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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

March 31, 2023

### Soda Fountain Counter- Mystery??

The soda fountain in the McGill Drugstore is very unique. The tile work is fantastic. It is a work of art.

Several months ago, a man from the Midwest sent us an email asking if we knew where the counter came from. He had seen it several years ago and was intrigued by it. Last year he bought the contents of a storage unit and there was a counter just like ours. He was going to make a home bar out of it and promised to send me a photo. Don't have the photo, Yet.

I searched through the notes left by Dan Braddock and found reference to a fire in 1933, so I checked the old newspaper files and found that there had been a fire in October of 1933. (Some background info—the owners of the Drugstore as far back as 1920 were very adept at keeping records. Fleming, Clark and the Culberts kept all their records, With the aid of 2 generous donations, I was able to purchase some scanners and have been scanning all these records.)

Then I looked and found this record of a purchase from Smith- Faus Drug Company in Salt Lake.

# CONDITIONAL CONTRACT OF SALE

\$ 1325.00

Salt Lake City, Utah, October 17th, 1933

For value received, the undersigned of McGill xxx, County of

White Pine, State of Nevada, promises to pay to the order of SMITH-FAUS DRUG COMPANY, at its office in Salt Lake City, State of Utah, the sum of

Thirteen Hundred Twenty-five and no/100 xxxxxxxx Dollars (\$ 1325.00),

with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date hereof. Said principal and interest to be payable as follows:

Dollars cash on the signing of this contract; and

---Fifty---

Dollars monthly

upon the 12th day of the month commencing April 12th, 1934.

The consideration for the payment of the above-named sums is the agreement by the said Smith-Faus Drug Company to sell, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, and deliver to the un-

dersigned at McGill, County of White Pine, State of

Nevada, the following described property; viz:

One 12 ft. #2977 M C Mechanicold. Seven only U 2 Leather Seats.

One 1/2 H. P. Frigidaire. One 6 ft. 3113 CM 5 Wall Case.

One 12 ft. Hollywood Counter. One 6 ft. 3101 DM4S Wall Case.

One 12 ft. Formica Top. Two only Panel Ends.

Seven only Sani Stools 27 in. One 6 ft. D3651 Combination Counter and Display Case with HD-14 Rear.

It is further agreed that the ownership, title and right of possession of said property shall not pass from the said Smith-Faus Drug Company, or its assigns, until this note with interest is paid in full, and that should the maker hereof, at any time before this note is paid in full, default in the payment of the above-named installments or attempt to sell or otherwise dispose of said property, or to remove same from the premises above noted, as the residence of said maker, without the written consent of the holders of this note, or if for any other cause the holders hereof deem themselves insecure even before the maturity of this note, that the holders hereof shall have the right to declare the same due, and thereupon if said note or any part thereof is unpaid it shall be lawful for the holders of this note to enter into full possession of property wherever found, and this shall be their warrant to enter upon the premises of the maker of this note to obtain such possession, and to sell the same at public or private sale in good faith, with or without notice, and after payment of all costs and expenses of said sale, and reasonable attorneys' fees, to credit the net proceeds thereof upon the balance then due on said note, or they may without sale, endorse the value of the property upon this note, and the undersigned maker agrees to pay any balance due thereon after endorsement as damage and rental for said property.

The Buyer agrees to insure said property against loss by fire for an amount not less than the original deferred balance so long as any part thereof remains unpaid, and in the event the said buyer fails to so insure, the said Smith-Faus Drug Company may pay the premiums for said insurance and then add the same to the deferred principal then due hereunder.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Buyer has hereunto set his hand to this Contract executed in duplicate at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 16th day of October, 1933.

Witness:

*A. E. Thompson*

McGill Drug Company

By *Howard* President.

Approved: Jan 10 - 1936.

By *Clayton F. Clark* Secretary.

SMITH-FAUS DRUG CO.

For Smith-Faus Drug Company



Mystery solved? Hardly!! As, with all historical research, the path usually leads down a 'rabbit hole'. That is what makes it so interesting.

Several months later, as I was scanning documents, I noticed this little gem.

