



# The Mohave Museum of History and Arts

# Mohave Memories

November-December 2018

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Once again as we approach the year's end, I am knee-deep in a dichotomy. As the winter solstice approaches, the days become shorter and the darkness more prominent; yet there is an ambient spirit present, steeped in light.

What is Christmas and Hanukah if not celebrations of light? Candles are lit and houses project lights of the season. A tree adorned with lights serves as a beacon for a celebration that can catapult us out of darkness. And for the more mundane, the illumination for sports events played at night can prompt a dazzling glimmer.



The shadows from sunlight might be more fleeting, but at night windblown trees still dance in city lights. The gray tones of dusk are much shorter in the winter, and I am fine with much less gray.

The moral to this tale is that the Museum is always alive with light in any season, and this is made possible by your continued support. Thank you for believing in this Museum and helping to keep history relevant and thriving in our community.

The Museum comes alive with the season's activities; the Wine & Cheese event with Silent Auction, the annual Christmas Program, and the Volunteer brunch. All are worthy endeavors and draw attention to the celebration of history we provide.

On behalf of the Museum, I would like to wish you the best Christmas and New Year ever!

*Shannon*

## THE BOARD OF THE MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ARTS PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING

**COME YE, COME YE** to the "OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG GATHERING" at our home, the MOHAVE MUSEUM

Bring all the little ones and join us in the round as we sing the popular Christmas Carols of the season.

YES, THIS GATHERING WAS SO POPULAR LAST YEAR THAT WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!

The Program will feature the Beale Street Theater Group performing a scene from their production of Charles Dicken's **THE CHRISTMAS CAROL**. Their choir will perform music of the season and lead us in an "old fashioned sing-along." So join our gathering—

**2:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018**

**400 West Beale Street**

What a fun way for the whole family to kick off the Holiday Season. Light refreshments will be served and, best of all, **ADMISSION IS FREE**

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 Invites you to participate in preserving our past and building  
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### You asked. Here's the list:

#### Arizona Highways MISSING Issues

1925-1933	All (9 years)
1934	Jan—July, Sep—Dec
1935-1937	All (3 years)
1938	Jan—June, Aug—Dec
1939	Jan to May, December
1940	Feb, Mar, June, Aug
1941	May (only)
1943	November (only)
1944	Jan—July, Oct, Dec
1945	Jan—May, July
1946	September & November
1948	March
1949	Feb—July, Sep, Oct, Dec
1950	Jan—Apr, Jun, Jul, Dec
1951	August & December
1952	January, March, July
1956	April & August
1960	February (only)
1966	Jan—June, Sep, Nov
1971	June (only)
1977	June (only)

All individual issues through 2018  
are on the shelf.  
**Hurrah, you did it!**

### ORGANIST WANTED

Our beautiful 1927 Austin pipe organ is in need of a qualified musician, experienced and able to put it through its paces. The museum Christmas Program is on the near horizon and our former musical mainstay of that event, Paul Carson, passed away earlier this year.

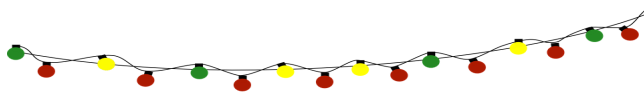


The Austin was serviced in 2017, meticulously cleaned and tuned—it is in perfect shape. A recent group on a bus tour from Michigan included a woman who played a brief concert with sing-along; a lively variety of musical selections. Visitors and employees came from every corner of the building to enjoy the impromptu performance.

If you're interested in taking part in this annual event, or know someone who might be qualified and willing, please contact Vicky Markee, Office Manager, or Shannon Rositer, Director as soon as possible (928.753.3195). The 2018 Program date is Saturday, December 1st.

### NAME THE "TELEPHONE OPERATOR"

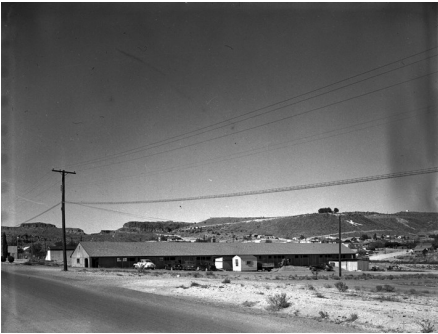
If you read the previous Mohave Memories Newsletter you know we asked for your help naming the mannequin at the Brunswick Hotel. Here are the entries we received: Audrey, Betty, Edith, Ernestine, Emma, Eleanor, Florence, Francie, Hazel, Helen, Ma Bell, Marge, Marguerite, Mary Lou, Milly, Sarah, Thelma. While Ernestine got the most nominations, it was the sweet story about Mary Lou that turned the tide. We hope you'll stop by to greet "Mary Lou" next time you pass the Brunswick. (See story on Page 3.)



