



# McPherson County News

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 4, 2007**  
 Services were held December 30, for "Chuck" Charles C. Schmidt, 89, of Grand Island.

Dolores Huffman hosted the Helping Hand Club for Christmas dinner. Seven members and three men were present to enjoy a fine meal.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 2, 1997**

McPherson County Sheriff Barry Hinkle investigated an accident north of Tryon Friday, December 27, at approximately 10:30 a.m. Justin Moore, was north bound on Highway 97 and slowed for a snow plow. Joanne Shimmin of Lincoln was behind Moore and was blinded by the snow and ran into the back end of Moore's vehicle. Both cars sustained damage, but no personal injuries were reported.

Donald E. Neal, 78, died December 24, 1996 at Great Plains Medical Center in North Platte.

Services were held December 30, for Visa Bee Stalnaker, 94, of Stapleton.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 1, 1987**

Hazel Yates and son, Jimmy of Radcliff, Kentucky, arrived here December 21st and Hazel will be staying at Tryon for a time with her parents, Fay and Annabel Thompson. Jimmy returned to Kentucky Friday, December 28.

Bill Phipps of Mullen is moving to Kearney to begin study to enter the field of medicine. He met with the United Methodist Church youth fellowship in Tryon to speak.

Jacque Matthews and Grace Trumbull ate Christmas dinner with the Charles Trumbull family in Callaway.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 5, 1967**

The engagement of Miss Carolyn Crosby to Riley Shimmin of Kearney was being announced. Riley's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shimmin of the Tryon area.

Mr. and Mrs. John Daigler of North Platte are the

parents of a new daughter born January 1, 1967 in Memorial hospital.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 3, 1957**

A double ring wedding ceremony was held for Miss Helen Wilson and Larry Trumbull. Attendants to the couple were Mrs. Marvin Huffman, Shirla Power, John Wilson and Gaylord Wright.

Helen Josephine Fattig, 57, died Saturday night in a North Platte hospital. She had been a lifelong resident of the Ringgold community.

Dick Schmidt had the misfortune of breaking a collar bone Thursday when he was thrown from a horse at the Chester McNutt ranch.

Among the births were Joanne Kaye Brooks, born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks; Kimra Faye Anthony, born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Anthony; and a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hallsted on Monday.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 2, 1947**

George Priest of North Platte and an old time resident of McPherson County passed away Saturday evening at his home in North Platte.

Miss Beatrice Shimmin became the bride of Dwayne Maether on December 14, 1946.

Funeral services were held Sunday for Flora Ernestine Lutes Connell of Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wright are moving to their new home in Kidder, MO, soon.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 7, 1937**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardin and family and Margaret Moore of Gandy visited at the Ralph Allen home Thursday.

The Burnham home was the scene of a wedding on Christmas evening when Miss Beulah E. Burnham, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Burnham of Tryon, became the bride of Mr. George F. Hawkins, eldest son of Mrs. Bert Davis of Ogallala. Her attendant was Miss Helen Hawkins, sister of the groom. Best man was Mr.

Raymond Burnham, brother of the bride.

Vera Snyder and baby son were released from the hospital on Monday, and were taken to the Snyder home.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smolik announce the birth of a son, born January 2, 1957 at the home of Mrs. Smolik's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Downing.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**JANUARY 6, 1927**

Seven residences have been built in Tryon or under construction since June 1. Ira Cumpston moved into his new residence during the holidays and Harry Pyzer and Theodore French excavated and began construction on their new houses. Besides these residences there have been marked improvements on many other properties. There are rumors of more possible buildings for the coming spring and summer. The business places of the town enjoy a substantial patronage and prosperity is evidenced by one of the most substantial banks in the country. There is no question but that Tryon has a promising future. It is the only town in the county being the county seat. The fine new courthouse was dedicated last August. The County High School is among the best with a competent core of teachers this year. We are expecting the Great Plains Highway to come through from North Platte in the near future. For real honest to goodness home seekers who have the grit to roll up their sleeves and get busy (Continued On Page 7)

## New year, new masthead

The beginning of a new year brings about change and the debut of a new masthead for the McPherson County News section of the newspaper.

The McPherson County News was established in unorganized territory on December 29, 1889 by D.P. Wilcox. Issued every Friday, the newspaper had a circulation of 150 and it was listed as a Republican newspaper.

In 1890, McPherson County was organized by Governor Thayer and the temporary county seat located at McPherson. The same year the county organization was made permanent; however, the county seat was located on government land by a vote of the people four miles southeast of McPherson and a post office established called Tryon.

In the Spring of 1893, D.P. Wilcox sold the paper to Jay Smith.

In March 1894, Mr. Smith leased the paper to E.E. Wisner, who ran it a year.

On March 1, 1895, Smith sold the paper to George H. Daly, who installed Will H. Daly, formerly of the *Hebron Republican*, as manager.

In June 1895, Will H. Daly and his sister, Jennie Daly, a school teacher of Howard County, bought the paper. In December 1895, Miss Daly was married to S.E. Clothier, then county treasurer. That same fall, Miss Daly was elected county superintendent of McPherson County.

On August 1, 1900, Will H. Daly sold his interest in the plant and paper to G.A. Dolph.

The newspaper's name was changed from *The McPherson County News* to *The Tryon Graphic* when Will H. Daly and his sister

purchased it in 1895.

Mrs. George Kahoe wrote the following history that was published in the February 5, 1976 issue of *The Tryon Graphic*, as a part of her contribution to the Bicentennial.

