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Pearl Hart

Arizona's Lady Bandit



Born in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, to a respectable middle-class family, Pearl Taylor would grow up to become one of the only female stagecoach robbers in the American West.

In her teens she was known for her attractiveness and wit. She was also known for her willingness to date many young men. She was sent to finishing school and, in 1888, at age seventeen, was seduced by bartender and small-time gambler, Frederick Hart. Pearl eloped with him, but marriage to Hart proved to be one hardship after another. In 1893, the couple traveled to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Illinois, where Fred worked as a sideshow barker and Pearl found a number of odd jobs.

While she was there, she became enthralled with the Wild West shows and was especially enamored by Annie Oakley, who she saw performing. She also attended the World's Fair Women's Pavilion where she listened to a number of speeches,

including prominent women's activist and poet Julia Ward Howe.

Inspired by seeing strong women and captivated by the heroes and legends of the Wild West, she soon mustered the courage to leave her shiftless husband and boarded a train to Trinidad, Colorado. There, she became a popular saloon singer. However, she soon found that she was pregnant with Frederick's child and returned to her family in Canada. After giving birth to a son, she left him with her mother and traveled west again, this time landing in Phoenix, Arizona.

To survive, Pearl cooked in a lunchroom and took in laundry. In late 1895 Frederick showed up and begged her to return to him, promising that he would get a job. He found employment as a bartender and hotel manager and Pearl agreed to give him a chance.

While their life seemed to be happier during this time, the pair also began to live a

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The History of Arizona Conditions in 1867 & 1868

In the spring of 1867, the War Department sent General James E. Rusling to inspect the military posts in Arizona. In the last issue, Thomas Farish related Rusling's descriptions of the conditions in the territory. In this issue, Farish continues relating the observations of Rusling's party.

By Thomas Edwin Farish

At Maricopa Wells they entered the Pima and Maricopa reservation. The reservation was described as some twenty-five miles long by four or five miles wide, embracing both sides of the Gila, and in it were twelve different villages, two of them occupied by

In the early part of the 1900s writer/historian Thomas Edwin Farish was commissioned by the Arizona Territorial Legislature to write a history of Arizona. This was a mammoth undertaking in its day and took several years to complete. The original volumes of the book were published in 1915-1918.

The *Territorial News* is publishing excerpts of these volumes over the next several issues. This is an extensive work and, unfortunately, we are not able to publish the complete text on these pages. Every attempt is made to do justice to the author and preserve the integrity of his work in the selections we publish.

Maricopas and the rest by the Pimas.

"Both tribes are a healthy, athletic, vigorous-looking people, and they were decidedly the most well-to-do aborigines we had yet seen. Unlike most Indians elsewhere, these two tribes are steadily on the increase; and this is not to be wondered at, when one sees how they have abandoned a vagabond condition, and settled down to

regular farming and grazing. They have constructed great acequias up and down the Gila, and by means of these take out and carry water for irrigating purposes, over thousands of acres of as fine land as anybody owns. Their fields are well fenced with willows, they had been scratched a little with rude plows, and already (March

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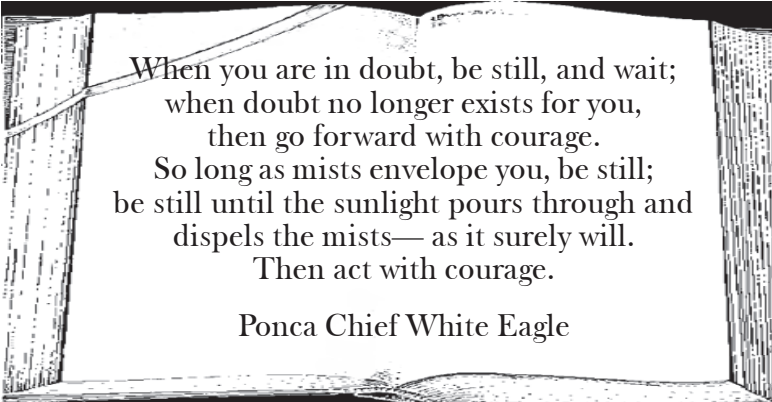
Emmett Dalton: Gunfighters Played Fair

Once pardoned from prison in 1907, Emmett Dalton, of the infamous Dalton Gang, "went straight." He turned to honest labor to make a living, including working as a building contractor and a real estate agent. Later he moved to Hollywood, where he parlayed his colorful background as an authentic Wild West outlaw into a brief career as a technical advisor for movie westerns. He even appeared in a couple of silent films himself. In 1909, he returned to Coffeyville, Kansas, to act as the advisor on a short film about the Dalton Gang's infamous raid. In 1892, the gang had



attempted to rob two banks at once in Coffeyville, but failed spectacularly. Four gangmembers were killed, but Emmett survived, despite receiving twenty-

(See Gunfighters on Page 11)



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This Week’s Question: Who was the starting pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks in the franchise’s first game on March 31, 1998? (9 Letters)

Last Issue’s Question: Who gave the presidential nomination speech for Arizona’s Barry Goldwater in 1964?