## REMEMBERING KINGMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

CONTRIBUTED BY CHARLES COOK

After the end of World War II, Kingman's population had quite a spurt of growth. Many new residents were members of the "Greatest Generation" who had spent part of their military service training at Kingman's Flexible Gunnery School. This new growth was taken in stride by the residents of our county who knew that new schools would be needed for the influx of families who would call Mohave County their home.



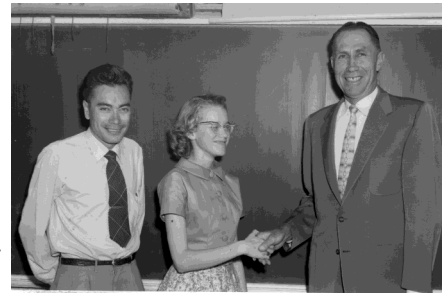
Kingman Grammar School was already overcrowded and could not expand. City and County officials agreed in 1947 that a bond should be passed to build a new Junior High School on property at the corner of Spring and Grandview. At the time, Spring Street ran across what is now the middle of the Lee Williams High School campus to Grandview. Construction started in 1947-48, and if I recall rightly, the first class to enjoy this new campus was the Kingman Junior High Class of 1949. Three grades, sixth through eighth, used the new school. We felt honored in Kingman to have a brand new school. I got there in 1955 and immediately fell in love with the campus layout and atmosphere of the whole experience. Many a sack lunch break was spent outside with friend and relative, Sandy Cornwall—no cafeteria or

gym at the school in the early years.

Through my three years at KJHS, I had excellent teachers. Mrs. Letha Bonelli, Mrs. Irene Lewis, Mr. Colling Ottipoby, as well as woodshop instructor and Principal Mr. Blaine Benson, were the teachers who tried to instill some semblance of learning into this writer. I must reveal that two afternoons were spent in Mr. Benson's office awaiting well-deserved discipline. The "swats" doled out by Mr. Benson weren't even close to what my own father meted out, so I took my punishment as prescribed, and made Mr. Benson feel that I had learned my lesson.

A special educator I will always remember is Mr. Les Byram, our physical education instructor and basketball coach. How I made the eighth grade basketball team is still a mystery to me as my only skill was shooting free-throws. I regret not having Mrs. Nell Hand as a teacher while I was at KJHS; she was a dynamite personality who started her teaching career in Oatman in the 1920s. Although she stood less than five feet tall, Mrs. Hand was a great educator and friend, and well respected. When it was time to move up to the Mohave County Union High School campus across Spring Street, we joined students there from St. Mary's in Kingman, as well as from Topock, Wickieup, Bullhead City, Peach Springs, Valentine, Chloride, Oatman, Goldroad, and other far-flung areas of Mohave County. MCUHS was the only secondary school in the entire county.

Within the last decade or so the decision was made to tear down KJHS. Seeing the old edifices being leveled was, to me, a travesty of trust. I will eventually learn to live with the decision but I felt that there was too much character-building and learning acquired there to have the building demolished. The beautiful campus that was Kingman Junior High School will always be fondly remembered by me and countless other students who matriculated through the Mohave County school system.



Colling  
Mr. OTTIPoby      Barbara Nell  
Spelling      Blaine  
Benson

## NAME THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR (Part Two)

September email from Grover Thomas to Shannon Rossiter:

"...I received the newsletter yesterday. The first thing I do is read Chuck Cook's column and then the rest. The reason I am writing to you is that I have an entry for a name to put with the telephone operator.

"There was a woman named Mary Lou Roe (married name) in the late 1950-1960's who was one of the main operators at Citizens Utilities, the phone company in Kingman. At that time, while I was in high school, I worked in the evenings and weekends at the Kingman Travel Lodge front desk (because I grew up in my parent's Roping Cowboy Motel so I knew how to work the front desk).

