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## Keith's corner/McGill News

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### Bottles , Bottles

While working at the Drugstore and doing my books and Newsletters, I have been getting interested in bottles and other old things.

I wrote an article about Mr. A. E. Prestion, the cashier of the McGill Bank for many years. He used to sign new U. S. Currency to be put into circulation. Because of this, I got to know Mike Little of Ohio. Mike is an avid collector of bank historical things. He also collects antique pharmacy bottles. During a phone call last year he mentioned that he had a bottle from the Clark Drugstore in McGill. Fred Clark had a drugstore where the Antique store is now. Mike and I worked out a deal and he sent me a Clark's Drugstore bottle.

Clark was in business from 1908 to 1913-14. He leased the pharmacy to O. Ford in 1913. In January of 1914, Ford left for parts unknown and Clark closed the business.

This year, Mike informed me that he had a Steptoe Drug, Ely, East Ely and McGill, 2oz. bottle. It is now at the McGill Drugstore. The McGill Drugstore was originally a Steptoe Drugstore from 1908 to 1915.

We also closed a deal for a token coin made for the McGill Drugstore. These tokens were handed out by different stores for various reasons and were worth 12.5 cents towards a future purchase.

I plan to build a cabinet case to display them, along with some other antique pharmacy bottles at the drugstore.

Mike told me about a master collector based in Reno, by the name of Fred Holabird. I called and talked with Fred. He has a beautiful book on old bottles. It is a masterpiece.

Fred and I worked out a deal. He sent me some copies of his bottle book and agreed to split the profits with us. So, if you are interested in bottles, drop by and get one of these books.

I mentioned several articles ago that James Reed donated some of his books to sell. The profits from these various books will be used to acquire more old McGill Drugstore pharmacy bottles for display. These will give us more items to showcase our heritage.

Don't forget the old McGill Dairy Co. bottle that a newcomer to McGill found in his basement, that he gave to us.

The McGill Dairy Co. delivered milk and cream to our front door for many years. I remember the driver of the milk truck was Mr. Picolo. I looked thru my card file of where people lived in McGill from 1918 to 1956 and found that Picolo lived in that house where the bottle was found. History can be strange at times.

Without a large employer like KCC, McGill only has our rich and interesting history to keep the old town from ending up in the dust bin of history. After all, don't you think we have had enough with the dust??

This is the reason I keep asking people to look for old photos and other stuff from the past, that could be put on display.

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Here are some display racks that were stashed in boxes in the back room. They were dirty but are clean now



It is a shame to leave such great old things in boxes. I plan to exhibit them for visitors to enjoy.

## Old Photo



There were troops stationed on McGill during WWI.

During WWII we did not have troops here, but we did have blackouts, air raid drills, first aid classes and rationing.