

## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### January—Boring or fun ?

The month of January to me, was the most boring month of the year, especially as a young heathen in McGill. Right after New Years, we were forced back into the regimentation of the local detention center, called school. Also, the short days meant that we had to subject our tender bodies to the severe cold temperatures, as we trudged thru the deep snow in the morning darkness, to the far away school . The trek home in the afternoon was cold, but there was some light left in the sky.

Another thing was the fact that we had just come off a 2 week vacation. There was also the Christmas factor, in that we hadn't had enough time to get tired of our Christmas goodies.

The bitter cold was also, a disaster for our snowball throwing fun. Any young American kid is well aware of the fact that in bitter cold, it is hard, if not impossible to make a decent snowball. The snow is too dry and crumbly. Even with our advanced scientific abilities, we never came up with a solution.

The only redeeming factor of January, is that it has 4 weekends of relief from school, like most other months.

This meant a few days of playing outside. Now, it is a well known concept, that bitter cold only affects kids on school days, but not on weekend days.

We, McGill grade school heathens, decided to use our world class scientific brains to study this concept. As modern scientists now do, we first came up with an acronym, USHOW, which as everyone knows stands for , Use Saved Heat On Weekends. This was after spending many hours analyzing our daily routines. The

main facts became clear. We were forced to sit and soak up heat all week long in the detention center, so why not use it on weekends.

The only other explanation is that the makers of Planet Earth developed the concept in the beginning.

The question of boring or fun we felt, should be decided by a majority of the other kids. We conducted a poll by asking a so called, 'unbiased' question, much like the reporters of today. The question –is January boring or fun? We asked it on both school days and weekend days, just to be fair and 'unbiased'.

The purely scientific conclusion, January weekdays are boring and January weekend days are fun.

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January came in with some very cold temps, but then we had some 50 degree days. Crazy weather for crazy times. Tomorrow is the middle of this month!!

The clothing store in the old bank is not open yet, due to some furnace problems, but I did see someone unloading stuff from a U-haul truck the other day. The car and truck traffic seems to get less each passing day. January doldrums I suppose.

## Oldies

1910—September 10—A.P. Slichter was the cashier at the Copper National Bank in East Ely

1915—July 11—A.P. Slichter was the cashier at the McGill National Bank

1915—December 28—A.P. Slichter, V. F. Henry and R. L. Henry signed incorporation papers, as partners in the McGill Drug Company.

## Old Photo



Interesting photo. There was a yellow warning light hanging above the middle of the street. We need that now, to slow down traffic. Notice the large air conditioning unit on top of the theater and another one on the old Standard Market. The theater still had the glass cases in the front of the building, with the large posters of coming attractions. Circa 1950.