

Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Engineering Staff At KCC

Consolidated Copper Company and later Kennecott, in my opinion had some terrific engineers. Considering the way the smelter and the mill were all built at the same time, along with employee houses, a railroad, a pipeline and complete water and sewage systems in a short span of 2-3 years. And most of all, everything fit together like a giant puzzle. One just has to look at some of the buildings still standing. The emergency hospital, theater, IOOF Hall, comptroller bldg.. the main office building, the depot, time office, boiler shop, all the houses on the circle and the rest of the town. Quite an accomplishment



I don't have any individual photos of the early engineers, but I recently came across some of the engineers during my time.



This is “Buck” Jones, the head engineer.

He was a great friend of the local Boy Scouts. Whenever the company bought a new pickup truck, he would give the old one to us scouts. We used them to haul scrap metal, which he made sure the company bought it from us. The weighmaster usually added several pounds to our total. After paying for the gas and oil, we spent the rest on some exclusive food to go camping with, such as Lipton’s chicken noodle dry soup mix, Kraft’s mac and cheese. In a recent fit of nostalgia, I tried them both again, but I don’t think they taste the same. We also hauled a lot of cow manure from the dairy to put on lawns. We had to get an adult to drive it. My mother did that many times.

Buck rose up in the ranks of scouting and received the coveted Silver Beaver award from the National Boy Scouts. He was instrumental in developing the Boy Scout camp at Success Summit.

Here are some engineers.



Above-Henry Conrad, Frank Ball. Below-I don't know them. Anybody know?

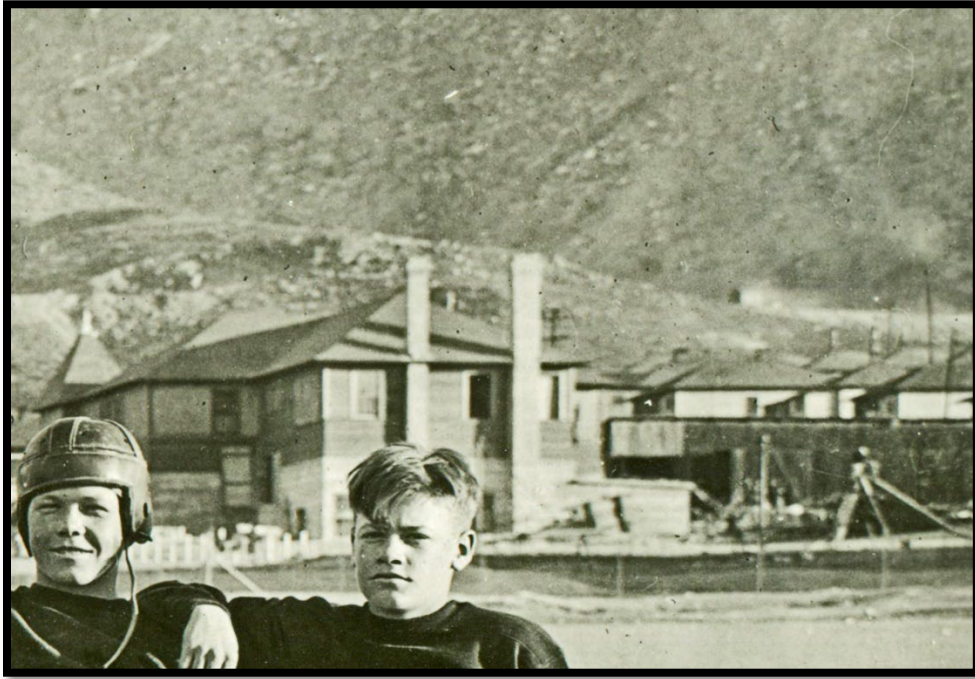


These guys did a wonderful job for KCC and the town of McGill. Hopefully they will never be forgotten.

McGill News

The old town just seems to be sitting here in an idling mode. No work is being done on the IOOF or theater. The only activity is the thousands of snowbirds from Canada, Montana, Idaho etc. are pouring thru and the deer and elk hunters are massing here. Most of the deer have escaped the mountains and are here in town. Less traffic. Still no moisture and the trees are still green in most yards. Does it portend to be a mild winter again, or blast us with bitter cold and snow???

Old Photos



This is an enlargement of a section of a photo of the McGill football team of 1929. Several folks have asked me for a photo of the LDS church when it had a steeple. This is all I could find. The dark building on the right is the garages that used to be right above the school yard and behind the Coy Munson house.