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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Drugstore- Interesting Visitors

I get to meet people from all over the United States and many other countries. Some are very interesting. Here are some examples.

A 63 year old man stopped and did an interview with me last spring. He walks across the US and takes videos. It is like the old movies travelogues of the 1950s. He puts them on his internet site—I Like Mike--. He was a retired mortgage broker in Calif. Check out his videos.

Last week a 77 year old man from Japan came into the Drugstore. His name is, Kozo Miyoshi, and he is a Professor of Photography at the U. of Tokyo. He had a graduate student with him.



They asked if they could take some pictures and of course it was OK. They took a few and then Kozo asked me if he could take a photo of me with an old camera. I agreed and they both left the store and started bringing in some large cases. Kozo, started putting up a large old tripod and an old time camera on top of it. When he said an old camera, he sure meant it.



The camera was made in Chicago in 1930-32. He said it was the only one in Japan. He and his students are doing a book on all the photos he has taken. He told me he will send me one when it is done. The book will also be archived in the U. of Tokyo Library.

Here he is getting ready to shoot a photo.



It was a lot of fun talking with him. He has a great sense of humor.

Over the years I have met many hundreds of interesting people. Of them all I had only one that I told to leave for being rude.

And there was one from the Isle of Guernsey that got mad and left. I asked him politely if that is where the Guernsey milk cows originated. He said yes it was and what the hell did you Americans do to them. He said, "you damn Americans wreck everything. Well, that did it for me. I told him that we made them give more milk and that he should thank us for wrecking the German Army, twice in the last century to save his sorry butt.

All in all it is a fun and interesting place to work.

McGill News

Just learned that Mike Nass is selling his business at the old bank building. He has the building up for sale. He is asking \$200K as is. It would be nice to be able to buy it for McGill to set up a Museum or Heritage Center. The hospital is looking less and less as a possibility because of security concerns.

I was looking at the bank before Mike got it. I was doing some computer work for Paul Kellog, who owned the building. I was getting set to talk to him about making a museum for McGill, but he sold it to Mike. It would be ideal in that it is a secure building, has a walk in safe and an apartment on the 2nd floor that could house an elderly couple to run the museum in return for a place to live. A win, win all the way around.

Old Photo



Campton Store-Now Wilson-Bates, First National Bank on the right and Ely Meat to the left. The round corner of the Northern Hotel is obvious. No date.