"The Travel Lodge had the first switchboard in a hotel in Kingman. When a customer wanted to make a call, they would pick up the phone in their room and call the front office (me). I would then ask them to hold and I would call Mary Lou at Citizens and say, "Hi, Mary Lou. We have a customer in room #000 who would like to call their family in (Akron, Ohio) and the number they want to call is xxx-xxxx. I will need T&C please (that means Time and Charges)." Mary Lou would connect to the number they wanted then connect it to the motel switchboard (me). Then I would connect the customer. When they finished the call, Mary Lou would call me and say, "Hi, Grover. The call for the (Jones family) in room #000 has T & C of eleven minutes and \$4.40." I would put that information on their room bill so they could pay when they checked out.

"So when I read your Letter from the Director, I had an immediate flashback to the hundreds and hundreds of calls that Mary Lou put through for customers at the Travel Lodge. That's my nomination for your name."

Thanks, Grover: Great story. We'll get a nameplate for Mary Lou at the Brunswick Hotel very soon.



## ! MANY THANKS TO OUR ARIZONA HIGHWAY CONTRIBUTORS !

This year we had a tremendous **RESPONSE** to fill a need. There were so many contributors to this effort we can't name them all, but **YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE** and we **THANK YOU!**

Here's the results:

**WE NOW HAVE EVERY ISSUE FROM 1978 THROUGH 2018**

Here's the plan

Please, **DO NOT BRING** us any more AZ Highways issues (please!) **UNLESS they are from 1925-1960**

We have posted a list of the missing issues in this newsletter, and on our website

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



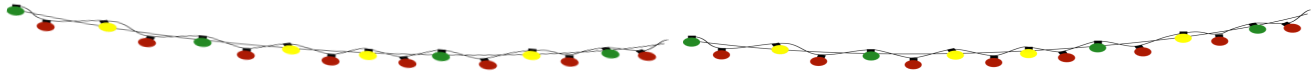
CHRISTMAS 1954

### THE MOHAVE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP—ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE

Jolly Old Saint Nick will soon be on his way with a sack full of goodies. If you haven't started filling your sack with goodies yet, be sure to come to the Museum of History and Arts Annual Christmas Sale for all your special gifts. The sale features **10% off** all merchandise in the store, except for consignment items, and all members of the Museum will also receive their **10% Discount**, giving members a total discount of **20%**. What a deal!!

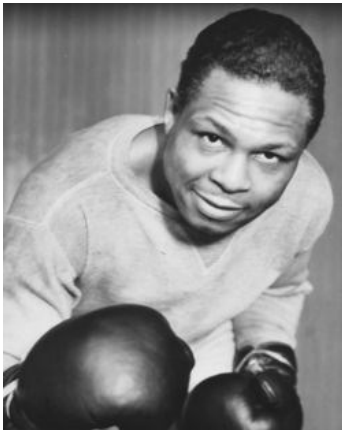
The Gift Shop features many special books, some of which are by local authors. These make perfect gifts for those hard-to-shop for people on your gift list. The Gift Shop also has an array of unique gifts that won't be found anywhere else. Mark these dates on your calendar, **November 23, through December 29, 2018**, and come to the Gift Shop at the Mohave Museum: 400 West Beale Street, for the best Christmas Shopping experience ever!!!!

For **more information**, please call **753-3195**



## 50 Years Ago from the Mohave County Miner

**Nov—DEC 1968**



**Archie Moore**, ex-light-heavyweight world boxing champ for more than a decade will be the guest speaker for the Kingman Job Corps banquet. The colorful Moore is famous for his speaking as well as his boxing.

A capacity audience was on hand here last Tuesday night in the Wesley Hall of the Methodist Church to view the marvelous electric train holdings of retired army Colonel Virgil McDaniel and his son Norman, 14.

The new junior high school facility on Stockton Hill Road at Hilltop is nearing completion.

Arizona's official Christmas card to the world, the December issue of the state sponsored **Arizona Highways** magazine, is now being distributed to every state of the union and 68 foreign countries.

