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CHEROKEE INDIAN FIRST TO ENTER PIONEERS' HOME

John Hawkins, a full blooded Cherokee is the first Indian to be admitted to the Pioneers' Home at Prescott, say the Republican.

The board of directors of state institutions acted favorably on his application yesterday and Burt Wingar, secretary to the board, immediately notified officials at the home to prepare to receive the 72-year-old Indian who has been a resident of Arizona for 45 years. He will register there from Yavapai county.

He will be but one of six new guests, among whom will be R.H. Roberts, a 75-year-old miner who has spent the last 42 years of his life in the mountains as a prospector. Mr. Roberts spent more than \$20,000 on his property at Castle creek, which in his opinion will some time yield him a fortune. Until he is able to dispose of the mine he will be housed at the Pioneers' Home. His admittance will be from Maricopa county.

David Clark, 63, and for many years master mechanic at the Arizona Copper company's property at Clifton, was also admitted to the state institution yesterday. Mr. Clark, who has been a resident of 35 years, will be admitted from Greenlee county.

Other applications favorably acted upon yesterday were Frank Manning, 79, and a resident of 35 years from Coconino county; George O. Wager, 70, and in the state 40 years, from Santa Cruz county, and Nelson Olsen, a Clarkdale miner, 81 years of age, who spent 40 years in Arizona.



Average Age of Guests at Arizona Pioneers' Home Is 74 Years, Says Annual Report of Superintendent

There were 116 guests in the Pioneers' Home in Prescott on July 1, 1924, according to the annual report of S.P. Hall, superintendent of the home received by Governor Hunt yesterday. During the fiscal year, from July 1, 1923, to June 30, 1924, the report shows a total of 22 pioneers of the state were admitted to the home, while the same number left the home. The number of guests at the home on June 30, 1923, was 116, Mr. Hall states.

Of those leaving the home during the year, 16 were called by death to the greater home, two were discharged and four left on furloughs and failed to return, Mr. Hall reports.

The report shows that on July 1, 1924, there were 106 men and 10 women in the home and that the average age of all guests is 74 years.

The oldest man in the home is Edward McKinley, who is 96 years old. He was admitted to the home, the report shows, from Maricopa county on September 27, 1912. There are 11 guests at the home who have passed the age of 85 years, as follows: Eighty-five years, 1; 86 years, 1; 87 years, 2; 88 years, 2; 89 years, 2; 91 years, 2; and 96 years, 1

Mr. Hall states in his report that the hospital facilities of the home are now crowded to capacity and that a large number of those in the hospital ward will never leave their beds. He recommends that steps be taken to enlarge the hospital ward, before the fall season begins. He also reports that a coal house, with a storage capacity of 80 tons, is now in the course of construction, and that considerable painting and tinting work has been done at the home to beautify it for the guests.



List of Old Timers Sojourning at Pioneers' Home in Prescott

This roster of old pioneers of Arizona now in the Pioneers Home at Prescott recites the names and age of 130 inmates, of whom 27 are of foreign birth. Fourteen are from Ireland; six are from Canada; three are from England; one from France; and two from Germany. Twelve are females and all are of advanced age; the youngest inmates are 61 and the oldest past 97.

In the years ago so little has been said of the "old boys and girls" of early day Arizona, that but little is known of them and they are passing out at the rate of two a week every year. Perhaps some of those mentioned here may be recognized by friends who knew them when they were in their prime. It is with a desire to memorialize these old-timers that the Arizona Pioneer was brought into existence. It is an indelible record of the bone and sinew of the great Southwest, which should be kept as a handy reference of those who helped to open this great country to civilization.

James Allen, 79, Maricopa, Sept. 3, 1921.

E.D. Beck, 79, Graham, Jan. 10, 1925; W.C. Beckman, 75, Yavapai, Aug. 31, 1923; John F. Burris, 73, Yavapai, April 12, 1922; Napoleon Blackford, 71, Yavapai, June 18, 1917; B.H. Bowen, 72, Yavapai, Dec. 7, 1922; Thomas Bolden, 77, Maricopa, June 19, 1922; Pat F. Brenen, 66, Maricopa, May 25, 1922 --- went on furlough March 7, 1925, not returned; William Brophy, 82, Navajo, Dec. 19, 1914; George H. Brooks, 85, Pima, April 14, 1916; Hugh Brimmer, 81, Gila, April 13, 1920; John Branen, 89, Yavapai, June 15, 1916; Joseph J. Brown, 84, Yavapai, July 19, 1922.

