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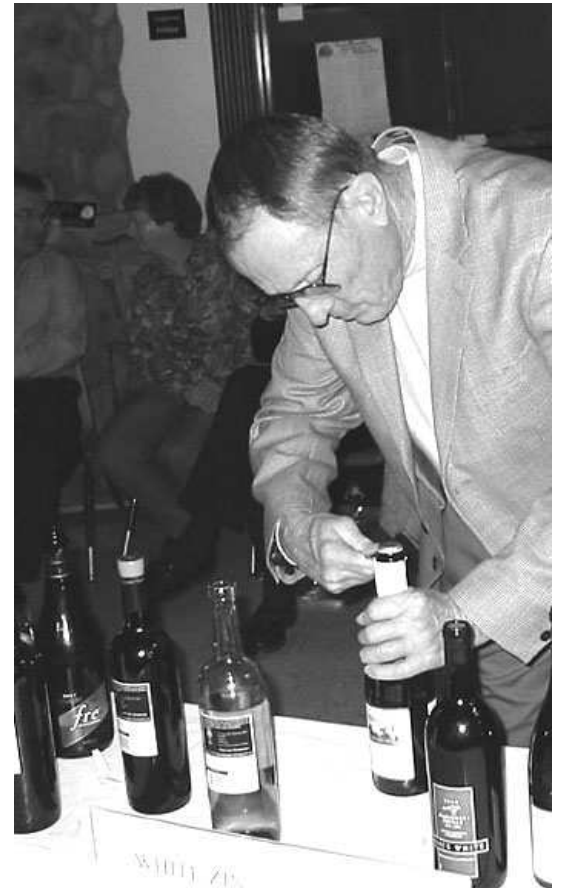
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## ***7th ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE TASTING***

The Mohave Museum of History and Arts proudly presents their annual Wine & Cheese party on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We will serve excellent wine, great food and an assortment of beer. There will also be a silent auction.

Tickets are available from Board Members or at the Museum Office. All proceeds benefit the Museum, buy your tickets now as space is limited.



Phil Moon, un-corking non-alcoholic wine at the 2006 Annual Mohave Museum Wine Tasting

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### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

This year we will celebrate a milestone; our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas program. Chris Commisso, an extremely talented young Kingman native will help us celebrate by playing our new Baldwin piano. There will be performances by two other fine groups as well as our popular Christmas sing-along. We are again fortunate to have former Kingman resident, Paul Carson, performing on the Austin Pipe Organ.

The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

## Events and Attractions

### ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Sheri Morris, our November Artist of the Month, will be sharing her fine collection of pastel paintings in our new Art Gallery. Sheri enjoys working with pastel pigments, "it is like finger painting with dry dyes". Many of her paintings are of the Kingman and Northern Arizona area.

### MUSEUM GIFT SHOP - HOLIDAY SHOPPING

We would like to invite everyone to come browse in our Gift Shop at the Museum. We have some exciting new displays and we are anticipating some new stock and gift ideas for the holidays. If you are wondering what to get that person who has everything, come look in the Gift Shop. There are many things to choose from and beginning in early November we will have gift certificates available to purchase for that hard-to-buy for person on your Christmas list. Remember the Museum Gift Shop is the perfect place to do your holiday shopping and also remember that members receive a 10% discount. Thank you for your support.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mohave Memories On The Internet

[www.mohavemuseum.org](http://www.mohavemuseum.org)

Mohave Memories Newsletter is Online

Artist of the Month

Mohave Museum

Sheri Morris

### Artist Reception

Mohave Museum

Please join Sheri at a reception at the Museum on Saturday afternoon, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting

Mohave Museum Library

Wednesday Nov 11th at 1:00 PM

All in the family fun.

### Mohave Pioneers Historical Society

Board Meeting

Mohave Museum Library

Thursday Nov 19th at 5:00 PM

Monthly Meeting

## TRAVELING WITH THE MUSEUM

**SOUTHERN CHARM HOLIDAY** - November 30. A trip to Jekyll Island, Georgia, Savannah, Beaufort, and Charleston, South Carolina. — **SOLD OUT!!**

**NEW YEAR'S GETAWAY** - December 29. A trip to the Rose Bowl Parade, New Year's Eve Party. — **SOLD OUT!!**

**MYSTERIES OF INDIA** - January 21, 2010. Includes Old Delhi, New Delhi, Taj Mahal, Mother Teresa's Charity Home and many more exciting venues.

