



The Mohave Museum of History and Arts

Mohave Memories

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2019

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's the beginning of a new year and time to put parts of the past behind you while remembering the more endearing times. After much reflection; I have decided to start 2019 differently; namely, I will propose a slew of New Year's resolutions at 11:59 pm and spend 12:01 am until 12:20 am tearing those lofty ideals asunder.

The aging process is bitter-sweet. Sweet, on one hand is the older you get the more freely you can express your opinions without any fear of retribution (unless it is posted on social media then all bets are off). I'm speaking figuratively rather than literally, meaning that sign language on a busy Los Angeles freeway during rush hour puts you at another kind of risk. The bitter part of this analogy is the older one gets the more likely that person's ideas and suggestions are often dismissed.

However, the Museum being only fifty years young will never fall victim to this folly. This grand institution seems to be more relevant than ever. Usually the more age an artifact accumulates the more value it has, both historic and intrinsic. What is often discounted is the space needed to display said historic item. A building will fatigue with age, and without proper care will ultimately fail. But the Museum has not had to suffer such degradation because of the great care it has received throughout the years.

Year 2019, with the Lord's good grace, will continue to see the American flag flying high over the Museum's distinct beams. All this is made possible because of the ongoing support the members have so freely given throughout these fifty-plus years. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this fine Museum. Charles Dickens wrote: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." The historic period he addressed this quote was correct. But when it comes to 2019 and the Mohave Museum it will surely be only "the best of times."



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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Special Notice

MOHAVE MUSEUM PRESENTS

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BRINGING HOME THE BACON

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I've always been proud to call Mohave County my home. I've met or am related to a great number of memorable people who have lived here during the past one hundred years (that's not to say I'm a hundred years old!). The Mohave County I grew up in had a population count closing in on 10,000 souls (the 1950 Census). There was no Lake Havasu City and the Bullhead City/Mohave Valley area boasted a population of around 500 people. Kingman was the hub of shopping activity in the county and had a population of about 3,500.



HAFLEY'S MARKET ON BEALE STREET
(MMHA #8653)

When I make the trip from our home in the "Hilltop," area, I sometimes think about the way things used to be. All the growth for the past forty or fifty years has been in the north part of Kingman. The main road in modern-day Kingman is now Stockton Hill Road—back then it was pretty much a two lane, partially paved road to mining properties. Now every convenience a person needs in life is in a business facility on this much-traveled city street or on East Route 66 to Hackberry.

When I travel downtown to "Old Kingman" and reflect on how it used to be, one thing sticks out like a proverbial sore thumb: There are no grocery stores downtown anymore! It's true that downtown Kingman has become a mecca for locals and tourists who enjoy some of

the best food and nightlife. There are some great antique shops and many other small businesses that provide convenient services locally—but there are no grocery stores!

The business of the County and City continues to roll downtown adjacent to the Courthouse, the Museums are always busy, and lots of beautiful people still live in the area—but there are no grocery stores!

When Kingman was a struggling little "burg" of 3,500 people in the 1940's and 1950's, there were seven grocery stores downtown and one on Highway 66 (Hood's Market on Hilltop). All these catered to the good people of this town and its surrounding areas. Along Beale Street, eastward between Third and Fifth, there was Hafley's Market, Table Supply,



STRATTON'S GROCETERIA ON FRONT STREET
(MMHA #13355)

Market Basket, Babbitt's Store, and Central Commercial Company. George's Meat Market was in the middle of Fourth Street across from Central Commercial, and Stratton's Groceteria was on Front Street (now Andy Devine) between Fourth and Fifth.

Kingman has made lots of progress. I read recently that the population is now about 50,000 people, including Golden Valley. We are not the dusty little western town in a big, empty county like we used to be. Now Mohave County is one of the most populated counties in Arizona—200,000 residents and growing. I know all that, but sincerely feel that we need at least one grocery store downtown if for no other reason than the sake of the Kingmanites who still live in that original part of our city. It's historic! And downtown is too busy a hub not to have that amenity of a grocery store.

Yep, I'm just an old, sentimentalist who often thinks about the really good times we enjoyed growing up in Mohave County. But let's not forget our friends and neighbors who still call old "downtown Kingman" their home.



AT 4TH & BEALE STREETS
GEORGE'S MEAT MARKET
BABBITT BROS. TRADING
(MMHA #1562)

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SOUNDS OF KINGMAN

Saturday, January 19

"Set in Stone But Not in Meaning:"
Southwestern Indian Rock Art"
presenter: Allen Dart

Saturday, February 16

Arizona Goes to the Moon"
presenter:
Kevin Schindler

WWW.SOUNDSOFKINGMAN.COM

NEWS FROM THE RESEARCH LIBRARY

Map encapsulation came to a grinding halt in October when we ran out of materials. Grateful thanks to both the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) and to the Arizona State Historical Records Advisory Board (AHRAB) for approving two new grants! The first supplies have arrived and we are back on task, thanks to Gary and Mickey Chase, reliable volunteers and now experts in the methods of preservation. We welcome your assistance, if you want to volunteer time each week for this important project.

