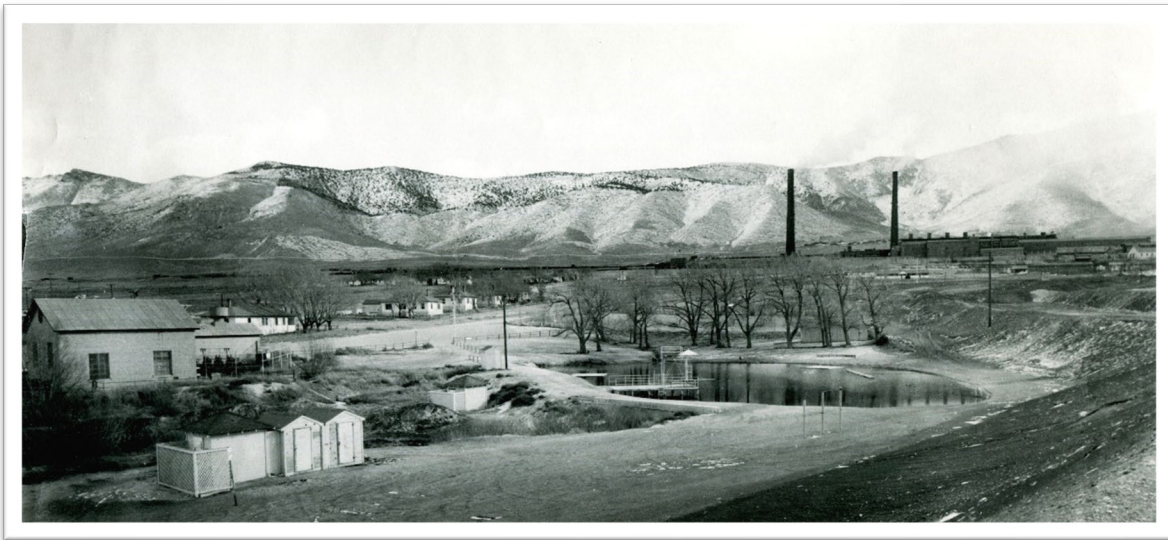


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Fun With Old Photos

What to do in the winter months? This is what I like to do.



This was taken during the early 1950s. Reason I think so is that the horizontal bars in the foreground were put in around then. The houses have not been moved. I think that happened in 56 or so. The grass park was put in around 1950. The large pipes in front of the parking lot fence have been covered over. They were large red ones that carried the pool water back up to the smelter. The little cold water creek was covered over by the grass and so our water cress place was gone. KCC put some steel rail posts in from the parking lot to the big bridge so no one could drive a car thru. Anyhow, I like to analyze such photos to see what is there and to try to date some of them. First step is to enlarge the picture and take sections of interest out.



This shows the 5 houses that the dairy workers lived in. The brick bldg. at the left was where the overflow from the pool was pumped up to the KCC smelter. Look real close just in front of the chain- link fence and you will see an overflow spillway from the waste water ditch.

The life guard's shack is just past the bridge. Down the hill from it is the original girl's bathroom and change room. In the foreground is the men's original bathroom and an extra two change shacks. The pool area is NOT fenced, as it is now. We could go swimming any time we felt like it. At night in the moonlight.

Without any moonlight, it was a bit weird diving off the high board and not being able to see the water.



Here we see the famous two stacks that we all loved seeing when coming back from Salt Lake.

Between them are some Steptoe City houses.

At the pool we can see the girl's change shacks in the trees. To the right of the shacks is the old rock wall. The cement platform by the pool that was believed to be the foundation for the old McGill Ranch house. Compare with the old photo in Newsletter 32. The row of trees that had benches between them I am sure is the row of trees behind the house.

The diving platform with high and low dive boards and the steel canopy over the life guard's seat. There is one of the two rafts over by the kiddie's wading board. The two horizontal bars to work out on.

Just behind the diving platform is the large rock wall that dams up the warm and cold springs to form America's greatest "swimming hole". Lots of great memories there.

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This new year has started out with some pretty nice warm days. Several in the upper 40s and no snow. Some cold north wind at times, but really rather nice so far.

Rudy has had a crew taking out the old pipe fence and cement wall in front of the IOOF hall. He told me that he is a little behind schedule and is now planning an opening this fall instead of this spring. After the hall is done and in operation he will start on the theater with hopes of opening it during the summer of 2021.

Mike Nass is getting a good business going at the old bank. He has a thrift store and coin shop along with his locksmith stuff. He collects old safes as a hobby and just recently made a trip to Idaho to pick up an old large business safe that was built in 1871. It weighs about 2500 lbs and rolls easily on wheels. His U-Haul business is picking up, but the other day some clown hooked onto a car hauler trailer in the middle of the afternoon and zipped out of town. Several people witnessed the theft, but thought it was normal. Mike was busy in the store and didn't see it happening.

Rio Tinto is almost thru covering all the black slag and will probably plant it this spring. Quite a change from the old days.

Old Photo



Excavation for the Reverb building 6/23/1907. Buildings in the background are from right to left, Boiler shop, main warehouse, carpenter shop, steel framework for the machine shop and last-- the power plant substation building. All done by mules and horses with plows and frescoes. Amazing how much dirt was moved and leveled by these men and animals.