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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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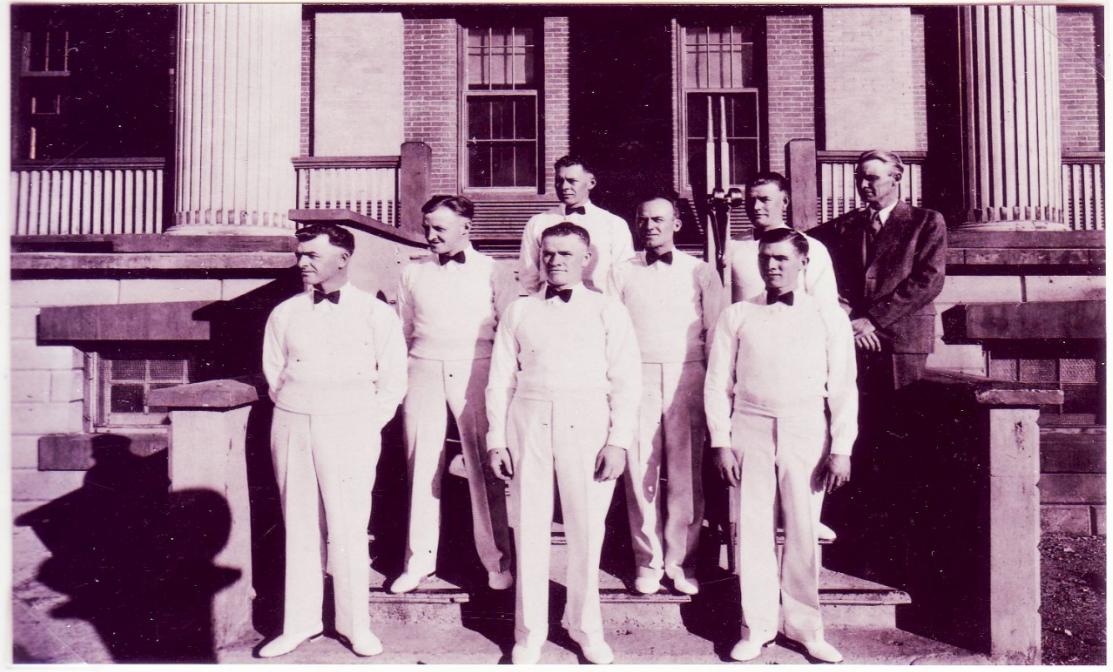
Former McGill Residents

A lot of visitors to the Drugstore are former residents or relatives of former residents. The other day I had some nice folks in the store asking about Roland Sabey, their Grandfather. I had no clue. He apparently left McGill in 1945. They knew where he had lived, but I could not find his card. I have a file of 3 x 5 cards that the copper company used to charge rent for the McGill houses. I have them from 1918 to 1956, but his card was missing.

While we were looking, one of the family was looking at the old calendar by the safe and out of the corner of her eye she say the photo I posted by the large silver trophy cup on the wall and she saw that her Grandfather was in the photo. It was a photo of a award winning first aid team in the 1930s.

I had gotten the photo from Bob Pratt a few years ago and put it up by the silver trophy. I mentioned this and they said that their Grandparents were good friends of the Pratts.

That night I sent them the photo via email and they sent me another photo of the team for my collection. Here are the two photos. The first one is the one they sent me. I am looking for the rental card.



This picture of a Nevada Mines Division first aid team was taken Sept. 26, 1933. Fay Brunson of the maintenance department who is fourth from the left identifies the men as Howard Keel, left, I. D.

Cook, Bob Pratt, now in the warehouse, Tony Gee, Brunson, the late Bruce Willis and Roland Sabey. Standing in the back is Dick Peterson, team instructor, who now lives in East Ely.

It is amazing what happens each day at the old Drugstore.

McGill News

The McGill Drugstore has a new look on the front. We now have a museum sign to lure more of the travelers going thru town. Several of the 'snow birds' from Idaho, Montana and Canada, that whiz thru McGill in the fall and back again in the spring, have told me that they always thought of us as a Drugstore, so they didn't stop.

We had two folks from Elko come in to visit within minutes of getting the sign up. A few minutes after they left, another couple from Montana arrived.





I recently received this photo in an email from Randy Jones. He asked if I could identify the players. It was thought to be in the 1930s. Randy identified his grandfather, Nick Dubravac on the front row right and Robert Novich identified his uncle Charles Novich as the one standing next to the guy with the tie.

I found the team roster in the Ely Times, August 4, 1931. They were the Nevada State Junior League Champs. The coach was Roy Eberley on the left and the guy with the tie I believe was the manager of the McGill American Legion. I am trying to find his name.