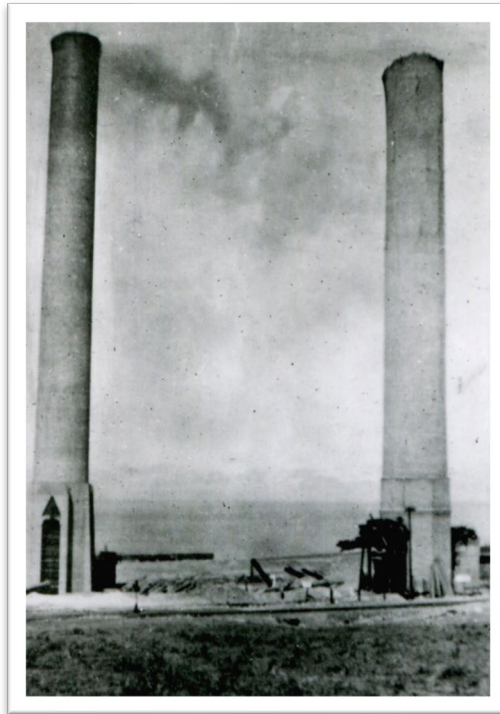


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Roaster Stack Demolition

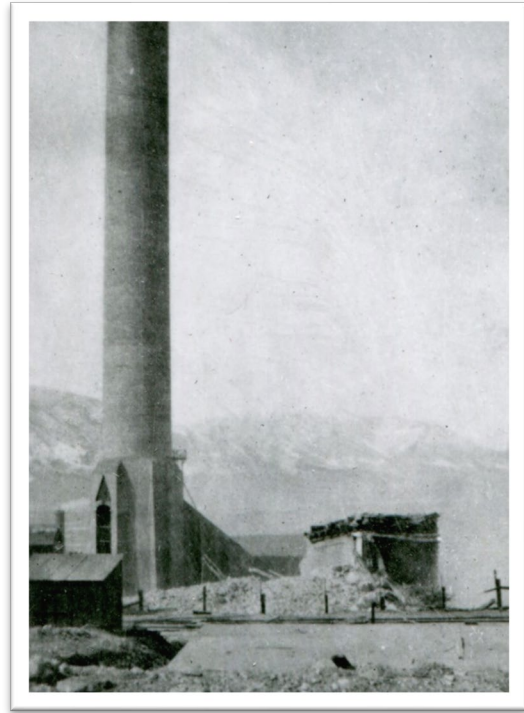
In the early days of the smelter and mill, the ore from the mill was roasted for a time, before being put into the reverb furnaces. There was a separate stack for the roaster. As the mill was able to supply a higher percentage of copper concentrate to the smelter, the roaster was no longer used.



Sometime in 1929, (I haven't found the exact date yet), the stack was taken down. The man in charge of the demolition was Pete Assuras. A young boy was selected, (don't know who), to flip the switch to set off the explosive charges.



The stack came down quickly. It is amazing that in those days someone actually was able to take a photo of the process. I would appreciate it if someone can name the folks in the picture. I think the one on the left might have been Pete Assuras. The guy in the sport coat was probably the General Manager.



The stack came down a lot faster than it went up. The charges were set perfectly and the stack dropped in a small area.



There was no names on the photo. I assume it is the General manager, Pete Assuras and someone else. I think that "old man" Kinnear was the GM starting in 1925.

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The roof on the theater is finished. It is a white rubber type, that is good for 75 years according to Rudy the new owner. Thank goodness, now the inside won't get any more damaged. Rudy intends to restore the place as close as possible to its original state. Years ago when a guy that was living there started a fire and the smoke damaged the murals on the wall. Then they were painted over. By a stroke of luck, there were some photos, according to Nancy the previous owner, found in the basement apartment that Blackman lived in, that are of the murals. Rudy plans on having musical groups and plays along with old time movies. He is hoping to be ready in 2021. What a treasure for McGill, along with the restoration of the IOOF Hall.

The annual Christmas parade and party will be this Saturday. I will hope to get some pics of it for next week..

Old Photo

Someone gave me this a long time ago and I forgot who it was. I thought that now maybe someone could help identify the other kids. I remember the teacher as she was still teaching when I was in grade school. Some of the kids mentioned are still here- Irene Scoble, Marie Hall, Bob Pratt. Could be others if I can find some more names. Sorry I couldn't make it any bigger.

McGill First Grade, 1936-37



Ressie Read of Ontario, Ore., a former McGill resident, loaned this photo of Marjorie Ball Martineau's first-grade class in McGill to the Eastern Nevada Historic Photo Archives. The photo was taken some time during the 1936-37 school year. Martineau is the mother of Nancy Swallow. Only some of the pupils in the photo have been identified. Anyone who can identify any of the others is urged to contact ENHPA members Pam Martin, 289-8555, or Ron Healy, 289-2819, in Ely or Wally Cuchine, 237-5386, in McGill. In the back row, the boy at the far left is Bill Horsley. The third boy from the left is Billy Jamison. And the boy at the far right is George Morley. In the second row, the boy in the suspenders

with a white shirt next to the teacher is Bob Pratt. The boy on the other side of Martineau in the suspenders with a dark shirt is Jerry Robertson. In the third row, with only four pupils, the third from the left is Stanton Read and next to him is Georgia Fotos. The lower row of kneeling girls, left to right, are: Barbara Johnson, Lolita (last name unknown), Magan Thomas, Maria Hall, Irene Scoble, Florence Slater and Amy Sinefis. The original print and a copy negative will be returned to Read, with other copy negatives given to the historical society and the museum. Local residents are asked to look in those old photo albums and help preserve local history by loaning photos for copying.