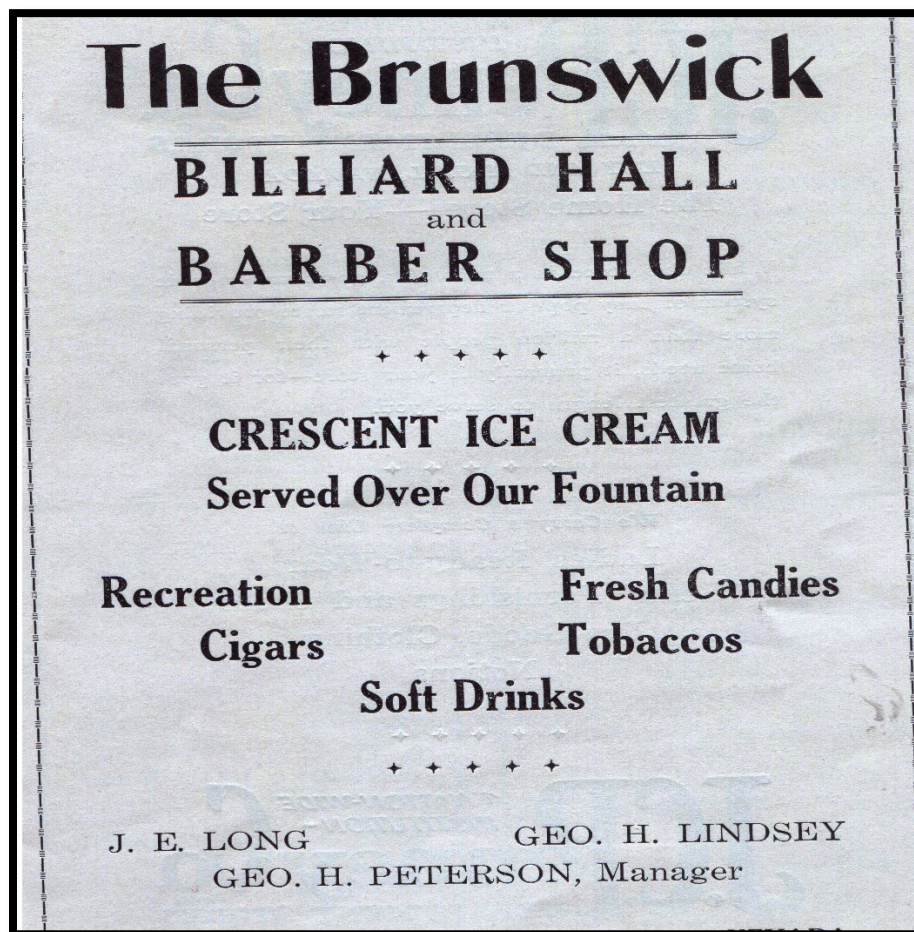


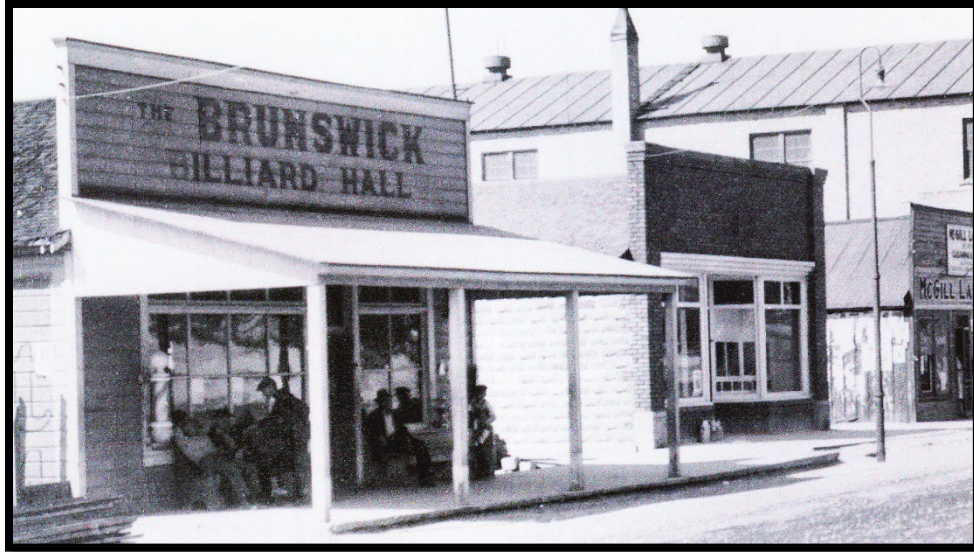
# Keith's Corner/McGill News

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## Business Ads in McGill

I mentioned a week ago that looking for ads might help date some pictures. Here is one from 1926 for the Brunswick.





