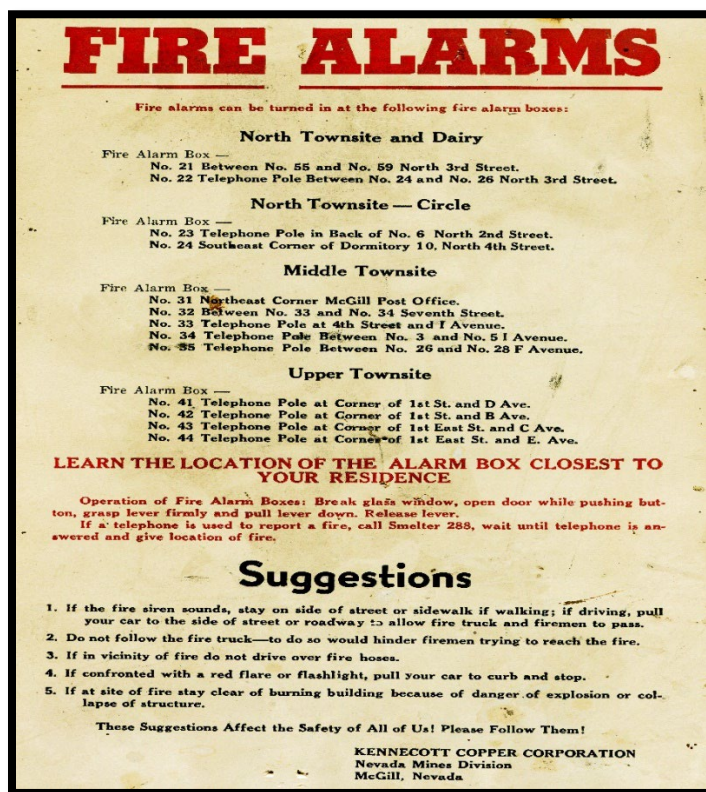


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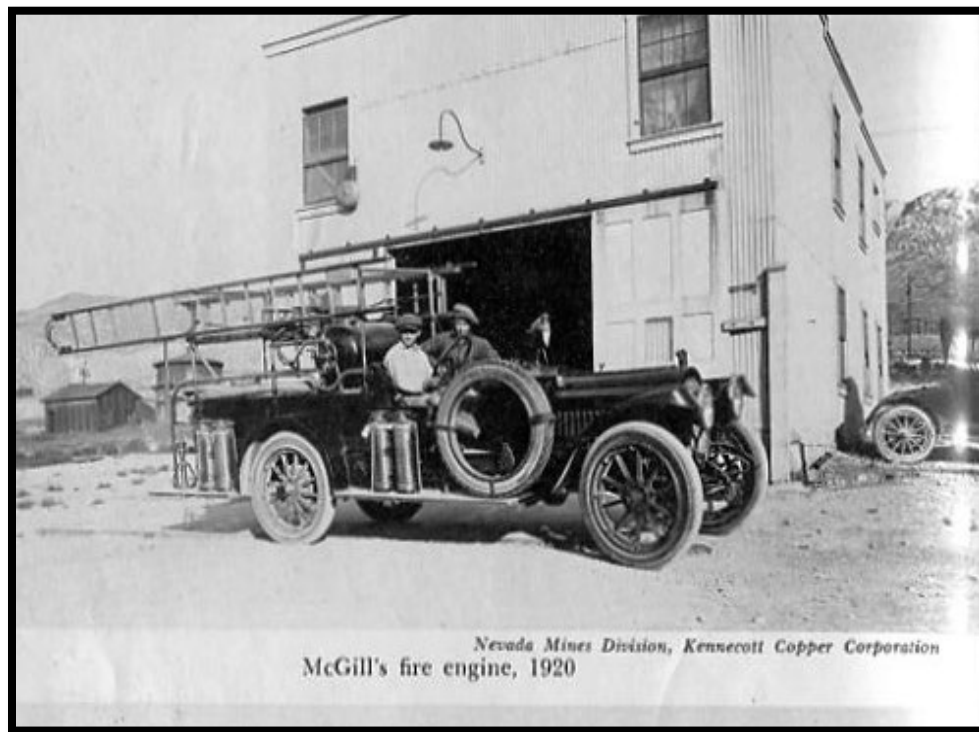
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McGill Club Fire-1920

The 1919-1920 New Years Eve party at the McGill Club, was probably a roaring, (a little 20s humor there) and festive time, but a few hours later, disaster struck. A fire broke out in the early morning hours, probably from a cigar or cigarette, that was not snuffed out properly. The fire was spotted and the alarm box on the NE corner of the post office was activated. These boxes were located around the town. There were no phone booths at that time. Here is a bulletin of where they were located. Bill Bogoger found one in a basement and let me take a picture, so a hearty thanks to Bill The Man.



