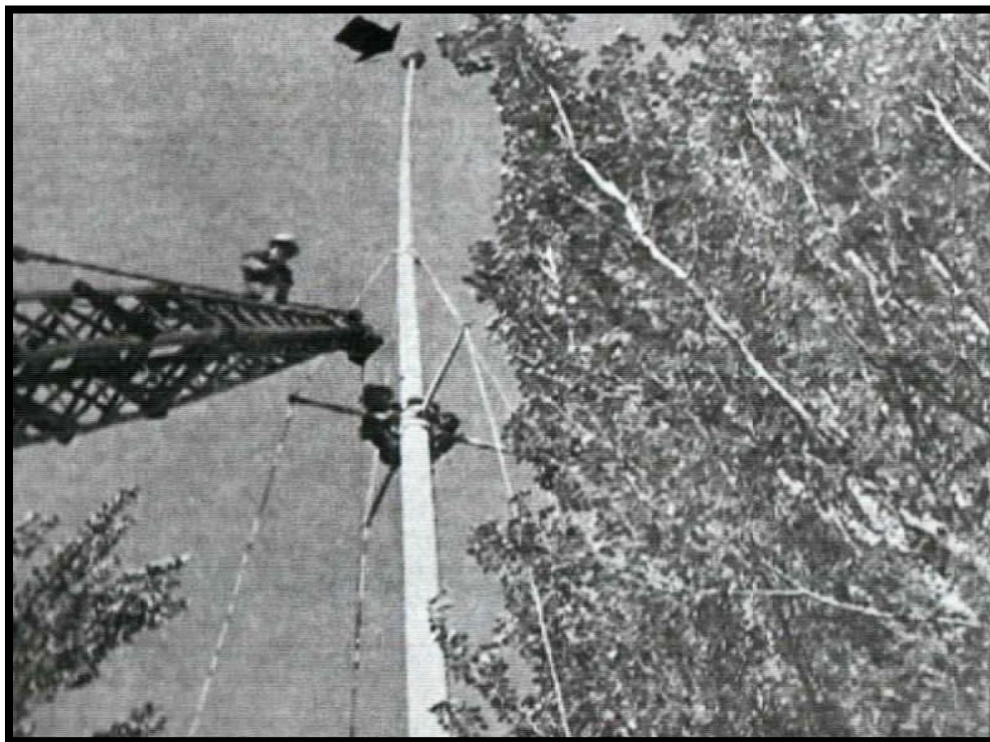


## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Flagpoles in McGill

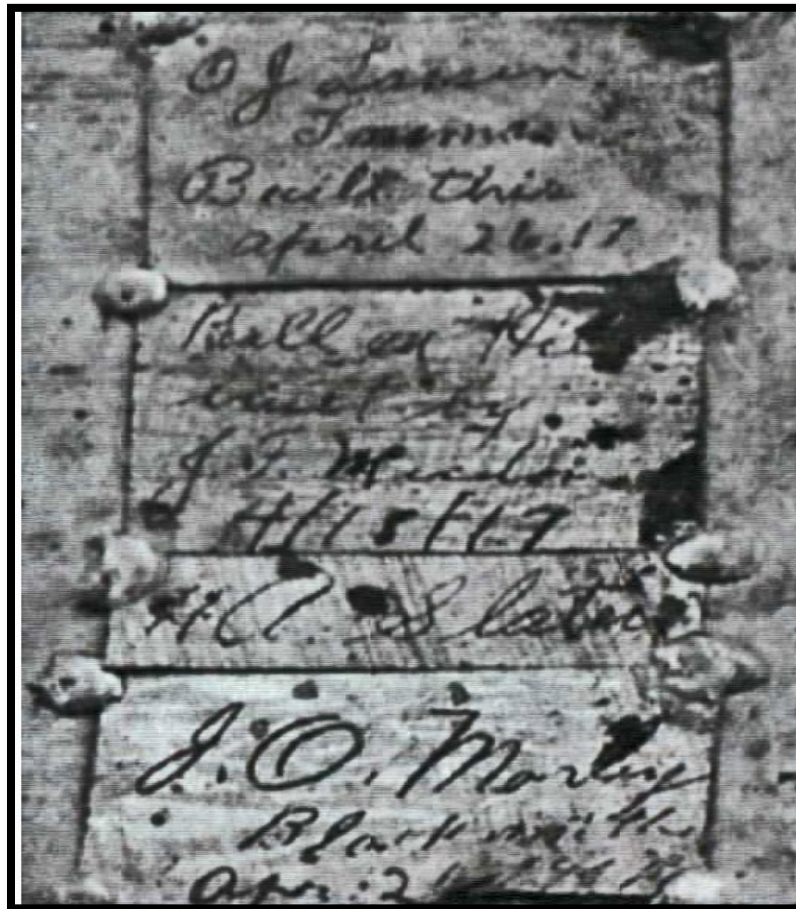
There are many flagpoles in McGill. Most of them have been here for a long time. There were two tall ones erected in April 1917. One was on the peak above town. The other one, was on the "circle", across the street from the main office. It was located at the top of a small park that had a large fountain in the middle on a large cement circle. This pole was about 110 feet tall and was supported by 4 guy wires.



The 4 guy wires. The black arrow points to the copper ball.

The first, or bottom section of the pole was an 8 inch in diameter pipe. The next sections were in diminishing diameters. The top of the pole was crowned with a 2 foot in diameter copper , hollow ball. It was a tradition to have a copper ball at the top with the date of the construction and names of the people who built it. Kind of a 'time capsule'.

The tall flagpole on the 'circle' was taken down in 1961 and replaced with a shorter one. The copper ball was opened and inside was a copy of the Denver Post newspaper. Written across the top was the name, 'Chippy Wilson'. The headline was about the ongoing, World War I. There were also, 4 brass tags with names etched into them. One was, O.J. Larsen-foreman. The second was J.F. Michillon—He also built the one on the peak. The third was H.A Slater. The fourth was J. O. Morley—blacksmith. Info and photos from Kennevadan.



It would be interesting to find out if there are some names of the 1961 crew that put up the new flagpole. Maybe their names on in a new copper ball..

The McGill Town Council is planning to refurbish the flagpole. They have purchased a new flag and will put a solar light to shine on the flag at night.

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I am looking for info on the flagpole on the corner by the Comptroller Bldg. and the one in the middle of Austrian town, which is inside a private yard. Anybody have info ?? Please let me know. I think the one by the Comptroller Bldg. was changed at the same time

I am almost finished with the story on the flagpole on the peak, after 3 years of searching. When I was at the peak 3 years ago, I made some measurements and took lots of photos. Using these, I calculated the height to be 75- 80 feet tall. Last week I discovered some information that gives the height at 77 feet. I am planning on a return trip this spring to finally verify these measurements.

## Oldies

1911—March 26—C. R. Graves is the new assistant to the Postmaster in McGill

1911—March 26---George C. Moore, becomes the new president of the American Trading Post.

**Question**—What part of what animal was used as a mascot on a local passenger train????

## Old Photo



Remember these ?? I think this one was at the Murray Street grade school.

