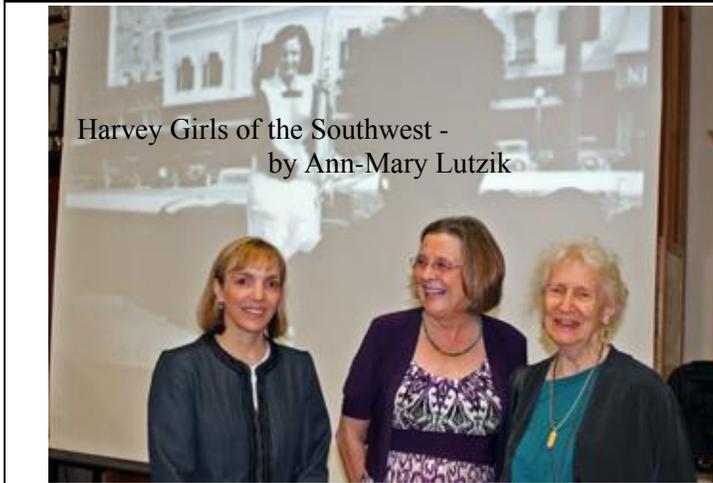


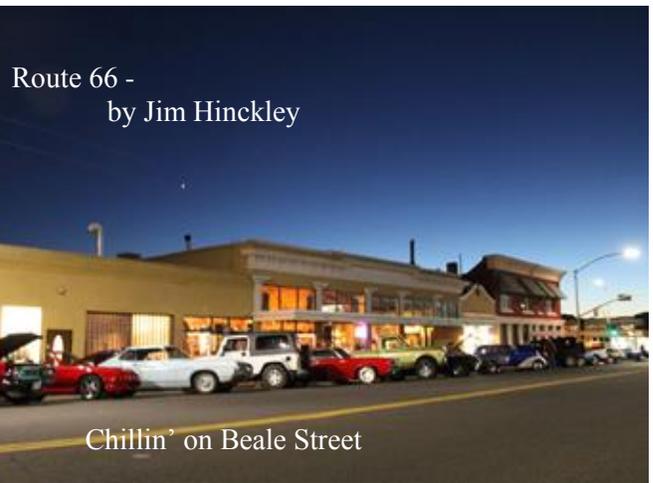
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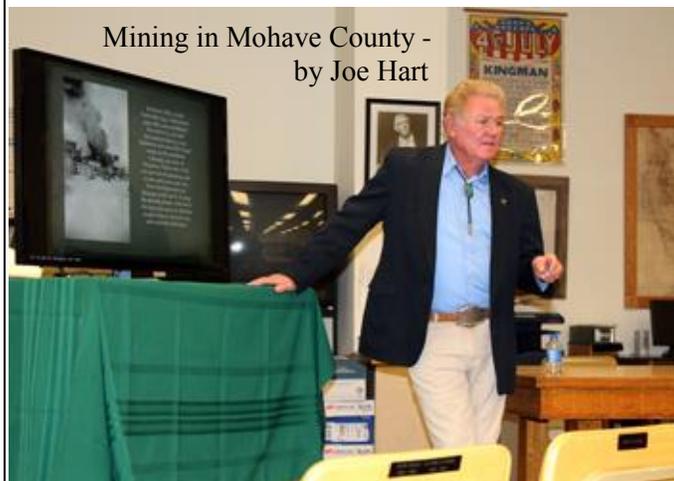


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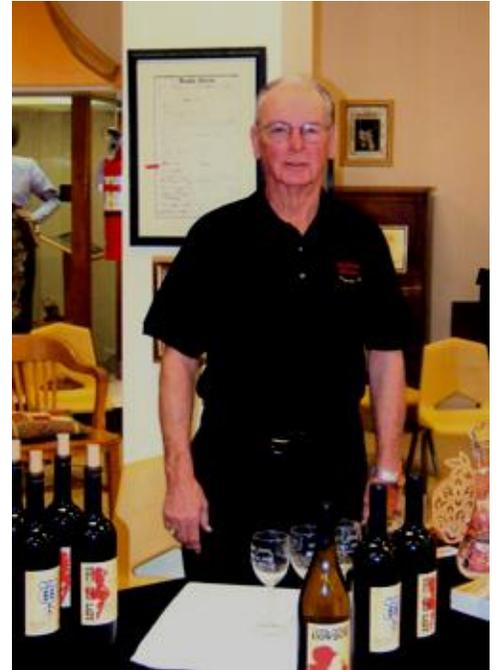
Bill Ekstrom serving the Red Wines

The Museum's 11th Annual Wine & Cheese fund-raiser was very well attended and a good time was had by all.