Joseph C. Crane, 90, Yavapai, July 13, 1920; Lula J. Carruthers, 64,

Maricopa, June 13, 1923; George E. Clagett, 87, Mohave, Jan. 29, 1923; Margaret R. Clifford, 84, Cochise, Jan. 25, 1921; Frank Chamberlain, 75, Pima, March 19, 1925; William Christmas, 76, Yavapai, June 24, 1920; Geo. M. Chitwood, 75, Pima, Aug. 21, 1923 --- died Feb. 11, 1925; James Cronin, 81, Yavapai, Aug. 30, 1923; John Cole, 76, Yavapai, Aug. 30, 1923; Charles Calhoun, 77, Yavapai, Dec. 7, 1917.

Albert Dodge, 80, Maricopa, Oct. 6, 1923; George W. Darden, 83, Yavapai, Nov. 3, 1921; Louis Edward Didway, 72, Greenlee, Oct. 7, 1921; Wm. Dronenberg, 85, Yavapai, Sept. 3, 1921 --- died Dec. 22, 1924; Hal Dorsey, 77, Greenlee, Sept. 3, 1921; William Debus, 73, Maricopa, Jan. 1, 1913 --- died Nov. 3, 1924; Daniel Daly, 82, Maricopa, Dec. 10, 1918.

Willard D. Elderkin, 79, Gila, Feb. 9, 1925; T. Clemons, 80, Cochise, Oct. 1, 1924; Thomas Etner, 76, Yavapai, Sept. 16, 1916 --- died Dec. 22, 1924.

John W. Forbes, 77, Yavapai, May 11, 1923; John Farren, 72, Yavapai, Oct. 2, 1923; Clarence B. Ferguson, 90, Yavapai, June 16, 1914; John Flannigan, 83, Yavapai, July 14, 1923.

W.J. Gilbert, 74, Yavapai, June 8, 1922; William Gillespie, 83, Yavapai, May 27, 1920; Mary J. Graydon, 84, Gila, June 4, 1924 --- died Feb. 8, 1925; Mary Gilson, 84, Maricopa, Oct. 22, 1916; Oliver Gardner, 61, Maricopa, Nov. 11, 1924; James W. Griffin, 65, Cochise, Dec. 4, 1924.

James Hagan, 74, Maricopa, June 1, 1923; Jennie Helm, 68, Yavapai, June 13, 1924; M.A. Hensley, 66, Yavapai, April 4, 1923; L.J. Horton, 79, Maricopa, June 19, 1922; William Houston, 79, Pima, March 12, 1924; M.A. Henderson, 69, Cochise, Dec. 31, 1916; Joseph Hull, 79, Mohave, June 27, 1922 --- died March 20, 1925; Washington C. Henry, 78, Coconino, Jan. 24, 1925.

E.J. Johnson, 73, Yuma, Feb. 29, 1924.

R.F. Kirkland, 77, Maricopa, Sept. 1922; James T. Keatting, 82, Yavapai, Oct. 5, 1921; Pat Kearney, 79, Yavapai, Sept. 28, 1920.

Eliza Lemare, 69, Maricopa, Aug. 1923; Annie Lannigan, 86, Pinal, Aug. 13, 1923; William Lynch, 77, (illegible month) 12, 1920; John A. Lincoln, 74, Yavapai, Oct. 3, 1921; John R. Lyons, 82, Cochise, April 26, 1920; L.P. Logsdon, 78, Maricopa, Sept. 26, 1918; W.W. Lewis, 70, Yavapai, Sept. 26, 1922 --- died Sept. 12, 1924.