Answer: Ronald Reagan

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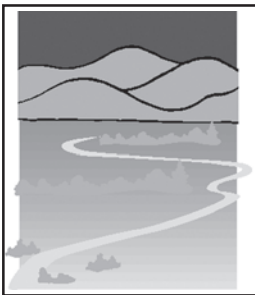
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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

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northeast of Kingman.

The first public school teacher at Yuma when it still was called Arizona City, was Clara Skinner. She was hired in 1872, her classroom was in a jail, and some of her students were married women.

Before the railroads came to Arizona in the early 1880s, freight was hauled in Murphy wagons pulled by horses and mules. The wagons could carry 12,500 pounds each, were 16 feet long and four feet wide. The rear wheels were seven feet in diameter.

In 1909, a place called Bouse west of Phoenix was at the center of Arizona’s newest copper mining bonanza. Then the mines failed and Bouse became a ghost town. Three decades later, during World War Two, the U.S. Army trained tank crews in the area. Some of the tanks still are there today.

The highlight of the 1929 Winslow Fourth of July rodeo was a wild mule ride. The mules had to be blindfolded before they could be saddled.

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On August 21, 1863, Quantrill and 450 followers raided the town of Lawrence, Kansas, a stronghold for abolitionists and pro-Union sympathizers. Within a few violent minutes, Quantrill's guerrillas had killed at least 175 of the town's residents and burned much of Lawrence to the ground. The ages of those killed ranged from as young as fourteen to as old as ninety. Two months later, the raiders killed seventeen non-combatants near Baxter Springs, Kansas. Following these two atrocities, Quantrill's band split up, with smaller elements drifting to Texas.

Quantrill, now leading only a few dozen men, led a series of raids in western

Kentucky in the spring of 1865. He rode into a Union ambush near Taylorsville, Kentucky, receiving a fatal gunshot wound to the chest.

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Arizona's Lady Bandit

Pearl Hart

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little wildly, frequenting the saloons and gambling parlors on Washington Street, where Pearl learned to smoke and drink, and allegedly use other harsher drugs, including marijuana and morphine. However, marital problems started up again and after Pearl gave birth to a second child, a girl, Fred said he was bored with domestic life and tired of supporting a family. After a violent argument between the two in 1898, Fred knocked Pearl unconscious

and left her to ride off with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in Cuba. Pearl once again returned to her parents, but had gotten a taste of life in the West and didn't stay long, leaving her second child there as well.

Pearl got along as best she could, but eventually she grew very depressed and tried to kill herself three or four times. Each time she was saved by acquaintances.

Finally, Pearl managed to secure a job working for some miners in Mammoth, Arizona. While there, she met a man who called himself Joe Boot (probably an alias). He

convinced Pearl that they would do better if they moved up the road to Globe. Unfortunately, on the day they decided to move it began raining heavily. For three days they struggled to pack their belongings over the old Howard and Reduction Toll Road (still visible south of Globe), but they were unsuccessful. It was only after they hired two Mormon boys to help them that they were able to complete the move.

In Globe, Pearl and Joe worked a mining claim for a while, but were unsuccessful. Then, Pearl received a letter from her family informing her that her mother was dying. They said she should return home quickly. Pearl later wrote, "That letter drove me crazy. I had no money. I could get no money. From what I know now, I believe I became temporarily insane." To get some cash, they devised a plan where Pearl would use her feminine wiles to lure men to their room where Joe knocked them out and robbed the unconscious victims. This did not prove lucrative enough, however, so the pair soon conceived of the idea of robbing a stagecoach.

The stagecoach that ran between Florence and Globe, one of the last in Arizona Territory, supposedly always carried salesmen who had hundreds of dollars and since no one had robbed a stage around there in years, it carried no shotgun rider, only an unarmed driver. In May 1899, the two rode to a watering hole at Cane Spring in the Dripping Springs Mountains, just south of the Pinals, where they knew the stagecoach would stop to rest the horses.

