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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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WPHS'S Great Band-Only A MEMORY

White Pine High School had one of the best bands in the entire USA for many years. They marched in the Rose Parade and many other places. In 1949, the band marched in the U. of Utah football stadium. There were several colleges and universities competing in a marching contest. Even though the WPHS band was not in the competition, one of the judges said they were the best marching band in the stadium that day.



Marching in McGill in the early 1950s.

Last week's Newsletter183 about the local grade school bands and their contribution to the WPHS band triggered an email from Bob Pratt. He mentioned that there was a 'Farm system' in White Pine for bands. When we got to high school, we had 3 years of marching and playing our instruments and so the WPHS band director had a talented and experienced pool to draw from to build a great band. This also applies to sports. With out this 'farm system' the high school is not capable of training students to make a great band.

It was a feeling of pride when we could wear the WPHS band uniform. It was the result of 3 years of practice and hard work.

The 'practice' meant a lot of time at home learning your instrument. I would imagine that many neighbors got tire of hearing me fumbling through a trumpet practice session. Fred Parry's little brother got so fed up listening to Fred practice, that he threw Fred's coronet into the tailings ditch near their house on 2nd street.

Some of my fondest memories of the WPHS band were the trips to Las Vegas for the Helldorado parade. Here is a photo of the flag girls in Vegas 1953.



L-r, Mary Carol Jackson, Shirley Bennet, Mary Morris and Janene Assuras.

We won the parade contest several years in a row.



We spent many cold early mornings, before school to practice each year. We had early buses from Ruth and McGill.

The WHPS Band was the pride of our county. NOW, we have--????

McGill News

Sadly, Jeff Bell, a Nurse at the hospital for many, many years died last week. Our hearts go out to his parents, Jim and Joan (Tilby) Bell.

Every time I and many others, ended up in the emergency wing of the hospital, we felt very much at ease when we heard Jeff Bell's voice. It was comforting to know he was there and would take care of us. He will be missed.

Old Photo

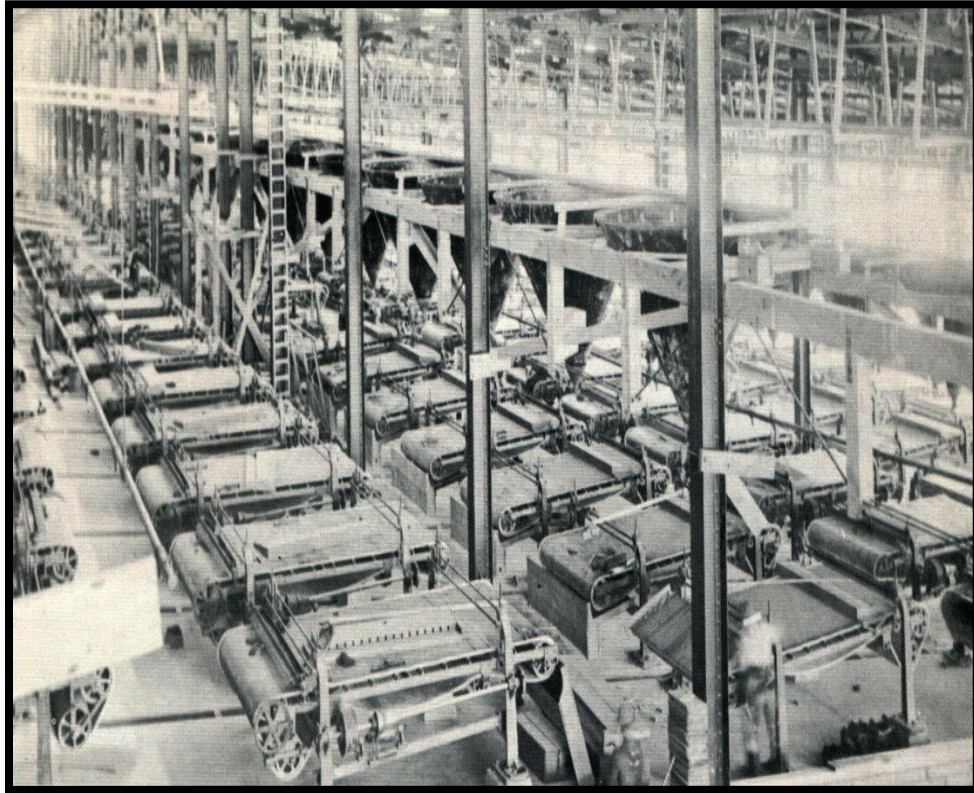


Photo was taken on June 30, 1908. These are the many Vanner Tables at the mill. These were used to separate or concentrate the copper and other metals from the crushed ore. That is why you will see the mill, called the concentrator. This process was replaced by the floatation system in the new mill in 1923.

Note

It is getting close to that time of the year when the Christmas Elves are around to help you decorate a lamppost, power pole or any kind of large pole, so pick one out and let Margie Payton know. It is the annual, Rose Papez, Christmas pole decorating tradition.