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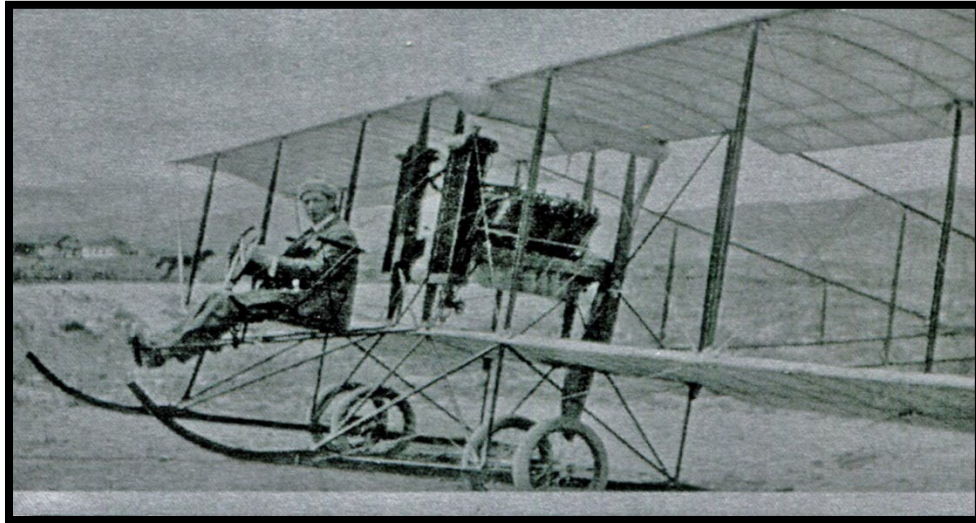
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Frank Burnside



Who is he and what did he do ????

Frank was the first man to take off and land an airplane in WP. He did the feat on July 4, 1913.



Frank was a pilot for the Thomas Aeroplane Company. He had a pilot card or certificate from the Federation Aeronauque.

The plane was not flown into the area, but brought in, I presume on the train. It was assembled and Frank did a series of engine runup tests. He was to use G avenue for a takeoff strip. He said that he needed a long takeoff strip in case his engine stalled and he had to land abruptly. Everyone was warned not to get in the road of his takeoff area. At the last moment, the planned takeoff was moved to D Avenue.

Frank took off on July 4th and soared into the sky. He made 4 flights. He set a national record on one of those flights by climbing to over 9,000 feet. With the local ground level of 6,000 feet, he had ascended to an astonishing 3,000 feet above ground level, a new altitude record for manned flight.

I could not find any other information about him or if he flew out of the area or took his plane on the train. I will keep looking until I find something more about him.

McGill News

The Drugstore ceiling and walls are ready for the painter, who is scheduled for next Tuesday. I have been waiting for the electrician for 2 weeks and am still waiting. The water heaters should be in next week. Want to have it all done by May 20.

The 2 scanners arrived today and I am getting them ready to start scanning the records soon. One scanner does letter size documents and the other one will do larger documents and books. Every item will be digitized and put on thumb drives for future use. This is going to be quite a task, but thanks to a generous donation, it will be done.

Today, April 28th, a video of the drugstore is being made by an outfit from St. George Utah. The lady that does it, is a professional writer for several travel magazines. She told me that when the tape is edited, she will sent us a copy to use as we see fit.

Things are happening in the old town. The music festival will bring lots of tourists this June.

Oldies

1910—August 28---There was an advertisement for 'Rexall Remedies' at the Clark Drugstore in McGill. (Where the antique store is now).

1910—August 28—List of registered voters in Smelter (McGill).

Old Photo



McGill's, Mill Team, in front of the old grandstand. Notice, the top of the grandstand has, McGill Community League, on it.