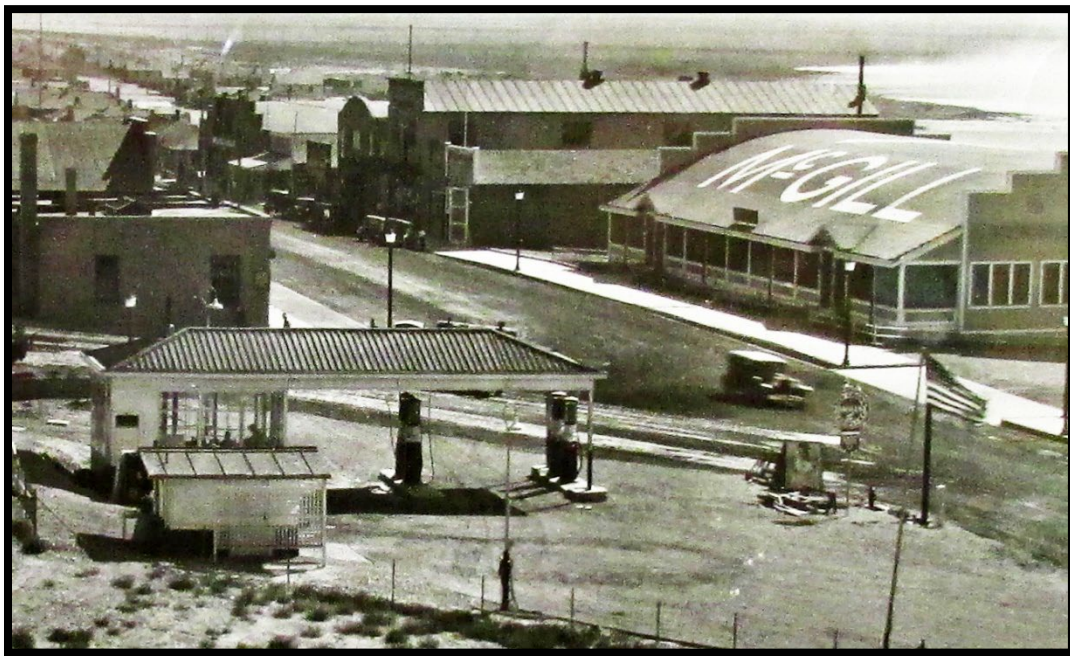


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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Dating Photos



The Standard service station was built in 1927-28. The huge Commissary was built in 1926-27. The McGill Club two story was built in 1920. The theater was built in 1928. The bank has a flat roof, instead of a gable roof. Notice the lamp posts.



This photo I would date 1927. The Commissary, 1026 is there but the theater, 1928 is not. The Brunswick started business in January 1927.



This is another 1927 photo. The Commissary , 1926 is there. The theater 1928 is not. The Standard station, 1928 is not. Notice the power poles.

It is hard to get an accurate date on a lot of photos. The power poles seem to change all the time and so do the lamp posts.

A lot of the buildings were moved around or torn down and replaced. It was done very quickly. That tells me there were some very smart engineers and builders back in those early days. Of course they didn't have fifty different gubberment agencies messing things up.

The movers were able to move large buildings around. The hospital was moved to its present location around 1911, to be closer to the train depot. I still haven't found where it used to be, but I think it was close to main street. Bradley's store was turned in 1927 circa. Dale Cottrell in a recording, tells about it being moved. He was a young McGill heathen at the time. He said that he and his friends were upset about the move, because they used to crawl under the porch on the Campton store and find loose change that customers had dropped. Dale said the movers put the store on large greased beams and pulled them around with teams of horses.

It is all very interesting how McGill main street changed.

## McGill News

The weather here is crazy. It is near 60 with night temps around 25-30. Actually pretty nice, but I know we will pay for it soon. January came in warm and is going out very warm.

## Old Photo



This is around 1907-08. The large building on the left was either torn down or moved. Next is the Reid (Steptoe) Café and then a barber shop. The corner of the building on the right is the American Trading post which later became the McGill Club.