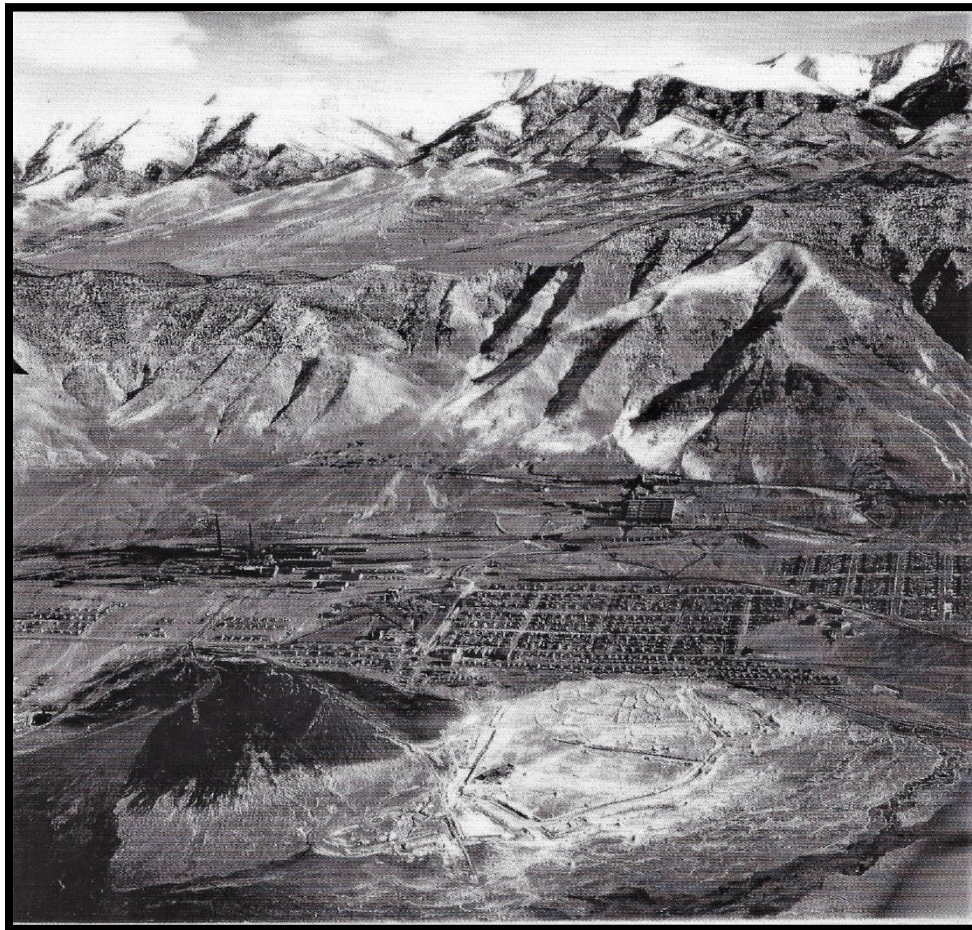


## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### McGill From a Plane

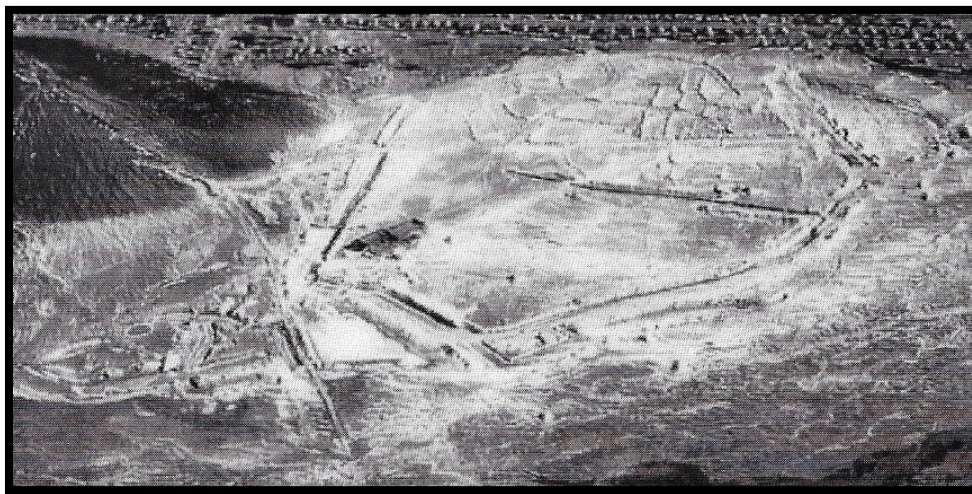
I ran across this photo the other day and decided to play with it instead of just putting in the old photo section. I first wanted to put a date on it as more photos are NOT dated. I guess the person taking the picture decided that everyone would know the date. Later on, it frustrates everyone that looks at it. Maybe that was the plan. That makes it a challenge, so, let's begin.



The first thing I look for is the ball park. Here we see the old park with the grandstand at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and G Ave. The new one was built in 1949-50, so that is our upper end year.



The grade school, middle school, teacher's dorm, wood shop and furnace building are there. The teacher's dorm was built in the late 20s as near as I can find. So we need something else. How about the leaching plant. I think it was started during WWII.

