

Scavenger Hunt @ HD SOUTH

Where Am I?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Town Room:



Can you find a cash register?



Who is the town named after?



Where was the first traffic light in Gilbert?

Where was the Gilbert Airport?



Farming Room:

What were Gilbert's two main crops?



Do you know what type of bird this egg and feather came from?



School Room:



Can you find the teacher tool that if used would make you say "OUCH!"?

What sport did these girls play?



Generations Room:



Can you guess how much this hat cost?

What made the sewing machine sew?



Home Life Room:



What is this piece of machinery?

What is this kitchen appliance?



Can you find the iron?



Military Room:



Can you find the folded flag?



Who used this type of rifle and bayonet during WWII?

Scavenger Hunt Answer Key

Town Room:

Can you find the cash register?



A cash register similar to this one could have been found in the Creed Grocery Store in the 1930's. The store was run by R.R. and Etta Creed who came to Gilbert in 1912 with their two children. Today the building is the Farmhouse Restaurant.

Who is the town named after?

BOBBY GILBERT

The town was named for William M. "Bobby" Gilbert who sold a piece of his homestead to the Southern Pacific Railroad, so they could build a spur line under the condition they name it after him. Bobby was born in 1857 in Missouri where his family owned horses and land. He idolized Robert E. Lee and wanted to be called Bobby instead of William. After moving to Mesa with his parents in 1882, he and his family began buying land in Arizona.

Although Bobby received a homestead patent in Gilbert, he never actually lived here. He sold part of his land to the railroad and his remaining land to A.M. Phillips. A confirmed bachelor, Bobby never married. He died in Phoenix in 1945 and is buried in the City of Mesa Cemetery.

Bobby Gilbert liked to dress as a cowboy, and he kept his hair dyed black.

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Where was the first traffic light in Gilbert?



Gilbert's first traffic light was installed in 1971 at the intersection of Gilbert and Elliot roads. This light was hung in the middle of the intersection until 1988.

Where was the Gilbert Airport?



Joseph H. Wilbur and his brother-in-law Bill Mastin, designed and developed Gilbert's airport, which opened in 1946. The runway was located where Mesquite Aquatic Center is today.

Farming Room:

What were Gilbert's two main crops?

Cotton



Alfalfa



Cotton was a major crop grown in Gilbert and sold to local merchants or shipped out by train. In 1933 a cotton picker could earn 1 cent per pound of cotton.

Rich soil, irrigation and hard work led to big production of alfalfa in Gilbert. By 1929 farmers were cutting hay up to six times per year and shipping up to 20,000 tons of alfalfa annually.

Do you know what type of bird this egg and feather came from?



An ostrich. During the 1910's ostrich feathers were a desirable fashion item, used in women's hats and scarves. One egg is the equivalent to a dozen hen eggs. The Spanglers raised ostriches on their ranch on Guadalupe Road.

School Room:

Can you find the teacher tool that if used would make you say "OUCH!"?



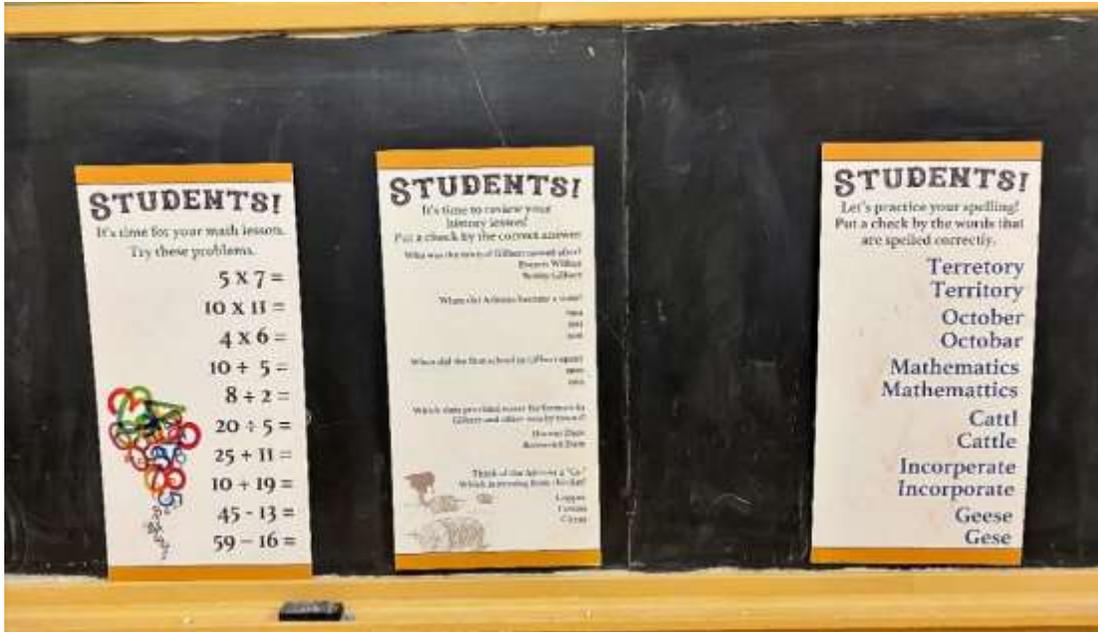
During the early years, teachers were allowed to spank or paddle naughty children. Teachers in Gilbert schools used this paddle to discipline students who misbehaved. The holes in the paddle made the spanking hurt more.

What sport these girls play?



Basketball. From their inception, Gilbert schools have always had athletic teams. Having a girls' basketball team in 1924 was progressive for the day and uniforms for both boys and girls were fairly conservative.

Can you answer the questions on the blackboard?



Generations Room:

Can you guess how much this hat cost?



This hat was purchased by Mrs. W. A . Anderson in 1953 for \$28.19.

What made the sewing machine sew?



A sewing machine like this is powered by the operator by means of the foot pedal. This model of sewing machine was produced from the 1880's-1960's.

Home Life room:

What is this piece of machinery?



A record player. This record player is ca. 1930's-40's and could have been found in many homes in Gilbert providing hours of entertainment.

Can you find the iron?



During the most part of the 19th century and into the 20th, an iron could be found in every home. These irons could weight up to 15 pounds and were heated on a wood burning stove.

What is this kitchen appliance?



A stove. They say the kitchen is the heart of the home. Stoves such as this one started becoming popular in homes around the 1930's and would have been considered one of the most essential appliances in the home.

Military Room:

Can you find the folded flag?



The American flag is one of the most important symbols of the United States. The flag is folded to represent the original thirteen colonies of the United States. Each fold also carries its own meaning.

Who used this type of rifle and bayonet during WWII?



This rifle and bayonet were the standard issue for Japanese troops from the early 1900's through WW II. The bayonet was designed to be used with the rifle.