Keith's Corner/McGill News

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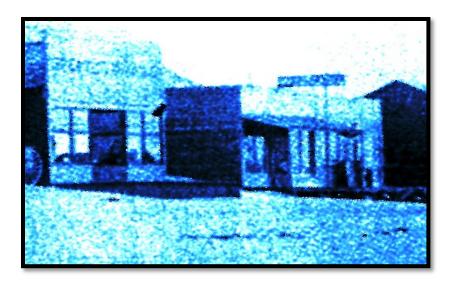
McGill Drug Company

The McGill Drug store is a neat place to visit. It is like walking back into the past for many of us who grew up with it. People who have never been in it are amazed at all the products on the many shelves. I don't know how Jerry and Elsa kept track of all those items.

The most asked question of visitors is, when was the place built. I have several photos that show the building back as early as 1907.



The original photo is hard to see, so I changed the color to blue. By enlarging it more I think the name Steptoe Drug Co. is visible.



Most written accounts have it as that. The Campton Merc. Is the large store on the left. It later was turned around and is now Bradleys market. I can't make out the store to the right. The enlarged pic seems to show the large sign on the bldg.. as starting with an M.

I then enlarged this photo to show the store with an M. and the large building to the right. Was this large building turned around to later become the McGill Café? They changed things around very quickly, all the time back in those days.

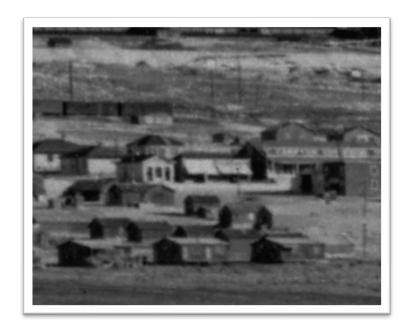


I know that these photos may not be very clear, but they are enlarged a lot from the original.



This is a later photo. There is another drug store in the north half of the building between the bank and the Campton store. It is the Ford's Drug Co. and next to it is the Nye Bros. clothing store.. Notice the power poles. They are not in the older picture. This photo could be around 1909. Notice the awnings.

Here is a photo taken in 1909 and has been enlarged. The bank is there and the stores with the awnings and the Campton in center of photo.



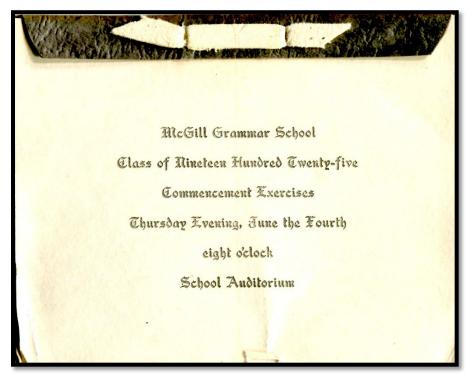
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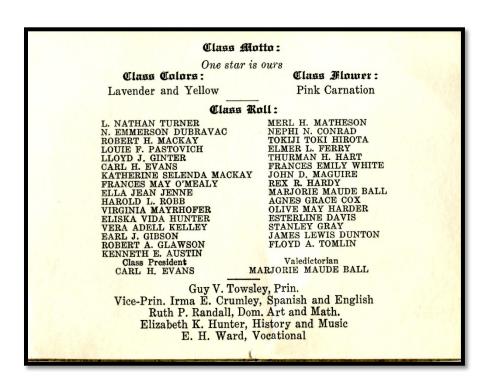
Yesterday, 1/25/20, I worked with a documentary crew doing a special on White Pine County. The crew was made up of Chevas, from New York, Xan (Sean) From Spain and Yochi from Japan.

They wanted to do the McGill Drug store, so I called Sue Manning, our local Museum Board member and she approved. The crew arrived at 9 am, 1/25/20. Yochi set up his huge camera and Xan fitted me with a hidden mic. They are very professional and their equipment is fantastic. Sunday, they had Pete Boundy and myself wired up and had us stand in front of the post office and chat about the "old Days"

They will be doing the McGill Club and other places around the town. When finished, Chevas will go back to New York and start editing all the film and sound. He said it will take at least one year. Then it will be presented at an International Film Show and then later will appear in many different areas of TV and internet. It will showcase White Pine County and of course McGill.

Old Photo/Document





Notice that E. H. Ward later became I think vice-principle of the WPHS. We all called him Ezzie. Guess his real name was Ezra.