



Exhibit News

The Museum wishes to thank Louise and Maureen and their many friends who supported the successful "FASHIONS FROM THE PAST" vintage clothing exhibit. On Saturday, February 7th over 100 visitors attended the receptions for this exhibit and the Artists of the Month exhibit.



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Director's Letter

"There is no question that the desert will survive, even be reborn in a nuclear winter; however it will lack man that traverses its uneven terrain and smells the sweet scent of a summer's rain. Without the creatures that use and observe it's defiant beauty, it remains only a desolate geological wasteland. It remains a wonderment that this fragile yet crucial relationship whispers an eternal song."

Once again, the desert enjoyed some February snow flurries. The Museum's parking lot was loaded with the inviting "snowball fight" white stuff. I have lived in Kingman for about fifteen years and I always enjoy this unusual weather event.

I am continually amazed at the generosity that you as members always display towards the Museum. The Museum receives so many diverse gifts that lend us not only the opportunity to stay in business but also display artifacts that depict our rich history. Every so often we receive a gift that falls on the fringe of both of the previous categories. I am happy to report that we have obtained such a prize. Some time ago we were fortunate enough to receive eight cemetery plots located in the Mountain View Cemetery in Kingman.

Now, this situation represents some good news and some bad news: The good news is that the Museum board has decided to put these up for sale (if anyone is interested please give me a call at 928 753-3195). The bad news (for me) is that when I showed some interest, they explained that I didn't know seven other people that would want to spend that much time next to me.

I hope this newsletter gets out before March 1st because this is the date for Women Making History. I have the honor of setting up for this special event. I would beseech all of you that have the opportunity to see this yearly happening to come on down and enjoy a program that honors our local women for their achievements.

This new year is passing so quickly, that it seem as though I rarely have time to stop and look at all the new exhibits. It suddenly occurred to me that in every direction you look, the Museum has changed; even the restrooms have become more handicap accessible. The Museum is ever changing, please take the time and enjoy our three Kingman Historical sites.

Events and Attractions

FAMOUS WOMEN DOLL COLLECTON

To honor the present and past recipients of the Women Making History award, the museum will be displaying for the month of March 2009 a collection of 5 1/2" dolls designed and produced by the United States Historical Society. These dolls represent famous women of the past including Marie Curie, scientist; Ethel Barrymore, actress; Marian Anderson, singer; Mary Cassett, artist and many others. Courtesy of Karin Goudy, 34 dolls, some in historical miniature settings, will be on display.

OUR MARCH ARTIST OF THE MONTH IS AL "SCODDY" JAGERSON

"Scoddy" Jagerson was born and raised in Kingman and graduated from Mohave County Union High School. After high school graduation, he moved to the Phoenix area and worked for Aaron Brothers Art Mart while earning a degree in Sociology from ASU. Since 2002, Scoddy has taken intensive photographic training programs and was employed by Life Touch National School Studios. You will enjoy the images Scoddy is exhibiting and you will have an opportunity to see the people and places of modern day Arizona.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Artist of the Month

Mohave Museum Artist Room

March 1st through the 31st

Artist "Scoddy" Jagerson art exhibit

Women Making History

Mohave Museum

Sunday March 1st at 2:00 PM

Public is cordially invited

Famous Women Doll Collection

Mohave Museum

March 1st through the 31st

In honor of Women Making History

Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting

Mohave Museum Library

Wednesday March 11th at 1:00 PM

Family History Research

Mohave Pioneers Historical Society

Mohave Museum Library

Thursday March 19th at 5:00 PM

Monthly Board Meeting

FROM THE LIBRARY

Kay Ellermann- Librarian

White Hills, Az. 1899

The Mohave County Miner reported a flood in White Hills on August 3, 1899 as follows:

The greatest rainstorm in the known history of this section visited White Hills today. There had been threatening weather for some time and a nice shower last night, but today's deluge was a flood and took the desert by surprise.

