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Mohave Museum received the Caboose in 1988. It was built for the Santa Fe Railroad in 1893.



A special thanks to Jim Byrne for volunteering his time and expertise to fix structural and cosmetic problems on the Museum's Caboose. The repairs was no easy task, it required both engineering and physical hard labor to accomplish. The museum is fortunate to have volunteers with such amazing talent. Helping with the project but not pictured was Gaveston Brown.

The tune of success seems to be the music played on the Museum's speakers for the year of our Lord 2016. In this day and age of uncertainty, it is reassuring to have the pillar of stability that the Museum represents. This institution houses more than artifacts and archives, it is the mother ship that stores the chronicles of a community cloaked in pride and decency.

2016 is coming to an end, signaling a time to reminisce on the past 12 months. The Museum has not only endured but thrived through a year fraught with political controversy, how does this Museum continue to prosper when so many fail? The answer is simple; it has the backing of so many, doing so much to preserve a remarkable recorded heritage. I applaud every one of you for doing your part to keep the Museum's integrity intact, we have come so far and yet the job is still at the beginning. The history of this County is still churning and 2016 has only closed one chapter of an endless saga, the Museum has breached the gates of time but must still climb the mountain of history being created in a digital age. We have built a solid foundation on which future generations can build an empire leading to the past and in so doing, catch a glimpse into a sustainable future.

January 2017 marks the fifteenth year that I have been the Museum's Director, and I would love to say the each year gets easier but it simply isn't so, my job gets better, but the challenges seem to gain momentum and the time never appears to be adequate, normally this would be an equation for disaster if you didn't take into account all of the backup I receive. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those that give so graciously of their time and talents to make sure the formula for the Museum's success is long enduring: thanks to the Museum's Board of Directors, for their enlightened guidance and to the Museum's staff and volunteers that make the magic happen, and a special thanks to you, the members that give so much financial and moral support. The Museum will never falter with such a team in place. Thank you, one and all!

Shannon Rossiter-Director



# 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

## Jan-Feb. 1967

Mohave County cattlemen shipped out a total of 3,165 head of cattle and calves in the month of November, 1966, one of the largest amounts for the month in recent years.

A Kingman Eagle Scout will be one of six young men from the Boulder Dam Area Council who will attend the National Scout Jamboree in August at Farragut, Idaho. He is 14-year-old John Keegan on of Mr. and Mrs. William Keegan.

Chloride: Seth Johnson, Sr., enjoys trapping and has several good fur catches this season.

The Mohave County Miner has been cited for outstanding community service by the Arizona Newspapers Association for 1966. The award was presented at the annual convention of the association in Tucson.

The Kingman Police Department is sponsoring the showing of a motion picture for various service organizations. The film "The Thin Blue Line" is a 27-minute adaptation of the production recently shown over the America Broadcasting television system. The film describes the activities of a typical police department.

Chloride landmarks being photographed this week by a movie company are the church, motel, café, jail and the Tennessee mine. The Paragon Movie Company is making the picture.

The Mohave County Historical Society workshop chairmen and recorders will meet January 25 at the museum. Curator Purcell, who began working full time at the museum in January, is currently in the process of designing the first display case.

A 14-member Community Recreation Coordinating Council was formed last week in Kingman. The group's program calls for creating strategy for the use of existing recreational facilities in combination with new recreational and leisure-time projects geared for persons of all ages.

Seedling trees from the Colorado State Forestry Nurseries in cooperation with the Arizona Extension service are available for planting in windbreaks, shelter belts or erosion control. Be sure your site fits the above purpose as these trees are not for home landscaping, the Mohave County agent said this week.

Charlie McCarthy has inadvertently created a real traffic hazard down at his Ford dealership on Andy Devine Avenue. In his showroom window alongside a couple of spiffy 1967 models is an old Model A Ford which has been reconditioned to a like-new condition.



A four-day horse racing meet is scheduled for Kingman on May 13-14 and May 20-21, John Odle, chairman of the Mohave County Racing Commission has announced. The races will be run under the supervision of the Arizona Racing Commission at the new track at the county fair grounds on Hilltop.

The newly remodeled and renovated Jade Restaurant has been reopened by Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Choy. The Tahitian Cocktail Lounge, featuring organ music has been completely redecorated. All new kitchen facilities have been installed.



An 18 percent above average spring runoff of 10 million acre feet of snow melt in the Colorado River Basin was forecast today by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Chloride library is open every Tuesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. If the book you want is not in the library, the librarian, Mrs. Roselyn Johnson, will be happy to order it for you.

More than 400 square feet of additional floor and display space will be available to the Central Commercial Company furniture department when a construction project currently underway is completed.

