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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Ely City's Beautiful 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Did you ever wonder what businesses used to be on 11<sup>th</sup> street in East Ely, in the early 1900s? That's the street with the NN Depot at the end. Well, with a minute amount of gray matter and a gigantic amount of computer technology we can go back and find an answer.

We can start with a section of the White Pine Newspaper in 1908. Now in those days, East Ely was known as Ely City . Ely was known as the City of Ely. Confusing, right? That is why Ely City was changed to East Ely. Something to do with the U.S. Postal Service not liking the confusing names.

There is a small section, usually on page 3 or 4, that is called, Ely City Businesses. They are in alphabetic order.

Abby Bar—No Address-(a lot of them assumed everyone knew their location.

Antler Bar and Café—1<sup>st</sup> door south of Depot.

Arcade Bar—No address

Bank of Ely—Corner of D and 11<sup>th</sup> street

Boise Lunch Counter—Keenan's Block

Cumberland Hotel—Corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and F

Consumers Company—No address-They delivered pure ice to Ely, Ely City and Smelter.

Ely Light and Power Co.—No address

Ely City Bakery—No address

Ely City Grocery—1/2 block south of Depot.

Ely City Plumbing—No address

Ely Townsite Company and Ely Water Co. —Corner C and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ivers House Rooms—1<sup>st</sup> building south of Depot

Keenan's Wholesale and Retail Liquor House—No address

Mitchell and Belford Attorneys—Corner D and 11<sup>th</sup>

J, Morcart, Merchant---No address

Nevada News Depot—Gunn-Thompson building

Nevada Northern Hotel—One block North of Depot

Nunnelly's Groceries and Meat Market—Was in the Nunnelly Block

J. Rumbaugh Transfers—One door south of Depot

Steptoe Drug Co.—Corner D and 11<sup>th</sup>

Steptoe Hotel—Corner of E and 11<sup>th</sup> street.

