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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### McGill



A lot of tourists ask me why McGill is here, I tell them that it was a place where people could afford to live the American Dream. Now there are many versions of the American Dream, but I like to think that McGill had a very nice version of that Dream.

During my life I have encountered many versions from people from different parts of the world. Over the years my jumbled mass of gray matter that somehow got lodged between my opposing ears, led me to put these different versions into two big groups. The first would be the city version and the second would be the country version.

The city one could be represented by folks from Salt Lake City. In the early days of SLC, people liked to live close to the center where the

stores, churches etc. were located. They were tired of living in tents and sod houses. They wanted to be around other folks. As the town grew into a city and the congestion was under way, many of the city folk started moving into the suburbs for some peace and quiet. With all this moving the city grew larger and soon filled the whole valley. The congestion is terrible, but the city dudes stay because of the high wages and access to shopping, medical etc.

However, they do like to get away from the city at times.

The small town version is just the opposite. We like to live in an area where we know most other people and we are not burdened by congestion. We don't make high incomes and live in fancy homes, but we do have some peace and quiet. Every time I go to Salt Lake I am glad that I don't live there. The traffic is horrible, even during the day. Rush hours are impossible. It is a madhouse. Here in McGill, we have to drive 12 miles to see a traffic light. The next traffic light is over a 100 miles away.

We can drive to a business without red stop lights and other traffic stoppages. While in the store we usually see a friend and chat for a few moments. The stores don't have hundreds of different kinds of toothpaste or breakfast cereals, but the clerks are friendly and helpful. If we want a bigger selection, we can travel to Elko or Salt Lake or St. George.

I think most people want to live both versions. City folks head to the country for peace and quiet and we small towners go to the city for some things. Something to think about.

## McGill News

We finally got a little snow and I mean a little. This winter is weird. I have never seen one like this. We have temps close to zero at night and 50 in the day. Let us hope for some good rain this spring.



This is the back wall of the furnace room at the drugstore. It was built out of cinder block. The block was never filled properly and so the bitter heat and cold came through. Some of the mortar was gone and you could see outside. We filled the cracks and then painted the walls with tar sealer and then a layer of 30 # felt. Next we put on some fir strips and blue screwed them into the block. Next was 3/4 inch styrofoam board and a final layer of felt. Finally some 1/2 inch sheetrock. You can also see the insulated fire door. The room is so much warmer now and should help the furnace.

## Old Photo



Does this sign still exist??

