

Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Working Safely

A few days ago, I was going thru some old KCC photos that my father had saved. Most of them were about the smelter and the mill, but this one stood out like the proverbial sore thumb. I don't know who the young lady was, but I think it was Joan Johnson who recently died in Salt Lake. There was, of course, no info on the back of the photo. I tried enlarging it to see a date on the calendar, but struck out. If anyone can identify the lady, let me know.



I would imagine that this was featured in a Kennevadan at one time, to promote safety, by showing just how, NOT to do something. Standing on a waste basket on a chair doesn't look very safe. I notice she has her right hand against the wall to help with her balance. Wonder how she got up there????

Kennecott was actually a very safe place to work. I remember a sign on the way into the plant that gave the number of days since the last lost time accident.

I don't know what year the copper company started pushing the safety stuff. Looking at the early 1906-08 pictures, no one is wearing hard hats or goggles. Don't think they had hard toed shoes at that time. These guys are starting the base for one of the two large smokestacks. The lone guy on the right photo is standing at the site of the approach to the large trestle. There is a 50 ft. drop off right behind him.



In 1954, when I started with KCC, on the bull gang, we wore baseball caps, regular work shoes and gloves. Goggles were worn only in dangerous places. We worked safely because we were taught by our parents in the form of daily chores etc. In 1955 safety glasses were given out to those that didn't wear their own. Safety hats were handed out, also. The Kcc motto was "Safety First".

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The weather cooled off a bit, but is still warm and dry. The smoke from Calif. Fires is still here, plus some from the Reno area. The whole west is so dry and is like a tinder box.

The trees are still very green. I am still picking tomatoes. Starting to see more and more deer. Guess the mountains are getting too crowded with hunters.

Old Photos



A GRAND OCCASION being held at the American Legion Dedication Hall in McGill, Nevada in 1938. *(Courtesy of Ressie Read)*

The Legion Hall on J Avenue. I remember having Boy Scout Troop 64 meetings there in the 40-50s. The many plaques won by the McGill Junior League baseball team were hung around the room. I don't know what this occasion was or when the hall was built. Anybody know???