



# The Mohave Museum of History and Arts

## Mohave Memories

May-June 2018

### DIRECTOR'S LETTER

The newsletter pendulum has swung once again and nudged me to the edge of my monthly correspondence. At a recent event held at the Museum, a member asked me if I enjoyed writing in the newsletter. After a lengthy pause (mainly to access whether or not the person posing the question was armed), and perceiving no threat, I answered that in fact I did like to write my letter for the newsletter. The first messages that I wrote, years ago, were a struggle because I had little to say. However, with time it became even harder because I had too much information and far too little space. The one constant in this equation is that the Museum provides an ever-dynamic environment from which to draw on, to inform Museum Members. The second factor that makes this writing a pleasure is being able to inform you of the Museum's positive growth.



The Museum celebrates its **50th Anniversary** in 2018 and continues to get better with each passing year. The vision of the Daughters of the Mohave County Pioneers, Roy Purcell, Paul Long, and so many others, seems to be the star that gets brighter with time. Born in the Spring and celebrating its fiftieth birthday in the Spring—what a wonderful legacy! In the middle of the desert as it comes alive with wildflowers there is one flower that stands out above all the rest adorned with the fragrance of success, and it bears the name: **Mohave Museum of History and Arts. Happy Birthday, my friend!**

The Women Making History program just concluded its 34th year honoring local women who excel in various fields of endeavor. The March 2nd event provided glimpses of the contributions local women have provided which help make Kingman a great place to live. It is refreshing to see so much local positive input into a society that is so focused on some doomsday scenario. This WMH program will not only continue to grow but will shine history's spotlight on the women of northern Arizona.

Thank you for your continued support of the Museum.

*Shannon*

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### FROM THE LIBRARY

While the map encapsulation project moves along at a steady pace, thanks to Volunteers, **Gary & Mickey Chase, Jim Hartman, and Dale Covey**, there are other important preservation and storage projects going on.

In the photo department **Andy Sansom and Dale Enlow** scan, catalogue, and post our storehouse of old photographs while **Karin Goudy** protects the photos in plastic sleeves. In our vital statistics department, **Julie Thompson** and **Luci Pewsey** process obituary data and other documentation, and greet and help our researchers.

Our mines department's vertical files are full of documents and a fine collection of old maps and photos of the many mining areas in the county. Mohave County is rich in natural resources, and at this time of year we receive a steady stream of visitors searching for mining data. Looking for "gold in them thar' hills," no doubt!

If you visit soon you'll see the beginnings of space reorganization. The map cabinets have a new home and more will join them soon—the vertical file collection will soon be gathered together, and the photo/media section will be better aligned.

From this facility we publish the newsletter, proof the many individual inventories, assist visitors, and aim to get our book, magazine, newspaper, and document collections more user-friendly. It's all about PEOPLE!

With these projects (and more) it would be "impossible dreams" without involvement of those named above, plus our **Director, Office Manager and Board**. It has been said before and I repeat it here: We welcome **Volunteers!** Extra hands for a few hours a day, or a week, or a month, would make a huge difference, to preserve and provide material for the education of earnest researchers. It's all good fun in this place...come on down.

There's never a dull day in our Library!

### MOHAVE MUSEUM PRESENTS: TRAVEL

#### 12-DAY IRISH ODYSSEY

**OCTOBER 18-30, 2018**

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**\*INCLUDES STAY IN CASTLE**

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## MUSINGS OF A NATIVE SON

CONTRIBUTED BY CHARLES COOK

As a young boy in Mohave County during the 1950's, I remember looking forward with eager anticipation to Thursdays, the day the Mohave County Miner hit the streets. I've always loved the printed word, and there was so much local and county news to digest when the Miner came out. It helped me to learn much more about my home town and Mohave County. The Miner was concerned with local happenings, important County news, and just a smidgen of national goings-on, all which were important to me. The Miner informed me about people and places I knew and helped me to understand what I should know. It solidified my positive view of people I interacted with. I was especially fond of anything that the publisher/editor, C.R. "Dick" Waters wrote.

Dick Waters was a man of the people. He was one of the most professional and articulate individuals I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. To quote from the Arizona Republic (April 9, 1986), "Friends, colleagues and political opponents remembered Waters as a man of the highest integrity who fought hard for the things in which he believed with a keen sense of humor."