**ISRAEL: JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND** - March 9, 2010. Highlights are Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Jericho, Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Mount of Olives and many historical sites.

**SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY** - November 4, 2010. Visit Palermo, Mt Etna Volcano, Pompeii, Salerno, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, and Rome with a tour including the Roman Forum, Coliseum, Arch of Constantine, and Trevi Fountain.

**BROCHURES FOR THE ABOVE TRIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM.**

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These are some of the Business Members who support the heritage and culture of Mohave County



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# 50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER



Photo # 1356, Kingman businessman Don George



Photo # 8781, The Mission Inn on main Street (Route 66) in Oatman.



Photo #14703, Ford Arizona Proving Grounds entrance at Yucca



Photo #1963, John Neal pioneer cattleman

## November 1959

A salute to all of the Men and Women who defended the Nation's colors in it's times of greatest need will be rendered here when Mohave County Veterans observe Veteran's (Armistice) Day next Wednesday. Appropriate events and celebrations will mark the occasion.

Don George is visiting his daughter, Mrs. William Brisbane and husband and daughter in Los Angeles. Mrs. George just returned home from the coast where she spent the past four weeks.

New from Chloride: A Halloween party was held at the grammar school Thursday, October 29, for the grammar and pre-school children of Chloride, plus most of the mothers and some other relatives. Refreshments of Kool-aid and cookies were served.

News from Oatman: A sandwich, cake, pie and coffee sale was held at the Mission Inn Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, to raise money for the Community Christmas Fund.

The following have been added to the list of employees at the Ford Proving Grounds in Yucca: Gus Reichardt, Donald Nelson, Stanley Tipton, Homer Gilliam, Peter Bartmus Jr., Robert D. Boone, Billye Cook, Dan Ming, Robert Rathbone, Mr. And Mrs. Edward Carabin, Mrs. Nancy Schoenherr, Frank Falanga and Jack C. Jones.

His many friends will be happy to know that John Neal, pioneer Mohave County cattleman is reported slightly improve from his recent illness and has been moved from Las Vegas to Mohave General Hospital. Mr. Neal is one of the original pioneer livestock growers of the area and has been prominent in county affairs for many years.

Football fans in Kingman will have the pleasure of seeing the Nation's first football bowl game of the season tomorrow night at the Kingman High School stadium. The first "Kitten Bowl" will begin at 8:00 pm. This bowl game will feature two outstanding girl's teams made up of Kingman High girl students. The game will be a "flag" football contest instead of the usual male blocking and tackling affair. The "Couquette" squad consists of: Nona Avants, Donna Bianco, Pam Jones, Carol Black, Mary Rutherford, Rosslyn Flores, Shirley Nash, Candy Garland, Mary Pemberton, Susie Wilson, Nancy Bailey, Molly Arnold, Sheila White, Judy Miller, Lee Prentice, Margaret Pemberton, Mary Serrano, Pam Johnson and Mahala Medlin. The "Nuggets" squad will feature: Sherry Stephens, Dee Minner, Cheryl Evans, Coreen Dollarhide, Sara Ann Waters, Carole Lewis, Karen Hokanson, Sue Ely, Bobbi Arnold, Charlene Evans, Kathleen Glancy, Mary Glancy, Judy Eley, Karen Hanna, Maxine Dollarhide, Rose Mary Aragon and Claire Tennant.

# 80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

**November 1929**

**STEAM AND POWER FOR THE SANTA FE**

A pipe line is now being laid from the local power house to the local Harvey House, through which when completed, treated steam will run to heat the building. New, electrically driven pumps are being installed at the Santa Fe pump house and the old oil pump station will be closed down.



Harvey House, "Santa Fe Eating House".

Orders taken and delivery guaranteed on dressed or undressed chickens for Thanksgiving, also turkeys. Don't rush, boys, get in line early with your orders. I.M. GEORGE.

