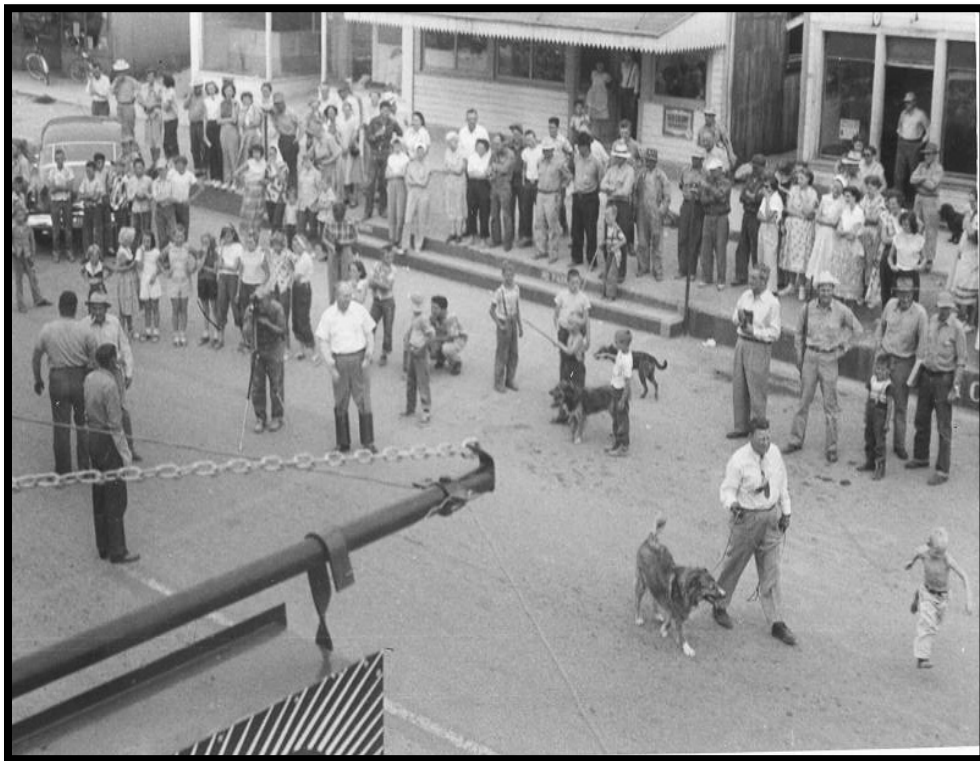


Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Badger Fights

I have written about these crazy and fun events in previous articles. I had a photo of one on the cover of my book, Keith's Corner Vol II. There was a story about it on page 13 of that book/ That was the only photo I had. Here it is.



Notice the high curb on the east side of main street. There was a step there in front of the McGill Café and the McGill Sheriff's Office. Also, the tall windows in the sheriff's office.

Then I stumbled across an old photo of part of main street and was able to enlarge a portion and found this interesting scene. Circa 1907.



I think this may have been the first badger fight in McGill. Would be nice to identify these gents. The bank and antique store are in the background. The antique store was once an M. J. Holt Jewelry store and Nye Brothers Outfitters. The Ca is part of the Campton merc. Which is now Bradleys. I haven't been able to figure out what the name of the bank was back then.

The other day Ro Allen at the McGill Club found these photos. They show the start and finish of the badger fight. I sent the photo of the men loading the badger in the truck to Marian O'Donnell and she identified her dad, Dale Cottrell.

Getting the vicious badger loaded. Dale “Snort” Cottrell in the truck, Norm Linell helping on the left.



Getting the truck located for the fight. Are those “poodle skirts” on the gals? If so it must have been in the early 1950 or late 1940s. This looks like a 46 Dodge truck by the rear fenders. I think the fenders were patterned after the WWII Dodge Power Wagon.



Looks like Norma on the running board doing the “McGill back up driving technique”. I am sure it was his truck.

The spectators lining the street to watch the “fight”.



The brave “fighter” running with the chamber pot on the other end of the rope. By this time , he must have heard the laughter and figured out it was all a big joke on him. Most of the victims had a good laugh and were treated to many drinks at the McGill Club and Victory Club.



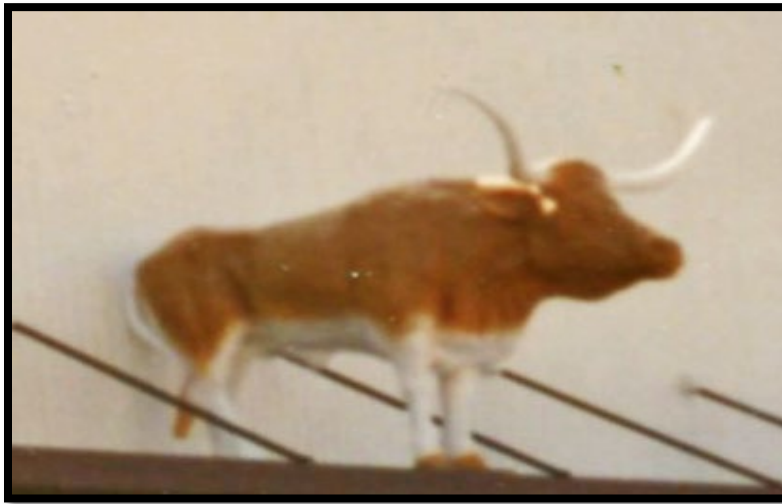
Those were fun times in the old town. Notice the large trees in the front yard of the Stray Antlers Club, which was on the corner next to the “Rec Hall”, or later the Copper Kettle.

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The only exciting thing lately was a chemical spill in front of the old bank. A large tanker truck going thru town, didn't see a little girl crossing the street in the ped sone until the last minute. He jammed on the brakes and the tank appeared to develop a small crack.. He then went on and was finally stopped near Wendover. The spill was covered with sand and cleaned up. The little girl is fine.

Old Photos

Last week I put this photo on Facebook and asked if anyone remembered where it was displayed.



I promised to have the answer in this week's Newsletter and so here is the full photo.



Yes, it is the old L.C. Cononelos Dry Goods store. You can see the IOOF hall to the right and the sheriff's office to the left. Note the low curb and sidewalk. They were put in, I think in the late 50s or early 60s. I don't know who the owner of the store was at that time, but it wasn't a Cononelos. Anyone remember?

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