Ada Mason, 73, Yavapai, Sept. 26, 1922; E.J. Mendenhall, 68, Maricopa, Oct. 26, 1922; Chas. F. Moss, 67, Navajo, Feb. 16, 1922 --- died July 4, 1924; Fritz Mittendorf, 78, Yavapai, Sept. 23, 1921; Edward McGinley, 97, Maricopa, Sept. 27, 1922; Geo. G. McGee, 72, Gila, Aug. 8, 1922; Patrick McGovern, 75, Maricopa, July 19, 1922; John Martin, 75, Maricopa, Oct. 23, 1912; Jacob Martin, 75, Pima, Oct. 3, 1921; W.H. McMichael, 81, Yavapai, Aug. 25, 1921; Daniel Francis Mitchell, 82, Yavapai, Aug. 28, 1920; Thomas Marshall, 75, Maricopa, Oct. 12, 1918.

Harry Nevin, 81, Maricopa, April 12, 1923; Alexander Neilson, 76, Yavapai, Sept. 3, 1921.

William Oglesby, 69, Navajo, May 5, 1923; Tim O'Connell, 82, Yavapai, Feb. 19, 1923; John O'Dell, 75, Yavapai, Sept. 26, 1922; Mary O'Dell, 69, Yavapai, Sept. 26, 1922; Wm. O'Keefe, 68, Yavapai, Sept. 26, 1922; Julian Onfray, 76, Maricopa, Dec. 28, 1921 --- died Oct. 29, 1924.

A.B. Peach, 88, Gila, Nov. 7, 1923 --- died March 16, 1924; E.E. Miller, 84, Cochise, Jan. 24, 1925; J.A. Park, 76, Yavapai, March 14, 1923; John W. Power, 89, Coconino, Dec. 23, 1921; Abraham H. Porter, 74, Navajo, Sept. 7, 1920; Marion Rutledge, 66, Yavapai, June 21, 1923; W. Robbins, 73, Yavapai, Oct. 23, 1919; Ed S. Rogers, 61, Yavapai, May 14, 1924; Minerva Redwine, 81, Maricopa, April 14, 1923, Mrs. C.A. Rogers, 78, Cochise, Sept. 25, 1922;

James Roach, 74, Yavapai, May 3, 1924; Ernest Reismann, 72, Yavapai, Nov. 3, 1920; Josephine A. Rogers, 64, Maricopa, Dec. 5, 1918; Albert R. Ross, 70, Yavapai, May 28, 1923; James Ray, 75, Gila, May 13, 1920; Edward Riley, 82, Maricopa, Nov. 8, 1918; John M. Ryan, 79, Yavapai, Feb. 3, 1923 --- name dropped; John Lawrence, 73, Maricopa, Jan. 18, 1919.

J.R. Simmons, 75, Maricopa, Dec. 26, 1922; William Smock, 84, Yavapai, May 27, 1920; William Simms, 83, Maricopa, April 20, 1924; Thomas D. Sanders, 80, Yavapai, Nov. 28, 1922; A.D. Staniger, 65, Cochise, Dec. 7, 1922; R.S. Stillman, 83, Maricopa, Dec. 15, 1922; Julius Smith, 67, Yavapai, Nov. 8, 1918; Maxwell Smith, 75, Cochise, July 19, 1924; L.A. Smith, 73, Cochise, Jan. 5, 1925; John C. Stivers, 70, Greenlee, Jan. 24, 1925; Malcolm Seymour, 67, Yuma, July 12, 1923; John Sullins, 78, Mohave, Oct. 6, 1923; Sam Sincok, 66, Yavapai, Oct. 19, 1923; J.C. Snow, 75, Yavapai, Nov. 14, 1922.

Thoe Tilyou, 76, Yavapai, Aug. 19, 1922; E.E. Towner, 68, Yavapai, May 16, 1917; Ammon M. Tunney, 81, Maricopa, April 18, 1922.

Geo. L. Ulyard, 79, Navajo, Oct. 24, 1922.

Mollie Vineyard, 74, Navajo, Nov. 3, 1921; C.T. Vincent, 76, Cochise, June 18, 1923.

George O. Wager, 73, Santa Cruz, Feb. 27, 1922; A.E. Welch, 87, Maricopa, Jan. 9, 1919 --- died Sept. 18, 1924; Frank Weber, 66, Maricopa, March 20, 1925; Thomas Wixted, 75, Cochise, Sept. 3, 1921; A.D. Whitney, 92, Yavapai, Nov. 22, 1920 --- name dropped; L.E. Williamson, 77, Maricopa, May 4, 1922.