Pearl, dressed as a man, and Joe stopped the stage by blocking it with guns drawn and ordered the driver to stop. As Joe kept his gun pointed at the driver, Pearl

(See Pearl Hart on Page 6)

From the Chuckwagon
Strawberry Dessert
Submitted by Ellen Smith

1 1/2 cup pretzel crumbs
1/2 cup melted butter
3 tbsp sugar
1 8 oz package cream cheese
1 cup powdered sugar
1 large container whipped topping
2 boxes strawberry jello
2 cups hot water
2 packages (10)ounce frozen strawberries

Combine pretzel crumbs with melted butter and sugar. Pat into a 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes. Let cool. Whip cream cheese and powdered sugar and whipped topping together; pour into crust mixture. Dissolve gelatin in water; add strawberries. Stir until mixture thickens. Pour onto second layer and refrigerate until serving time. You can do raspberries if you want. Will serve 12 to 15.



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Arizona History

Conditions

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slope to the middle as a common sewer, as in Spain. It boasted several saloons, one rather imposing, and some good stores; but had no bank, newspaper, schoolhouse, or church, except a rude adobe structure, where a Mexican padre officiated on Sunday to a small audience, with much array of lights, images, drums and violins, and afterwards presided at the customary cockfight. As specimens of ruling prices, grain (barley and wheat) sold at \$3 per bushel, hay at \$40 per ton, lumber at \$250 per thousand, all coin,

and other things in proportion. The lumber came from the Santa Rita Mountains, fifty miles away, and was poor and scarce at that.

“The basis of Tucson’s existence, it appears, is the little Santa Cruz river, which flows along just at the edge of town, and irrigates some hundreds of surrounding acres, green just then (March 13th-18th), with wheat, barley, oats, etc. There is a good breadth of fine land here, and near here, and the river ought to be made to irrigate the whole valley. No doubt with proper husbanding and utilizing of the little stream, thousands of acres might be cultivated, and the whole

region, both above and below Tucson, be made to produce largely. Peach trees were in bloom down by the river side when we were there; the grape, the orange, and the olive appeared in many gardens. But Tucson lacks energy and capital, and besides, it seemed, the Apaches claim original, and pretty much undisputed, jurisdiction over most of the country there. Merchants complained that the Apaches raided on their teams and trains en route. Farming or grazing under such circumstances, it must be conceded, could hardly be called very lucrative or enticing, and the Tucsonians are entitled to the benefit of this explanation.”

Evidently Tucson did wake up, for when the capital was moved there about a year after this writing, she began to put on cosmopolitan airs. Large mercantile firms located there and it became the distributing point for all merchandise to the military posts in the southern part of the territory, and a trade centre for large business with Sonora. The stores for Camps Wallen, Cameron, Lovell, Bowie, Goodwin, and Grant were all received there from Fort Yuma by contractors’ trains, and then re-distributed by army teams to these posts as needed. This, of itself, gave a renewed impulse to the business of the town.

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Emmett Dalton

Gunfighters

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three gunshot wounds.

Dalton also used his former career to try to keep others on the straight and narrow. He spent much of his time crusading against crime by describing the tragic and violent deaths of his brothers, Bob, Grat, and Bill. He declared that anyone who thought he could beat the law was “the biggest fool on earth,” and he pointed to his brothers as examples.

He detailed his exploits as an outlaw in numerous lectures and writings, including *When the Daltons Rode*, published in 1931.

“One thing I must say to the credit of the old-fashioned badman. He seldom shot his victim in the back. He had a certain pride at arms, a code of craft in his deadly dealings. His reputation didn’t hang on potting someone in the rear or on the run—which requires no guts at all. When he came a-smokin’ it was in the face of the challenger. In this respect the Western gunplay was more like the older duello. It was entirely unlike the savage behavior of the modern city gangster or mountain feudist who places

his victim ‘on a spot’ without a chance, to be mowed down in the dark with machine guns or rifles spitting from ambush.”

Emmett Dalton died peacefully in Los Angeles in 1937 and is buried in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma.

