



The Mohave Museum of History and Arts

Mohave Memories

January-February 2018

FROM THE DIRECTOR

If the changing of calendar years has taught me anything at all, it would be simply beware of resolutions! There is always the risk of fleeing from "vision" and adopting "ritual" as a preference. "Let me be perfectly clear" (I love this phrase which is bantered around like cheap whiskey by politicians), I prefer forward momentum over talk about past achievements. I should pause to let you know I have had some relapses, keeping me out of the 100% category but, be that as it may, I have a vision for 2018.



I foresee Kingman's museums continuing on their path of gaining greater status, not only here but also on the global market. There has been a steady increase of visitors to the Mohave Museum, Route 66 Museum, and the Bonelli House. I see this trend holding as we go into 2018. I would be remiss if I forgot to mention the Museum's research facility. The library housed in the Mohave Museum is one of the best in Arizona. Since 2005, the year of its conception, the library has digitized all the copies of the Kingman Daily Miner as well as starting the same process on over 10,000 maps housed here. Not content on touting past laurels, the vision continues on with the encapsulation of the remaining maps. The Museum is complimented by having a research facility that will keep Mohave County's rich history preserved for generations.

I envision 2018 as being a year that will bear witness to Mohave County's growth, with the Museum being not only the center of preserving the past but also recording current history in the making.

I must remind you that none of this would be possible without you. The Membership of this Museum is the Museum itself, it is truly a symbiotic relationship. I would like to thank everyone for their support last year and invite you to continue being a part of the Museum's spectacular growth in 2018. I wish you the best for the New Year!

MANY THANKS...To the presenters and participants in our 2017 Christmas program, an "Old-Fashioned Christmas Sing-A-Long." A grand time! The Museum was filled with smiling faces and the sounds of Christmas music for all generations. **Thanks also** to the decoration & refreshment teams for the gorgeous Christmas decor and great cookies. Your hard work was a delight to the eye and taste buds!

The Beale Street Theater group gave us two top-notch performances...and Paul Carson hosted the sing-a-long as folks called out their favorite songs and carols. "'Twas a perfect ending to the year!"



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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 27: 2:00PM
Mohave Museum Auditorium

OUR TIME, OUR HISTORY-Casey Davis presents
'Hi Jolly' and The Mystery of the U.S. Army Camel Corps

Note the following for MARCH

- Sunday, March 4: 2:00 PM—WOMEN MAKING HISTORY AWARDS
- Saturday, March 24: 2:00 PM—OUR TIME, OUR HISTORY
Wild, Weird, Wicked Arizona
- March 25-April 9
CRUISE ON THE ISLAND PRINCESS
Contact Donna Touchette, 928-757-3368

HEAD'S UP!!

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The **Thirty-Fourth Annual Awards** celebration for
WOMEN MAKING HISTORY
Sunday, March 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

Watch the next MM Newsletter for details honoring
Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business

Mohave Memories Newsletter and Museum Memberships

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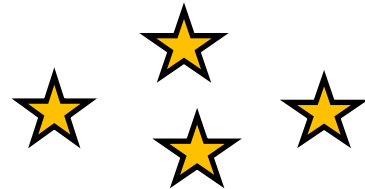
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Bonelli House.

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research assistance from the Museum staff.

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VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

A wonderful turnout for our annual Christmas luncheon as our great volunteers showed up for good food and entertainment. Thanks to the BOARD for their generosity, but thanks to our VOLUNTEERS who help welcome and serve the many, many visitors from around the world who come to visit our Museums.
And, thanks to Phil Kelly who provided these photo memories!



SEE SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN THIS PHOTO?
THEY'RE MOSTLY OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!



STACY MERRITT, KAREN DUEY, AND KIT MERRITT PROVIDED FINE ENTERTAINMENT AFTER LUNCH WITH A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS STORY

THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMES TO MOHAVE COUNTY

(Compiled from articles in the Mohave County Miner)
Contributed by: Michael A. Goethals (Museum visitor/Author)

PART TWO (conclusion)

(...continued from Nov-Dec. issue of Mohave Memories)

By late February, the strike had subsided and the westward progress recommenced. Col. Conrad Shenfield, the railroad's contractor, was busy selling town lots in Kingman, while local businessmen erected two large mess tents and seven smaller ones to feed the work crews. In Truxton, a large pump and tank was being built to supply water to the workmen and tracklayers instead of hauling it nearly 200 miles to the end of track. In addition, a fine 50,000-gallon water tank was erected on a sandstone foundation at the station in Peach Springs, along with twelve miles of siding to handle the numerous loads of freight arriving from the east.