The rain commenced at 7:30 this morning and in a few minutes the water was falling in sheets. The town is built in a gap of the hills, just below a canyon, with a six mile slope above. Soon the water came streaming down the streets. A shanty in its path bade goodbye to the town and started for the valley, and by nine o'clock the whole town was in danger. The water came tossing down like the rapids above Niagara, the waves seeming to run four or five feet high. Luckily the water took a path to one side of the business section. Mr. Dewey's house was wrecked, the debris and contents of the house being scattered a long distance. A house adjoining, belonging to the White Hills Store also went to pieces. Then the cabin of W.W. James, known as the "Soldiers Home", lost its grip on the earth and was demolished. A cabin in which Mr. Shallenberger was sleeping was lifted and whirled end for end. After much floundering in the water he managed to pull ashore with his blankets. The foundation was washed from under the east side of the schoolhouse and it lies tilted towards the sunrise with mud piled inside. Many dwellings were flooded a few inches causing much inconvenience and some loss. A cellar of the White Hills Store was partly flooded, and the labels soaked off several cases of canned goods. The streets are full of rocks and ruts and in places a foot or two in depth of added soil was contributed by the too generous waters.

Work had to be suspended in the mines. The Grand Army Extension and the Norma Tunnel shaft have sixty feet of water in them. Mr. Jas. Fleming was working on his lease in the Garfield in an upraise from the tunnel. He got out just in time to escape being bottled up, as the tunnel was nearly filled when he reached the outside. The Foreman Bros. In the African Mine could not come up 200 feet of ladders, for the water and rocks were streaming down together. Luckily a trench turned the main sheet of water and the men thus escaped the fate that might have been theirs.

The loss to property owners is not very great but the damage to roads is severe and it will take time to get them in shape again. We might call this affair "Too Much of a Good Thing" for water sells at \$1.00 per barrel in White Hills. The rain lasted for two hours and forty minutes.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

Presidential Inauguration 1929

Here are the scene and principal characters of the traditional ceremonies to be enacted in Washington, March 4, when Herbert Hoover and Charles Curtis become 31st president and vice president of the United States. Chief Justice William H. Taft, the only living ex-president, with the exception of the outgoing chief executive, will administer the oath of office to Hoover on the east portico of the capitol, after ceremonies in the Senate chamber have inducted Curtis into office. The inaugural ceremonies proper are comparatively brief and simple, but custom has added inaugural address and other features. Preparations have been made this year for one of the most elaborate inaugurals in recent years.



MANY PEOPLE BUYING ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS

That so many people can afford to buy electric refrigeration units is one of the best illustrations of the soundness of business conditions in Kingman, according to John Allen Ware, assistant manager of Tarr, McComb & Ware Commercial Co., distributors of General Electric refrigerators.

“We have had a wonderfully successful season,” said Mr. Ware, “and while the surface of the electric refrigeration field has only been scratched, the mass of people are taking over the machines almost as rapidly as delivery can be made.

“The reception accorded the General Electric refrigerator in Kingman has been greatly appreciated by all of our officials. We are furnishing all the information possible to the buyers of machines and the conclusion we reach, after talking to hundreds of men and women, is that nearly all home owners want electric refrigeration the year around.

“We have been impressed, too, by the fact that comfort and convenience comes first with many families and our sales in all parts of the city indicate that business is on a sound basis here.”



Sports News March 1929

TIGERS LOSE TO THE PEACH SPRINGS PROS

One of the fastest and most exciting games played this year on the local basketball court was played last Wednesday night, when the Kingman Wallapai Tigers went down in defeat to the Peach Springs Pros by the close score of 23 to 19.

The newly organized Pros include three of the Valentine Indians, one of whom is Voorhees, former catcher on the Kingman baseball team and several ex-college men whose ability at shooting baskets is almost uncanny.

