



The Mohave Museum of History and Arts

Mohave Memories

March-April 2018

Historic preservation is a challenge on any level, but doing it right is a “calling”. The Museum will celebrate its 50th birthday on April 27th of this year and I would like to pay homage to all those that made this anniversary possible. The founders of this institution answered more than a call for it has been said that “many are called but few are chosen” and I would like to thank all those that answered the call of duty. The year that turned vision into reality was 1968.

I had anticipated luring you into phase two of the Museum’s journey; however, in actuality there is really only a phase one in the Museum’s journey. Most assuredly, the actors change but the mission stays the same, namely, providing a window to the past that accurately describes the joys and sorrows of the human condition. Thanks to all of you who have dedicated time and energy to the noble endeavor of keeping past times visible.

March 4th is the day “Women Making History” will do its annual presentation for 2018. I would invite all of you to come down to the Museum to be a part of this great event. It is so appropriate for Kingman to honor the women that are making history in our challenging twenty-first century. This is a celebration you do not want to miss!



While maintenance of the Museum is always ongoing, every time we complete a specific project the results can be seen immediately. So it is with the Roy Purcell room at the front of the Museum. The ceiling has been repaired and painted and it seems as though Roy’s mosaic murals are more alive than ever with rich and vibrant colors. It is amazing how much a clean white ceiling will accent already beautiful dioramas.

I have often complimented the volunteers that work at the Museum so tirelessly, and indeed they deserve all the praise and more; however, even as their quality is most excellent, the quantity is at an all-time low. The number of volunteers fifteen years ago was close to 100 but now has dwindled to about forty individuals. The people who give freely of their time form the foundation for a successful Museum. I want to thank those that donate their time and energy to the Museum family and I would also encourage all of you to come aboard and join this great bunch of people. I will guarantee it will be a win-win experience.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring the spirit of this great Museum into your home.

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Includes all General Member benefits: plus no-charge research assistance from Museum staff.	
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FROM THE LIBRARY

We're having a good time here; there's never a dull moment! Map encapsulation is the "big project" right now and will be well into the future. But research proceeds around it normally as people come to access our numerous files, photos, and books.

Not only that, but volunteers are on track in their task to update the vital statistics archives, and organize mining files. Our bookcases are not neglected either. I stand amazed at the wide selection of quality research material here that focuses on lives and times in Mohave County, Arizona, and the southwest.

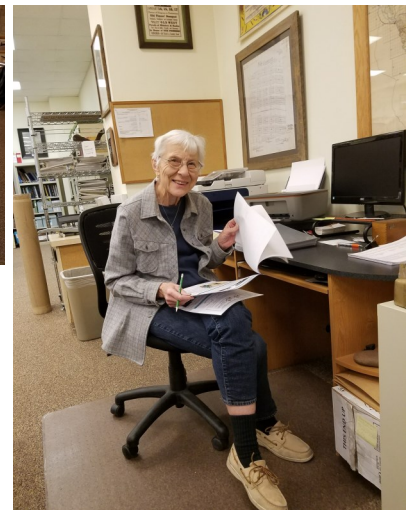
The ultimate goal in all this busy work is to make best use of our space. Map storage, as well as mining and general info file cabinets will be rearranged for easier access and to gain more elbow room for meetings and presentations in this spacious facility. None of this is done hastily. We have carefully mapped out the preferred arrangement and it will take time, muscle, and cooperation to execute these physical changes in the facility.

As our Director has mentioned in his opening letter, we are eager to welcome new VOLUNTEERS as these short-term projects get under way. If you have a few hours a week, drop by and meet the encapsulation team (Wed & Thu); see what your interests and talents could do to make this a better place.... Then come fill out a volunteer form!

IN PHOTOS BELOW: VOLUNTEERS MICKEY AND GARY CHASE, JIM HARTMAN AND DALE COVEY (NO PHOTO) HAVE THE PROJECT WELL IN HAND SO FAR WHILE ENCAPSULATED MAPS AWAIT THEIR NEW HOUSING IN FLAT FILES SOON TO BE ASSEMBLED.



NORMAL WORKFLOW CONTINUES DURING THIS PROJECT; JULIE THOMPSON (ON LEFT) PROOFS THE LATEST ISSUE OF MOHAVE MEMORIES TO MAKE READY FOR THE PRINTER. LUCI PEWSEY WORKS ON VITAL STATISTICS FILES AND KATIE KINTNER HELPS TO ORGANIZE FILING SYSTEMS (NO PHOTOS).