"D.P. Wilcox, a homesteader saw the need for a legal newspaper, if, and when the county was organized. He realized also the financial possibilities of such a venture should the county settle up quickly. He set about in 1889 to found a newspaper, which he named *The McPherson County News*. The paper was published at Wilcox's homestead about four miles northeast of here and near the post office of McPherson run by W.J. Clouse.

On just what date in 1889, *The McPherson County News* was first published, is not known, but it was a legal newspaper in 1890 and carried the first legal notices for the new county.

Before the original courthouse was built, the county seat was at McPherson and Wilcox being the first County Clerk gained that appointment by Logan County officials. He was in a position to report the news and get whatever business there might be.

His newspaper contained considerable local news and little advertising. The ads being from Gandy and North Platte firms. The early settlers were justly proud of their paper and felt it was a sign of progress.

What equipment made up the plant is not known, but it is supposed that it resembled other weekly newspaper plants of that period.

After the courthouse was completed and the county seat moved to Tryon, Wilcox sold the

paper and plant to Jay Smith, who was at that time county treasurer.

Smith built a good building in Tryon, where he lived, published the paper and did the work at the county treasurer's office. Smith's home and the courthouse both well built of sod and with high hip roofs were the only buildings in the county seat. The paper passed from Smith's hands to George H. Daly.

George Daly came to the United States from Queens Town, Ireland, on August 1, 1848. Family lore has it that he stowed away on a steam ship, however, there is a ship manifest listing his parents and siblings. He was naturalized June 22, 1900 in McPherson County, NE.

He lived in Weeping Water, where he had a store, in Howard and Hamilton counties, then in Keystone and North Platte areas and was a railroad clerk on the Union Pacific Railroad.

In 1895 he was living at Elba, 30 miles north of Grand Island when he traded some real estate for the newspaper and building at Tryon.

George H. Daly wrote his son, Will H. Daly, asking him to go and take charge of the paper for him.

From the same issue of *The Tryon Graphic*, we find an article by Will H. Daly, early publisher, who writes of his experience.

We quote from it, "During the winter of 1894-95, I was working in a newspaper office in Hebron, Thayer County, NE, and in February, I received a letter from my father, who at the time was living in Elba, 30 miles north of Grand Island, stating that he had traded some real estate for the newspaper and building at Tryon in McPherson County and requested me to go out there and take charge of the paper for him. At that time, I had never heard of McPherson County. (Continued next week)

## Bloodmobile Coming To Tryon

The need is constant. The gratification is instant, give blood.

The Tryon Blood Drive will be held Friday, January 13, 2017 at the McPherson County Fair Building in Tryon. It will

run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call Elaine Miller at 308-587-2446. Walk-ins are always welcome and needed!

### NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY

McPherson County Schools Board of Education accepted the resignation of Board President Bob Ryland at the special board meeting on December 14, 2016. In accordance with state law, the Board will begin the process of appointing an individual to complete the remainder of Mr. Ryland's term on the Board, which will end in December, 2018.

The McPherson County School Board is encouraging community members to consider this volunteer position in support of public education and the students of McPherson County High School. Qualified applicants must be a registered voter and a resident of the McPherson County School District.

The Board will interview applicants during the January 12 board meeting and select the candidate following the interviews. The newly appointed board member will take the oath of office at the January board meeting.

Application Deadline: Friday, January 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Submit Applications to: Lorrie Miller, Superintendent McPherson County Schools, P.O. Box 38, Tryon, NE 69167. lmillier@mcstryon.org - 308-587-2262



## Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Quote: "There are two ways to get enough; one is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less." -G.K Chesterton

As we start a new year, let us consider the impact of our lives on others. Are we givers or are we takers? Do we do for others

with no thought of receiving something in return or do we take and greedily want more, never considering the giver or the meaning of the gift of service? It seems that there is a growing percentage of the population, especially here in the USA, who have a "gimme" attitude. They think that they deserve to be provided for without making any effort themselves. Children are given anything they want whether they need it or not. They have no concept of saving, appreciating, or even saying "Thank You". Their parents aren't any better in most cases. It is a sad situation. Maybe it's time to consider our own lives and decide what we need and what could be done without. Right now I am fussing with the computer and internet. Things aren't going well. Cousin Darrel says I could do without it and I suppose I could, but I really don't want to give it up. The internet is a work tool, and communication tool and entertainment for me. Is it a need or a want? That depends on our perspective.

"Make the most of yourself. It's all there is of you!" - Cowboy Logic

### TITHE

Tithe yourself as a gift,  
 Grant service to the Lord,  
 Walk with Him in peace and joy,  
 Strive to be of one accord.

Lift your voice in praise,  
 Death has forever lost its string.  
 Look steadfastly on His face  
 Your whole an offering now bring.

Let not your life be lived in vain,  
 Count the blessings as they come,  
 Deny no others their reward,  
 Never leave God's work undone.

Be an offering unto God,  
 Let Him your being use  
 You may not know the reason,  
 Let His leading not be abused.

Tithe more than just a tenth,  
 Give straight from your heart  
 Be an example of His love,  
 A signpost of where to start.

J.R. Trumbull  
 27 Dec. 2016

### Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, January 9 - Polish sausage, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes and green beans.  
 Tuesday, January 10 - Grilled chicken breast, mashed potatoes and corn.  
 Wednesday, January 11 - Barbecue sandwich, baked beans and French fries.  
 Thursday, January 12 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and peas.  
 Friday, January 13 - Fish sandwich, Au Gratin potatoes and beets.

#### RAPE & DOMESTIC ABUSE PROGRAM

*We are an agency providing services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. All services are free and completely confidential.*

If you or someone you know needs help, call 888-534-3495

*To have a representative speak to your organization please call our office at 308-532-0624*