

CURRENT COMMENT

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William Babbitt

William Babbitt, aged 66, an outstanding Arizona pioneer, died at his winter home in Phoenix on February 27, from a heart attack. This is the third death among the men of the Babbitt family since last July. A brother, David Babbitt, died on November 8, 1929, and the latter's son, David Babbitt, Jr., died in Phoenix last July. The death of William Babbitt leaves but two of the five brothers living, all of whom founded Babbitt Brothers Trading Company at Flagstaff. One of these, C. J. Babbitt, lives in Flagstaff and is actively engaged in the management of the affairs of this company; the other, E. J. Babbitt, is a practicing attorney of Cincinnati. William Babbitt is survived by a wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Roach, of Flagstaff, and a dozen nieces and nephews. He was a native of Ohio.

Mr. Babbitt had been in failing health for more than a year, but was not confined to his bed for much of that time. Death followed an acute heart attack of only a few hours' duration. His wife and a family friend and relative by marriage, Mrs. John Verkamp, were with him when he died. The Babbitts had spent most of the winter in San Francisco, where Mr. Babbitt had business interests. They had come to Phoenix about a month before his death, and were living at 760 East McKinley Street.

Funeral services were held from the Church of Nativity at Flagstaff, and interment made in the Catholic Cemetery there, on March 1.

Gustav Anton Hoff

Gustav Anton Hoff, born in New Carbe, Germany, December 7, 1852, and a resident of Tucson since 1880, died at the family home, 127 West Franklin Street, that city, on February 18, from a stroke of paralysis. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Alice Ford, of California; four daughters, Mrs. E. B. Winstanley, Mrs. G. B. Quickenstedt and Mrs. Walter Hall, of Tucson, and Mrs. E. Haskell of Santa Barbara; a son, Louis

Hoff, of Guadalajara, and a brother, Julius Hoff, lives in Yorktown, Texas.

At the time of his death Mr. Hoff was secretary of the L. H. Manning Company, of Tucson. He had been connected with this company for many years. For many years he was in the mercantile business on the corner where the new Consolidated Bank Building now stands. He was a prominent and active member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges, and of the Hiram Club.

Mr. Hoff was a member of the Sixteenth Territorial Legislature, and during the early days of the territory was a very active democrat. He served as a councilman for Tucson for several terms, and was mayor of that city for one term, beginning in 1900.

Funeral services were held from the Masonic Temple, with the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Knights Templar in charge.

John Alexander

John Alexander died in a Globe hospital on January 17, following an operation. He was in his sixty-sixth year, and he had been a resident of Arizona for forty-four years, coming first to Tucson in 1886, where he lived for a year. He went to Ft. Thomas where, with a brother, Andrew, he started a store known as Alexander Brothers General Merchandise Company. In addition to this, they acquired the famous hot springs near Ft. Thomas. In 1904 Mr. Alexander moved with his family to Globe and bought the Globe Commercial Company. He also bought and operated the Dreamland Theater on Sycamore Street. This theater was the center of many civic activities until it was destroyed by fire during a big Odd Fellows' convention in 1913.

Following the disposal of his interest in the Globe Commercial Company in 1916, he became affiliated with the Solomon-Wickersham Company in Globe. He remained with this company almost continuously until he was injured in an automobile accident last September. He never fully recovered from this injury.

Mr. Alexander was buried in the Elks' plot in the Globe cemetery.

Surviving relatives are the wife, Mrs. Clara Burns Alexander; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Tupper of San Diego, Mrs.

Herbert Finnegan and Miss Ruth Alexander of Globe; a brother, Andrew, of San Diego, and two sisters, Mrs. L. B. Jones of Alhambra, and Mrs. C. Birdwell of Los Angeles. Another sister, Mrs. Louise Rupkey, preceded him in death by just two weeks. She was also an Arizona pioneer and she passed away in El Paso, where she had gone to visit a son.

Sylvestre Peralta

Death claimed Sylvestre Peralta, a resident of St. Johns since 1875, on January 4, at the age of 57. He was stricken with paralysis a few days before his death, and did not rally.

Mr. Peralta was one of the most prominent citizens of Apache County, and held many public offices. He was sheriff of that county from 1903 to 1912, and during the Campbell administration he served as a guard at the state penitentiary. Following this service he served as a prohibition officer under John H. Udall, state prohibition director. He resigned this position several years ago to engage in business at McNary. At the age of eighteen he became interested in sheep raising, and was successful in this business for a number of years.

Surviving members of the Peralta family are the widow and seven daughters, all residents of the northern part of the state with the exception of one of the daughters, Mrs. Gregorio Garcia, who lives in Phoenix.

F. E. A. Kimball

F. E. A. Kimball, who came to Arizona from San Diego, California, in 1899, died at his home in Tucson on February 25. He was a native of New Hampshire and was 67 years old.

