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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Smokestacks In McGill

The last 2 NLs had some pics looking down from the big 750 ft. stack. There was an elevator in the walls of that stack. It didn't go all the way to the top. There was a window at the top of the elevator, that I think those photos were made from. Well, here is a look from the bottom of one of the smaller 300ft. stacks.



Would you like to climb to the top on this ladder?

There has been a lot of stories and photos of the big stack being dropped, but not many of the smaller ones. I get asked if I know when the smaller ones were dropped. I didn't have an answer until these photos were loaned to me by the Neil Greenwell family.



The date on the photo is 9-16-89



Sad to see these landmarks go to the bin of history.

Folks that grew up in McGill with the 2 smaller stacks, remember seeing them as we approached McGill from the north. Usually, just after we passed Schelbourne. It was a sight for sore eyes,, that meant we were almost home. It meant we were leaving the rest of the world with all it's problems behind. It was a great feeling of relief. For those of us that were just out of high school, it meant we were returning to our roots, our homes, our parents and the other heathens we grew up with, even if it was for a short time. It was especially wonderful at Thanksgiving and Christmas. It meant being able to go to the McGill theater and the terrific popcorn that Mary Fields popped for us. In the summer it was getting a summer job at KCC and dipping in the famous McGill pool, or being on the creeks in Duck Creek valley. But, alas, as we grew older those wonderful things start to disappear and are eventually, just a bunch of treat memories to remember in our later years.

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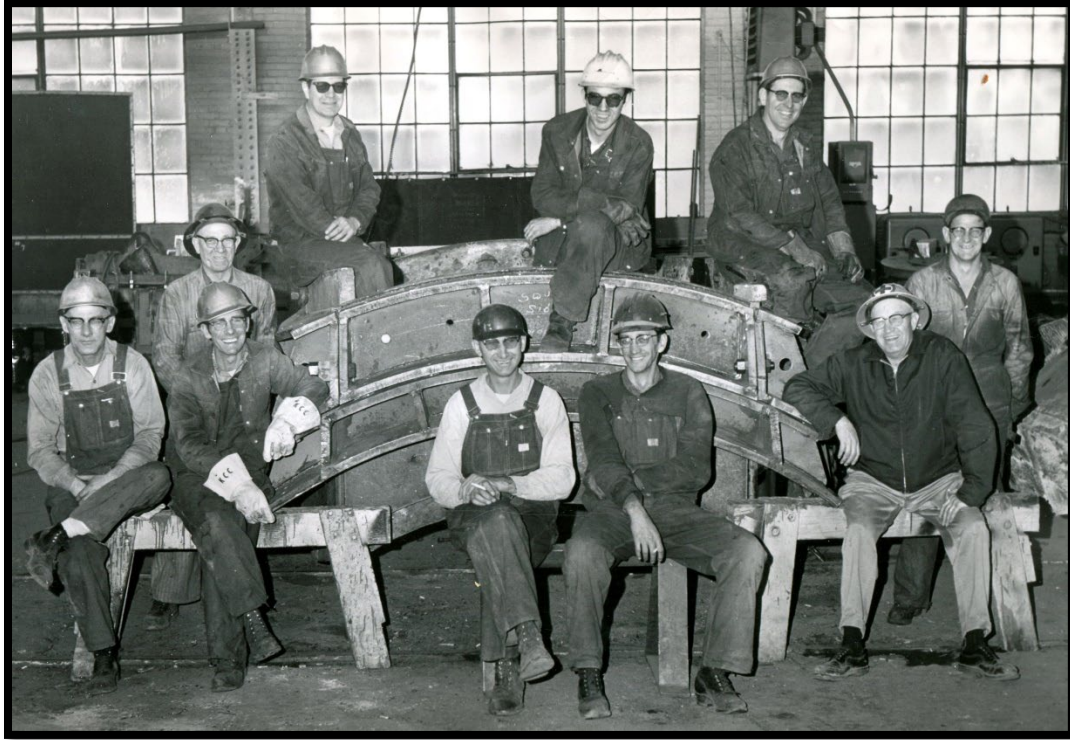
Well, it happened the other day. There was snow on Ward mountain. Geeze, winter is putting it's foot in the door already. Time to check the coolant in the vehicles, tidy up the yard, get some wood for the stove ready. And all the other things we put off until it is cold and blowing snow. The days are getting shorter, but on the optimistic side, they will be getting longer in only 75 days.

Next week will be the great eclipse.

And of course we will be under the spell of another-

Friggatrishkaidekaphobia- or paraskevidekatriaphobia-or in normal terms Friday 13th.

Old Photo



Boiler shop gang. I remember some of them. Bottom row, l-r, Wayne Sterling, ?, ? Alan Goodale, George Holman. 2nd row, Ted Rogers in stripped overhauls. The rest I can't put a name to. Anybody know??