

Newsletter148

Keith's Corner/McGill News

March 11,2022

Steptoe Café/Winters Barber Shop

As noted in last week's NL, these two buildings were hooked together. In 1912, Morris Glick sold his interest in the café to Ransom, who had the Troy Laundry, possibly in the back of the café. Could be that Ransome also bought out Winters Tonsorial Parlor and turned the whole thing into a laundry. We will start with this photo and put an approximate date on it.



The Commissary 1924-25 is there, but the theater(1928) is not, so this photo is between 1924 and 1928.

Now we can enlarge it, to show the laundry.



The large McGill Laundry letters above the door are legible. The McGill Laundry on the sign are barely legible. The rest of the sign I cannot figure out. Anybody??

The main question, is whether the Café and the Barber Shop merged into the McGill Laundry, or did the Café later become Marie's and the Barber Shop become the laundry.



I think the two bldgs.. merged into one and became the McGill Laundry, sometime before 1920. I say this, because in the 1920 McGill Club fire, the McGill Laundry building was mentioned. See Newsletter 105. Also, note the street light pole on the left side of the photo. Then go back to the engineering drawing. The street lamp is designated by a circle with a line at the top and bottom. All these things, I think, prove the two buildings became one.

I measured the distance from the SE corner of the McGill Club to the NE corner of Marie's Café to be 64 feet, which compares to the engineering drawing.

The Laundry was replaced with McGill Theater in 1928.

Did you notice that the American Legion Hall on the above drawing, was called the Melrose Dormitory back then. I found reference to a Melrose Café in McGill, but need further study to confirm it. Lots of interesting things in these old drawings.

McGill News

Last week I promised some good news about our Drug Store.

Well, here it is. We received a large donation to do some important and necessary work on the building and it's historical contents, to preserve it for future generations. We have had several projects on hold, but now thanks to this generous donation, we can now achieve our goals. I will keep you posted on the progress.

With the loss of KCC, our town has only our history to rely on to keep McGill alive and growing. This generous donation is a giant step in that direction.

Oldies

1910—April- McGill Train Depot is on schedule to be finished before winter sets in.

1927—August—The new Troy Laundry building (later, the Sheriff's Office) is completed.

Old Photo



World War II era , blood donors from the 20-30 Club, standing at the front doors of the old Steptoe Valley Hospital.