By the end of March, A&P Railroad officials were getting in a hurry to lay track. They were putting down from two, to two-and-a-half miles, per day, causing the carpenters to be unable to keep up with the building of the smaller bridges along the line. Only about one half of the bridges were completed, with the culverts or small bridges cobbled up with ties and rails and run over or left behind to be bridged later. Meanwhile, the steam pile-drivers for use on the Colorado River bridge were loaded on freight wagons and sent to the river by the way of Union Pass. The company unloaded piles for the bridges all along the line for six or seven miles from Kingman, and four-horse teams took them to the river over the same route.



As work on the bridge continued through the month of April, the company made Kingman the temporary railroad terminus. With workers boarding the train located at the Hualapai siding and the regular passenger trains getting into Kingman every day at 9 a.m., the Wells, Fargo and Company established an express and telegraph office in town. In addition, Mr. Fisher, the terminal agent, moved to Hackberry on the 15th of April, so that freight could be unloaded there and merchants could telegraph or receive express matter thereafter. Over one hundred teams were engaged in hauling piles from Kingman to Polhamus, to be used in the construction of the bridge

across the Colorado River at the Needles. The track was being laid to a point about eight miles below Kingman and within forty-one and a half miles of the river. The distance between Albuquerque and Kingman was 521-½ miles, and between Kingman and the river was 49-½ miles.

Although track laying on the A&P Railroad had temporarily stopped for want of steel rails, F. W. Smith, general superintendent of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, accompanied by Colonel Shenfield and others, came through from Albuquerque to Kingman on a special train that made the run in eighteen hours. Work building the bridge across the Colorado River had been commenced on the California side and within a few days there were at least six or eight pile drivers at work. As the railroad through Mohave County neared completion, a gang of workers were erecting a large water tank at Kingman. The water was forced into the tank from Connor's Spring, where a force of men had been excavating and cleaning out the spring. A large reservoir was built of rock and cement from which the water was pumped in to the tank at the depot. It was estimated that this spring would furnish about enough water to meet the company's needs.

When regular railway service through Mohave County commenced, freighting rates from Chicago to Kingman were as follows, per 100lbs: 1st Class \$6.72, 2nd Class \$6:10, 3rd Class \$5.40, and 4th Class \$4.54. The freight cost of flour from Kansas City to Kingman was \$2.06 per 100 lbs.; grain, feed, and bran was \$1.59 per 100 lbs.; and hay was \$1.30 per 100 lbs. Soon A. F. Simonds, proprietor of the Beale Springs Hotel, had plenty of business from eastern railroad men and mining speculators, while W. H. Hardy was advertising his ability to carry passengers and mail from the end of track to all the key stops between Peach Springs and Fort Mohave within sixty-two hours. Even the Arizona Sampling Works, which offered the highest market prices for gold, silver, lead, and copper, moved to Kingman to be nearer to the railroad and the beneficial shipping opportunities that it provided.



Kingman Railroad Depot (MMHS #14250)

In the Fall of 1884, the link between the railroad at Kingman and the county seat at Mineral Park had become so important, that the Kingman and Mineral Park Stage Line was advertising daily trips between the two towns leaving Kingman at 7 a.m. and Mineral Park at 1 p.m. for just two dollars per person. Ultimately, the coming of the railroad to Mohave County helped establish the town of Kingman and transform the once desolate mining region of flat desert, rolling hills, and jutting mountain ranges into a growing center of trade and commerce in northwestern Arizona.

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Memorials

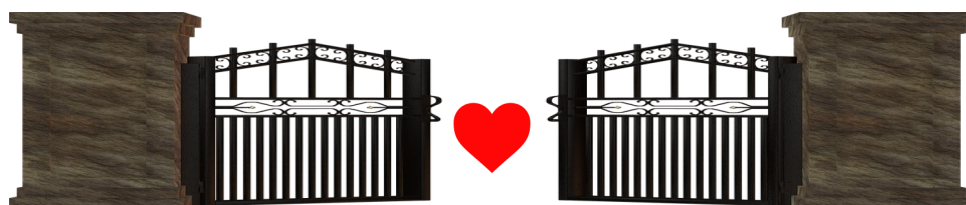
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50 Years Ago from the Mohave County Miner

JAN.—FEB. 1968

A "meet your governor" dinner is slated in Kingman Saturday, January 6 at the Holiday Inn Restaurant. The five dollar-a-plate affair features Governor and Mrs. Jack Williams as guests of honor.