**DICK WATERS, ca. 1951**  
MMHA #14081

He was a hometown boy. His father was a local mining man. Dick was born in the Mohave County town of Oatman in 1923. Dick was ten years old when his father passed away and his mother moved the family to the copper mining town of Bisbee. Dick finished up his schooling there and started working for the Bisbee Daily Review while he was still in high school. Then World War II interrupted Dick's newspaper career and he readily served his country as a captain in the Army Air Corps. After the war Dick returned to Bisbee where he sold ads for the newspaper, until he got his chance to come back to Kingman in 1946 to manage and publish the Mohave County Miner. As Editor/Manager of the Miner, Dick and his wife Martha gave of their time and talents to the newspaper while raising their family of two boys and two girls.

Dick received many awards and accolades as manager of the Miner, and as a pillar of the community he belonged to numerous civic organizations. What great accomplishments for a person who had only a high school education!

I appreciated most his column, "People, Places and Things," where he wrote about experiences from his own life. Below are quotes from this column (May 25, 1972), in which he talks about being a teenager entering the summer workforce in Mohave County during the depression times of the early 1930's, a time when anyone, especially a teenager, was fortunate to obtain a job at all. He wrote:

"A sensational summer job I had was as a dishwasher at the Klondike Mine in the Colorado River Range above Cottonwood. The pay on that job was \$1.00 per day and two big meals. We slept in the bunkhouse and it was obviously a prep school for miners who had no plans to join a heavenly-harp musical group. It was so hot at mid-day the flies had a funny, glassy look in their eyes; and the spider webs in the rafters above the cots hung in tatters as the exhausted varmints gave up and dropped to the floor. Evenings were spent on the shady side of the bunkhouse helping some of the immigrant miners read letters or compose them; and in aiding these men to fill out the complicated Sears & Roebuck order blanks for socks, shirts and long-johns. For a couple of nights after every payday, the sleep of the hard-working miners was disturbed by nightmares, induced no doubt by the rigors of Chloride's swinging nightlife. Anyway, you've never heard nightmares until you've heard them in Slovakian or Finnish.

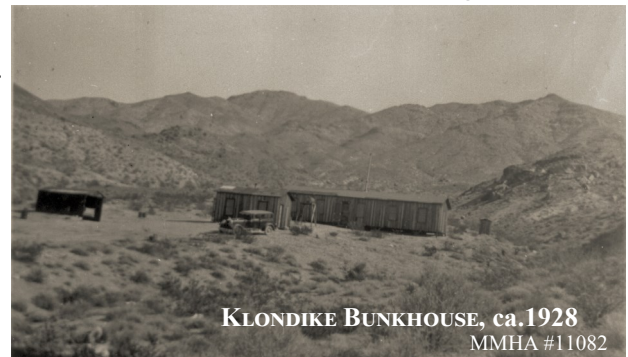
"The woman who cooked for the miners, and was my boss, was a nut on the cleanliness of the dishes. Two *Flamo* tanks, the reservoirs of the energy that turned already hot tap water into scalding liquid, stood right outside the cook shack door. She was a woman who didn't smile much but she put out good food and lots of it. She served a lot of cold figs, tomato juice and hot coffee.

"The food in the cook shack at the Klondike was pretty good but the lunches we fixed at the Dixie Queen Mine, a couple of miles down the road, were terrible. I usually had Vienna sausage sandwiches washed down with hot Kool Aid, and if that wouldn't make you homesick nothing would.

"Most summer jobs are good experience for young people. A summer washing dishes, be it at the Klondike Mine or one of the jet-age's fancy restaurants, will do more to convince a boy that he's not as cool as he thought than ten million words from his Dad.

"Most summer jobs are menial tasks for small pay, but if the lessons available are learned they can be worth a lot to a youngster. These summer jobs often serve as the first exposure by a young person to some pretty basic facts of life."

I miss his gracious smile, friendly banter, and the local flavor that Dick Waters shared with us. He left us too early. I will tell you this, though: Hemingway and Steinbeck had nothing on him!