While that project was “on hold” we put the time and manpower of volunteers to good use. The interior of the Research Facility is becoming more user-friendly, and will have a fresh new look soon—an ongoing project that should be completed before the end of Fiscal Year 2019. If you haven’t been here in a while, I’d say it’s time for another visit!

AND...we have a NEW project under way; Photo Identification! A team of venerable local residents has volunteered to help identify photos that have been stored away for many years. They will be identifying people, buildings, events, and landscape shots relative to KINGMAN or MOHAVE COUNTY history. We will hold a SERIES of one-hour photo-identification viewings of 35mm slides in the LIBRARY, starting in January. We’ll post a schedule—please call us (928-753-3195) if you would like to participate. Check our website for “What’s New” too.

“There’s never a dull day in the Library!”



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Multiple Interesting Tasks

Four hour shifts, Mon-Sat

- ***Greeters—Rt. 66/Mohave Museum***
- ***“Organizers”—Library***
- ***Tour guide trainees—Bonelli House***

50 Years Ago from the Mohave County Miner

JAN—FEB 1969

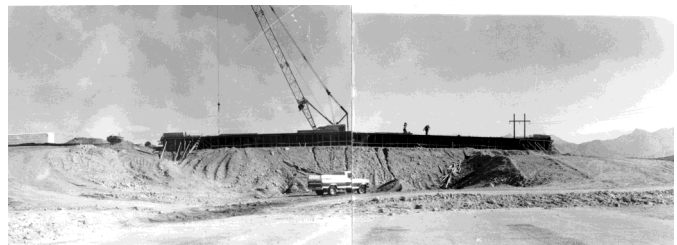
Arizona highway construction projects finished and opened as of December include 5.6 miles on Interstate 40 beginning about 14 miles east of the California/Arizona state line and extending northeasterly toward Kingman.



The Kingman Common Council Monday evening in a testy vote sanctioned the elimination of all rubbish burning in the city, commercial incinerators included, and in a separate matter tightened the harness on the dog leash law. (online photo)

Ground will be broken on Lake Havasu City’s first fire station at 2 p.m. Saturday on Lake Havasu Drive.

The new Kingman Junior High School will be dedicated in ceremonies preceding an open house Thursday evening at 8 p.m., Principal Blaine Benson announces.



Beale Street overpass, I-40 (MMHA #11152)



Kingman Jr High School (MMHA #6189)

80 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

JAN—FEB 1939

A rush of applications for new license plates at the county assessor's office is expected for the remainder of January.

A completely modern service station is being constructed by L. E. Lambert on U.S. 66 about one mile east of Kingman. Mr. Lambert is proprietor of the



ARIZONA WPA CREW
(GOOGLE.COM)

Hilltop garage and will run the new service station in conjunction with his garage.

The Kingman Country Club was the scene of the second annual ranch dance on Saturday evening. Appetizing chuck was served to a gaily dressed crowd of buckaroos.



KINGMAN COUNTRY CLUB PARTY
(MMHA #2607)

The Mohave County Board of Supervisors were informed last week by J. Wishert, project manager of the WPA, that all WPA work in Mohave County will cease no later than February 20 at the completion of work already started.

100 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

JAN—FEB 1919



PROHIBITION EXHIBITION, CIRCA 1919
(WWW.MASHABLE.COM)

The past week has been a rough one for bootleggers, Sheriff Mahoney having made the capture of five gentlemen engaged in the bootlegging business and over \$2,000 bootleg, wholesale price, to say nothing of three cars valued at perhaps \$5,000.

The United States has completed the legislative process of voting itself dry. When word was flashed over the wires that the 36th state, Nebraska, had ratified the prohibition amendment, prohibition leaders declared that the accomplishment was the greatest piece of moral legislation in the history of the world.

Among all the towns of the state, Kingman has been the one to be honored as the first terminal in the aerial

mail service between the two oceans. At this point will converge the mail lines from Los Angeles and San Francisco and the big planes will land at the Wallapai Field.



KINGMAN'S "WALLAPAI" AIRFIELD
(WWW.AIRFIELDS-FREEMAN.COM)

The mysterious exodus of Hindus from Imperial Valley that brought up tales of possible feuds and plots by whites against the browns has been solved. The Hindus simply moved because they preferred Arizona. Several hundreds of acres of Arizona lands southeast of Chandler have passed into the hands of the erstwhile Hindus of the north and they intend to cultivate it.

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Researchers find our Facility an outstanding place to gather facts, figures, and 'fotos.' Thank you, everyone!

Donations of photographs, books, documents, maps, or artifacts (clothing, art, and the like)

Please contact us first (928-753-3195) to be sure an authorized museum employee is present.

The process of donating historic items to a museum is standard; we are not equipped to be a "drop off" site like ARC, Goodwill, etcetera so your items gifted to Mohave Museum are required to...

1. Have a verifiable connection with Kingman, Mohave County, or importance to the Southwestern USA.
2. Be clearly identified & labeled with names, dates, etc. and be in fair-to-excellent condition.
3. Donors must receive a Deed of Gift which requires their signature **plus** the signature of an authorized museum employee (i.e., Museum Director—Artifacts Department—Research Facility—Office Manager).

We are grateful for the amazing collection that has already been placed into our care; we're doing our very best to keep everything in good shape, useful for display or research, and/ or appropriately stored in our facility.

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