During his thirty-one years' residence in Tucson Mr. Kimball was most active in the city's affairs. He was a member of the lower house, from Pima County, of the Fourth and Fifth and Eighth and Ninth Arizona State Legislatures. He was the author of the Mill Tax Bill for the University of Arizona, and obtained passage of Arizona's first child welfare bill. He was an

organizer of the Tucson Natural History Society and an ardent worker in the Game Protective Association. At the time of his death he was secretary-treasurer of the Summerhaven Land and Improvement Company.

Before coming to Arizona, Mr. Kimball was in the newspaper business. He established the Coronado Evening Mercury in 1887, which continued in existence under different names until 1899, when it was bought by the Spreckels interests from the company to whom Kimball and his partner had sold it three years before. Mr. Kimball continued in the newspaper game when he first came to Tucson, having been a reporter on the Arizona Daily Star until he established a book and stationery store, in which business he remained almost continuously during his residence there. During the summer season Mr. Kimball was postmaster at Summerhaven, a popular mountain resort near Tucson. He was a member of the Typographical Union for more than forty years, and by lodge affiliation he was an Odd Fellow.

Surviving relatives are the widow, Mrs. Mabel Kimball, two brothers, a sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

According to the Coronado California Journal, Robert W. Hornbeck, with whom Mr. Kimball established the Coronado Evening Mercury in 1887, died just twenty days before Mr. Kimball.

Frederick W. Perkins

Judge Frederick W. Perkins, city attorney of Flagstaff and state representative from Coconino County, died of pneumonia in a Phoenix hospital on January 6. Judge Perkins was a native of New Hampshire, was 78 years of age and had resided in Arizona continuously for 25 years. He was first judge of the superior court of Coconino County. He was past president of the Hiram Club of Flagstaff; past master of the Blue Lodge of Flagstaff, and grand master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Arizona in 1916. He had served as state representative from Coconino County for three terms.

Funeral services were held in Flagstaff, under the auspices of the Masonic Order of that city.

Surviving relatives are a sister, Jephena Wright Perkins; one daughter, Mrs. G. A. Pearson, both of Flagstaff; three sons,

Fred Hough Perkins, Phoenix; Edwin Thompson Perkins, Joplin, Missouri, and Warren Otis Perkins, Williams, Arizona. There are also fourteen surviving grandchildren.

<p style="text-align: center;">David Morgan</p>
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The death of David Morgan, Arizona pioneer, miner and former member of the legislature, occurred in Los Angeles on January 11.

During his residence in Arizona he became general foreman for the Congress Gold Mining Company, and superintendent of the Imperial Copper Company and the United Verde Extension. He is credited with the discovery of the rich ore bed of the United Verde, which was largely responsible for that company's growth. At the time of his death he was vice president and general manager of the Zenda Gold Mining Company at Barstow, California. He was a member of the Arizona Territorial Legislature in 1907; member of the state senate in 1920, being chairman of the senate committee on mines.

Mr. Morgan is survived by his widow and a daughter, Virginia.

ARIZONA'S ANNUAL PAGEANT

The fourth annual presentation of the Casa Grande Pageant closed Sunday night, March 30th, in a blaze of glory.

This annual pageant has become a regular institution and wins wide support from the lovers of Arizona romance and history.

Being held as it is on the grounds of the age-old historic ruin of the CASA GRANDE, the theme of the mode of living of these interesting but unknown people is carried out by our best thinkers, builded on traditions and legends gathered from where they may.

Dean Cummings, of the University of Arizona, Tucson, and Mrs. Mark Twain Clemens of Florence, assisted by many others, deserve the thanks of all for their untiring efforts in making this year's pageant the outstanding success that it proved to be.

DEDICATION OF COOLIDGE DAM

In our opinion the outstanding event in our state's history was the dedication of the great Coolidge Dam, by Calvin Coolidge, at the request of President Hoover on March 4th last. Coolidge Dam is built on the Gila River not far from the historic location of the old San Carlos Indian Agency, and the great lake that will cover all of this ground will be and is known as San Carlos Lake.

Governor Phillips met Mr. Coolidge and wife and personally escorted them from Yuma to the dedication.

The great event was witnessed by some ten thousand happy people who reveled in Arizona's glorious sunshine during the ceremony.

The age-old enemies, the Pimas and the Apaches, smoked the peace pipe, and Will Rogers smilingly talked in the "Mike."