**KLONDIKE BUNKHOUSE, ca.1928**  
MMHA #11082



## ARIZONA HIGHWAYS MAGAZINE AND MOHAVE MEMORIES NEWSLETTER

**NOTE:** We now have every AZ Highways issue of these years: 1942, 1958, 1967, 1970, 1974, 75, 76 & 1980 thru 2018

### STILL MISSING:

#### **AZ HIGHWAYS**

1925-1938: (Only have Aug '34 & July '38)  
1939-41: Have some; please check  
1943-1951: Have some; please check  
1952-1954: (Only have July '53)  
1955-57, 1959-60: Have some, please check  
1961-62: All missing  
1963-65: Some issues, please check first  
1966, 68-69: Some issues; please check  
1971-73: All missing  
1977-1979: We have several, please check first



**LIBRARY HOURS**  
**WED & THU—9A-4P**  
**928-753-3195**

### STILL MISSING:

#### **MOHAVE MEMORIES**

1990: Feb, July, August  
1992: July  
1993: June, July  
1994: July  
1995: May, November



**Thanks to** **BOB CAMPBELL, KAREN DAVIS, AVERIL ENDICOTT, BENSON PARKER, SHARON SCHWARTZLOSE, AND VERA WRIGHT (+ OTHERS)** who have kindly donated many formerly missing issues

## PIONEER BRICKS

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Mohave Museum of History and Arts, and the 60th Anniversary of the Daughters of the Mohave County Pioneers, the Museum and Daughters are selling Pioneer Bricks for \$50 each. These bricks will be displayed on an outside wall at the Museum for everyone to see. The bricks will contain four (4) lines with eighteen (18) characters on each line with the name and date when you entered Mohave County. A sample of the brick is on display in the Gift Shop at the Museum, as well as order forms. Order your **individual, family, or service organization brick** now and have your place on our own wall of fame at the Museum.

Contact Phyllis Eaton for more information: (928) 753-2415

## 50 Years Ago from the Mohave County Miner

### MAY—JUNE 1968

Truxton will hold a two-day jackpot roping contest, barbecue, and street dance this weekend to benefit the Mohave County Cancer Crusade.

Capt. Jerry F. Jackson who is serving in Vietnam in the U. S. Army has been awarded the bronze star for heroism. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jackson of Kingman.



**LEWIS KINGMAN MEMORIAL PARK**  
**ANDY DEVINE AVENUE, KINGMAN**

The new city park at the junction of U. S. Highway 93 and 66 (Lewis Kingman Memorial Park) was dedicated in an impressive ceremony Saturday, June 1, with Mayor Harry Hughes officiating.

Two storms apparently came together in the Bullhead City area Friday evening and produced a storm which bent its fury mostly on mobile homes. Sheriff Floyd Cisney estimates damages will run from \$200,000 to \$250,000 when all reports are in. There were no reported injuries.

Mrs. Martin Ahlne and son Eric were in Phoenix over the weekend where she attended the reunion of her nursing class at Good Samaritan Hospital.

More than 150 of the country's fastest water skiers will compete for titles in the National Water Ski Speed Championship June 22 and 23 at Lake Havasu City.

(ALL PHOTOS COURTESY WIKIPEDIA.COM)



# 80 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

## MAY—JUNE 1938

A group of trained donkeys will be stars at two night ball games to be played next Monday and Tuesday, May 9 and 10, on the new city ball park as a benefit for the Kingman ball club.



**1938-LAKE MEAD CONTINUES TO COVER TOWNS AND FARMLANDS**

engulfing farm lands, grain fields, homes and railroad tracks.

Comprising the largest class in the history of the Mohave County Union High School, 41 students will be graduated at the annual commencement exercises to be held at the high school gymnasium next Friday evening.

“Of Mice and Men” by John Steinbeck has just come to the library for review.

A good crowd of local athletic fans turned out for the formal opening of the new athletic club last evening, and were highly pleased by the free wrestling and boxing program which was given them as part of the opening night entertainment.

The Mohave County Union High School orchestra is busily preparing for another public presentation which will occur on the same evening as the three plays that are to be given on Friday May 13. (All photos on this page courtesy Internet)

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The Reclamation Bureau estimated yesterday that there was enough water stored in the Lake Mead reservoir behind Boulder Dam to cover Massachusetts and Connecticut to a depth of two feet. The historic town of St. Thomas is being submerged in Lake Mead. The rising waters are gradually



**LAKE MEAD  
NEAR TO OVERFLOWING (1980s)**

# 100 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

## MAY—JUNE 1918

Mrs. Hudspeth has just received her new Baby Grand piano. It is believed to be the first one in the County.



**WWI POSTER**

A series of demonstrations in wartime cooking will be held at the Central Commercial Company's store by Miss Kathleen Tully starting tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Ninety-five men from Mohave County will be called to the colors May 25th when they will leave for Camp Cody at Deming, New Mexico.

