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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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McGill's Hospital-Where Was It Built ?

That may sound like a stupid question, but I found a 1911 newspaper item, that the hospital had been moved to it's present location, in order to be closer to the railroad. There was no mention of where it was before it was moved or where it was built. They moved a lot of buildings around in those days. Bradley's Store was turned around in 1925-26, leaving a space between it and the antiques store.

I searched the newspapers for any clue that might help. I did find that in the Monday, November 25, 1907 issue of The White Pine News, that the parents of Miss Jennie Newinger, were visiting her and that she was working as a nurse at the Smelter Hospital in McGill. So we know that the hospital was built before that date. Then I found an article in the paper dated, November 20, 1906, stating that hospital quarters have been erected and that Dr. Abbott requests that doctor be in charge of the facility on a permanent basis.



The next step would be to look at photos to find a building that might be the hospital, in a different location. The next photo was taken in 1908-09. It shows the tents and main street along with the two houses on the circle that are just below the main mansion. The park on K Ave. is not there and there are no houses on K Ave. and no houses in middle town. The houses on A and B rows in townsite are visible and so is the trestle. There is no building on the corner of First Street and K Ave. Actually there doesn't seem to be a First Street



Next is an enlargement from a photo that was supposed to have been taken in 190, but I think it was later, probably early 1910, because K Ave. has houses on it. You can see the bank building at the bottom of K and on Main St. By counting the houses on K Ave. we find that the top one is the original staff house on the corner of K and 2nd street. It is now the home of Frank Stanko. No hospital.



And there is not a house right below the hospital. I enlarged a portion of the 2nd photo to show the area above the bank. The white building just behind the power pole, I think is the house on the corner of 3rd and K. Bob Pratt lives there at the present time. I think the hospital may have been the building in the background, just to the left of the yard arm on the power pole. It looks like it was a finished building and might have been built in 1907.



There has to be an answer somewhere in the written history or in an old photograph. I will keep trying to figure this out. Anyone know??

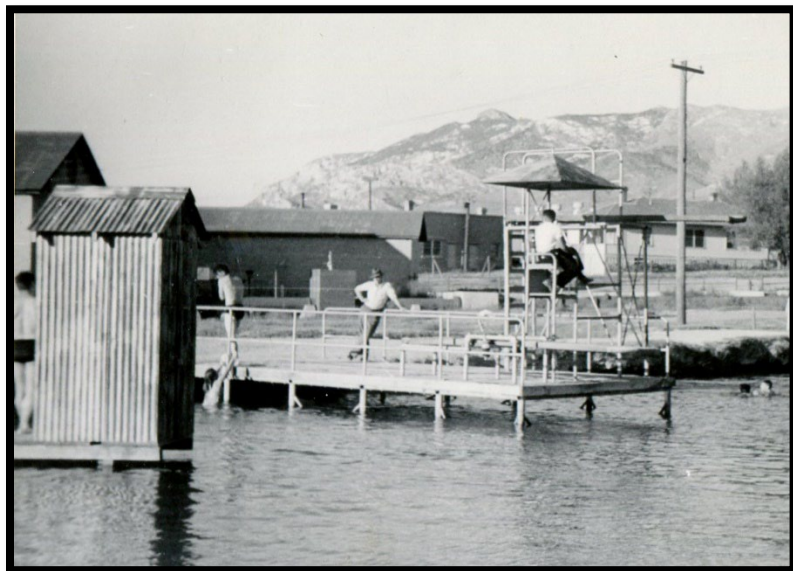
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I had a nice, surprise visit from Helen Papez, at the Drugstore. I had not seen her since the middle 1950s. We were able to find some records in the files, of her parents. It is always a pleasure to have folks from the 1940s,50s to visit with . It brought back some memories of our days at school. It's that unique, 'McGill thing' we McGillites share with each other.

Some visitors from American Falls, Idaho told me that they heard the radio interview that I did 2 weeks ago with NPR. It is at –Postcard from the McGill Drugstore Museum-/

Old Photo

During a recent conversation at the McGill Club, where many problems have been solved, the McGill pool was brought up. We started chatting about the old days and what was at the pool. The high and low diving boards were mentioned, along with the lifeguard's chair. I mention that there was a small building just south of the diving boards, that housed the valve to drain the pool. I found some photos.



These were taken in the early 1950s.