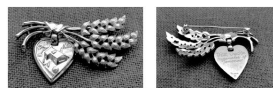
William Eugene Delahoye is Mohave County's first baby of 1968. The proud parents are James and Linda Delahoye of Lake Mohave Estates.



**NANNY NISH WITH
GOVERNOR JACK
WILLIAMS, 1967
PHOTO #645**

One polling place has been selected for the April 2 city election wherein registered voters will go to cast their votes for three city councilmen. The high school girls gymnasium located on First and Oak will be the official place.

Rachel D. Ginsburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ginsburg has been named 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Mohave County Union High School. Miss Ginsburg scored highest in a written home-making knowledge and attitude examination.



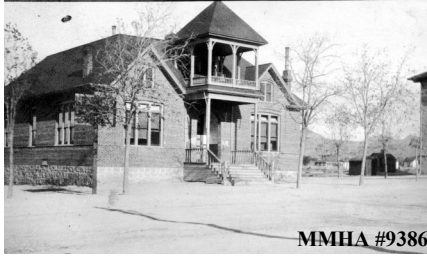
**PHOTOS FROM INTERNET AT
WWW.BLOG.GENERALMILLS.COM
STUDENTS IN EXAM; AWARD PIN**

The 1968 license plates will go on sale June 2 at the Auto License Department located in the basement of the courthouse at Kingman. Deadline for purchase of plates is March 1 and will bring a double penalty for those not meeting the deadline.

80 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

JAN. —FEB. 1938

The Kingman grammar school, which is a good barometer of the growth of Kingman, showed an average daily attendance of 407 during the month, which is the highest in the history of the local school, and 35 more than the daily attendance for the month of December, 1936.



Having rented the building next to their dry goods store, formerly occupied by the R. C. Brown garage, the Famous Stores announced this week that they will open a new furniture department between the 15th and 20th of this month. Remodeling of the building is expected to start this weekend and be completed by the time the new stock arrives. Sam Heiligers Jr. will be in charge of the new department.

Something new, unique and fascinating to the audience will be offered by the members of the Little Theater Club on the night of Thursday, January 27, when they stage the mystery murder trial play, "The Night of January 16th," by Nathaniel Edward Reid at the grammar school auditorium as a benefit for the Trinity Episcopal Guild.

Andy Devine, a Kingman boy who has more than made good on the screen, has been chosen to select the La Cuesta campus queen for the state teachers college at Flagstaff. Andy attended the college while he still resided in Kingman with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Devine, proprietors of the Beale Hotel for many years.



ANDY DEVINE, CIRCA 1928
MMHA #6294

100 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

JAN.—FEB. 1918

The post office department has notified Postmaster Metcalfe that the railroad company has been ordered to put in a mail box at the railroad depot in Kingman for the deposit of mail, and ordered to gather it in. This will be a great convenience to the public, if the box is not worked overtime, in which event there will be a double box placed there and the postmaster will have to collect the mail.



CROZIER CANYON BRIDGE, MMHA #8028

The Santa Fe has its big steam shovel in operation below McConnico and the work train is bringing the gravel into the local yards several times daily. The railroad company is also putting in new steel in Crozier canyon and working several hundred whites, Indians and Mexicans on the job.

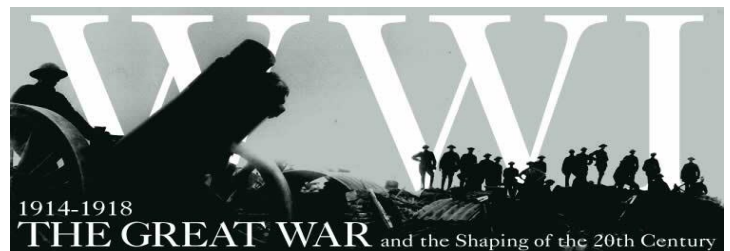
President Wilson has made the statement that with the preparations going on in the United States and the immense armies in the field, war will come to a sudden end this year. We hope that this prediction may come true, but we are pessimistic of immediate results. No peace should be signed until there is complete victory over the Huns.



WOODROW WILSON: PHOTO FROM INTERNET

The manufacturers of artificial ice appear to see a shortage of that commodity next summer. That may be so, but there is an abundance of it this winter.

