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Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Quote: When you end up in a not so good situation, instead of asking "Why me?," ask "What can I learn." Unknown

As we start this new decade, remember to be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help, and brave enough to ask for it. Your dreams don't come with an expiration date so don't be afraid to try again. It might even be more fun and productive the next time. If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, or at least move, you are always in the same place. Most of all, remember to pray for guidance from God as you travel onward.

"No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress, you're still way ahead of everyone who isn't trying." Tony Robbins

CHOICES

Another New Year
With choices each day.
What will you choose
As you go on your way?

Will you, with loving heart,
Choose to serve the Lord?
Or, will you follow the world
And the things He abhors?

Will you offer a hand
To those who are in need?
Will you take time
To do a good deed?

It's a clean slate!
A new story to write.
Will your decisions
Keep Jesus in sight?

It's up to you
To choose the path you trod,
Make the right choice,
And go with God.

J.R. Trumbull
24 December 2006

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

January 1, 2020

Happy New Year! Starting the ninth year of 'repetitious 'ritings' and I imagine you didn't think the end of last year was any better than that first one was in 2012! So much for that old cliche, "practice makes perfect"! I recently re-read the first hundred of those attempts at putting words together and I was really ashamed of the way I've treated you. But I was listening, easier than reading, but risky for messing up the context with snoring, to the story about the destruction of Sodom in the Bible and I could just imagine hearing Abraham pleading, "but if there's even ten that read 'Between the Lines' would you want Dean to quit writing"? And God, or the editor, saying, "I guess not"! So without even getting an accurate count I'll try a little longer, and who knows, there might be ten every week just curious enough to check to see if they want to read me!

cost has more than kept up, and you don't need me to tell you all the advantages of hydraulics, although I believe that to be the best thing that ever happened to the machinery industry. In fact, I don't need to tell you anything, although I've had a lot of experience in the category of 'advice giving'!

Would you like me to change horses in the middle of the stream? Would you like me to fall off and drown?

Back to that Henry Reichenberg place again, where they had to wait for a small snow melt to put up McMullen hay. At another time, Fred Roberts, Lorna, who we recently 'laid to rest', and her younger brother, a 'Jr' that we just called 'Bobby' lived there. I can't remember much, well, do you expect me to, about the livestock that Fred had, but I know the elder Fred was gone a lot. I know that Lorna worked just as hard outdoors as she did inside being hired hand, housekeeper and cook, and I remember that Bobby, with one team of horses mowed and raked a good share of the hay on that place.

Reichenberg place when I was home for my 'delay enroute! In June of 1945 (I know this because one of those few nights that I was home, sleeping in our old sod bunkhouse, I was commandeered to go to that place, when what I called night, and help unload a piano. I think I already mentioned that Don was inclined to run a wee bit behind schedule. Now I've got the sequence arranged in my bald head! Don must have moved to that place in the spring of 1943, I taught Francis in third grade that next term of school. He was there two years, because he got a piano in June of 1945, and Lorna was there when I came home in July of 1946.

You may have had enough of that place, and I've mentioned it too many times as a reference point, but I want to go there just a little longer and squeeze just a few more ideas out of those acres that lie 'between the fences' at the east of Duck Lake!

Henry moved back to Ogallala and bought a motel on west highway 30 (I'll bet you wouldn't want me to get between the lines and talk about motels) and after he received the rent on his land for that three years he sold it to Robert Lutes, for \$10.25 an acre and Dad bought 40 acres off the southwest corner of it for the building site of the land now owned by Helen. Dad also bought the buildings from Robert and he and brother Don tore them down and used the material to build the house at his place (my grand dad's homestead, where I've already told you about three different sod houses). That house was bought, after Dad died in the fall of 1963, by Al Knott and moved to Arthur and is now occupied by a Turner family, and there was enough material, especially those tall rafters, to build the barn at Duck Lake

Way too long, if you don't get the last few lines it will be my fault!

Graphic Files

From The Tryon Graphic Archives

TEN YEARS AGO
JANUARY 7, 2010
The McPherson County Blood drive was held December 28, 2009. Twenty units of blood were donated, with one of those, Eric Trumbull, being a first time donor.

Shaun Bellew and sons, David and Terry celebrated Christmas with Dale, Vivian and Beau Licking on Sunday, December 27.

