

JOHN BABBITT AND FRANK BANKS TO BE INDUCTED INTO COWBOY HALL OF FAME

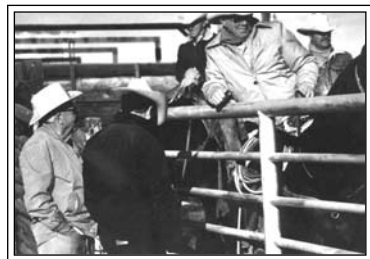
Two longtime Babbitt Ranches leaders whose influence is still felt today are among the first to be inducted into the Phippen Museum's new Arizona Rancher and Cowboy Hall of Fame in Prescott.

John G. Babbitt, who took over as director of Babbitt Ranches in 1939, and Frank E. Banks, who managed the ranches for 32 years will be honored at the museum's fourth annual Fall Gathering barbecue and fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The Arizona Ranchers and Cowboy Hall of Fame display will feature photos, biographical information and artifacts from Babbitt and Banks and other notable ranchers and cowboys.

Tickets for the Fall Gathering are \$20 per person and reservations must be received by Sept. 5. For more information, call 928-778-1385 or visit the Web site at www.phippenartmuseum.org.

John G. Babbitt is credited with developing the Babbitt Ranches into one of the most highly respected and successful ranch outfits in the West.



As director of Babbitt Ranches for 45 years, he was responsible for all aspects of the cattle-raising business: buying and selling range land; working with state and Forest Service regulations; and managing sales, acquisitions and new operations. He worked



JOHN G. BABBITT



FRANK E. BANKS

at both the deteriorating ranch land and the financial arrangements to keep the cattle operation afloat in the Great Depression years. And, he served as a longtime member and past president of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association.

Babbitt also took on civic responsibilities. He served on the Flagstaff City Council from 1939 to 1943 and two eight-year terms in the Arizona Senate, where he chaired the

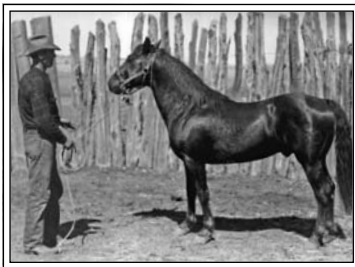
Appropriations Committee and was elected Senate President.

He was a member and chairman of the Arizona Board of Regents. Northern Arizona University named its administrative center after him in 1988.

Babbitt is remembered as a man with great integrity who treated everyone with respect. He retired from Babbitt Ranches at age 77 in 1984. Babbitt died in 1993.

Frank E. Banks first went to work for Babbitts in 1923. In 1937 he became manager of the W Triangle Ranch and shortly thereafter the CO Bar. Banks is credited with taking the ranches from a primitive condition with

no fences or developed waters to a modern operation. He and Babbitt spent many tedious years developing the ranches' water system through pipelines, storage tank development, wells and earthen dam construction. It's been said that Banks could find water where geologists said it didn't exist. He also was responsible for taking the horse program to another level by registering the ranch horses with the American Quarter Horse Association.



Banks spent a few years away from the ranch to compete in rodeos. His best event was steer wrestling. In the early 1940s he won the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo. In 1987, the Cowpunchers Rodeo in Williams was dedicated to him.

Banks was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Coconino County Sheriff's posse. He had a reputation as an honest and hard worker. Among the western states, he was regarded as one of the best in the cow business.

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HOT & DRY Babbitt Ranches Seasonal Outlook

Temperature: The outlook for the next three months indicates enhanced probabilities of above normal temperatures from the desert Southwest extending eastward across Texas into the Gulf Coast states to the Atlantic Coast states of Georgia and Florida. The expected above normal temperatures are largely due to recent temperature trends with some impact of drier than normal conditions.

Precipitation: Below median precipitation is forecast for parts of the desert Southwest resulting from recent predictable precipitation trends. Above median precipitation is forecast for coastal areas in the Southeast and around the Texas Panhandle.

Long-term weather forecast provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Climate Change Monitored on Cataract Ranch

The Cataract Ranch is helping the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration detect and track climate change. Earlier this summer, under the direction of the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, NC, a NOAA Climate Reference Network (CRN) station was installed and is reported to be "chirping happily."

The primary purpose of the instrumented 10-foot-tall tower and shielded rain gauge is to measure the temperature and precipitation with a high degree of accuracy, and compare it to long-term historical observations. Because of its remote location, the station is powered via solar panels.

"We were looking for about 114 locations around the country to put in this network," said CRN consultant Michael Changery. "We needed a location in northern Arizona on land that would remain untouched for the next five, ten or 20 years. The Cataract offered a beautifully unspoiled area protected in a conservation easement with The Nature Conservancy. In addition, the Babbitt Ranches community was very interested in environmental monitoring."

Changery says the new CRN network is needed because data from the existing climate monitoring network is compromised due to station and instrument



changes, and uncertainties concerning the environment near the stations.

"So much of the national economy is at stake because of the effects of climate change. Researchers will be able to use the data to inform policy makers on climate change with confidence in its accuracy."

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Data from the CRN is transmitted via satellite every hour. To access information from the CRN weather station, click on <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cm/hourly> and then click on the site of interest from the list. The Cataract Ranch site is AZ Williams 35 NNW.

Although the network is designed for climate monitoring, additional near real-time information in this data-sparse area of Arizona is also valuable to the National Weather Service in forecasts and warnings.

"The National Weather Service is involved with new weather; the National Climatic Data Center is involved with used weather," said Changery.



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