ROY, GENE AND HOPALONG

CONTRIBUTED BY CHARLES COOK

The Great Invasion of Mohave County came in the summer of nineteen-fifty-four. They came from California and they brought movie stars, technicians, directors, and all manner of cameras and equipment. You name and they brought it. The town of Oatman was their main objective but they used Kingman as their base of operations.



ARIZONA CENTRAL BANK; AT BEALE & 4TH
(MMHA #1434)

Universal-International Films of Hollywood, CA, decided to make a movie in Mohave County called “Foxfire.” It’s a tale of a mining engineer who comes home to Arizona to seek his fortune by revitalizing an old, overworked gold mine, and ends up marrying a New York socialite whose auto just happened to break down outside of town. The two of them got together, loved, fought, made up, etcetera. In the end, the old mine yielded a bonanza of long lost gold and all was well.

The stars of the film were Jeff Chandler and Jane Russell, two Hollywood box-office heavyweights of the late 1940’s and early 1950’s. My family and I motored out on a very hot August evening to watch some of the scenes being filmed at the old Mission Bar in downtown Oatman. It was great publicity for Mohave County to be hosting such a venue but I got bored because it just wasn’t my genre of movie.

My idea of a good movie in nineteen fifty-four involved cattle, cowboys, gunfire, and not too many songs or prolonged love scenes. I was a fan of the likes of Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and Hopalong Cassidy.



STATE THEATER IN ALL ITS GLORY, CA.1940
(MMHA #4621)

We had a beautiful, state-of-the-art movie theater in Kingman called the State Theater. I spent every Saturday I possibly could there, watching the old cowboy flicks and other adventures. My friends and I would sit in the first row of seats and watch the picture show until we developed headaches. The State Theater building was situated on the northeast corner of Beale and Fourth Streets. It opened around 1938 to replace a small bank building that had been on that choice piece of real estate since 1912. As Kingman’s theater, “the State” replaced Lang’s Theater which had occupied part of the Lovin Building on the corner of Front (now Andy Devine Ave.) and Fourth Streets since 1917.

As a youngster, my father lived on the south side of Third Street across the Santa Fe tracks, and he remembered the picture shows at Lang’s in the early 1930’s. Most of the Saturday matinees presented in those days were cowboy dramas starring “Hoot” Gibson or Ken Maynard, and the films were projected onto the back wall of the movie house. No fancy silver screens in those days!

Ira Rawlings was the manager at the State Theater for a long time, as I remember. They had a ticket booth, usually occupied by a coed from Kingman High School, and an ample lobby where you could purchase popcorn or any candy your heart desired. The price of a ticket was fourteen-to-twenty-five-cents, depending on your age.

During my early teen years, when I noticed that there just weren’t any boys that went to the movies, it was somewhat daring to sit next to a girl and hold her hand if you thought she might like you a little. More often than not you gave lots of attention to the young lady instead of what was playing on the movie screen. I shudder to think about the time spent by said young lady having to listen to the ramblings of a thirteen or fourteen-year-old boy trying to garner her attention.

The State went the way of a lot of theaters when television and other forms of recorded entertainment took over our lives. It closed around 1964 to the dismay of a host of local movie-goers. Not the best change for those of us who enjoyed the pure entertainment of the picture show. Maybe movies aren’t what they used to be, but perhaps they are a little more honest about life. However, if you’re as old as I am, you still have your memories of what things were like in the “good old days” of Hollywood. Nobody can take that away from you.



JERRY RAWLINGS SEATED ON BURRO, CA.1945
(MMHA #3852)

ARIZONA HIGHWAYS MAGAZINE !!MISSING!!

The Librarian at Mohave Museum is seeking old copies of **Arizona Highways Magazine**.

We have a fine resource of historic and current issues in AHM binders, but we have discovered that our collection is incomplete—and

many issues are missing!

So—if you have back issues (of either) that we need, and are willing to donate them, please call the Museum Office (Vicky) or the Library (Cathy) for specific details (928-753-3195).

AND/OR, if you would like to contribute specifically toward the ordering of old magazine issues from AHM, we have been told they have individual issue archives, that come at a price!



