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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Today, is Remember our Veterans Day !!

What Happened To Our Great Bands ??

The McGill Drugstore has a collection of band uniforms from back in the good 'ole' days, when all the county schools had bands.

The uniforms are, l-r, McGill, McGill, Ruth, White Pine, East Ely and Ely.



Ever time I see these great uniforms I remember the many times I wore two of them. I was in grade school in the fall of 1949, when we got the orange one with the black belt. Before that year we wore a black sweater and white pants.



July 4th, 1948, me and brother Paul, McGill Grade School uniform.



Memorial Day 1950, Paul in his White Pine High School uniform and me in our brand new McGill Grade School uniform.

Now, back in those days we had to show up in full uniform to march in parades on Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. We of course had to practice many hours before each parade. It was expected of us and we were proud to do it.

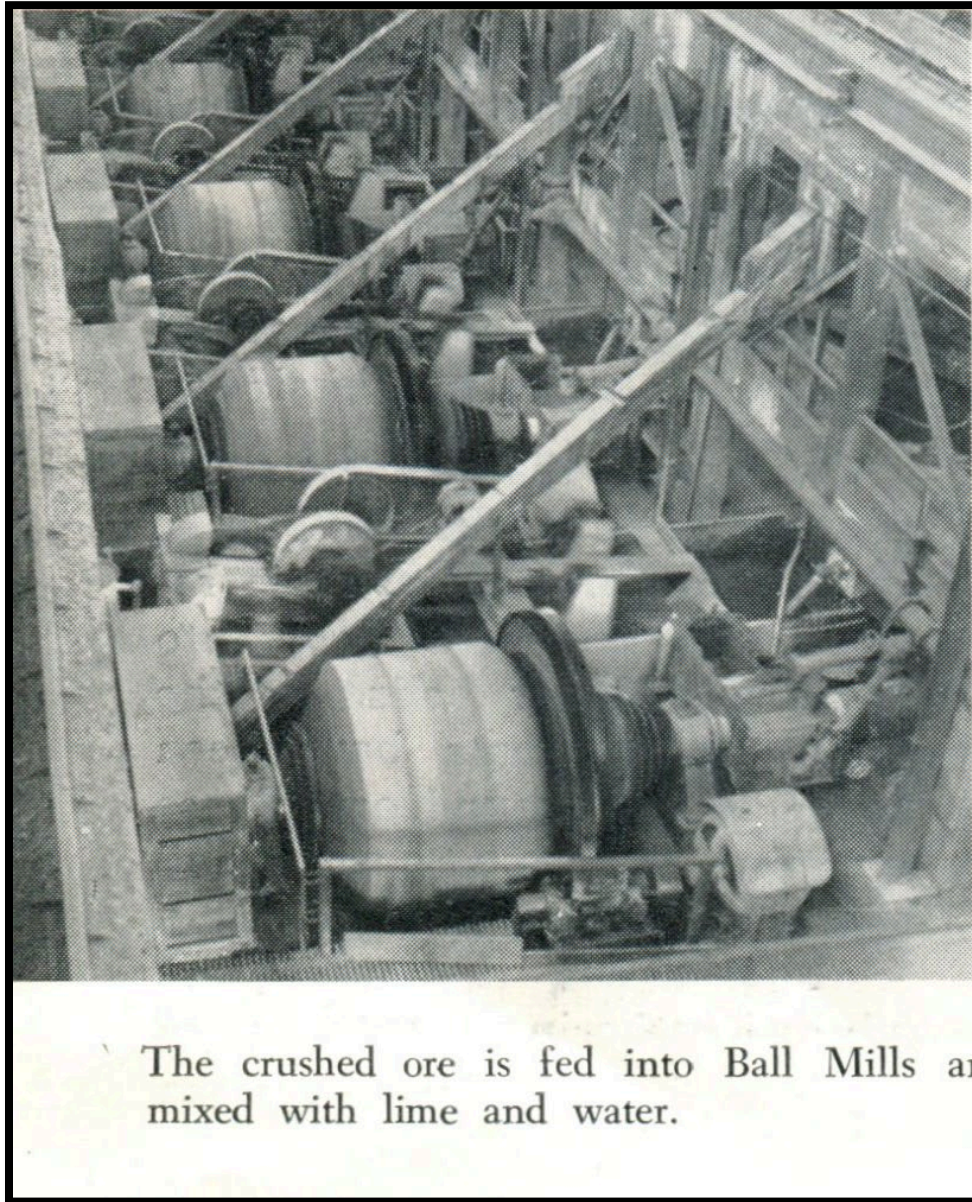
It was a great honor to be a part of such a group of students. We had a wonderful sense of pride and accomplishment that is hard to explain. I feel sorry for the kids of today that don't get such an opportunity. I just don't understand why that is. We certainly pay enough damn taxes. Where the hell does all the money go? I would certainly like to see a detailed listing of just exactly how the schools spend these enormous amounts of money. They don't have to build any new buildings.

I think us taxpayers are getting ripped off and most of all the kids are being deprived of a wonderful feeling of accomplishing something worthwhile in their young lives. They are also deprived of the wonderful memories that those of us who participated, have to dwell on in later life. I remember the many trips to Las Vegas, Reno, etc. We got to march in the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City each year. I remember one year in Carson City, the two guys on horses that led the parade, rode over and greeted us. It was Clark Gable and Gene Autry.



The proud, dedicated members of the McGill Grade School band in marching formation, 1952. McGill was proud of them, and will never forget them. It was one of our many great traditions. Shamefully, they are missing now.

Old Photo



The crushed ore is fed into Ball Mills and mixed with lime and water.

One of these ball mills was placed at the tip of the K Street Park.

