

'Pop' McKale Recalls Olden Days In Tucson

When J. F. (Pop) McKale arrived in Tucson 46 years ago, it was the custom for everybody to go to the Southern Pacific station to meet the only daily train from Chicago at 5 p.m. This train was the *Californian*, and it brought McKale to Tucson on his initial trip.

"I came out from Michigan," McKale said yesterday in a reminiscent talk to the South Tucson Lions Club. "I was getting along all right in Michigan, but I wanted to come west, and when I got a chance to teach history and coach at the Tucson high school, I took it.

"At that time the high school had an enrollment of 202 students. The post office was where Jacome's store is now. Baseball was the popular sport in Tucson, and I was asked to umpire the two games played each Sunday. I got \$7.50 for the two games and though I was well paid. But sometimes the job was a little dangerous."

McKale, who spent his first day of retirement yesterday after 45 years on the staff of the University of Arizona, first as coach and in later years as athletic director, told the Lions it looks as if he will be about as busy as he was before retirement. He has taken over the task of digging out and putting in readable form the athletic records of the university.