MOHAVE MEMORIES NEWSLETTER !!MISSING!!

And guess what?? Same-O, same-O with our **Mohave Memories Newsletter** from the 1990's!

It would be great to have a complete set in the Library, don't you think?



We are *Thankful* for our
★ Members and Volunteers!! ♥

50 Years Ago from the Mohave County Miner

JAN.—FEB. 1968

A Navy pilot, flying an A-4, one-occupant Navy jet based at the Naval Air Station at Los Alamitos, Calif., crashed into the side of a hill near Oatman Thursday evening about 4 p.m., dying instantly, and scattered wreckage over a one-mile radius. Killed was Lt. Cmdr. David Edgar Best, 35, of La Jolla, California.



BURL IVES; PHOTO FROM INTERNET

Meandering around the river area enjoying the warm sunshine after filming in the cold north last week was Burl Ives. He stopped at Kingman at the bait shop and serviced his camper at Lloyd Nash's place on Friday afternoon. He gave Nash a copy of his latest album and then he was on his way.

Motor vehicle registrations in Mohave County increased 15.4 percent last year, for a total of 16,041 vehicles.

The beautiful new Mohave Museum of History and Arts will be officially dedicated by U. S. Interior Dept. Secretary the Honorable Stewart Udall, here Saturday morning.



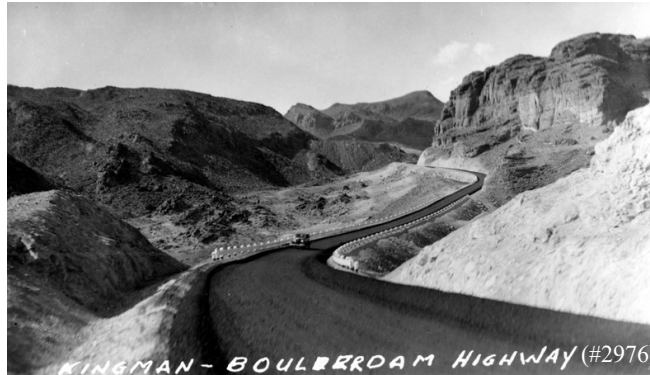
DEDICATION: 4/27/1968

(MMHA #1900)

80 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

MAR-APR. 1938

The opening of the Boulder Dam highway brought 1,236 persons in 346 cars to and from Boulder Dam over U.S. Highway 93 for the one-day opening April 10th.



**CAN YOU IDENTIFY ANY OF THESE FOLKS CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF HWY 93 TO BOULDER DAM?
IF SO, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis have announced that they are opening their Lewis Tavern next Saturday.

Olson's All-American Red Heads world championship girls basketball team will face the Kingman Bulldogs next Tuesday evening at the high school gymnasium.

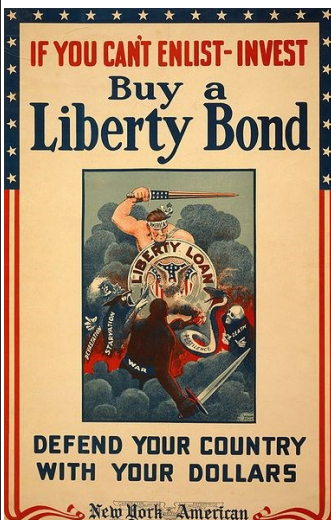
The ten dollars offered to the pupil of a Mohave County school who would present the Mohave County Chamber of Commerce the best name for the coming fall and Labor Day festival was awarded to Madeline Plummer, aged seven, of the Whitney school in the Big Sandy Valley. The name adopted by the committee is Mohave County's Dig-N-Doggie Days, a Round-up of mine and cattle sports.

A case of diphtheria was reported from Oatman this morning. County health officer Dr. Toler R. White was informed that diphtheria, while contagious, was not so seriously communicative as measles. He did not advise closing the schools, only quarantining of the family.

100 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

MAR.—APR. 1918

J. D. Loper had a narrow escape from death on the Gold Road mountain Sunday night when his automobile went over the grade at one of the worst places on the scenic drive. The Lopers got out and the brakes failing to hold, the machine started backwards down the road. Loper jumped in and tried to stop its progress but it ran off the grade. Mr. Loper was thrown into the rocks, but his injuries were slight.