The game was close from beginning to end, first Kingman being in the lead and then Peach Springs.... At the beginning of the third quarter, Kingman took the lead and held it up to the last four minutes of play when the Peach Springs forwards went wild and shot three baskets in a row.

The same two teams will meet at the local gym again on next Tuesday night.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

March 6, 1909

I have for sale the FLORES GROUP OF MINES, situated at Cerbat, Arizona, and adjoining the "Gem" mine on the north. The price is right, the terms are right, and upon examination you will find the gold values satisfactory. Particulars will be furnished on request.

O.D.M. Gaddis,
Kingman, Arizona



O.D.M. Gaddis, Mohave County merchant, rancher, miner and postmaster

March 13, 1909

A dance is to be given in Elks Hall on the evening of March 17, 1909 for the benefit of the Kingman band. Everybody should go and help the boys out. The little band is a credit to the town and everyone appreciates the good work done by C. R. Van Marter.

March 20, 1909

W. F. Grounds and James T. Duncan returned Thursday evening from a trip into the Piute mountains, on the west side of the Colorado river, where they hunted for a lost mine. They report that there is considerable activity in that section, many prospectors being in there and one mine, about ten miles above Needles, operating a force of men. The Mine is under bond to Charles Clark, son of Senator Clark. The vein shows some copper and gold and gives evidence of being a big thing. They returned by way of Tom Reed and Goldroad and were much impressed with the great activity in those camps. Mr. Grounds is of the opinion that Goldroad and Tom Reed will make a record for themselves this year.



W.F. Grounds, Cattleman and entrepreneur

March 27, 1909

A heavy rain fell on this section of the country during the week. In the mountains near Kingman the snow lies four feet deep. The streams in the Canyons leading from the Wallapais are raging torrents that would float a boat.

March 27, 1909



Kingman Meat Market AD 1909

Admired, honored and remembered

Chuck Cook - Volunteer

Were you to have attended Mohave County Union High School at any time during the 1950's thru the early 1970's you would have had the extreme pleasure of knowing Mrs. Fay Logsdon.

Mrs. Logsdon taught English and Journalism at MCUHS and oversaw the production of the student newspaper, "The Bulldog", as well as sharing her wisdom and insight with students who's task it was to put together the Kingman High School yearbook, "The Hualapai". Mrs. Logsdon was also active in providing guidance to students involved in Quill and Scroll, an organization devoted to high school journalistic endeavors and The National Honor Society, a society designed to recognize academic excellence in secondary school students.

Mrs. Logsdon was born and raised in Prescott Arizona. She graduated from Prescott High School where she was an outstanding student as well as a standout guard on the Prescott High School girl's basketball squad during her undergraduate days. Mrs. Logsdon attained her teaching credentials from Tempe Teacher's College (now Arizona State University) and embarked on a career of educating the young people of Arizona. Later she earned her Master's Degree in Education from Northern Arizona University.

During the early 1930's, Mrs. Logsdon taught school in Mohave County at Knight Creek, Peach Springs, and Yucca. In 1940 Mrs. Logsdon made a successful run for the position of Superintendent of Mohave County Schools.

Mrs. Logsdon began her teaching tenure at Kingman High School in 1954. Her expertise in the teaching profession nurtured a vast number of Kingman High students. She was a friend, counselor and confidante to those who had to take English courses to graduate and those who wanted to take English for the sheer pleasure of learning. Her classes were no nonsense. She wanted us to succeed in our schoolwork to prepare ourselves for what lay ahead in the everyday world.

Mrs. Logsdon also managed to make time for her family at the ranch near the Hualapai Mountains. In 1984 Mrs. Logsdon was honored by the "WOMEN MAKING HISTORY" organization as "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" in Education. She was the first ever Mohave County educator to receive this prestigious award.



MRS. FAY LOGSDON

(Mrs. Logsdon would have probably awarded the writer of this short composition with a C- grade. She would, however, have been gracious and professional enough to let him rewrite until she was satisfied with the structure, grammar and spelling so she could reward him with a higher mark. There is the possibility that she would have asked him to start over with a blank piece of writing paper!)