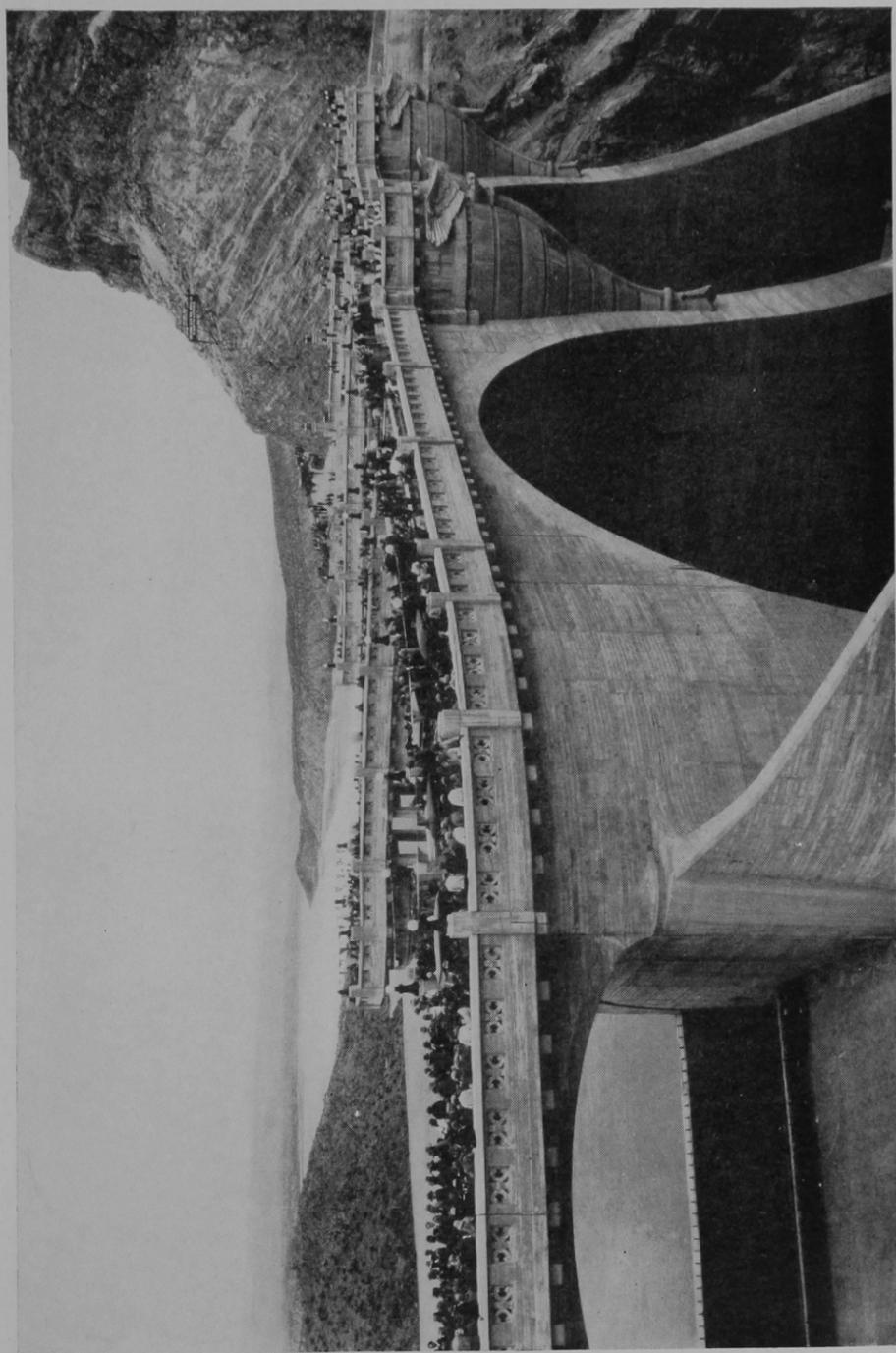
This dam is in our opinion the finest and most beautiful major structure built by the hands of man, and is a creation of the brain of Major C. R. Oldburg, who is now in Russia.

Old Chief Talkalia, most prominent of the old-time Apaches, was to take part in the dedication, but his soul was gently wafted to the happy hunting grounds during that interesting ceremony. He was buried in the Pinal cemetery between Globe and Miami, where loving friends will erect a monument to his memory.

INVITATION TO COOLIDGE

(Mailed thru the Office of Governor Phillips)

To the Honorable Calvin Coolidge,
 And his good wife, if you please,
 Who are now in the land of the "Golden West,"
 Enjoying the ocean's breeze.
 For that is a land of beauty,
 Powerful, grand, sedate,
 The home of the "Sunkist" orange,
 Well known as the "Golden State."
 And we hear in Arizona,
 Our sovereign state supreme,
 The baby state of our country,
 And brightly our records gleam.
 We are proud of our hills and valleys,
 Our mountains and cactus plain,
 We are proud of our upright people
 Who strive to our rights maintain.



