

Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Dan Bush and the Law

The middle of May 1970 was a rather damp one, with several light rain storms. The ground was finally getting saturated, but not soggy. I got a call from my old friend Dan Bush. Now whenever he calls, the callee, (victim), needs to be careful not to get involved in something nefarious as usually was the case. I was on guard for such a thing. After some chit chat Dan asked if he could borrow my hip waders. He said that some of his horses had gotten loose and were in a swampy area by Bassett Lake and he needed to wade out and chase them to a drier area. Sounded reasonable enough, so I agreed. He knew, that I knew he never fished or hunted ducks. This guy was brilliant, but very devious.

Dan picked them up and 2 days later, he brought them back in good order. He said the horses got out by themselves and he didn't need the boots after all. O.K. everything was fine.

However, few days later I read in the Ely Daily Disappointment that Dan had been robbed of a Lincoln Welder mounted on a trailer. I drove over to talk with him. He showed me where in the damp ground there were footprints leading up to the shed where the welder had been. The thief had backed a truck up to the shed and then walked over the soft ground and broke into the shed and hooked up the welder and left.

As I was looking at the "crime scene", I noticed Dan's cheeks were a little redder than usual and knowing him like a book, the redness meant he was hiding something. Then I looked at the footprints a lot closer and wham, there it was. One of my boots had part of one of the cleats on the sole missing and it showed up in the footprints.

Dan then confessed that he took the welder and hid it in the mountains. He called sheriff Archie Robinson to investigate. Dan took the investigation report to his insurance agent. The insurance company agreed to get him a new Lincoln Welder. He got it a few months later.

Why did he use my boots? A good question. Well, as usual Dan had a good answer. He knew I had a larger shoe size than he did. He felt that Archie would see his footprint as they walked around, so by wearing my boots to do the crime, he would be above suspicion. Dan was always plotting things out to a T.

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It has been rather warm here and very windy. Sa. Was terrible. We had gusts of over 60 mph. For several hours you could not see Heisser Mountain because of the dust. Almost like old times.

It started to rip off the new roofing on the theater. I could see the south edge of it rippling and threatening to come off. I hope it can be repaired and soon. The flow of traffic is picking up thru McGill and especially the large trucks. We haven't opened the drug store, but hope to do so in the next week. This madness has to end soon. No covid deaths here and only 4 cases of infection. It is that healthy fresh air and sunshine.

NOTE----I was almost hacked by someone going thru my e-mail somehow. My webmaster suggested some security precautions, including encrypting all my e-mail correspondence. The creep almost got into my Facebook stuff also. I wish they could be caught and put away. It is very frustrating.

Old Photos



Consolidated Copper Co. Strike in 1912. Depot in background



Nevada's Gov. was there. This might be him.