

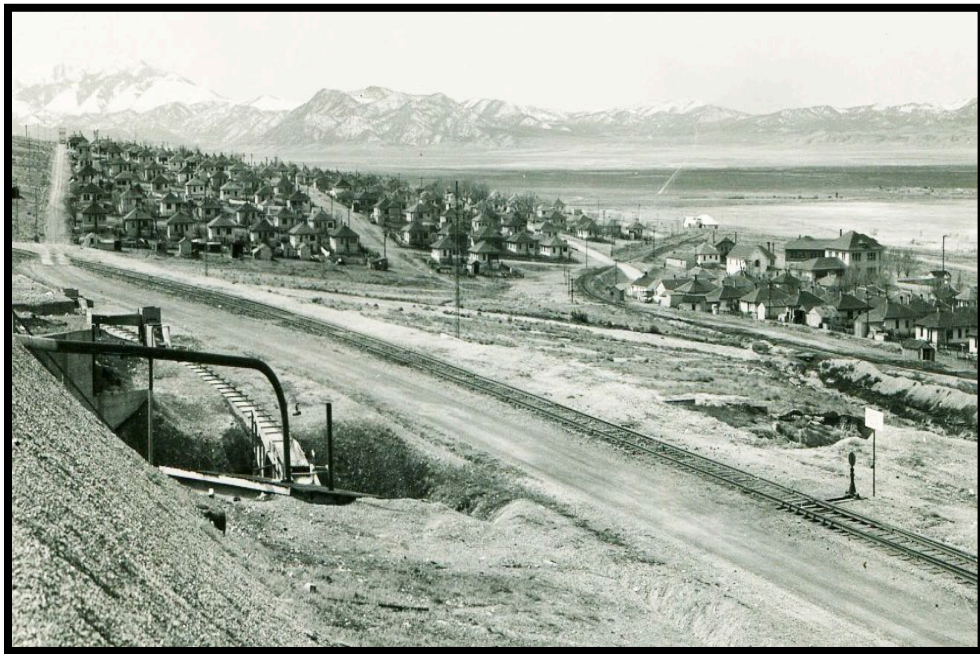
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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Standard Oil Building

Not too many of us old timers are still around that remember the Standard Oil Building at the bottom of townsite. It was located next to the Nevada Northern tracks. We McGillites called the area the Standard Oil hill and road. I have been looking for a photo of it. Here is a distant photo showing it.



It is the shiny silver building in the background on the right.

Here is an enlargement of it that shows it a little better.



There was no date on this photo, so I will try to date it. I do remember it being there when I graduated from WPHS in 1954. The original grade school is there, along with the LDS Church, the Munson house and the teachers dorm. Also at the end of first street you can see the small white house that was built in the early 50s for Don Stark. It is just before first street goes over the railroad tracks.

I don't know what year the Standard building was taken out. Here are three aerial photos that may help.

The first one shows the old ballpark, with the grandstand by the highway, so it is before 1949-50/



The next photo shows the new ball park, (1949-50). The Standard Oil building is there, but the trailer park and other houses brought up from 7<sup>th</sup> street in 1956-57 are not there yet.





In the third photo, no houses yet, but there are many trails across the place.



It looks like the building was gone and the site cleaned up, (bottom right). The new ballpark was built in 1949-50. The grade school gym was done the next year. The trailer park south of the ballpark was started in 1956-7. I know it was there in 1954, so my best guess is that it was taken out in 1955-57. .

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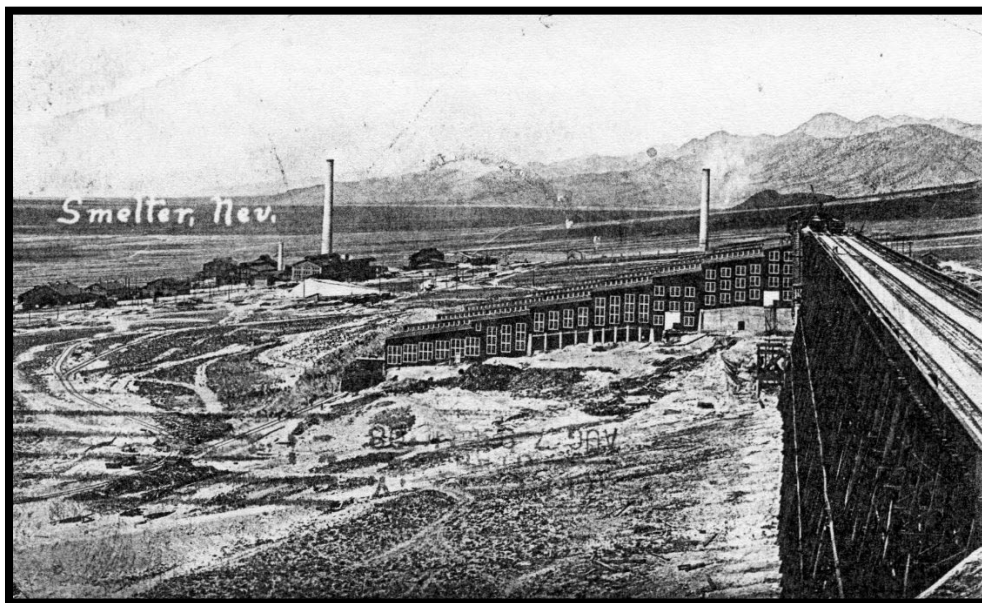
We finally got some snow, about 5 inches and of course the temp. dropped down to a plus 5. Guess winter finally arrived.

Not much activity in the old place. The work on the IOOF Hall has stopped. Probably still waiting for the fire inspector to get over from Carson City.

One good spot of news is that we can get the Dug Store back on the schedule that was so rudely interrupted by the scan-demic. Will be able to start making some bows on the old bow machine at the drug store. Like these, in various colors of your choosing. Will keep you informed.



## Old Photos



The trestle. Note the single smokestack near the smelter. Also there is one by the mill. I think the one by the mill was a blacksmith/foundry shop. I think this photo is from 1907-08. There is a date in the middle. I enlarged and turned it upside down, so you can decide for yourself. Looks like Aug 7, 08