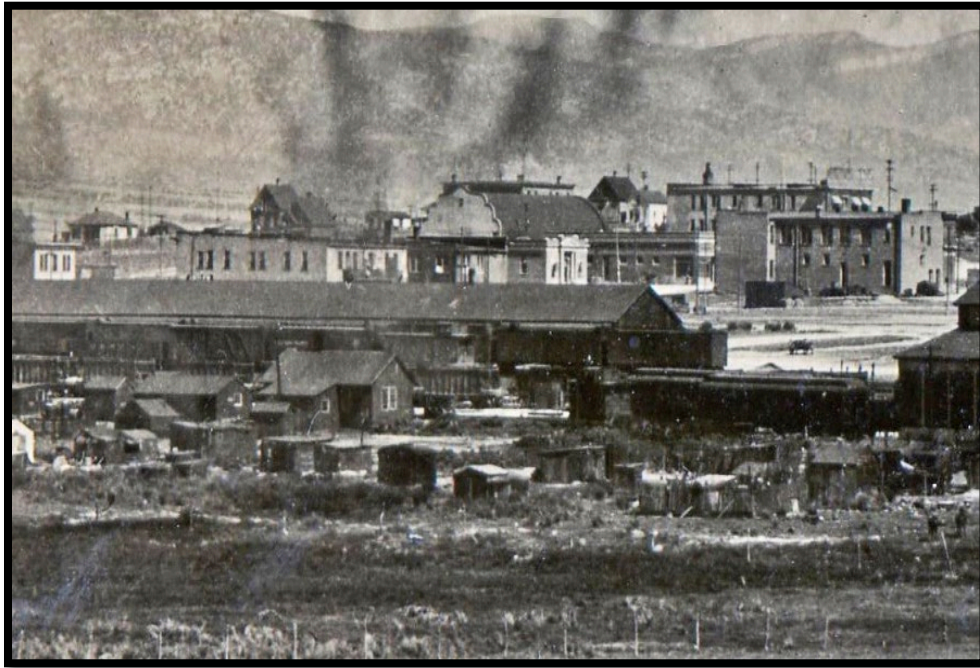
Troy Laundry—No address

J. C. Wheeler Produce & Grocery—No address.

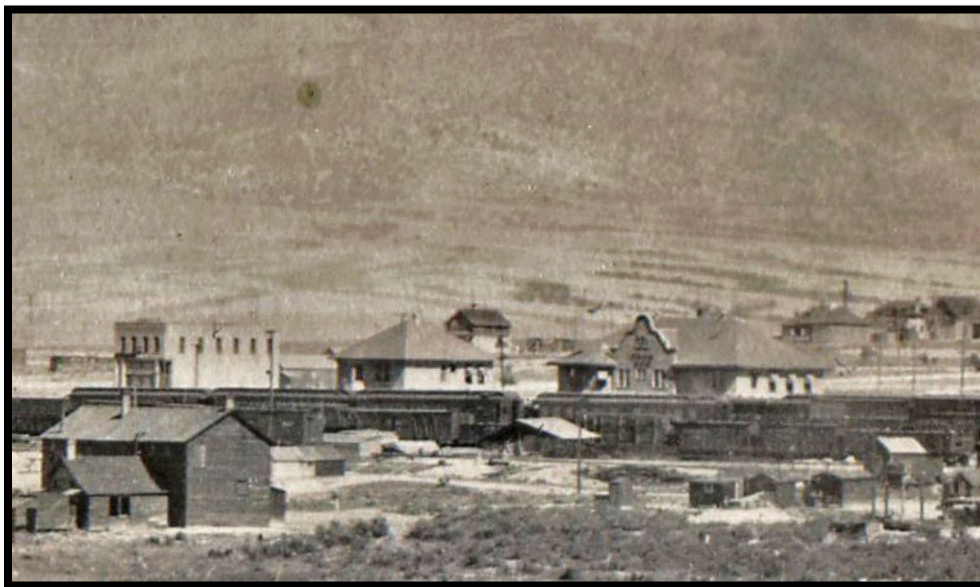
I remember in the 1940s, my Mom shopping at a grocery store on 11<sup>th</sup> street. There was a Curto Transfer and Storage warehouse next door. The buildings are still there between D and E on the north side of 11<sup>th</sup>.

During my senior year at WPHS I drove one of the school buses. I had to stop at the corner by what is now Anderson's , (it was Prince's Market back in 1954) and pick up some East Ely kids. I remember looking down 11<sup>th</sup> at the Depot and thinking, what a great looking street. It would be nice to see it flourish again.

This is the only photo I could find of 11<sup>th</sup> street. Probably around 1910. Looks like most of the buildings were 2 story types.



The next photo shows the large Depot and the building next to it, which I think was the main office and is now a storage place for old records. The next building could have been the Nevada Northern Hotel. Anyone know??



## McGill News

“The train, the train, boss, the train”.

Sorry, but I couldn't find any tropical island music for you,



Enormous truck bringing back one of our old diesel engines from Washington State. It was suspended from two huge beams between the two truck beds. Another truck was pushing from behind. They will unload it tomorrow at Nevada Northern. There is one more coming back soon.



# Oldies

1909—March 31—Both drug stores in McGill agreed to close on Sundays.

1909—April 2—Fred Waters takes over as manager of McGill Tailoring and Furnishings Co.

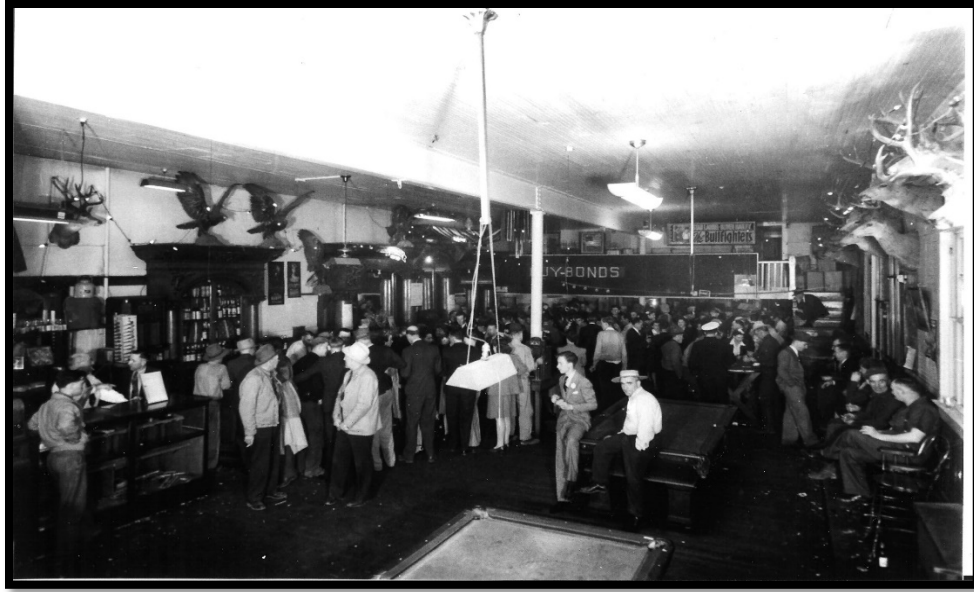
## Old Photos

### McGill Club-WWII



It looks like a Christmas or New Year's Eve party.





Quite a large crowd even though they didn't have the world famous, guitarist, 'Swede', to entertain them.



McGill Club- Entertainer of the Century.