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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Tent Living-McGill 1906-8



This photo must have been taken in 1907-9 as you can see the houses in the upper townsite, namely A, B and C rows. The location of these tents is about where the gas station is now. I will enlarge the picture to show the site a little better.



You see the bank building and the large Campton Store in the center of the picture. The Drugstore is just to the right of the Campton. The houses in upper townsite loom larger due to the enlargement.

What was it like living in a tent on a wooden platform? Certainly not what we think of as a good place to live, but at that time and place these quarters probably seemed acceptable to most people. These were mostly immigrants from poorer countries and were glad to have a good job and a roof over their heads, even if it was just canvas. These tents were on wooden platforms and had electric lights, which was a giant step above candles or oil lamps.

The copper company at this time was the Nevada Consolidated Corporation of NCC. The company tried to make things as nice as possible for the workers and their families. NCC provided electric lights and fresh water. They also took care of garbage disposal and sewer waste.

I have been curious as to how they did all those things and have been searching to find out just what it was like to live under those conditions. If anyone has some family history of those conditions, please let me know. I will have more for you next week.

McGill News

The big McGill music festival was a huge success again. Many of the folks that I talked with, were staying at Rudy's campground by the Bassett Lake old road. There was a bus to shuttle them back and forth. They all enjoyed the music and said they would be back next year.

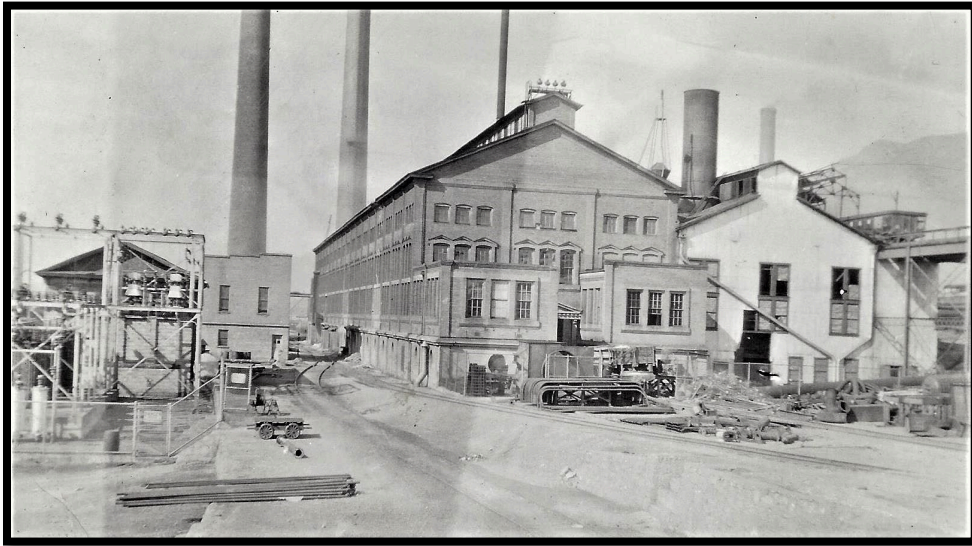
I just ordered some T-shirts and hats for the Drugstore.



They will be priced at \$25 each. I can't quote mailing costs until I get the item and check with the Post Office.

The hats are a dark blue with light blue webbing in the back. There will be visors for the ladies.

Old Photo



Early photo of the power house at KCC in McGill. I don't have a date, but guess it was prior to 1929. The reason I say that is because my Dad told me he and another man painted a Safety First sign on the brick above the windows. They did that in 1929 when he first worked at KCC.