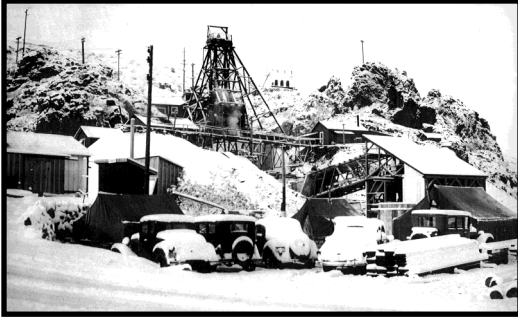
Two Santa Fe trains were derailed on two consecutive days last week. The first occurred at a point five miles west of Kingman Friday and delayed traffic for only a short time. A second train jumped the track near Truxton early Saturday morning. There were no injuries and property damage as listed as minor.



## 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

**Jan-Feb 1937**

The stories of snow this week have been unprecedented in this section of the country in the last ten years or more. Several inches have fallen at Kingman and this morning there are about four inches covering the ground.



Due to storms and bad roads the Sandy Stage did not make its usual Friday trip to Kingman.

Under the supervision of the two local plumbers, the prisoners of the Mohave County jail are installing new heating and plumbing fixtures in the jail.

Preparatory work on the site of El Trovator completed; new hostelry at Hilltop will include thirty cabins, hotel similar to Beacon Tavern, and Super Service.

Mrs. John Neal is leaving for the coast this evening to take her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leonard Neal, there for medical treatment. Mrs. Neal was injured last Friday while sledding on the Neal ranch east of town.

Presaging the greatest and most successful celebration ever staged in Mohave County, the Kingman Golden Jubilee celebration was off to a flying start Wednesday evening. At a pageant staged by Kingman high school Kingman becoming a county seat was commemorated.

Further proof that Kingman and Mohave County have gained considerably in population during the past year is borne out with the issuance of the 1937 telephone directory of the Citizens Utilities Company. The directories were distributed this week and are larger than they have been since the "boom" days at Oatman.

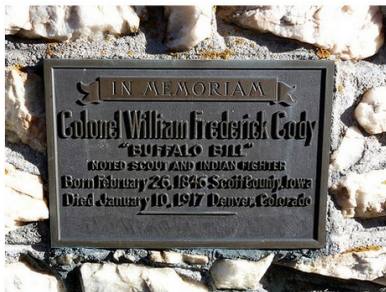
The lightweight boxing champion of the United States for 1933-34 was married in Kingman by Judge E. E. Wishon last Friday. Guillermo M. Trillo and his bride Catalina Calzada are both of Los Angeles.

## 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

**Jan—Feb . 1917**

From *Our Mineral Wealth*

When the news of the death of Buffalo Bill was received in Kingman on Wednesday last, it recalled to the minds of many local residents the fact that James G. Kenney of this city was one of the men who was most intimately associated with the old Indian fighter, all through the latter's long career as a frontiersman and showman.



Mrs. Ira M. George entertained the members of the local lodge of the Evening Star at a luncheon at her home yesterday afternoon.

In an effort to put an end to the epidemic of window smashing which has been going on in Kingman for the last few weeks, Sheriff Cohenour on Wednesday corralled a number of youthful residents of this place and haled them into court before Judge

Ellis.

An effort is being made by a number of the local baseball fans to have the Chicago White Sox stop off here for an exhibition game in March while the team is enroute home from their spring training trip in California.

In a gun fight which is said to have its origin over the trivial sum of seventy-five cents, Frank Brophy, age 35, was shot to death last Wednesday afternoon by Maxwell Gordon, the shooting occurring in the Riley restaurant in the outskirts of Oatman.

Last Wednesday, February 14, being the fifth anniversary of the admission of Arizona to the ranks of statehood, the editor of the Gazette at Phoenix had the following to say of the occasion: Arizona as a state is five years old and in consequence the people of the greatest mining community in the world are observing a holiday.

Miss Genevieve Liston, an expert young woman stenographer, arrived in Kingman last Monday and has established an office with the Kingman Realty Syndicate, at which place she will be prepared to do stenographic work for the business men of this city. Miss Liston is especially well versed in correspondence as it relates to the mining industry and will in all probability be welcomed by the local firms who wish their typing done at a reasonable cost.

## **Hualapai War (1865–70)**

The **Hualapai War**, or **Walapai War**, was an armed conflict fought from 1865 to 1870 between the Hualapai native Americans and the United States in Arizona Territory. The Yavapai also participated on the side of the Hualapai and Mohave scouts were employed by the United States Army. Following the death of the prominent Yavapai leader Anasa in April 1865, the natives began raiding American settlements which provoked a response by the United States Army forces stationed in the area. By the spring of 1869 disease forced the majority of the Hualapais to surrender though some skirmishing continued for almost two more years.