Ed. Note: Some words not "PC" but remember, it was 1918.



LEST WE FORGET

Membership Renewal

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William T. Shilling
Sue A. Wade, Hackberry, AZ
Don Welks

THANK YOU

GRANDPA'S CHRISTMAS

Chuck Cook, Contributor

Ranching and livestock management can be one of the most back-breaking professions you can get yourself into. You invest your life and your soul into a venture that maybe has a success rate of about fifty percent. Ranching and stock raising is not an eight-to-five job. Constant attention has to be paid to your animals and property. You can have one good year of profit and many years of bad luck and low profits. It is said that most livestock outfits are "cattle rich and cash poor." With little tangible money, extremely low sale prices on your product, a costly combination of livestock theft, crop failure, and equipment repair, you can be left on the edge of poverty.

This time of year I want to heartily thank all the Mohave County pioneers and the surviving ranching families still making a living at the livestock and produce business. Without these industrious and self-sacrificing neighbors there would be no Mohave County. I have a personal hero who spent most of his life in the ranching business; he knew cattle, horses, and sheep inside and out.



**GRANDFATHER & GRANDMOTHER
HERB AND DORA COOK
KINGMAN, 1933 (MMHA #14681)**

My grandfather, Herbert Nelson Cook, was born on his father's ranch in Williamson Valley, Arizona, which is about seventy-five miles—as the crow flies—from Kingman. His family had come to Arizona from northern California in 1874 and camped at Beale Springs for a few days while one of Gramp's cousins was born. The caravan of three covered wagons then continued the trek to their new home. My grandfather was born seven years later, one of eight children.

Grandpa Cook learned to ride, rope and even find a "stray" unbranded cow or two while taking on ranching duties as a youngster. Later he owned or managed cow outfits in Williamson Valley, Kirkland, Mayer, and Skull Valley...all in Yavapai County. When the Great Depression overtook the American economy, the ranching industry was decimated. Gramps owed money to the bank and had to sell his ranch, livestock, and equipment in order for his family to survive. He moved his family to Kingman in 1932 and found a job managing the Star Dairy in Clack's Canyon. Later he ran the Mohave Jersey Dairy which, I believe, was where Mohave Community College is now located.

Those early years in Kingman were tough; not much money, but he made do. Later on he spent time with the Mohave County Roads Department and also worked as a Mohave County Deputy Sheriff. My grandmother worked in the kitchen at the old hospital on West Beale Street.

Grandpa did not understand idleness. When he was in his seventies he invested in three hundred laying chickens. He sold fresh eggs to different businesses in Kingman for years. We ate a lot of fried chicken in those days, whether we wanted to or not. He also helped with the chores at our place and did any task that was asked of him. Grandpa never lost his zest for the ranching way of life even though he lost his ranch and livestock in the early 1930's. Adversity didn't seem to shake him. He moved on and made his life, and the people in his life admired him. No looking back; no regrets.

He was a caring grandfather who loved his grandkids and great-grandkids. He especially cared about Christmas. When we were young, he would run around our house late on Christmas Eve jingling real sleigh bells. We knew it was grandpa even though he would emphatically deny it.

And what did we usually get him for Christmas? Two cans of Prince Albert tobacco! He like to roll his own cigarettes!

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas. Best wishes for a Happy New Year to everyone!



**HERB COOK AND THE WRITER
KINGMAN, 1944 (MMHA #14687)**

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

2017 ended at the Museum's research facility with activity on an exciting project for **2018**. Our Phase II Map Encapsulation is already underway. Some new, and not-so-new, equipment has arrived, with the expectation of more to come in January. Supplies are on hand, to add to leftovers from Phase I. Currently, a careful process is underway, separating Phase I maps so our inventory is correctly recorded.

Right on the heels of that will be our training sessions. I'm told that encapsulation is a rather simple technique so I'm eager to learn. So far, three volunteers have signed up and we have two "experts" to train us. But "many hands make light work" so we're urging you to consider making this a short-term project for yourself in 2018. Will you lend us some time, and your hands, so that we can complete Phase II in record time?

We'll keep you informed on the schedule as things progress. Once this project is completed there are plenty more on the "to-do" list. This research facility is an amazing place. Don't miss out on the fun...there's never a dull day in the Library!



**MAP ENCAPSULATION
PHASE II BEGINS.**

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