

Keith's Corner/McGill News

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One Year Anniversary

It is hard to believe that a full year has gone by so quickly. This issue is #52 and so completes a full year. I just want to thank all of you great readers. Usually someone will e-mail me a response each week to let me know, that, that week's story sparked a hidden memory and tells me of their experience. I will add these comments when I compile these Newsletters into book form. Also, any corrections in names and places will be noted. I thank you for that.

It is hard to decide what story to write about this time. McGill was a great place to grow up in. So many great things to do, such as the ball park, swimming pool, mountains and most important of all—the people.

Our memories tend to dwell on the good things and everyone has their own special ones and even these change as we grow older. Our bodies change with age and so does the town.

When you look back on your first 30 years of life, the amount of activities and changes you were involved with, were plentiful. These seemed to slow down as we aged. Well, the same thing happens to a town. The first 30 years of McGill saw a lot of changes, especially on main street. Buildings were built and some torn down or moved. I will try to show this better with some old photos.



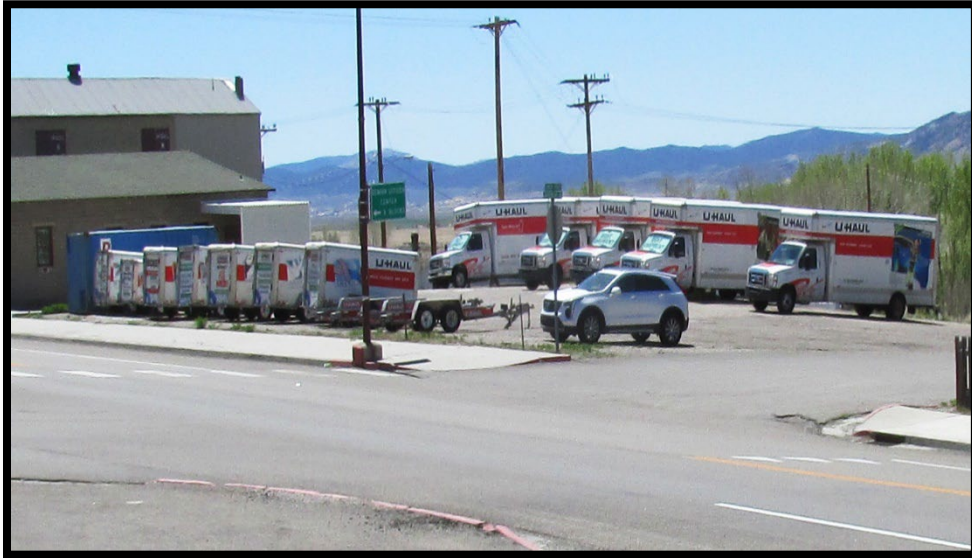




There have been a lot of changes, some good, some not so good. The Commissary, the LC Dry Goods, the Bell Phone building, The Assuras Meat Market, the Palace Meat, Rec Hall or Copper Kettle, Stray Antlers Club and the red, white and blue Standard Service station are all gone. Many others are there, but empty like the O'Neil Garage/Standard Market, LC Food Center and Momir's Shoe Shop. The IOOF Hall and McGill theater are empty, but thanks to Rudy HERNEDON these will be back in operation soon. Mike Nass is doing fine with his new locksmith and U-Haul businesses. Some major work is to be done on the ball park this year. The pool is still there. The mountains are still all around us. McGill has aged a lot, but is still here and viable.

Many of us old timers are slower and a bit creaky, but still have our cherished memories of a great town.

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Mike has a bunch of trailers and trucks ready to roll. Seems nice to see a former vacant lot now covered with a new business.

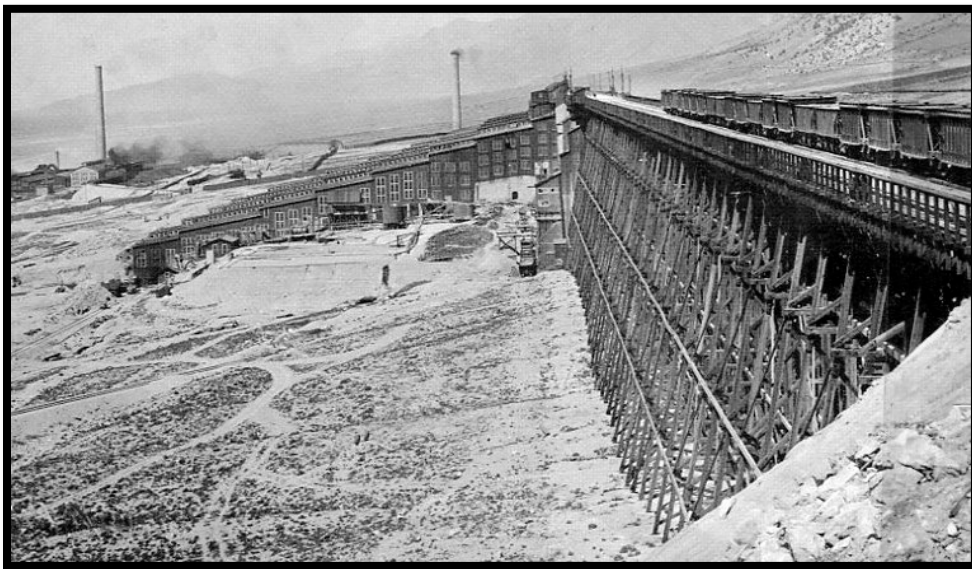


Trench for the new fire suppression system and main water line going into the IOOF Hall. It is going to be quite a place.

Old Photos



Taken on August 10, 1907



Taken in 1908 from about the same place.