

Keith's Corner/McGill News

May 6, 2022

McGill Drugstore—circa 1941



The information on the back states that the photo was probably taken by Mr. Clark in about 1941. L-r, Walter Zeigenbein, Mary Evelyn Oxborrow and Charles Handley. Walter later served in WWII. He was a registered pharmacist in the Army. He and Mary were later married. Charles was a druggist and owned 1 share of the store from October 18, 1923 until March 1, 1945. Dr. Hovenden and Mr. Clark each owned 499.5. On March 1, 1945, Dr. Noah Smernoff, A. E. Preston, a local banker and Gerald Culbert took over control of the store.

Notice the cabinets in the back of the store. They are in the side storeroom now. The gallon jugs of syrup on the counter have been moved to a position by the front door. This is why the counter had some of the black finish worn off. Check out the light fixtures and the clock on the back cabinets.

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The weather has been cold, warm , windy, rainy, snowy, which is typical for here. at this time of year. Nothing new folks, move along.

Good news though, Boot Barn is talking with us about shooting a commercial at the Drugstore soon.

I started scanning records at the Drugstore. It will take some time, but needs to be done. It is a nice feeling to get started on this project.

The people that keep our great country running smoothly are sometimes taken for granted. So, here is a shout out to Shanann, the best UPS delivery driver on Planet Earth. She deserves a lot of credit for doing a great job of getting our stuff to us correctly.

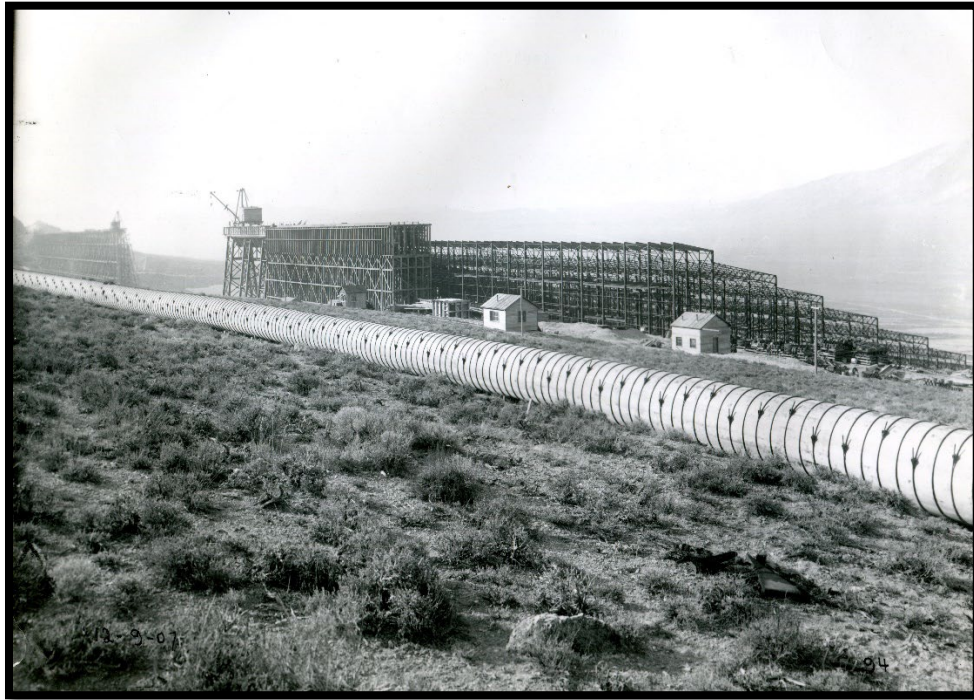
Oldies

1910—June 9—Dr. Philip Abbott in charge of the Emergency Hospital, under Dr. E. L. R. Wallace, in McGill, is moving to Calif.. Dr. L. V. Smith is now in charge of the hospital.

1910—March 27—Tryouts for the McGill Team were held at the field north of the McGill house. (Old dairy fields) Very windy.

Update on Frank Burnside, the first aviator to fly in WP (NL155). He tried to fly again on July 5, but it was too windy. He tried again on July 6, but gave up and dismantled the plane and left with on the train for parts unknown. He did not try to fly the plane in or out of the area because of the mountain updrafts.

Old Photo



This photo was date October 1907. It shows the trestle at the extreme left and the mill building in the middle. The large wooden pipeline was replaced with a metal one in 1928.

The other day I almost cut my finger, trying to slice an onion. It kept rolling and was hard to hold. Then somewhere in my old brain 2 cells got together and told me to cut a small slice off one side and then hold the onion on that flat spot and slice. I did it with a tomato. Works great.

McGill Town Council

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The Honorable Clerk Baldwin,

During the McGill Town Council meeting held on the evening of April 19, 2022 the Council listened to a request from one of their residents, Keith Gibson. Mr. Gibson would like to open a Heritage Center, by turning the Old McGill Hospital/Senior Center into a Heritage Center for visitors/residents to visit and learn the history of this area. Mr. Gibson noted that there is a lot of interest in this area, people visiting the Drug Store Museum, people asking about McGill, and he has been interviewed by a few magazines. Once the Railroad begins giving rides to McGill, he feels there will be even a bigger interest in this Heritage Center. He already has a considerable pile of artifacts ready to be showcased once the building opens.

The McGill Town Council unanimously went on record supporting turning the Old Hospital/McGill Senior Center into a Heritage Center. The Old Hospital/Senior Center does not cost White Pine County very much. The McGill Town Council paid all expenses when they first supported turning the building into a library. The County Maintenance Department continues to check the inside of the building to ensure everything is alright a few times a month. The McGill Town Council continues paying all operating expenses (electrical, heating, water, sewer, and lawn mowing) after they vacated the premises in June of 2020. In 2021 The Council opened the doors of the building to the Food Bank, and the Food Bank personnel has indicated that they would welcome sharing the Old Hospital with the Heritage Center provided they have assurance they can continue there.

Mr. Keith Gibson will be contacting you to place this matter on the WPC County Commissioner's meeting agenda to request use of the Old Hospital/McGill Senior Center into a Heritage Center. Attached is a copy of the McGill Town Council minutes dated April 19th. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact any Council Member.

Respectfully,



Roxane Ballandby, Chairperson
MCGILL TOWN COUNCIL

Enclosure: April 19, 2022 minutes (pg2)

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What do you readers think about this???