The Museum would like to thank all the vendors and donors who helped make it a

big **success**.

Thank you to all the attendees who bid on the silent auction items and congratulations to the winners of the door prizes.



Stetson Winery donated and served



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50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

December 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grounds are attending the Sixth Annual Convention of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association in Yuma this week.



Due to the steady growth of our community, the Library Board would welcome suggestions from the public on the advisability of keeping the library open for a longer period of time each day, or opening hours that might be more convenient for its patrons.

Mohave County Sheriff Floyd Cisney has instituted a rather different type of activity for desert area officers with the organization of an underwater search and rescue team composed of special deputies who are qualified scuba divers. The group will be on an emergency call basis, and will respond for drowning searches at any time when notified through the Sheriff's office.

There will be a jackpot roping at Oswald's Arena (old rodeo grounds) on Sunday at 1 p.m. This is for amateurs only.

The new Hilltop Elementary school is figuratively bursting at the seams according to principal Les Byram. The Board of Trustees of the Kingman School District has been discussing plans for proposed additional classroom space to alleviate the over-crowded situation.

The Isabella Miller Elementary School in Peach Springs has had a very active basketball team this year. The Tigers played host to the Kingman Bobcats and after an exciting afternoon of ball game, the Kingman Bobcats won the game with a score of 56-49.

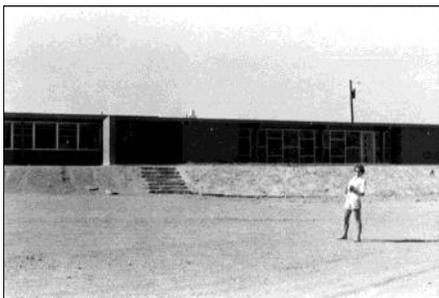


Photo #6409, The new school at Peach Springs AZ. The Isabella Miller school

Danny Roy, serving with the Navy at Camp Mugu, is enjoying leave in Kingman with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roy.

The annual Christmas party for employees of the Ford Proving Grounds and guests was held last Saturday evening.

A large crowd attended the affair at the Elks ballroom and enjoyed dancing to Jimmy Cox's band.



Photo #13021, Jimmy Cox, Joe Heiliger, Biggs, Lindsey Bond

Four Kingman students at the University of Arizona College of Engineering were awarded scholarship honors for outstanding work during the 1962-1963 year. They are Steven P. Brock, Paul S. Farley, James J. and Michael O. Glancy.

Central Commercial Company will hold its annual Christmas party for the county's youngsters Friday afternoon, December 20, starting at 2 p.m., president Jay M. Gates has announced. The party is open to all children of grammar school age and younger.

Charlie Black and Denny Stahl will arrive home Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents. Both are stationed with the Navy in San Diego.

A seat belt clinic will be sponsored by the Kingman Junior Chamber of Commerce on December 21st and January 4th. The clinic will be held at Texaco Auto Truck on east Highway 66.

Edie Odle has taken his 4-H calf to Phoenix where he will show the animal in the National Stock Show next week.

Golden Valley: An additional eight miles of electric line is being constructed on Highway 68 west from the water house to service the new Tel Star tracking station.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grounds and Hubby and Tommy and Mrs. Nell Clack are spending the Christmas holidays touring the Hawaiian Islands.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

Dec. 1933

Practically all of Chloride's unemployed have now found work, which, no doubt, will emphasize the Thanksgiving sentiment in many hearts. The outlook seems propitious for continuance of the work, some being at the mines and some on the roads.

It is reported that the Young Democratic club will journey to the high celebration at Willow Beach this Sunday in a body. It is said that there will be at least six cars full of the young people.

All who were fortunate enough to be able to tune in on WLW at Cincinnati last Wednesday evening report that the "Kingman on the Air" program was a dandy. Everything that could be said to boost the town and the county was broadcast for the world to hear. It was a real treat.

