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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Heat Wave

We are in the middle of a heat wave. We hit 99 July 16. Most of the west is suffering. It was 105 in Boise, Idaho and of course Vegas was over 100. It was 115 in Bullhead City, AZ. 115 in Houston and many other places. Is it global warming? Well it is warming, but there are other parts of the globe that are not so hot. Nevada recorded some of it's highest temps in the middle 30s. Also, remember the Dust Bowl ? It was hot and dry back then. Here is a question ----There was a period of 4-6 years in modern history that the planer was subjected to possibly the most carbon ever put into the sky by mankind. I lived thru those years and I don't remember anyone hollering about global warming. I do remember talk about a new ice age coming upon the world.

What years do I mean? !939-1945 of course. The world was at war and all the industrial nation's factories were belching out smoke 24 hours a day. Cities were being bombed and set on fire. Large ships were burning on the 7 seas. Huge ammo dumps and fuel dumps were torched and spewed smoke in large quantities. Most cities, towns and individual homes were heated with coal. I remember my Uncle, Dr. Reed Anderson telling me that during those years he said that the collars on his white shirts were always blackened by the coal smoke that hung over Salt Lake City. We don't have that now. The power plants used coal. I remember huge forest fires burning in the NW

states. There were thousands of planes in the air burning gasoline. Steam engines all over the world running on coal. Great ships in the oceans burning coal or diesel. Just think of the great armies and their tanks and trucks . The list is endless. And throw in several atomic bombs. That all tallies up to a lot of pollution in the atmosphere. We didn't worry about the ozone hole or acid rain etc. etc. we were more interested in saving our way of life and our lives, to be exact.

Yes, there are a lot more people on this old mud ball, but we also have lots of pollution controls and engines that burn cleaner. Power plants use nuclear power, burn cleaner coal, use clean natural gas and many other things. With the exception of China and India, most industrial nations of today have air quality controls.

Speaking of WWII, brings to mind, WWI. I am sure there was a lot of stuff spewed into the air during those years.

Maybe, there is global warming coming or maybe another ice age, or the end of the world. Who knows?? Well, the Shadow knows and he is not saying anything at this time.

McGill News

The McGill hats and Drugstore t-shirts are being purchased at a steady pace. Almost half way thru them.

Next week, we start working on the back of the Drugstore. The plan is to dig out a lot of the hill that slopes into the back of the store, letting rain water enter the back door and around the foundation. Will need to replace some of the tin wall in the back. When done, the building will be secure for another 100 years. However, don't wait that long to visit the place.

Old Photo



I think this was taken on railroad day in 1906. Anybody know???? Could that be the Renshaw Hotel, a little left of center??

PS—Don't forget to check out this on your phone or PC.

Postcard McGill Drugstore Museum