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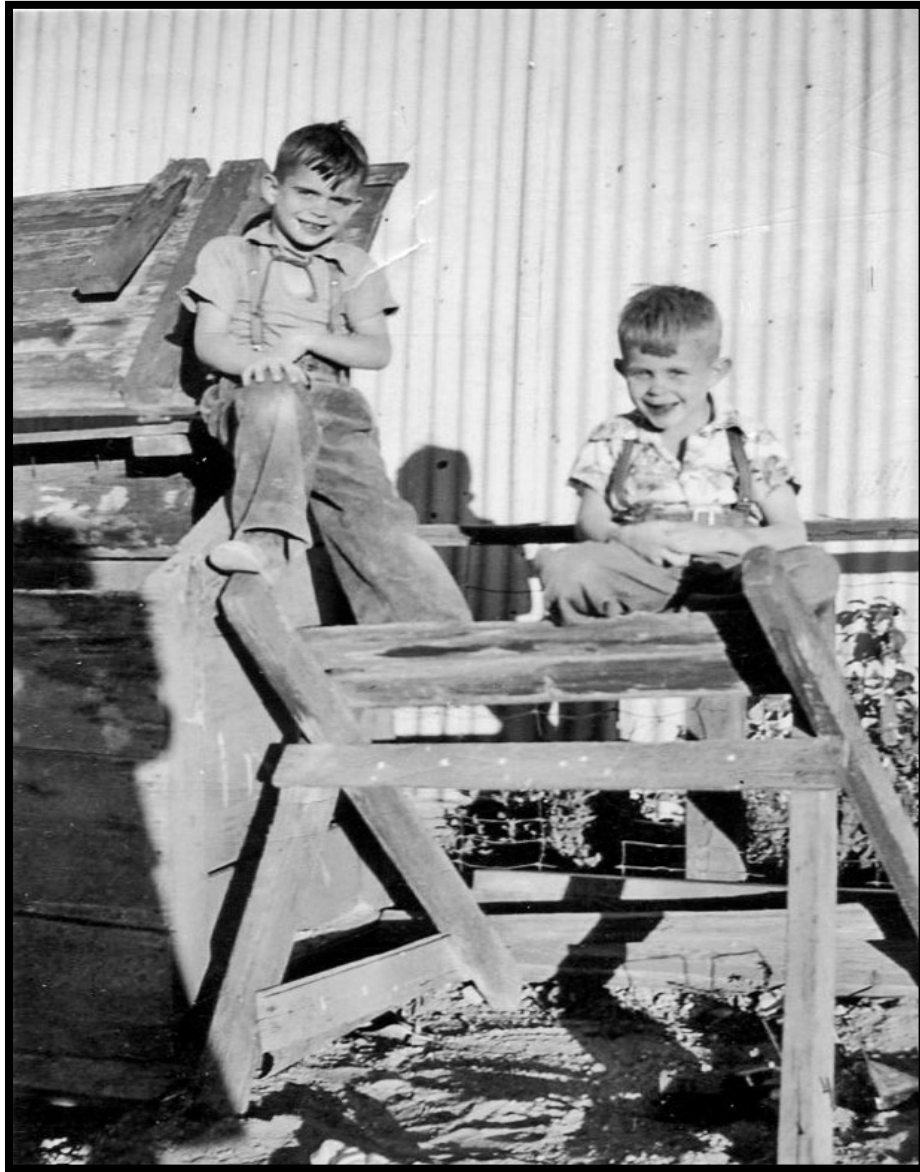
Toys-During My Heathen Years

The toys that we young, McGill desperados played with in the 30s and 40s are a lot different than what goes for toys in 2022. There are many glaring differences, such as scooters.



These scooters moved by foot power not electric.

We had sawhorses instead of hayburners. Didn't have to feed or water them.



We had to use our brains and pretend a lot if we wanted to have any fun. I think in the long run, it did us a lot of good to figure out things ourselves. The main draw back with sawhorses were the slivers in the backside.

Bicycles didn't have fancy gears, just leg power. Riding a bike in McGill was tough, because no matter where you went it was uphill at least 50 per cent of the trip. From the pool to townsite was a long pull, especially from the pool to townsite.

Several of us rode our bikes to the Success Boy Scout Camp in the summer of 1948. We stayed overnight and rode back the next day. It was a day to always remember. We had a lot of those.

One of the greatest inventions of mankind was the cardboard box. It was very versatile. With our great engineering expertise, we designed and built many forts and playhouses.



We had many other toys of course. Most of them were used to hold contests, such as marbles, yo yos, tops, and jack knives.

McGill was perfect for one of my favorite toys—the kite, especially a box kite. The everyday winds in McGill were ideal. We made our own kites out of newspaper, butcher paper and homemade flour glue. We made some huge box kites. Some were so big that instead of a tail made of rags we used one of the neighbor kid's little brother or sister. Sometimes a local dog would work.

Hee hee, a little humor there, folks.

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We got most of the electrical work done at the Drugstore. Have a security light outside the front door that is activated by motion. The light switch in the back store room is also motion sensitive. Have new light fixtures in the store rooms and an electric wall heater in the side store room. It was always cold in the winter. Looking to have a lot of visitors the first week of June with the music deal at the swimming pool.



Not enough room for Oldies and Old Photo.

