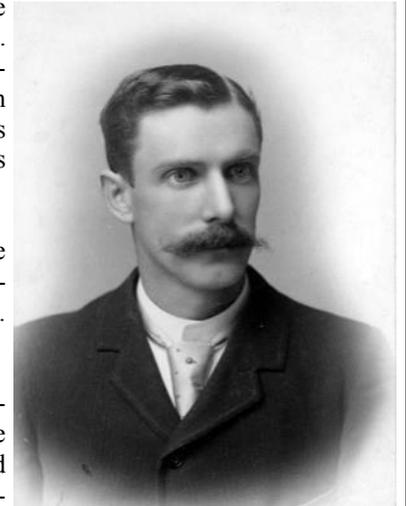
H. H. Watkins was born in California in 1858. He came to Mineral Park, then the Mohave County Seat, in 1883. There, along with his brother, he became a partner in the drugstore owned by his brother-in-law, James Hyde.

In 1885 he married Jessie Tolman, who came to Mineral Park from California. They had two daughters.

The family moved to Kingman in 1888 when the county seat was transferred from Mineral Park to Kingman. At that time the firm known as Watkins Bros. that operated drugstores in Kingman and Mineral Park became Watkins Druggists and Apothecaries. An article in the Mohave County Miner in March 1890, noted that Mr. Watkins had installed an artie soda fountain that "will slake your thirst with nectar fit for the gods."

In later years Watkins was secretary-treasurer of the Standard Cattle and Loan Co., and was also manager of Arizona Central Bank.

Mr. Watkins died in 1941.



Merton George (M. G.) Wagner, Businessman, was born in 1875. He came to Mohave County and Kingman about 1910.

Wagner was active in the community, a member of the Kingman Elks and manager of the Kingman rodeo. According to a short paragraph in the Mohave County Miner, he once assisted the deputy sheriff to jail a "housethief."

Along with his wife, Mr. Wagner owned the Old Trails Garage and the Wagner Buick Sales Company in Kingman.

Membership Renewal

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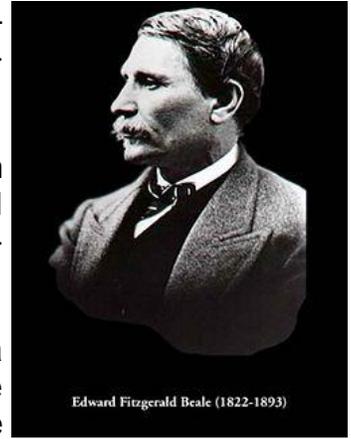
Memories thru Photos—Beale Springs

Information courtesy of Kingman, Arizona Historic District

Beale Springs was used by Native Americans for centuries before Lt. Edward Beale traveled through the area in the 1850s and established a wagon road along the 35th parallel.

The area of Beale's Springs, near Kingman, can trace its Euro-American history to 1859 when work parties of the Beale Wagon Road discovered and improved the site. Beale called it Bishop's Springs in honor of his colleague who found the springs.

By 1863, the site was commonly known as Beale's Springs and became a way station on the Mohave and Prescott Toll Road in 1864. During the Hualapai Indian War (1866-70), the site was a temporary camp for the military in an attempt to protect the mails.



With its generous supply of water, it was a point of critical importance on a major wagon road through the desert. The water from Beale's Springs would play an important part in the establishment of a nearby railroad siding on the new Atlantic and Pacific Railroad.

The Beale Springs site became a water source for the rapidly developing city of Kingman. A water reservoir was built there and is still partially standing today. It is said that in addition to serving its intended purpose, the reservoir sometimes doubled as a swimming pool.

After the Beale Springs site was no longer inhabited, local people held picnics there and enjoyed the water and shade provided by fruit trees that had been planted many years before. Today, you can still enjoy a picnic there in the quiet atmosphere or do some hiking.



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