Since the ad was in the spring of 1926, this is a good date to use. Now here is the whole photo to be dated.



The company Commissary and Boarding House are there. They were built in 1924-25. The Cypress Hall is above the McGill Club. The theater is not built yet. In its place is the McGill Laundry. I don't know what was in the building that now is Marie's Café. I think it might have been a bakery shop. Check out the ad later in this article.



Now here is a phot I think from the same day and place, as noted by the car in front of the McGill Club. It shows the other side of main street. This ad may help date this photo also. I noticed the street lights are tall and have a round arching at the top. I remember some like that in the housing areas. The power poles have two cross arms. There are gas pumps in front of Cononeelos's store. I think the high curb was in, but can't be positive. The Clubhouse is there.



In an attempt to figure out what the sign on the building where the theater is now, I enlarged the photo . The McGill Laundry shows up on the building and also at the top of the sign. I can't make out what is on the sign. Could be the name of an owner. I did find two ads together in 1926. Possibly next to each other??



Any ideas on what the sign reads???

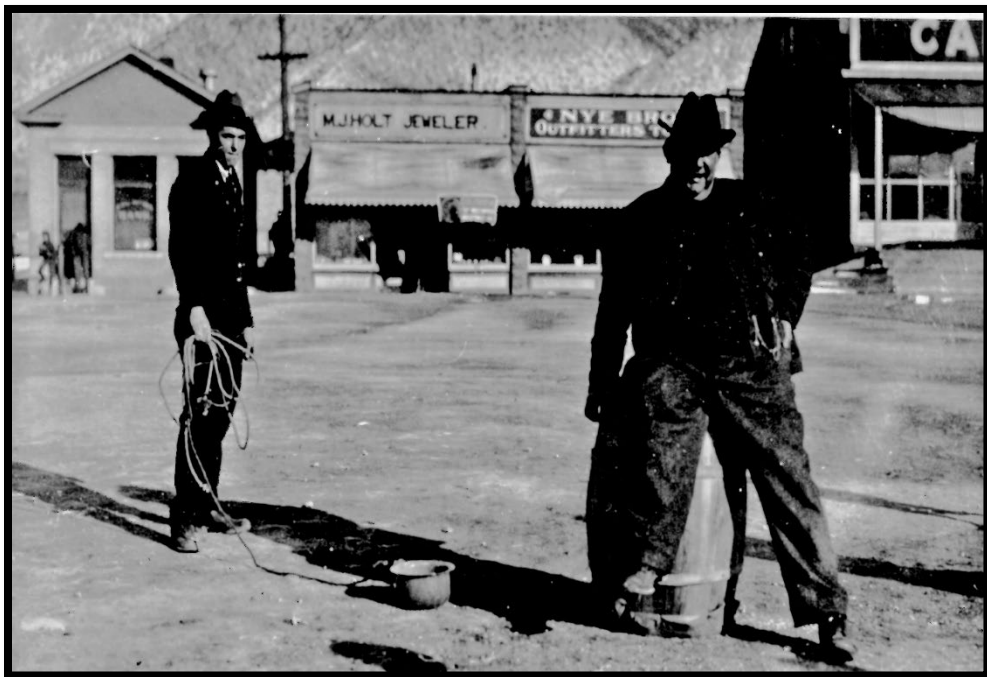
# McGill News

Could someone please tell me where January went? Actually I am still working on 2019 and all of a sudden today is the last of February!!!!

Speaking of time, how many remember going to the movies and watching "The March of Time". It was the closest thing to TV we had. I think we were fortunate in that we could leave the theater and the so called news and go do something worthwhile.

Rudy and his Hazmat crew have taken a great deal of stuff out of the theater. They took several large truckloads out of the apartment in the back of the place. Now they are getting rid of the lead based paint that is flaking off the walls. They worked out a system of long poles to remove the ceiling tile. The left balcony was taken out years ago and will be replaced. Lot of work, but Rudy is doing it right. He doesn't skimp on any detail. It is going to liven McGill up very much.

## Old Photos



This was taken around 1909. The stores in the background are “M.J. Holt Jeweler” and the “Nye Bros Outfitters””. I enlarged the window in the bank but can’t make out exactly what it is. There are several different banks mentioned in the history of that time. Some other clues in the photo are the power pole with one “arm”, the awnings over both stores, the gable roof on the bank and a possible political sign hanging on the awning of the jewelry store. Part of the Campton store is visible.

It looks to my like this was one of the first ever badger fights. Notice the man sitting on the barrel that “might have the badger” and the other man with the rope attached to an old bed pan.

In Newsletter 27 I did a study on the bank and the buildings next door.