Does (infinite) confusion reign over Mrs. Logsdon's English IV class



O.B. Joy, Supertendent Kingman High School, 1957 with Mrs. Logsdon

Membership Renewal

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Clarence & Patti Goodman, Bullhead City, AZ
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From the Library

Kay Ellermann- Librarian

NEW TYPE OF HOBO

Excerpts from the Arizona Gazette Newspaper dated May 6, 1911.

Seventeen year old Maggie Claypool, late of Plainfield, N.J. but now of Peach Springs, up in the northwest part of Arizona has just demonstrated a new type of **HOBO**.

Miss Claypool is taking a rest at the ranch of her brother twelve miles out of the village. She would seem to need it. For she did not travel all the way from Plainfield to Peach Springs in the stateroom of a Pullman. The trip was made in a freight car "just to save expenses", the girl laughingly confessed. Miss Claypool literally traveled by freight from Plainfield to northwest Arizona, a distance of 3,000 miles, and what is more the freight hasn't yet been paid. "But it will be paid," Maggie said. "Brother Ed will attend to that. He said he would, but he is not going to pay a cent more than the bill calls for and that's just \$8.73. I didn't have any passenger accommodations and I am not going to pay for something I didn't get and that's all there is to it."

She had decided to come to Arizona, to the home of her brother who is a prosperous rancher near Peach Springs and she couldn't afford the seventy odd dollars that represents the price of a ticket so she decided to come by freight.

She said, "I fixed up a big box-one long enough for me to lie down in. I put in a mattress and some small boxes to hold what

food I needed. I also had a big can for water but I had to have that replenished every two or three days. It wasn't so hard when I got used to it. I told the freight agent the box contained a phonograph and I marked it 'fragile handle with care,' I guess those brakemen don't always obey instructions, for they didn't always handle me with care, not by a great deal."

She learned when the car would move out so it was only an hour or two before that time when she got into the car. Before the door was sealed she got into her box. It looked like it was nailed up tight, but it wasn't. There were just two sure enough nails on the top, the others were all phony and she had it fixed so she could fasten it from the inside.

"The matter of getting over those 3,000 miles was really not so hard as you might think. I didn't stay in my box much of the time. I always slept in it and fastened myself in when the train stopped at any city. I had to break the seal of the car half a dozen times when I wanted to get out to replenish my water supply, and once or twice the railroad men would come in and look around to find if anything had been stolen. Once they tumbled my box around pretty roughly, but I wasn't hurt to amount to anything. Of course when I left the car it was always late at night, but I had a lot of good luck not to be discovered. When we reached Peach Springs they shunted my car onto a siding about a mile east of the station. That was just before daylight. I felt the need to exercise so I left the car and tramped about the country for a while. I met a track walker and asked him how far it was to Peach Springs and when he told me it was only a mile I decided to walk the rest of the way, which I did."

A girl who could carry through a scheme of this kind, should succeed at most anything.

Museum Fund Raising Trips

Our Collette travel representative, Carl Crews will discuss future trips and answer questions on Tuesday, March 10th at 10:00 at the Museum. Call the Museum at 753-3195 for further information.

Yangtze River/China

October 18 - November 2, 2009 with an optional two-night Hong Kong post tour available. Highlights are the Terra-Cotta Warriors, The Great Wall of China, and a Yangtze River Cruise.



Southern Charm Holiday

December 6 to 11, 2009 Revel in the hospitality and rich history of America's south featuring the best of South Carolina and Georgia including historic Charleston and Savannah.



California New Year's Getaway

December 29, 2009 – January 2, 2010 Be one of the 1 million spectators to line the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade route while sitting in a reserved section, also enjoy the amazing "Glory of Christmas Show" at the Crystal Cathedralplus, a New Year's Eve Gala Dinner Dance.

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