SMITH-FAUS DRUG CO.		IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS		SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH		
Sold to	MC GILL DRUG COMPANY					
Town	MC GILL					
State	NEVADA					
Ship	SMITH FAUS TRUCK					
All bills become due when debtor assigns, suspends payment or when any change occurs in ownership. Retention of goods under this billing is an acceptance of all terms stated hereon.		All accounts subject to discount as shown on invoice must be paid before the tenth of month following purchase to earn discount, unless otherwise specified. 30 days net. Interest at 10 per cent per annum on past due balances.				
DRUGS		DATE				
SUNDRY		CONTRACT				
LABORATORY		7.25.29				
SODA FOUNTAIN		BINDER FOLIO				
P. P. AND INS.						
QUANTITY	ARTICLE	PRICE	1%	2%	2% A	NET
1	ONLY 12' 2977 M C MECHANICOLD					
1	" 1/2 H P FRIGIDAIR					
1	" 12' HOLLYWOOD COUNTER					
1	" 12' FORMICA TOP					
7	" SANI STOOLS 27"					
7	" U 2 LEATHER SEATS					
						TOTAL \$2,220.00
SHIP SOON AS POSSIBLE						

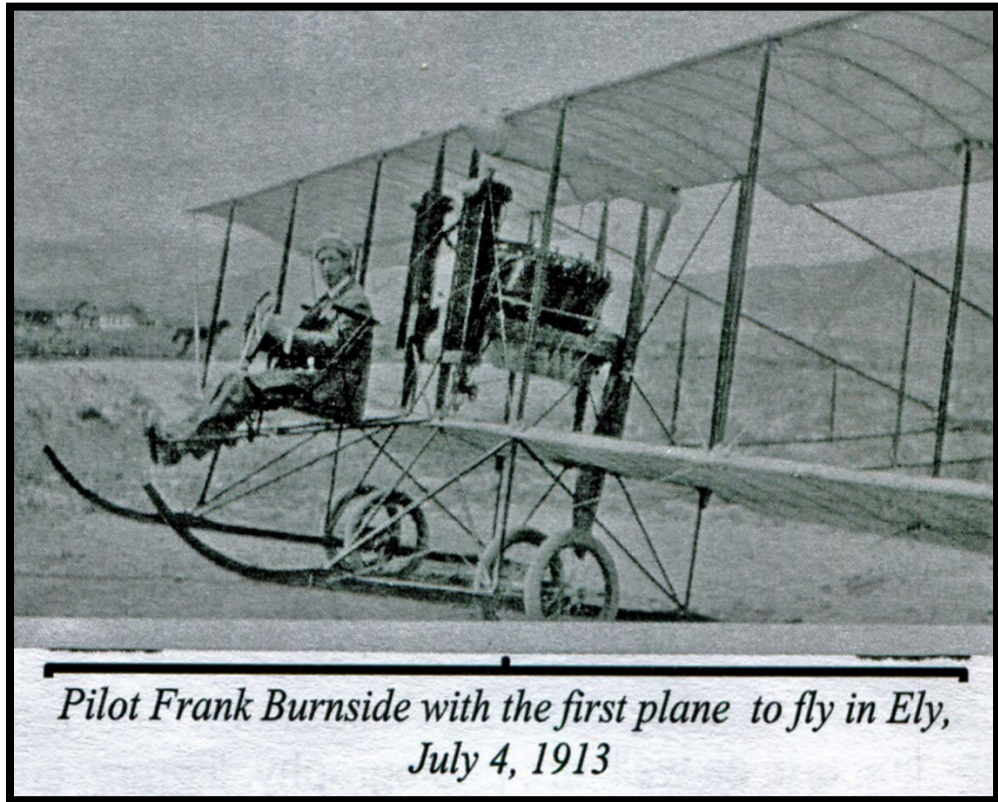
What happened in September of 1929 besides the Stock Market collapse?

Was there another fire>Was the counter damaged by some other means>

So, down the 'rabbit hole' again and hope to find an answer.



## Old Photo



This is the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this flight. Frank set an altitude record that day. I wonder if he set any more records. Are there family members around? Maybe they have some more info or photos of Frank. Wonder what happened to him?

I included NL155 in today's email.