

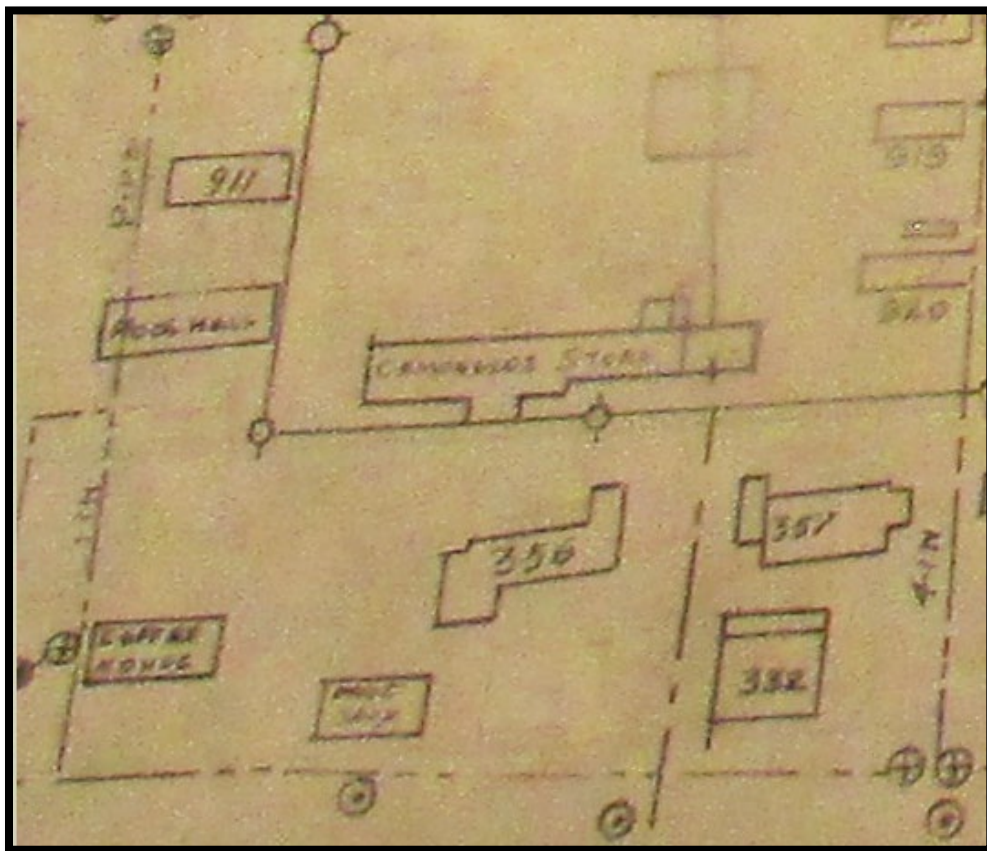
Newsletter100

Keith's Corner/McGill News

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London Pool Hall, Greek Coffee House

During the course of writing articles about McGill, I kept seeing references to a London Pool Hall and a Greek Coffee House, but never enough info to use for a story. But, as happens to all people of good character, charm and other such nonsense, this old McGill heathen got to see some drawings of the town from way back in the early 1900s. I was stunned to see many things I have been looking for. Here is an enlargement of one area.



This may be hard to read, as the documents are 100 years old and have aged. Since this is Newsletter 100 it seemed fitting to use the information.

There is a pool hall at the top left, which from other sources is the London Pool Hall. Just to the right of it, is a long building, the Cononelos Store. Down in the left corner is the Greek Coffee House. I did some further searching in old newspapers and found the following nuggets of information.

1910—George M. Giannopulos, owner and manager of the Greek Butcher Shop and the Greek Coffee House, plans to erect a new building, west of the Cononelos Store. The new facility will house the Steptoe Meat Market. (I have found no more about this).

1915---February—L. C. Cononelos buys the London Pool Hall for \$2,000, from Gust ----- and Charles Christ Preggos (sp).

1915—August---The county raises the assessment of the London Poll Hall by \$450 and The Greek Coffee House by \$300.

I hope to dig out more information on these places. I was not aware of them a few years ago and I feel that they need to be included in the history of McGill, so all of us can read about them. I would like to find some photos of them.

I will bring you updates as they surface.

McGill News

Bruce Brunson and crew at the gas station just passed their first health inspection and got their permit. They have one more inspection when their hot food area is set up. Looks like we will have gas and snacks soon.

McGill Oldies

1910- April 3—Howard Hodge, manager of the Clark Drug Store (now it is the north side of the antique store), was in Ely dressed in his new Easter Suit. He

attended church services. Later reports indicate that the church is still standing. (This is the way it was reported in the Copper Ore newspaper. The paper was McGill's newspaper for a few years. Seems the editor had a sense of humor.)

1910-January 30—Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury announced the birth of the first baby born in Steptoe City. Dr. Abbott said both mother and baby girl were doing fine.

Old Photos



The overflow ditch from the springs in the swimming pool- dairy area. Probably around 1908-09. The mill trestle is in and it carried the first train of ore in Aug. 1908. The tree area was known back then as the grove. I don't know what the building at end of the ditch, by the trees is.