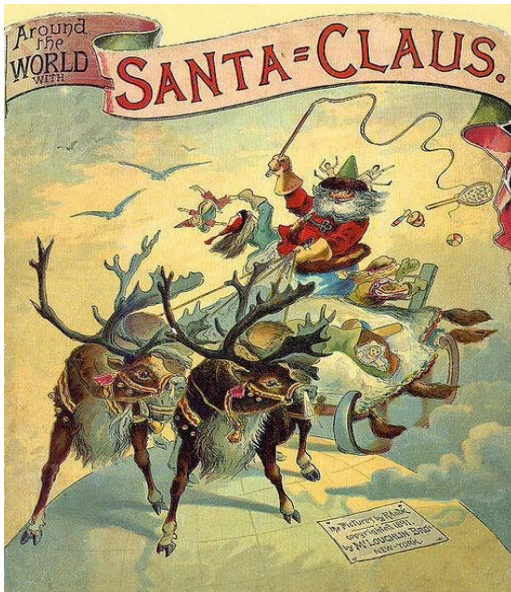


# 80 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

**NOV—DEC 1938**

Armistice Day was the theme of Well's Rotary Luncheon program with Toler White as chairman.

The question of fishing in Lake Mead with its unrecognizable state line somewhere on its surface is a problem now being debated. It appears that congressional action is necessary before the states can make treaties.



**Ho! Ho! Ho!**  
(Vintage book cover @ Pinterest online)

A crew of surveyors started work Monday on the new spur highway that is to be built into Chloride from U.S. 93. The work is being done by the state highway department.

As has been usual for the past 18 years, Santa Claus is again asking the local Order of Elks to assist him in the annual Christmas tree for the children of Kingman and vicinity. The arrival of Santa Claus will take place at 6:45 sharp on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Despite the cold and windy weather, the Kingman American Legion staged an Armistice Day celebration that filled last Friday with activity and was successful in every respect.



**STATELINE BOUNDARY—LAKE MEAD**  
(BLM WEBSITE)

# 100 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

**NOV—DEC 1918**

The influenza epidemic has not gained much headway in Kingman the past week, there being a total of about twelve cases scattered throughout the town and twenty-one in the hospital.

F. D. McClain of the Goldroad is another one of the more fortunate deer hunters, having returned Tuesday with a fine buck from the hunting grounds near Seligman.

Postmaster Metcalfe reports that Kingman Post Office alone sold through the windows here war stamps to the extent of \$25,000. This is quite a showing for one office and the employees are to be commended for their good work.



**Campaign Button—WWI**

The United War Work Campaign starts Saturday, November 9 in Mohave County to raise money for the seven War Work societies which are adding to the comfort of your boy in France. The money will go for the work of the YMCA, YWCA, National Catholic War Council, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, American Library Association and War Camp Community Service.

The employees of the Central Commercial Company presented John Ware with a fine leather rocker as a Christmas gift.



**WWI SAVING  
STAMP EXAMPLE  
DATED 1923**

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### In Memory Of

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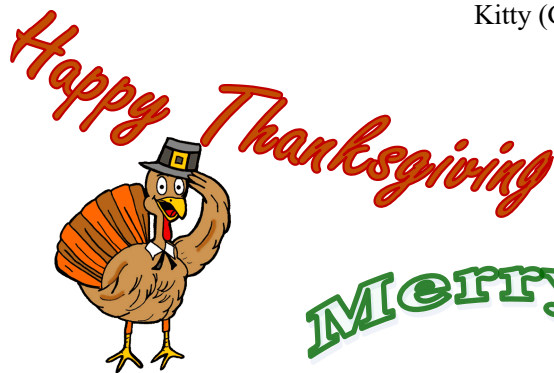


## Memorials (con't)...

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Merry Christmas

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### SOUNDS OF KINGMAN

Mark your calendar for 2019

**Saturday, January 19**

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



**Saturday, February 16**

"Arizona Goes to the Moon"  
presented by Kevin Schindler

[WWW.SOUNDSOFKINGMAN.COM](http://WWW.SOUNDSOFKINGMAN.COM)

### MOHAVE MUSEUM SPECIAL EVENTS

@ MOHAVE MUSEUM AUDITORIUM

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3RD**  
**6:00-8:30PM**

**WINE & CHEESE TASTING**  
**WITH SPECIAL AUCTION**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17**  
**2:00PM—QUILTS OF VALOR**  
**PRESENTATION OF QUILTS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
**11:00AM—VOLUNTEERS' BRUNCH**  
**2:00PM—MUSEUM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

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