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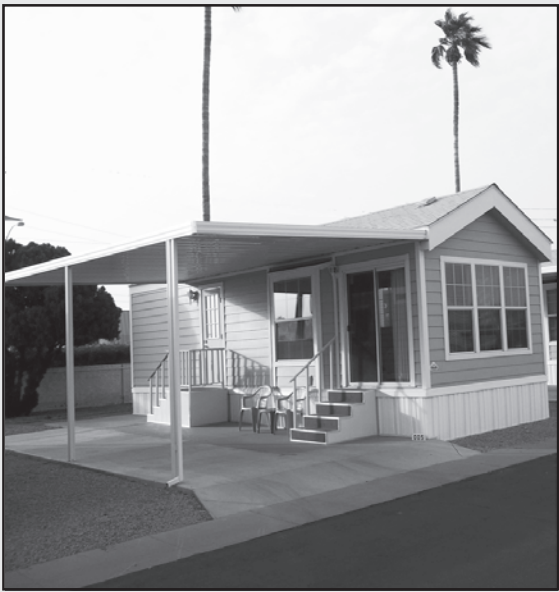
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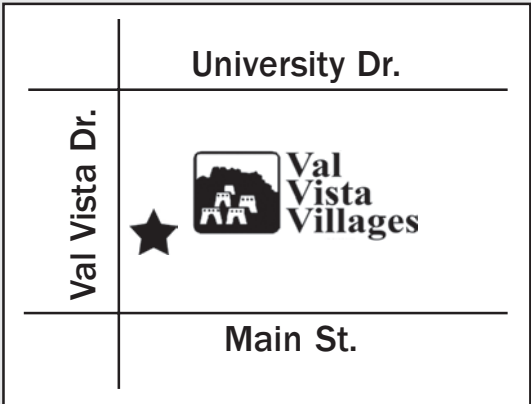
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When Crazy Horse left Red Cloud to take his sick wife to the Spotted Tail Agency for medical care, Crook, fearing treachery, ordered him arrested.

On September 5, 1877, Crazy Horse was escorted by troops to a cramped cell at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. The troops turned the Oglala war chief over to Captain James Kennington, in charge of the post guard, who accompanied Crazy Horse to the post guardhouse. Once inside, Crazy Horse struggled with the guards and attempted to escape. Just outside the door, Crazy Horse was stabbed through the abdomen with a bayonet by one of the members of the guard, a soldier reportedly named William Gentles. Crazy Horse lay in agony in the adjutant's office, where he was tended by army surgeon Dr. Valentine McGillycuddy. At 11:40 p.m., the great Sioux warrior expired.

His elderly parents, who were not allowed to be with their son when he died, took the body brought it to Camp Sheridan, where it was placed on a burial scaffold. Later they moved the body to an undisclosed location, supposedly somewhere near Wounded Knee in present day South Dakota. Although several places claim to be the burial place of Crazy Horse, his final resting place is unknown.

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Arizona's Lady Bandit

Pearl Hart
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five years imprisonment at the Territorial Prison at Yuma “to cure her of robbing stagecoaches.” Joe Boot, in a separate trial, was convicted of highway robbery and sentenced to the same prison. He later escaped and was never heard from again.

Reporters rode the train with Pearl to Yuma, filing colorful accounts that detailed her every move and utterance, including the fact that she smoked cigars during the trip and livened up the journey with her “salty conversation.”

A special cell was prepared for Pearl, separating her from the all-male population. Within a few weeks, Pearl began to spread the gospel, giving fellow prisoners long lectures on their sinful ways and how crime does not pay. She continued this evangelistic campaign for a year and a half

until scores of Arizona citizens, hearing of her newly found religious beliefs, petitioned for her release. She was set free along with another female prisoner, Rosa Duran, on December 19, 1902, after serving eighteen months. Governor Alexander Brodie released the two women on the grounds that the state prison had no accommodations for women, but he was really bowing to overwhelming public pressure to release Hart.

Pearl left for Kansas City where she joined her sister

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Arizona’s Lady Bandit

Pearl Hart

(From Page 13)

who had written a play about her, and Pearl starred in this dime novel production, which was titled *The Arizona Bandit*. The play closed after a short run and Pearl disappeared. She



was arrested under the name of Mrs. L.P. Keele in Kansas City two years later for buying stolen canned goods and given a brief jail term. Again Pearl disappeared and was not seen again until 1924 when she returned to Arizona and visited the courthouse where she had been tried, smiling and telling an attendant that “nothing has changed.” When the attendant asked who she was, she turned in the doorway and dramatically stated: “Pearl Hart, the lady bandit.”

In the end, no one knows what happened to Pearl Hart. She was thought to have died in 1925 in Kansas City while operating a cigar store, but other reports have it that she moved to the far West, perhaps to San Francisco, where she lived until the mid-1950s. Some say she married a rancher in Dripping Springs, Arizona, where she lived out the last days of her life going by the name of Pearl Bywater and died in 1956.

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