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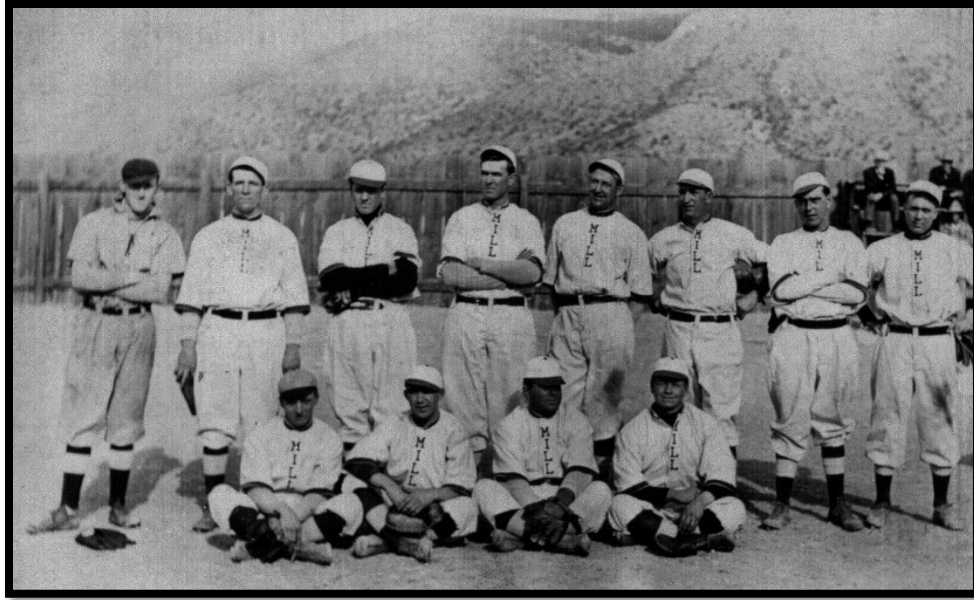
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Ballpark Mystery-addendum

Last week I talked about an old ball park and showed you this photo that is undated.



A thought (rare) penetrated into some of the grey matter that is still workable in my head and it occurred to me that I should look thru some baseball photos from my first book, History of McGill Baseball 1906-1956. I found these little gems.



This picture is not dated, but quite interesting, notice the men sitting on the bleachers and the wooden fence with the mountain in the background. Notice the McGill on the front of the uniforms , black belts. Third player standing from the left has black sleeves and black collar. Now let us look at this next photo. I have found some written reference to teams from out of the area were housed in the dorm across the street from the Clubhouse. The players in the back have on darker uniforms, but alas, no names. It was also mentioned that teams from Ruth and Ely rode the train and then marched down K Ave. to meet up with the McGill boys and then march to the ball field.



Look at the uniforms and the belts and the guy with the black sleeves. And, look at the car behind the players. Is that the car in the first photo? This was taken in early 1916. This may just date the picture of the dancers!!!

The mill in the first photo is the old mill that burned in 1922. So, maybe we can say this ballpark with the wooden fence was there during that time. Then I found this photo taken in 1912 with fence. So we have at least 1912-16. Maybe up to 1922. The football photo in 1910 with wood fence takes us back another 2 yrs.



Ten members of the McGill concentrator ball team posed for this photograph back in 1912. From left to right are: "Brig" Cottrell, Harry Williams, C. Holgate, Willard Scott, Harry Grayson, Bill Hawes, Harry Scott, "Red" Delahia, Al Preston, and Dick Britt.



The McGill Football team, 1910. The individual kneeling in the front row, fourth from the left was J. C. Kinnear, Sr. (Courtesy Nevada Mines Division, Kennecott)



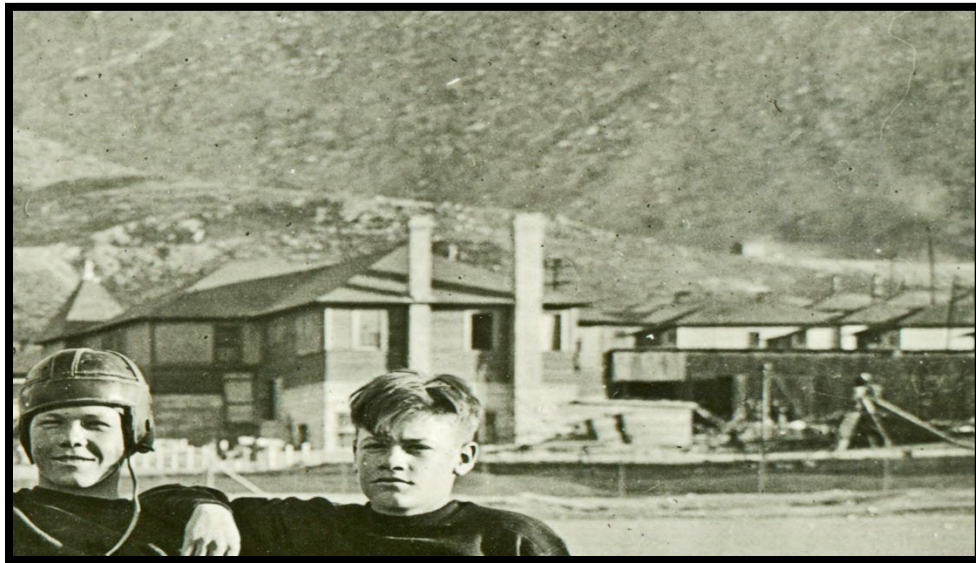
Several sources say that when J.C. Kinnear took over the company in 1925 he built a new ball park. This is a photo of the 1927 McGill Grade school Champion of White Pine County. There is no wooden fence and the new mill is there. Trestle is gone.

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The work continues at the IOOF hall. The cement floor is being removed in places to accommodate new sewer lines.

Old Photos



LDS Church. Taken from the '1927 photo above. The dark building is a garage. Notice the playground equipment. I recently had a photo of playground stuff behind the clubhouse in 1935. There must have been some in both places.



LDS Church and garage, taken in 1942, from our front yard at 26 E row.

Paul Gibson wearing his Army service cap. Note the spire in both photos.



This is from a 1909 photo. You can see the two chimneys. Looks like the Catholic Church is right next door. Grade school is on the right.