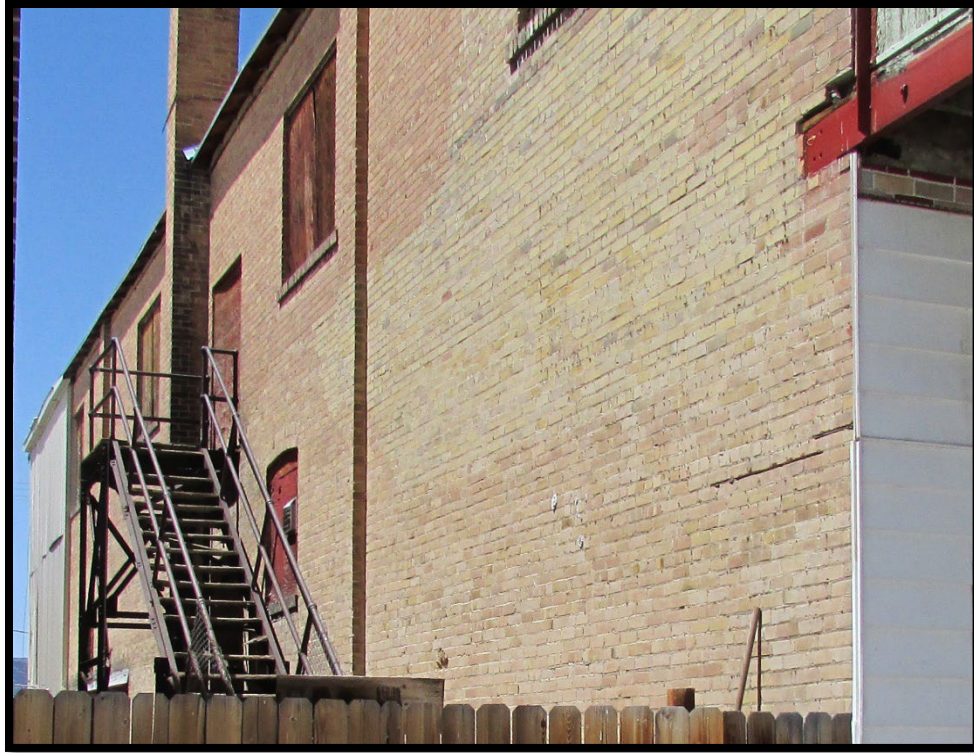
The local fire department was located just inside the gate at the copper plant. Here is a photo of the fire truck that was in use at the time.



I don't know who these men were, but they look serious.

The firemen were all volunteers and were summoned to the scene by a series of blasts from the loud steam whistle at the plant. I would imagine there were some firemen that were still recovering from the party. What a terrible time to have a hangover.

The firemen were not able to put out the fire, but were able to keep it from damaging the Post Office on the north side and the building on the south side. It was a total loss. The Murphy Bros. were able to re-coup some of their loss from their insurance company. They vowed to replace the structure and were soon making plans for a new building. By March 14 they were working on a plan to erect a 2 story, brick building, with modern, up to date features.



The Murphy Bros. also, purchased the Goodman Mercantile building so as to continue doing business while the new McGill Club was being built.

1920-April 23—J. Murphy informed everyone that he expects the new McGill Club building to be finished by May 1. O.M. Wallace is the contractor doing the work. The second floor will be owned by the Knights of Pythias Lodge along with the Murphy Bros. and other lodges and unions in the area.

1920-May 23----The Cyprus Hall had a grand opening and dance. (see Newsletter-91) and McGill got it's favorite watering hole back. Hopefully for a long time.

2020-December 25—So, 100 years go by and another early morning fire (see Newasletters-85 & 86) and again we have our watering hole for another 100 yrs.

McGill News

The McGill Club finally got the new windows. They look great. Notice the sign in the window—"No Truck Parking". Ha, Ha-reference to truck fire on Christmas morning. Hey, that looks like Roy Allen, the owner waving from the roof. He has been putting new shiny flashing around the top. Or is that Santa????



The indestructible McGill Club, after fires, 100 years apart.

Oldies

1910—Feb. 20—The 2 waitresses, that worked at the Copper Company staff house on the “circle”, Dorothy Sorensen and Kathrine Christiansen, were rumored to be in Salt Lake shopping for a wedding ensemble. It is not known which of the two ladies is the one to be married.

1922-Feb.5---Tommy McBride has accepted the position of “soda jerk” at the McGill Club. He is an expert at his trade.

Old Photos



I have been asked if Bradley's ever had two entrances. This photo is from the early 50s showing both entrances. The one on the left was for the groceries and sporting goods. The right one was for clothes and sewing stuff. It is an enlargement so is a little fuzzy, but, hey, so is some of our memories.