William Youres, 98, Yavapai, Sept. 1921; John Young, 79, Coconino, March 6, 1918; W.H. Yancy, 75, Mohave, Oct. 1, 1912; Henry D. Yinger, 65, Maricopa, Jan. 12, 1923.



PIONEER HOME IS LAUDED BY ONE OF GUESTS

By J. L. HORTON

We members of the Pioneers' Home are thankful to our silent friend who presented us with a New Year's present of \$10 for 1925, and again, \$5 for 1926 --- more particularly so because the one who sent it refused to divulge his name, showing it came from a true and faithful lover of his fellow beings. We are also thankful for the 25 legislators which was composed of such men as Governor Kibby, Governor Richard E. Sloane, R.A. Creg, W. G.G. Foster, and O.A. Mauk; citizens who were broad-minded enough to know that the old custom of \$7 per month must be changed so as to create a home for those who go forth on the trackless waste, pass through trials and tribulations, conquer hostile savages and other hostile elements and blaze the trails that built the state in which we are living today.

The writer being a close observer and a member of the Home for nearly the past four years gives his reasons why a more rigid law should be passed to examine the applicants for admission into the Pioneer home because it is a well-known fact that there have been a great many admitted that should not have been, and knowing that the tax-payers have all bills to pay, whether just or not.

The writer has presented this petition to the citizens asking the next legislature to change the law so as to give all applicants for admission into the home a more rigid examination because the home has, and is filling up with riff-raff, who are not true pioneers, neither did they assist in building the state; besides there are others who are receiving pensions --- such as the grand army men --- which amply pay

all their expenses, and again, there are others who have money deposited in some bank, which under the present law, the home is powerless to act. I believe that where a member asks for relief, no Banks should be forced to help the depositor to beat the state out of the depositors keep, and again, it is a well-known fact that there are men in this home who have property in this city or somewhere else; who are renting the same, and never miss a meal and make their daily trips up and down the hill, and receive their clothing and tobacco free.

All the above are positive facts, and we know there are dozens of aged and feeble, true Pioneers with numb and chilled fingers camping out on the bleak hillsides because all rooms are occupied in that home which was built only for the true Pioneers.

We kindly solicit the next legislature to pass a bill that will correct the above errors so as to relieve the over-burdened tax-payers and do justice to the true Pioneers; we also ask that a bill be presented to set aside one day in each year for feast praise in memory of the 25 legislators who created and built the only true home for the aged and feeble, who were destined to go forth on the trackless waste, build houses and cause the roses to bloom on the deserts, which have created, and maintains all of our national wealth.

We are thankful for the beautiful home the state has built and maintains for us. We are proud of our baby state because we few Pioneers and prospectors have changed the great barren deserts into a perfect paradise of beautiful homes abounding in wealth and prosperity, besides a stream of glittering gold flowing in from the richest and most extensive mineral deposits in the world. We Pioneers and prospectors with our heads silvered o'er with many frosty winters ask for one more word of comfort, one more

word of cheer --- that is a state's care be furnished for the aged and feeble who cannot walk up and down the hill, as the state has unthoughtedly deprived us of the only means of either going to church, or the graves of our comrades, who shoulder to shoulder have weathered the peril and hardships of the deserts, and we ask for one word of comfort and cheer so we can see them placed in their last resting places.

I believe it best to publish a blank application for admittance to the home because I know there are men who know absolutely nothing about how or under what conditions they are allowed to stay here.

Historical Review of What We Prospectors and Pioneers Did For the State.

It is often said, and many really believe that we few Pioneers and prospectors who built the state have been amply paid for what we did.

The writer can easily produce the facts to show that what the state has paid out and is paying out to us few Pioneers and prospectors is only a fraction of the yearly profits of what we few who caused that stream of wealth to flow into our baby state.

In proof of the above declaration, the writer, who is a member of the Pioneers' home, in the year of 1888, and 1889, invented a railroad iron brush puller which enabled him and friend to prepare the worthless desert lands, and put it into growing crops such as alfalfa, oranges, peaches, pears, figs, dates, olives, and rose gardens, on a contract for different parties, making over 15,000 acres in less than on year.

All the above land for the last past 30 years has been assessed for not less than \$200 per acre, or \$3,000,000, which can be easily shown by the signed contracts, and the assessments rolls, making it a historical fact.

