Story Of Boating Trip Across Desert Told by Old Timer

"Voyaged" From Phoenix To Yuma

Barney Sikes, 86, North Haw.

"Voyaged" volunteer and resident of Arizona since 1889, has made a voyage across the state from Phoenix in Yuma. He is a visitor to the Arizona Wildlife and Sportsmen's Conference, which began yesterday.

It is said that Barney Sikes, who is now 86 years old, made his voyage across the state by boat, using the Colorado River as his means of transportation.

"I think it was about 30 years ago that I first started down the Colorado River," Sikes said. "I was a young man then, and I remember making the trip in a small boat. It was a long voyage, but I enjoyed it."

"I loved every minute of it," he added. "I saw some of the most beautiful scenery I've ever seen."

Sikes said that he had traveled the river many times since then, but he never tired of its beauty. "Every time I come down the river I always find something new," he said.

"I've never been afraid of the river," Sikes said. "I've always loved it, and I always will."