A very odd accident happened Sunday. Clarence (Seb) Cornwall left his car standing near a bank below Wikieup and when he came back the car had gone down the bank and turned over. With the help of his hunting party he turned it back on its wheels and went on their way. Very little damage was done to the car.

Several Kingman citizens have filed suits through Frank X. Gordon against J. A. Connell, whose animals are reported to have destroyed a number of gardens during the past several months. The suits are in the justice's court and are for varying sums.

Last evening about twenty local high school students under the leadership of Miss de Mary serenaded the local hotels, the county hospital and many "shut-in" residents of Kingman. Their Christmas Carols, beautifully sung, were enjoyed by all who heard them.

Miss Nina Uncapher was in Kingman several days the first of the week from her home in Chloride attending the late session of the D. A. R., of which she is head of the chapter. She is an ardent worker in this organization.

Another big load of lumber and supplies went out to the Boriana mine south of Yucca on Wednesday afternoon.

Photo #5181, Oatman in 1933, showing Arizona Hotel, and Walsh Building to the right. Highway 66 is in foreground.



100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

Dec. 1913

Report has it that J. B. Taylor was bitten by a skunk at his camp near Cedar a few days ago, and he drove into Yucca through the snow to get to medical aid. He will probably go to Los Angeles to take the Pasteur treatment. Mr. Taylor has been mining in the Cedar section the past several years.

A grand and trial jury session of the Superior Court will be held next week, Judge Krook having made the call. Last Saturday evening the jury lists were drawn and certified to the Sheriff who has had his deputies and himself scouring the county for the good and true men that are to compose the two tribunals.

The Wallapai mountains are covered with a depth of snow estimated from six inches to two feet. Snow has been falling in the high altitudes.



R. W. Lescher, whose plans for the Mohave County courthouse were recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors, was in Kingman a few days this week from Phoenix. He is at work on the working plans and specifications for the building and will have them in shape by the first of the year.

At its meeting Monday last the Board of Supervisors let the contract to build a new highway between Kingman and Yucca, the road to run along the west side of the Santa Fe Railroad.

Charles Whitfield has opened a barber shop at Hackberry. That town is growing in importance and Charley wishes to get in on the ground floor.

The Chloride train is now meeting No. 9, the fast west bound train, in Kingman instead of formerly meeting at McConnico. The train now leaves Kingman at 11:35, reaching Chloride at 1:10, leaves Chloride at 2:20 and arrives at Kingman at 4:15.

Clement Mayes of Tonopah, Nevada, is in Washington in the interest of a scheme to put a dam in the Colorado river in Boulder Canyon near the mouth of Vegas Wash, for the purpose of generating a large amount of electric power.

While Mohave County may show a falling off in the production of zinc for the year 1913, it is sure to show large gains in the production of gold, silver and copper. The Gold Road, Tom Reed, Frisco, Tennessee and Cyclopic will show big gains over that of last year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tis the season-to reflect of the success of 2013 and look forward to the challenges of 2014. This year the Museum has grown to such new heights that I feel like I have “acrophobia” looking over the heights that have been attained. I must give credit to all of the people responsible for this new growth, first and foremost is a Museum membership that has so loved this institution and given of their time and resources to perpetuate Mohave County’s rich history. I would in turn thank the Museum’s Board of Trustees that puts in so much time and effort to keep the Museum pristine and relevant while receiving no monetary compensation. I would be amiss to neglect the volunteers, that are the backbone of any successful non-profit institution. Lastly, I thank the Museum staff that do more than the job put before them and finally I would like to thank my loving wife that has taught me more about this County’s history than I could have ever assimilated on my own.

Now, I would like to undertake the joyous task of interpreting what exactly, this group of dedicated people have actually accomplished: 1) the Museum hosted it’s first ever traveling “Smithsonian Journey Stories” exhibit. 2) Sandy Rusinko refurbished the classic Mural in the Museum’s parking lot. 3) we had one of the most successful “wine and cheese” events in the Museum’s history. 4) The Museum had the privilege of partnering with Mohave County Records and sending all the record books, that we had taken such diligent care of, to their rightful home to be digitized and preserved, and lastly, the Museum now has one of the best organized and cared for Artifact Departments in the state of Arizona.