Dean Patillo of the Arizona Central Bank at Oatman and Fred Rivers of the Arizona at Kingman, returned the early part of this week from a hunting trip on Burro Creek, They returned with a large buck, one of the largest ever killed in that vicinity.

E.E. Bollinger, jr., will entertain tonight, for eight of his little friends with a dinner part at his home. It will be a venison feed from the deer shot by the boy during his recent hunting trip in the Kaibab forests.

FT. MOHAVE MAY YET BE SAVED: Good news comes to Mohave County people this week in the word which reaches us that hope is being placed in the interceding of Senator Carl Hayden for the suspension of the abandonment of the Fort Mohave Indian school next summer

**GROCERTERIA**  
SATURDAY AND MONDAY

- 2 lb. Can Lipton's Coffee.....98 cents
- 2 lb. Package Market Day Raisins ..... 23 cents
- 1 lb. Can Corn Beef.....25 cents
- 8 oz. Can Prince Albert Tobacco  
and a Jimmy pipe Free.....49 cents
- 16 oz. Jar Pure Berry Preserves.....34 cents
- Extra Fancy Comb Honey.....26 cents

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**  
By Junior English Class

Plans for a high school float to represent the Mohave County Union High School in the Armistice Day parade, November 11, 1929, are going rapidly ahead. It is reported, the float will be one of the best ever made by any high school in the state.

Kingman high school football team before returning home from Flagstaff, November 2, spent two or three hours in the Flagstaff lumber mill learning how the lumber is cut and graded

# 100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

**November 1909**



Photo # 873, Charles Metcalfe early Kingman entrepreneur and businessman.

Charles Metcalfe is building a residence in the Metcalfe addition. (Note: The Metcalfe addition is in the area around Grandview Avenue in downtown Kingman northwest of Metcalfe Park.)

James Bone, owner of the Summit and Silver Monster mines in Kingman. The veins on the properties are very large and carry good values in gold and silver

Mr. Joseph, of the Pauly Jail Company, has a force of men at work putting the new cells in Mohave County's new jail building. The work is being rushed along at a rapid pace and it is expected the building will be ready for occupancy the latter part of next month.



Photo #2875, Mohave County Jail ca. 1909

The great storm yesterday covered the mountains of the County with a deep blanket of snow, while the valleys are soaked to a great depth by the heavy rains.

The Misses Alta Hubbs, Gertrude Potts, Isabelle Blakely and T.S. Kerr, teachers in Kingman Public Schools, have gone to take in the Teaching Institute and incidentally enjoy the pleasures of the Arizona State Fair in Phoenix.

# WWII Fliers Lost in Canyon

Kay Ellermann- Librarian

## WW II Fliers Lost in Canyon

(Excerpts taken from Mohave County Miner July 6-1944)

The term “bailout” has come to mean something entirely different from what it meant in 1944. In the early minutes of Wednesday, June 21, 1944, a B-24 bomber took off from Tonopah, Nevada, on a training mission. About 2 A.M., the plane developed engine trouble over northern Arizona. The pilot ordered the crew to bail out into the darkness. Three crewmen parachuted, right into the Grand Canyon. Then the planes engines caught and the pilot and co-pilot flew the B-24 safely to Kingman Army Air Base.

Now three crewmen were lost somewhere in the Grand Canyon: Second Lt. Charles Goldblum of Pittsburgh, Bombardier; Flight Officer Maurice J. Cruickshank, Jr. of Lawrence, Mass.; and Corp. Roy W. Embanks of Kalispell, Mont., Flight Engineer.

The parachutists landed in different areas of the Tonto Plateau, 10 miles west of Grand Canyon Village and about 1500 feet above the swift Colorado River. Cruickshank landed in a small canyon and broke a toe on his right foot. He began to crawl, looking for his companions, or for a way out.

As Goldblum’s parachute came down, he saw the lights of the town of Williams and hoped they would help him find his way, but then he dropped below the rim of the Grand Canyon and he had no idea where he was. His chute caught on a rock overhang and he pulled himself onto a ledge until daylight. If he had simply released his chute, he would probably have plunged to his death off the face of the plateau.

