

# Keith's Corner/McGill News

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## Main Street-- McGill

Last week in Newsletter 38, I promised to work on the east side of the street, using this photo.



I will enlarge various portions so we can see more details. Some of the things in this picture of interest are, the high curb, the street light, the cars on the right are parked at an angle and the gas pumps in front of the dry goods store.

The following enlargements may look a little distorted as I try to bring out lettering and other details.



This is a nice photo of the candy shop that was also Browning's Store. Left is an empty lot now. Notice the old KCC lamp post. The silver pole holds the cable for the yellow caution light above the street. I remember Jerry Culbert cranking out the cloth awning. The candy shop had one also. Now here is an enlargement of a photo from the late 40s that show a Coca-Cola sign on the drug store.



I will have more articles soon on the Candy Store and the Café. I have been finding newspaper ads for them in the late 30s and early 40s.



McGill Café and L.C. Cononelos places. The sheriff's office is behind the stock truck. I have been looking for a clear photo of the lettering on the sheriff's office. The IOOF Hall is visible. The iron railing is gone along with the bushes. The gas pumps are there.



The car in the foreground is stretched out a bit from enlarging. The gas pumps are visible, along with the beautiful lamp post. I think the store names are-L.C. Food Center and McGill Meat Market. It is hard to read, so have to rely on memory. Anybody know for sure? See photo at end of Newsletter. An interesting

item here is the small telephone building on the corner, which is now a grassy area.



The first store on the left was the Palace Market and then later the Standard Market. It had a solid awning over a wooden porch. Next was a vacant building that was storage. It had a flat wooden porch in front. Next is the Victory Club, which also had a wooden porch, but it was a raised one. As kids we used to ride our bikes over the two flat porches and then up, over and down the raised one. The next building was McGill Cleaners, (Elmer Carlson). Next was I think an old bakery. Or were these two reversed? The Greek Church was on the corner. The baseball field light posts are visible.

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The IOOF Hall is coming along nicely. The owner, Rudy, let me take some photos the other day of the downstairs area. The old furnace and ducts are all gone. The wall by the kitchen is gone. The wooden floor was removed, along with the wall paneling. It is getting quite bare.

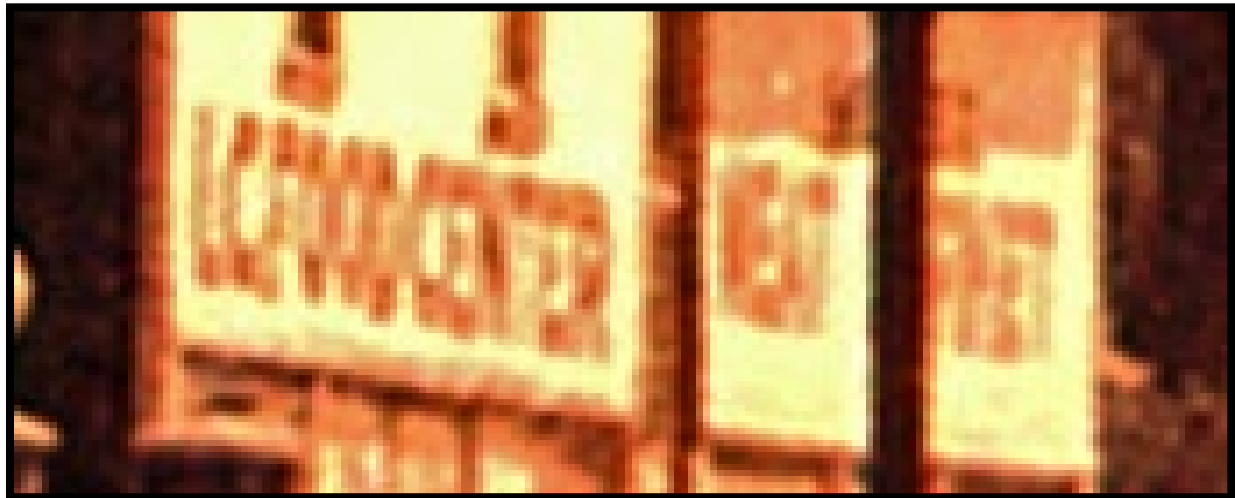




Photo on the left is looking toward the kitchen, the one on the right is looking towards the outside doorway. Notice the many holes in the floor beams. They are for the electrical wiring.

The theater is being cleaned out so work can start on some structural items. The old seats were offered for free the past few days. It will be wonderful to have a theater again. Us old timers enjoyed many days in that place.

## Old Photos



The L.C. Food Center is a little easier to read in this enlargement.

Another enlargement that looks like an 'EA' on the left of the light pole. Possible 'KET' on the right of the pole.. 'McGill' in the center behind the pole?

