

News of Peoria and Arizona in the early 1900s and The 1920s

- **1907 – Telephone service was established in the Valley of the Sun.**
- **1912 – Arizona became the 48th state.**
- **1917 – Most of Peoria's business district was destroyed by a huge fire.**
- **1919 – The Peoria Chamber of Commerce organized for the first time in Peoria.**
- **1920 – Due to the fire in the Peoria business district, the city organized an all-volunteer fire department which lasted until the 1950s.**
- **1921 – Citrus trees were planted for the first time in the valley.**
- **1922 - Three-story Peoria High School was built including luxuries for the time of drinking fountains and indoor restrooms. The school was used by the community for farmer's meetings and church meetings.**
- **November 24, 1922 – Leaders from seven states met to divide the water from the Colorado River. They also created Hoover Dam, which at the time was the largest man-made reservoir in The United States.**
- **1920's – The long-staple cotton became the number one crop in the valley and Peoria was in the center of it.**
- **1923 – The Francis cotton gin opened up in downtown Peoria.**
- **October 23, 1927 – Ten thousand people gathered in Mesa for the opening of the first Mormon Temple in the state of Arizona.**
- **March 1929 – The first pro baseball team began training in Arizona and the Cactus League was established.**
- **1929 – A Masonic Lodge was built along Grand Avenue. It was destroyed by fire in 1946.**