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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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BORED????

ARE YOU BORED ?

THE ONLY THING I AM BORED WITH IS PEOPLE TELLING ME THEY ARE BORED AND WISH THAT SOMEONE WOULD DO SOMETHING. MY STANDARD ANSWER TO THAT IS, TURN THE BOOB TUBE OR SMARTPHONE OFF AND DO SOMETHING YOURSELF. NO OTHER PERSON CAN READ YOUR MIND AS TO WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO, SO QUIT WHINNING AND DO SOMETHING. GET A HOBBY, GO FOR A WALK. YOUR BOREDOM, IS ONLY THE RESULT OF YOUR LAZINESS.

SOME OF THE YOUNGER FOLKS ASK ME, WHAT WE OLDER MCGILLITES DID WHEN WE WERE BORED. I DON'T EVER REMEMBER BEING BORED AS A KID IN MCGILL. WE WERE TOO BUSY DOING THE THINGS WE LIKED TO DO, LIKE RIDING BIKES, PLAYING SPORTS, HIKING, SWIMMING AND EVEN READING A BOOK OR PUTTING A JIGSAW PUZZLE TOGETHER OR BUILDING A MODEL AIRPLANE FROM SCRATCH. ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES INVOLVED DOING SOMETHING FOR YOURSELF. GEE, WHAT A CONCEPT.

NOT ONLY DID THESE THINGS KEEP BOREDOM AWAY FROM OUR LIVES, THEY ALSO GAVE US MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES FOR US TO ENJOY IN LATER YEARS.

I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF GROWING UP AND NOT BEING BORED. I REMEMBER THE MANY BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES LIKE CAMPING, LEARNING NEW THINGS TO EARN MERIT BADGES, KNOT TYING, FIRST AID, NATURE HIKES AND WOOD CRAFTS.

WE LEARNED HOW TO USE VARIOUS TOOLS AND WERE ALWAYS INVENTING SOME NEW THING THAT WOULD SAVE CIVILIZATION SOMEHOW. I REMEMBER SPENDING MANY HOURS TRYING TO MAKE A NEW WATER PISTOL OUT OF A SGO MILK TIN CAN. I WAS

LEARNING HOW TO USE A SOLDERING IRON. I PUT A BICYCLE TIRE VALVE IN THE TOP OF THE CAN, AN INLET SPOUT AND AN OUTLET COPPER TUBE WITH THE NOZZLE FROM AN OLD SQUIRT GUN. I SHOULD HAVE CALLED IT A “SOAKER GUN” AND PUT IT ON THE MARKET. INSTEAD I GOT A TIRE PUMP AND PROCEEDED TO PRESSUREIZE IT. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT CAN BE LABELED AN ‘UNCONTROLLED WATER LEAK’, THE CAN BLEW OUT THE SEAM. OH, WELL, I TRIED. A LOT OF TIME WASTED BUT UNLIKE TV WATCHING I ACTUALLY LEARNED A LOT. MY SOLDERED WELDS WERE GOOD AND TIN CANS CAN’T HOLD MUCH PRESSURE.

WE LEARNED A LOT OF LESSONS, BUT WERE NEVER BORED. WE WERE HAPPY.

THE HAPPIEST ADULTS I KNOW ARE THOSE THAT HAVE A HOBBY AND ARE ALWAYS LEARNING NEW THINGS.

FOR EXAMPLE, HERE IS A PHOTO OF KAREN GONZALES OF MCGILL WITH THE GUITAR THAT SHE MADE OUT OF CERAMICS. SHE DOES MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF CRAFTS AND IS NEVER BORED.



KAREN AND HER CERAMIC 'GLASS' GUITAR

MCGILL NEWS

I HAD A LADY IN THE DRUGSTORE THE OTHER DAY, THAT TOLD ME AN INTERESTING STORY. HER FATHER, ROBERT LEE CANFIELD WAS RAISED ON A RANCH IN TEXAS AND LOVED HORSES AND THE RODEO. WHEN HE WAS DRAFTED INTO THE US ARMY DURING WWII AND SENT TO EUROPE, HE WAS TOLD TO ROUNG UP HORSES, COWS AND CALVES AND PUR ON RODEOS FOR THE TROOPS AND THE LOCAL POPULATION. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL BOOKS WRITTEN ABOUT IT.

OLD PHOTO



THE MILL ON FIRE IN JULY OF 1922.