The grand rally of last Saturday has now gone into history and with it has gone the fact that never before has Kingman succeeded better in the accomplishment of its purpose because every mother's son and daughter not only enjoyed the day, but went and bought themselves **Liberty Bonds**.

Did you know that food of all kinds is going to increase in price from now to the end of the war, whenever that may be! Get your own **Victory Garden** underway and don't lose any time about it. It will pay you to act today.

Mrs. Lucy Bulkely, who has made her home in Mohave County the past 35 years, has announced that she would be a candidate for supervisor of this county at the coming primaries.

**POPULAR WWI POSTERS
(INTERNET RESOURCE)**

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In Memory Of

Corliss Ann "Markee" Foley
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

SOUNDS OF KINGMAN

March 4—3:00 PM @ Journey Church
Special Concert by
The Kingman Concert Band

March 24—2:00 PM @ Mohave Museum
"Our Time, Our History"
Wild, Weird, Wicked Arizona

April 22—2:00-4:00 PM @ Metcalfe Park
Concert in the Park
Leonard Interior Family Band

WWW.SOUNDSOFKINGMAN.COM

MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN MAKING HISTORY MONTH

**KINGMAN'S
 THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION**
SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH, AT 2:00 PM

**AT THE MOHAVE MUSEUM OF HISTORY &
 ARTS: RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

THE HONOREES ARE WOMEN WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE KINGMAN AREA; HAVE BEEN PERMANENT RESIDENTS FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS, HAVE HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, AND HAVE NOT BEEN A PREVIOUS RECIPIENT IN ANY CATEGORY OF THE AWARDS. AWARD CATEGORIES INCLUDE: EDUCATION, PROFESSIONS, THE ARTS, PUBLIC SERVICE, BUSINESS, RELIGION, VOLUNTEER SERVICE, PIONEERING, AND WOMAN OF DISTINCTION.

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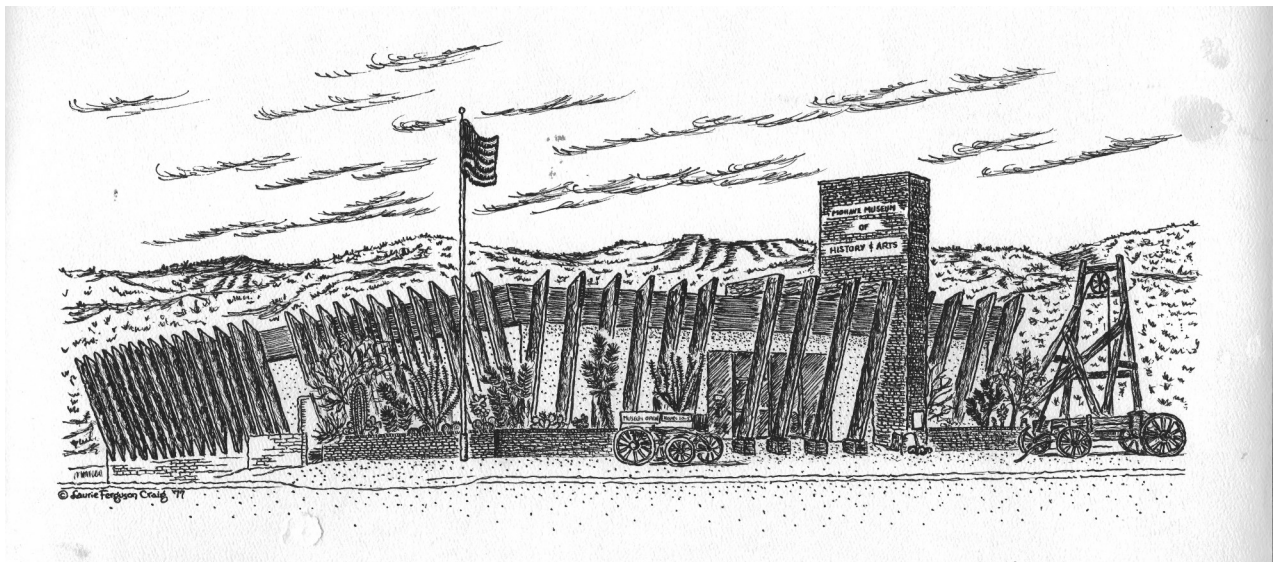
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