Embanks also landed on the face of the plateau, about 400 feet below its rim. He packed his parachute to the top and spread it out, where it was later spotted by aerial searchers. Embanks and Cruickshank found each other the first day. The next day, they found Goldblum climbing back onto the top of the plateau

from his treacherous perch.

The fliers scrounged for edible plants. The only water containers they had were their shoes. They would scoop water from Tuna Creek and tip the shoe so the water pooled in the heel, where they would let the silt settle out before they drank. Meanwhile, aerial searchers were flying daily from Kingman Air Base. On June 26, they spotted the parachute, then the downed fliers. Planes began parachuting food, water, sleeping bags, flares, and a walkie-talkie radio.

Rescuers reached the stranded fliers on the eighth day after they had parachuted from the B-24 Shortly after noon on the ninth day, the fliers emerged from the canyon. All in good shape; their greatest need was a shower.



View of the Grand Canyon—Colorado River from the Tonto Plateau



U.S. Army Air Forces Consolidated B-24D Liberator

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David Leroy Adkins

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# WHO WHAT AND WHEN IN MOHAVE COUNTY



Photo # 5110

Hollywood child star Jackie Coogan promoting his latest movie "The Kid" at the Star Theater in Oatman in 1922. Coogan is the youngster in the middle front row with the bow and arrow. The Star Theater was located in the three-story Walsh building, also known as the Desert Inn. Built around 1915, the Desert Inn also housed a meat market, café and billiard parlor as well as a large dance pavilion on the third floor. The structure was located at the south end of the main Oatman business section on Route 66.

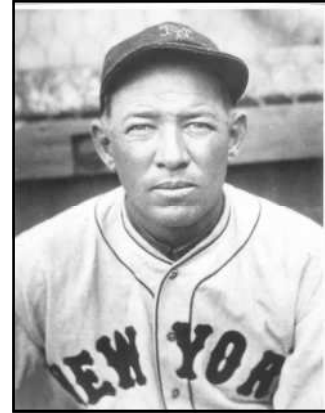


Photo # 9558

Kingman's own George Grantham, a product of local sandlot baseball, made his major league debut with the Chicago Cubs in 1923. During the 1925 season George was a member of the World Series Champion Pittsburg Pirates and hit a whopping .326 for the season. He later performed for the Cincinnati Reds and the New York Giants in the professional ranks and retired from baseball in 1934.

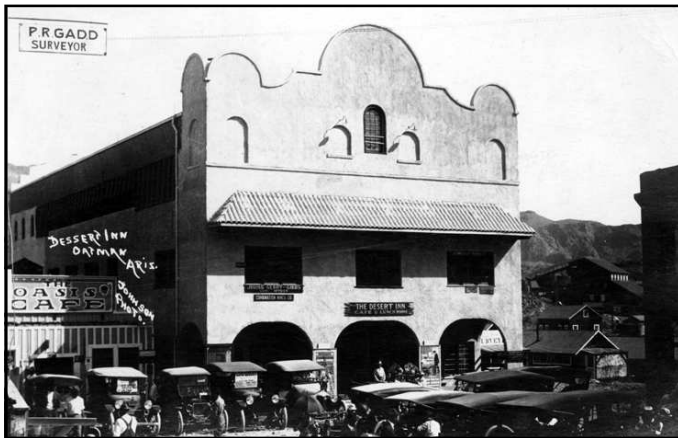


Photo # 3691

The Desert Inn building pictured about 1920 in the bustling business section of Oatman on Highway 66.



Photo # 4884

Pictured above is the exterior of the old Mohave Steam Laundry building on West Highway 66 during the 1920's. The structure in the left of the picture is the Powerhouse. The Laundry was started in 1916 by Harry Knight, who was active in the Mohave County mining and business communities. During the late 1950's the Laundry building became the Kingman Dairy Queen under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meins. The old Steam Laundry is currently a Thai food restaurant.

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*Happy Thanksgiving November 26, 2009*

## **Volunteer Update**

Thank you to all our great volunteers for all your work this summer. You make a visit to the museum more special. We receive e-mails and letters from all over the world praising our museums and our friendly, knowledgeable volunteers.

We are fortunate to have so many long term volunteers and we are happy to have several new ones this year.