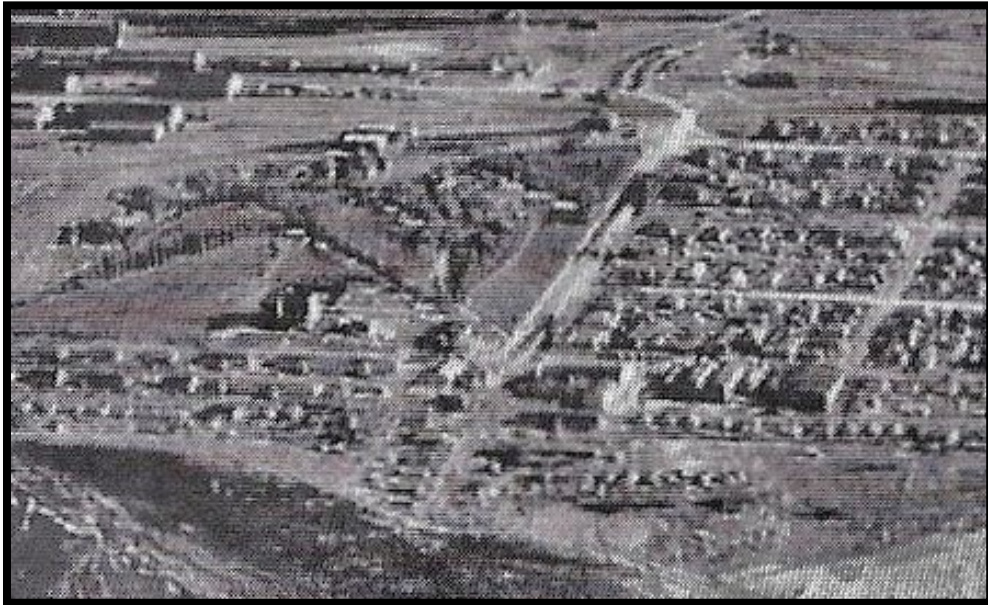


I remember during the war, when we had to peel the paper off the cans, cut both ends out and put them inside, then smash the whole works flat. It was put in a box by the garbage can for KCC to pick up put in the leach plant. They had dug small holes in the yellow sand, which filled up with pretty blue and green water. This water was pumped into the troughs with the flattened cans and in a short



time the iron in the cans was replaced with pure copper. It was all for the war effort. The plant could have been used before the war, so something else is needed.

Here is the downtown section. It is fuzzy, but some buildings stick out.



The new theater is there and also the Commissary. They were both built in 1925-26. The white spot in the center of town is a blemish.

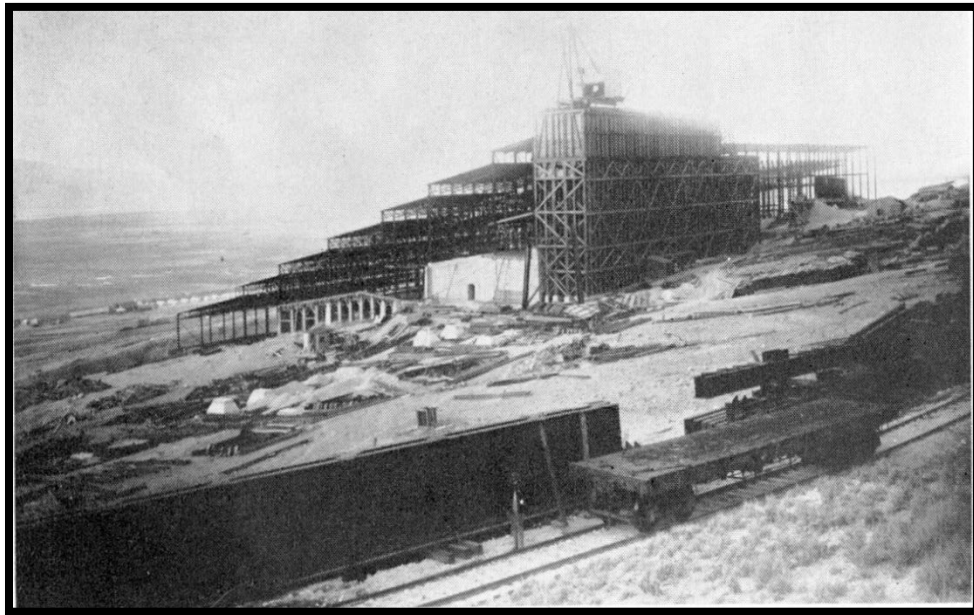
At the top of the grassy park next to K Ave. looks like the band concert curved backdrop. I know that McGill had a town band under the direction of Ray Anderson and the members had uniforms different than the grade school. I don't know if that backdrop was built before or during WWII. I remember being in the band and playing there in the V-J Victory celebration concert in 1946.

So I would guess this photo is between 1940 to 1949. Any ideas on a better date????

# McGill News

The old town and surrounding areas are bathed in smoke from the fires to the west, probably Calif. We haven't had any rain for a long time and the temp has been in the 90s. The hills are dry as a bone and full of dead cheat grass that is like gasoline. It is hard to see the peak most of the time. A lot of the younger White Piners and many of the newcomers are complaining. Us old time McGill dwellers that remember the sulfur smoke and dust aren't complaining. This is fresh air, compared to the old days.

## Old Photos



This photo was probably taken in 1907. The mill is under construction and the north end of the trestle is starting. These two huge h-beams will complete the trestle. They will be hoisted up by the crane on the end of the trestle. Look at the size of the beams in relation to the flat car. Just to the left of the flatcar is a man standing. That crane doesn't look big enough to lift them and how did they get the beams over to be lifted? Another question—how did they get the steam crane on top of the trestle to begin with?? There was a lot of amazing things going on in those days.