The first commencement in the new Mohave Union High School will be held Saturday, May 25, 8 o'clock.

Judge Thorn telegraphed Governor Hunt this week suggesting legislation permitting women to serve as jurors. His reason was the difficulty of men getting called away from their work on account of so many men having left the country to join the colors.

Last Saturday night the Rose Tree opened its new dance floor. A large crowd took advantage of the fine floor and the good music furnished by the Rose Tree orchestra, Mrs. J. R. Thompson, and John McCormick.



**TELEGRAPH “MACHINE”**

(Ed. Note: These were the days... when “demonstrations” were cooking instructions in economic & tasty use of precious food supplies, and “texting” was sending messages out on a telegraph wire.)

## Membership Renewal

Ms. Marjorie Martinovic  
 Jean M. Graham  
 Arlene Clarke  
 Carol J. Vandecar  
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 Bryce and Charlene Ware  
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 Linda Shuffler  
 Florence R. Conaway  
 Sutton Memorial Funeral Home  
 Noval and Diana Wright  
 Mrs. James McCarthy  
 Carlos and Delia Lucero  
 Dan and Phyllis Duey  
 Rob and Ruthie Burford  
 Darel and Ann Newton Fruhwirth  
 Michael Kent Taylor  
 Jennifer M. French  
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bingham

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 Mike Kiljan  
 Judy Olney  
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 Dean J. and Anna Sachs Thompson, Ft. Mohave, AZ  
 Frede L. and Dorothy B. Castleberry, Yucca, AZ  
 Mr. Dennis J. Sigurnjak, Lake Havasu City, AZ  
 Lt. Col. Bob Wallace, Prescott, AZ  
 Richard and Susie Rucker, Flagstaff, AZ  
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 Mark Tapia and Sons, Mesa, AZ  
 Patrick and Mary E. Cunningham, Scottsdale, AZ  
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 Wayne Thompson, Tucson, AZ  
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 Mary Jane Nutting, Concord, CA  
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 Mr. Phillip McDonald, Longmont, CO  
 Michelle Drumheller, Savage, MD  
 Jeanne Orr Mathiesen, Kansas City, MO  
 Travis and Missy Eaton, Mesquite, NV  
 Ralph and Lyneye Eaton, Henderson, NV

## New Memberships

Steve and Pat Lee  
 Georgia Klock  
 Rebecca Seligman  
 Dennis and Leslie DeSantis  
 Ryan and Tonya Smith  
 Jim and Melissa Brown  
 J. Harnett  
 Nora Morrison  
 Dale Covey, Chloride, AZ  
 Lisa Gould, Ft. Mohave, AZ

To our **NEW** Members and  
**RENEWED** Members



**Thank you!**



# Memorials

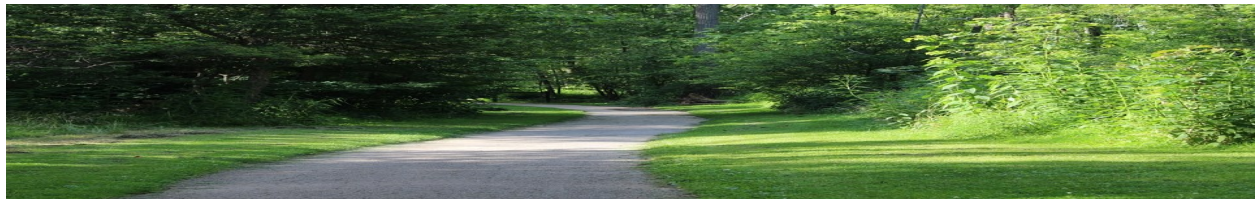
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## In Memory Of

Mary "Mamie" Pemberton May  
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 Clarissa Ann (Culver) Lewis  
 Albert B. Noli, Jr.  
 Lorna Jean Chavez  
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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### **SOUNDS OF KINGMAN CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

**SUN. MAY 20—2:00-4:00 PM, METCALFE PARK**  
*"Los Piso Mojada Boys"*

**SUN. JUNE 24—5:00-7:00 PM, METCALFE PARK**  
*"Lonesome Dick"*

**For Details: [WWW.SOUNDSOFKINGMAN.COM](http://WWW.SOUNDSOFKINGMAN.COM)**

### ***A BIG THANK YOU***

***to the presenters and participants at  
 the month-long (April 7-24, 2018)***

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