Births: Kathryn Belle, October 11, 2009, daughter of Wyatt and Julie Smith, North Platte; Luke Alexander, born December 16, 2009, parents are John and Laura Kasper, North Platte.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 6, 2000
School District No. 4 Honor Roll was released. Those listed on it were: Cortney Bullington, Meka Melvin, Elizabeth Licking, Ryan Mumm, Megan Suchy, Amanda Albrecht, Jenny Albrecht, Emily Krull, Stacy Neal, Ben Cochran, Derek Neal, Taylor Lovitt, Margo McNutt, Talia Miller, Alison Sowers, Michael Connick, Shaylee Powers, Troy Connick, George Licking.

Those with perfect attendance at School District No. 4 were: Ben Cochran, Meka Melvin, Derek Neal, Lindsey Ritter, Amy Kelley, Anna Licking, Margo McNutt, Talia Miller, Elizabeth Licking, Shaylee Powers and George Licking.

The 50th wedding anniversary of Faye and Lavelle Stoddard was observed Thursday, December 30, 1999.

Death: Dorothy Lawyer, December 28, 1999; Janet L. Johnson, December 27, 1999; Rev. Albert Hinkle, December 30, 1999.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 4, 1990
Duane Moore from California and Gary Moore from Colorado, visited their uncles and aunts, the Jack and Joe Daly's, in

Tryon December 30th. The family of Daisy Rundback was hosting an open house to be held January 7, at the Presbyterian Church in Stapleton, for her 85th birthday.

Due to extremely cold weather, December 21, attendance was very light at the Tryon Rebekah Lodge meeting.

FORTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 3, 1980
The Rev. Richard Ather-ton, father of Mrs. David Lux, was guest speaker on December 30th at the Tryon United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Piat of West Shore, new York, were announcing the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Kenneth Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schmidt of Tryon.

Mellie M. Lancaster, age 83, a North Platte area resident since 1947, passed away Sunday in the hospital at Mullen. She and her husband lived on a ranch in McPherson County until 1947.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 1, 1970
Vicki Miller is among 27 students who will receive caps at the 22nd Capping ceremony of the Alliance Vocational School of Practical Nursing on Sunday, January 11, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28.

Mable Cash had the misfortune of breaking her ankle in three places Friday morning and was taken to Memorial Hospital by Gary Neal in his station wagon. The accident occurred when Mrs. Cash was burning trash and slipped and fell.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 7, 1960
The New Year was ushered in by high winds and snow here January 1st, for the second bad blizzard of this winter. From six to

eight inches of snow fell as winds drifted it into drifts. Temperatures dropped to around zero on January 2, and went below zero on the 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neal became the parents of a baby boy. Rex was born January 2, 1960.

An invitation to the wedding of Phyllis Lorraine Griffiths and Samuel J. Connell on Sunday, January 10, 1960, at the First Baptist Church in North Platte, was being extended by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Griffiths and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell, Sr.

The Tryon Rebekah Lodge held installation of officers for the new year on Monday night, January 4. Officers installed were Jack Cotton, Geneva Neal, Hollis Snyder, Darlene Waits, Vivian Winters, Audrey French, Maxine Neal, Virginia O'Connor, Louelva Priest, Maude Pierson and Pat Ansel.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 8, 1950
Mrs. Lola Faye Mayfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mayfield of North Platte, became the bride of Lavelle Stoddard, son of Mrs. Margaret Stoddard of Lena, in a candle-light ceremony Friday

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Anyway I want to 'kill' another week, or two, with tractors starting again with that little Allis Chalmers that Bob Sizer had. I can't imagine it was my fault, but shortly after I drove that tractor with the Allis mower it showed up with an international mower, that was the crazy wheel model, not the one that just hung on the draw bar. I believe, and will surely get a correction if I'm wrong, that was model 25-V, because it had the V shaped channel iron frame that went back to the little castor wheel. I believe, and I was a 'greenie' where mowers were concerned, that was a very worthless model and after Bob had driven it clear to Arthur (with the bar off, of course) to have it welded a few times, he started just bringing it to our little farm shop for Dad to fix. It wasn't long until that combination disappeared from Sizer's place and a Ford took its place. Some salesman must have convinced Bob to get a tractor with hydraulics that he could both mow and stack with! He had both capabilities with the Ford though we never thought it was very ideal, maybe it was just the color of the paint.

Machinery has come a long way, - baby, but the

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