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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Drugstore Heating Systems



This photo was probably taken in the 1940s. You can see the front of a stove on the left side of the photo. I don't know if it was an oil or coal stove. My guess would be an oil stove.

It utilized the old brick chimney still standing. I would think that before an oil stove, there was a coal or wood stove in the same spot.

The brick chimney is starting to fall apart and is next on the list to be fixed.

I don't know what year the coal stove went bye bye, but the next step was an oil heater. A few years later an oil furnace was added and a furnace room was built at the back of the store. This oil furnace heated water that was piped to the main room of the store into two large radiator type blowers, one in the front and one in the back.

The last change to be made was to install a heat pump. This unit not only heats the place but also air conditions it. I don't know what is next??



The heat pump is at the lower right of the photo. You can also see the old brick chimney. We will fix it and give it a good coat of paint. The new tin roof is also visible.

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The roof over the furnace room is now finished. The roof cap is on and sealed with mastax and the gutters have been installed. It looks like the rest of the building. The fake brick area on the front of the store was covered with a long-lasting semi clear coat of protective lacquer. So, the whole outside of the store has now been cleaned, primed and painted. The canopy has been cleaned, primed, painted and better secured to the building. This should give the place another good 75 years of use.



Old Photo



When McGill still had trees. This was taken in the 1950s. You can see how beautiful the 'circle' area was. Also, notice the trees along main street just north of the 'clubhouse'. And K Avenue. We McGill heathens played a lot of football on those parks. KCC did a great job of keeping things green and beautiful. We McGillites had a lot of pride in our town back in those days. Take a good look at the town now. Why can't we have a beautiful town again?? Someone please tell me why we can't.



Just in---new T-shirts and hats.

T-shirts \$20.00 Hats \$20.00

Small, medium, large XL and 2XL