Tensions between the Hualapai people and settlers began with encroachment of Indian lands. The Hualapai lived in the area between the Grand Canyon and the Bill Williams River. In 1857 Edward Fitzgerald Beale carved a road through Hualapai territory, leading to Needles, California, and in 1863, gold was discovered in the Prescott Valley. The gold rush brought a steady flow of miners and other settlers to the area so in 1864 Captain William Hardy built a toll road through Hualapai territory between Prescott and Bull Head City, which was then known as Hardyville. The road later spread out, leading to other places such as Fort Mohave and the Colorado River ports. Relations with the natives were generally peaceful and Hardy was able to acquire a fortune by building a ferry across the Colorado River and by taxing the settlers who used his road. However, in April 1865, drunken settlers killed Anasa during a meeting which led the Yavapai to wage war. The Hualapai called on their Havasupai and Yavapai allies to help them fight and they accepted, warriors under Chief Leve Leve (Levi Levi) (half-brother to Sherum (Cherm) and Hualapai Charley, both Chiefs of the *Middle Mountain People* subtribe) of the Amat Whala Pa'a (*Mad hwa:la Ba:'* – “Hualapai Mountains band”) of the *Yavapai Fighters* subtribe assembled. In all there were about 250 Hualapai warriors, and an unknown number of Yavapai and Apache allies, facing hundreds of United States Army troops and militia. At the time, there was no distinction between the Yavapai and the Western Apache people. Due to their close relationship with tribes such as the Tonto Apache, the word Yavapai was not then in use so the Yavapai was considered as Tonto Apaches, or Apache-Mohaves. The actual fighting took the form of guerrilla warfare, in which small bands of natives cut off Hardy's road and raided using hit and run tactics. It was not until Captain Hardy negotiated a peace treaty with the Hualapai at Camp Beale's Spring that the raids were ceased. Nine months later, during another meeting with the Hualapai chiefs, settlers killed Wauba Yuma which renewed the hostilities.

Men of the 8th Cavalry Regiment, from Fort Whipple, and men of the 14th Infantry Regiment, under William Redwood Price, responded by counter raiding into Hualapai territory. The soldiers fought several small battles with the natives and burned many of their rancherías. They also built posts, including Camp Date Creek, in January 1867, and Camp Hualapai, in May 1869. Camp Date Creek was located along Date Creek and the road between Prescott and La Paz. Camp Hualapai was located north of Prescott, southeast of Aztec Pass, along Walnut Creek and Captain Hardy's toll road. Both of the posts greatly improved the military's ability to defeat the natives but disease would conquer the Hualapai first. The war is generally recorded as having ended in December 1868 due to an outbreak of dysentery and whooping cough that caused many of the natives to surrender, however, Chief Leve Leve did not surrender until 1869 and Chief Sherum continued to lead his followers until 1870. Many of the Hualapais were moved to a reservation at Camp Beale's Spring but three years later moved to the Colorado River Reservation near La Paz. Some went to a temporary reservation at Camp Date Creek but by 1874 the post was closed. Conditions at the reservations led to starvation and disease so in 1875 some of the Hualapai escaped to their traditional lands, only to find that it had already been settled by others. The Hualapais then either went back to the reservation or took up work in mines or on ranches. In 1882, a 900,000 acre reservation was established for the Hualapai but it was described as poor land, either because of weather, or from the ranchers whose cattle destroyed many of the indigenous plants that were vital to the Hualapais' source of food. It is estimated that one-third of the Hualapai population was lost between 1865 and 1870.

# Membership Renewal

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A 1965 publication by the Mohave Pioneers Historical Society, Inc., states “The Mohave Pioneers historical museum has the unique privilege and responsibility of serving as the only tangible expression of the living memory of Mohave County.”

Six daughters of Mohave County pioneer families met in 1958 to form the Daughters of Mohave County Pioneers, which was incorporated as the Mohave Pioneer Historical Society in 1960.

Construction began in 1961 on the original 8000 square foot building at the junction of US66 and US93. The building was dedicated on “April 27, 1968 by the Honorable Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior of the United States. The museum is intended as a permanent tool to supplement the educational system for adults and youths of the community and to serve the thousands of tourists who pass through Kingman daily.

In 1974, 1200 square feet was added to the building to include the gift shop, library and the Amy Neal auditorium. Space for the new library and a basement were added in 2004, and the former library was turned into a movie theater in 2006. An exhibit on mining in the county was built by the Orr family in 2008, and in 2010 an exhibit on ranching in the county was designed and built by Karin Goudy, a former director of the museum.

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