All of the Museum’s forward steps have been the result of so many dedicated individuals, it would be impossible to mention them all, but I would like to take a brief moment to honor three of the people that added so much to the Museum’s stature in the time they were with us: First, I would like to pay tribute to Jim Simpson. Jim was one of the most brilliant men I had ever met. Jim was a surveyor and civil engineer, he brought his expertise to the Museum and helped us grow in so many ways. Jim and his wife Ruth suggested that we incorporate a basement area when we built our new library addition. Secondly, I would honor the contributions made by Norma Bailey who served as Museum Director for thirteen years, she is responsible for the Museum’s survival and growth in a time when funds were scarce and the Museum survived because of devoted people such as Norma. Finally I would pay tribute to Lauren Issel , who was our acting curator/exhibitor for over a year. Lauren was an inspiration to our Museum and jump started many parts of the Museum that had become somewhat static. All of these people influenced the Museum greatly and will truly be missed.

I feel truly blessed to have been a part of this Museum during such great growth. I would also like to remind you of our other Historical sites: The Bonelli House and the Route 66 Museum, together all three locations and their daily operation make this town, county and state a better place.

Merry Christmas!
Shannon Rossiter-Director



It's time for the Annual Christmas Sale in the Museum Gift Shop. ***Come find the perfect gift for that special person.*** There are many unique gifts from wind chimes to beautiful jewelry and books. So many things to choose from!!! Or if you can't make a decision, buy a gift certificate for that special person and let them choose their own gift. Everything will be 10% off and, of course, Museum Members will also get their membership discount of 10% for a total of 20% for all members. So come and start your Christmas Shopping NOVEMBER 25, 2013. The sale will continue through DECEMBER 31, 2013. See you at the Museum Gift Shop!!!

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Mohave County Movers & Shakers

JASPER N. BREWER, Mohave County Sheriff, 1927, 1928, was born in Texas in 1890 and came to Kingman with his family as a child of three years. In 1916 he married Iva Eleanor Shank at Chloride. They had two daughters and one son.

Brewer was well liked and respected in the community. He served in the highway patrol, was elected to the Third State Legislature in 1916, and was the Sheriff of Mohave County in 1927 and 1928.

The family lived in Mohave County until 1942 when they moved to California. Brewer died there on November 9, 1952.

ALVIS HENRY CARPENTER, Kingman Mayor, was born in 1926 in Oklahoma. He came with his family to Arizona the following year.

Carpenter served in the military in World War II. After the war he became general manager of Mohave Electric Cooperative, and he served as Kingman's mayor from 1978 to 1982.

He was a member of the Kingman Rotary Club, Elks Lodge No. 468, American Legion Post No. 14, and Veterans of Foreign Wars post No. 2516.

Carpenter died in February 1994, and was interred at the family ranch in Wikieup.

ELMER LAVERN BUTLER, Developer and Philanthropist, was born in 1923 in Iowa and grew up in California. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, and after the war worked in casinos in Las Vegas. On a trip to California he met and married his wife Edna. They had three children.



In 1958 Butler and his family took their savings and bought property in Kingman for back taxes.

Through the 50s and 60s Elmer Butler became one of Kingman's largest land subdividers, developing Greater Kingman, "Birdland" (which he called a place where people could afford to buy land), the New Kingman Addition (also known as Butler), commercial footage on Route 66 and the Camelback area.

Butler served on the Mohave County Planning and Zoning Commission and did many philanthropic projects in the community. He had a special love for the Hualapai people and spent a great deal of time in Peach Springs.

Elmer Butler died in February 2009. His ashes were laid to rest in Peach Springs.

FLOYD CISNEY, Sheriff, 1963-1972 was born in Hasting, Nebraska in 1916. He was raised in Phoenix. He became a deputy sheriff in Coolidge in 1938 and joined the Arizona Highway Patrol in 1942. He headed the Kingman Highway Patrol District from 1946 to 1963.



In 1963, after then-sheriff Robert Tarr was killed by an ex-convict, Cisney was appointed Mohave County Sheriff. He won the election in 1964 and again in 1968. He lost reelection to Phil Jordan in 1972, but returned to the sheriff's office in 1976, retiring as a captain in 1984.

Cisney was a member of the National Jeep Search and Rescue Association, Kingman Elks Lodge and the Masonic Lodge in Phoenix; also the Fraternal Order of Police and Kingman Lions Club.

At the time of his death in 1985 he and wife Lucille had been married 39 years. They had two sons and two daughters.

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