Besides, we can also show the records of not only hundreds, but thousands of carloads of semi-tropical fruit and berries, together

with thousands of cars of the most delicious vegetables, also wheat and oats, and where we can raise 7 crops of alfalfa hay each year. It is also becoming known to be one of the best bacon countries in the land, because farmers of the east and in cold countries can only raise one litter of pigs a year, or 7 per cent increase, while the farmers of Salt River raise two litters or 14 per cent increase. The double increase has caused business men to erect extensive cold storage plants to cure and ship both ham and bacon.

We sturdy prospectors and Pioneers have proven beyond a doubt what one of the greatest mineralogists, Alexander Von Humboldt said when he visited and examined the mineral resources of our western coast: "That underneath and within the boundaries of the great deserts of Arizona lies the cradle of the richest mineral deposits of the world.

In all my 60-odd years of wandering, I know of no other country where we have 12 months in the year for work or play.

We are bound to succeed where all is in our favor besides, there are millions of acres equally as good as the Rose Gardens, date farms and peach orchards mentioned above.

Just as soon as the water of the Colorado is turned on the great deserts of the southwest. Mr. Voter, it is up to you if you want to repeat what the Pioneers have done. Please close your eyes and ears to all political rings, then go forth, with pressed lips and a firm step and cast your vote for a business administration. And within a dozen years by studying the historical facts of the Pioneers, you should keep before you, you can easily secure a home on the worthless deserts and by a little effort, you can turn it into a perfect paradise of peace, happiness and prosperity.



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\$75,000 ADDITION TO PIONEER HOME IS RECOMMENDED

Associated Press Night Wire

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 2. --- Efforts to make certain the immediate establishment in the state of a hospital for disabled miners was made in the senate when the committee on state institutions of that body made its report on House Bill No. 71. This measure, as originally drawn, provided for the appropriation of \$17,000 to match a bequest of a like amount to the state pioneer's home. The senate committee practically rewrote the entire bill.

Under the measure as amended by the senate, it is provided that the \$17,000 be appropriated: that there be added to it a fund of \$18,000 now available as the income from state lands belonging to the miners' hospital fund, and that additional appropriations to make a total of \$75,000 be voted.

Propose Addition

With this money it is proposed to build an addition to the state pioneer's home at Prescott to be known as the Miners' hospital and to be available to all disabled miners who have been employed as such within the state during a period of 20 years. It was recommended by the committee of the whole that the measure do pass.

Senator Donnelly's bill which would make it unlawful for any party committeeman to receive pay from the state or any political subdivision thereof met its Waterloo in the senate committee of the whole, it being voted to indefinite postponement.



Dec. 1929, Unknown newspaper

Christmas Day At The Pioneer Home

No better time could have been chosen for the dedication of the new dining hall at the Pioneers' Home in Prescott than Christmas Day, the most joyful day of the entire year. And particularly so since the season provided for a more artistic decoration of the hall and the serving of an extraordinary dinner to enhance the pleasant surprise of the occasion.

The dedication was one that should be remembered long in the state. Seated at the tables and assisting in that very simple but yet impressive ceremony ushering in the new dining hall, were men and women whose names figured prominently in the building of the state in the early days. Much of the progress and prosperity of Arizona has been due to the work of these men and women who dedicated the new hall on Christmas Day.

In those pioneer days when the state was in the building, these once hale and sturdy people, unmindful of the privations which accompany the life of the settler, set to work with a purpose of reclaiming the wilderness and making it into a commonwealth. Success rewarded their efforts and they builded something of which we as well as they can be proud. Arizona can never repay these pioneers for that which they accomplished.

The new building hall dedicated Christmas Day is but one of the improvements to the home established a number of years ago planned to add to the comfort of the guests and to enlarge its capacity that more of those who fought the early day battles of the territory might retire from active duty and spend the sunset of their life in carefree ease and happiness.

The happiness of the occasion was increased by the presentation of a \$10 gold piece to each guest, the gift

of an unknown old-timer. This present was something the pioneers knew and valued for it brought a breath of those earlier days when gold was the only monetary value known and the principal coin used in the territory. Gold as a gift, made the day perfect for these old-timers.