We are proud of "Our Colorado,"
 Winding its way to the sea,
 And our marvelous canyon that named it,
 Proud work of the Diety;
 We are proud of our mines of Copper,
 Silver and Lead and Gold,
 The whole wide world enriching,
 Like the "Midas" mines of old.

We are proud of our fertile valleys,
 And proud of the homes they bring,
 We are proud of our dams and rivers,
 While the world their praises sing,
 We are proud of our great Dam, Roosevelt,
 We are proud of its inland sea,
 For its waters come in as the snows melt,
 In the lands of the great pine tree.

I am proud I was there with "Teddy,"
 In March of Nineteen Eleven,
 When he came to dedicate Roosevelt,
 Then the greatest Dam 'neath heaven;
 And now to you both we're appealing,
 Another great work has been done,
 Please come and dedicate Coolidge,
 The finest dam 'neath the sun.

When softly the shadows are falling,
 As over the waters you scan,
 There before you in lines that are classic,
 Is the noblest work of man.

Yours most sincerely,

DAN R. WILLIAMSON,

February 19, 1930.

State Historian.

Then Coolidge came to our calling,
 And there in the afternoon,
 'Midst the splendor of sky and mountains,
 With our pulsing hearts in tune,
 Were the magical words then spoken,
 Dedicating this work, well done,
 To the love of God and religion,
 And pleased was everyone.

Ten thousand were there to see it,
 Ten thousand who were as one,
 Many of them were Indians,
 Children of Earth and Sun;
 Calmly they smoked the peace pipe,
 Those who had fought for years,
 For the love of God was over all,
 And that allayed all fears.

And now to the River Gila,
 May ever your waters flow,
 Filling our lake "San Carlos,"
 With run off from rain and snow;
 May the beautiful land below you,
 And rich is its virgin sod,
 Be the home of prosperous thousands,
 All blest by, and loving, God.

DAN R. WILLIAMSON,
 State Historian.

March 25, 1930.

COOLIDGE DAM DIMENSIONS

(Arizona Republican, Phoenix, March 5, 1930)
 Elevation of top of dam, 2,535 feet above sea level.
 Height of dam above bedrock, 250 feet.
 Height of dam above stream-bed, 250 feet.
 Thickness of domes at bottom, 21 feet.
 Thickness of domes at top, 4 feet.
 Length of dam on top, 880 feet.
 Length of dam on bottom, 300 feet.
 Distance from rear of dome to toe of buttress, 286 feet.
 Buttresses spaced 180 feet on centers.
 Buttresses from 60 to 24 feet thick.
 Area of land submerged, 22,000 acres.
 Reservoir length, 23 miles.
 Reservoir capacity, 1,200,000 acre feet.
 Will irrigate (present designation), 100,000 acres.
 Concrete in dam, 205,000 cubic yards.
 Steel (reinforcing), 3,500 tons.
 Rock and gravel excavation, 280,000 cubic yards.
 Present total stored water supply, 170,600 acre feet.
 Present available above penstocks, 145,100 acre feet.

Area cultivated this year, 55,000 acres.

Annual runoff Gila river, 385,000 acre feet.

Duty of water, 3 acre feet per acre on land.

Congressional act authorizing construction, June 7, 1924.

Preliminary construction started March 1, 1925.

Construction contract let November 1, 1926.

Contractors, Atkinson, Kier Bros., Spicer Company, Los Angeles.

Construction work started January 1, 1927.

Dam completed January 1, 1929.

Storage of water started November 15, 1929.

Appropriations for dam construction, \$5,500,000.

Estimated cost entire project, \$10,000,000.

Project, lands all in Pinal county, 100 miles below dam, immediately adjoining Salt River project on south.

Ownership, 50,000 acres Indian; 50,000 acres white.

Railroad, Southern Pacific through center of project, running from Tucson to Phoenix.

Principal towns, Florence, Coolidge, Casa Grande.

Climate: Average maximum temperature, 113 degrees F.; average minimum, 31 degrees F.

Precipitation: 10 inches.

Soils: Gravelly loams to heavy silt.

Crops: Cotton, cantaloupes, lettuce, alfalfa, oranges, lemons, dates, grapefruit, figs, olives, grain, watermelons, and others.

Power plant at base of dam.

Installed capacity, 10,000 kilowatts.

Average annual revenue, \$200,000.

Reservoir area involved submergence of old town of San Carlos established in 1872 as military post for Apaches. Notable for locale of Geronimo, Apache Kid, Naches, and other Apache chieftains.

Involved removal of 20 miles of Southern Pacific railroad running from Bowie to Globe. Cost of removal \$2,400,000, of which government paid \$1,000,000.

Indians removed: 550 in over 100 homes or teepees; 50 government and traders' buildings torn down and salvaged.