Dec. 1929, newspaper unknown

***Guest At Arizona Pioneers
Home Writes Story of Yule
Feast For Old-time Citizens***

Dedication of the new dining room at the Arizona Pioneers Home, Prescott, with turkey dinner Christmas day and the annual distribution of \$10 gold pieces from an anonymous donor, provided a pleasant yuletide for the numerous guests. Description of the event was included in an article prepared by one of the guests, which follows:

More or less excitement in the atmosphere has prevailed around the Pioneers' Home for the past three months. With the drilling of the immense deep rocks adjoining the kitchen and the engine rooms for enlargement the building of a Miners hospital to accommodate 100 more guests; the new laundry – it has been a busy place.

Interest of many of the men guests centered on proceedings reminding them of early days of rock drilling, bricklaying, and carpentering on their own account in the days when they were watching and fearing Indian raids.

Chris Totten, Leshner and Mahoney were the architects. Eagen Construction company were the contractors. With Mr. Eagen and his co-workers, Mr. Kent, superintendent of the home, planned a surprise to the guests by opening the new dining room for their Christmas dinner. Too many watchful eyes and "curiosity boxes" for any surprise so all were on the qui vive for the 3

o'clock gong, the hour set for dinner.

The dining room is about 92 feet long, 40 feet wide, 10 feet to the ceiling, and has 15 windows, with two French doors leading to the porch on one side of the room. They are working on the room beneath which will be devoted to card players. The latter are legion here, and they will not be disturbed in their new quarters.

The doors were opened. We found hardwood flooring, new tables, row after row, Christmas red bells in rows from the ceiling, green and red paper trimming caught here and there from the electric light fixtures, full length of the room in three rows. Over the lower sashes of the windows hung large holly wreaths sent by Charles Morton, manager of the Donofrio Floral company. He also sent the bunches of real English holly, and some flowers on the tables. There were also some flowers sent by others to Superintendent Kent from Phoenix.

After all were seated, lights aglow, the room presented a pretty sight. Tables at one end of the room were for all the helpers who could be spared. The superintendent had kindly invited all their families and kiddies to make it a big family gathering.

Among the pioneer guests one could see A.E. Dodge, at one time an official clerk of the state asylum; Mr. Dunbar, brother of Mark Dunbar of Dunbar's Weekly; Pat McGovern, the alert horse dealer who always got the best on any horse deal in the early days at Five Points; C.H. McKenzie, a faithful hard worker, and Edward McGinley, claiming to be the oldest prospector in Arizona.

To the latter, the recent Miners and Prospectors convention at Prescott presented a silver trophy cup. Also there was Henry Poggi, a mine boss for years until he took up gardening for Mr. Friedman at Phoenix, and Ted Burns, who has

many friends in Phoenix. There were approximately 225 guests present.

The Rev. C.A. Clark, of the Prescott Methodist church, South, was called upon to dedicate the new dining room by prayer, to ask God's blessing, and to receive our thanks while we stood with bowed heads.

Then how that good turkey did disappear. Just as rapidly more turkey and all the trimmings replaced it. When one considers disadvantages of enlarging kitchen, rebuilding the storeroom of the same, too much credit cannot be given to the cooks, Henry C. and Mrs. Watt, for their good nature and co-operation throughout the hubbub. The waiters had "spring jacks" on the soles of their shoes to give all equally good service.

After the dinner we were requested to meet in the lobby. That room will be enlarged in a few weeks. The Rev. Mr. Clark and a few members of his choir assisted by Superintendent Kent and family sang "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love," and "Joy to the World." Mr. Clark then gave a few words regarding the incident in his father's life at the Chickamauga battlefield.

Last but not least was the surprise Mr. Kent gave us. A \$10 gold piece was presented to every pioneer registered guest here, the donation by an unknown Arizonian. As he called out the names alphabetically, each guest came forward to receive a card on which was printed each guest's full name and "From an Old Timer with his Best Christmas Wishes."

Back of this card was pasted a small envelope enclosing a bright \$10 gold piece. Not one guest was forgotten. Thanks of Superintendent Kent and every guest is hereby extended to the unknown donor. He or she must read The Arizona Republican if an Old Timer. They all do even if forced to live in another state at present.

May the year 1930 give that donor of such a generous gift and everyone

else who assisted in the slightest
humble way in any department, good
health, peace and contentment, all
the days of the year.

