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TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 5, 2009
The MCHS girls basketball team was pictured with their district runner-up plaque. Members were Gina Curtis, assistant coach; Molly Hinkle, Samantha Kramer, Mara Seifer, Ashley Bessmer, Tasha Miller, Kate Seifer, Alecia Paxton, Katee Daly, and Dan Arensdorf, coach.

The McPherson County High School speech team comprised of Jordan Lovitt, Jake Sowders, Logan Krull, Mara Seifer, Samantha Kramer and Gabe Ryland, competed in a total of seven events at the Conference Speech meet.

Tyrel Fischer and Jake Sowders were pictured with the branding pot they completed in welding class.

Jim and Joyce Snyder were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary at the Ringgold Free Methodist Church.

Chris Burch was featured in the MCHS senior spotlight feature.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 4, 1999
Superintendent Dennis Krominga reported a 67% attendance at the February parent-teacher conferences.

Robert Long, Ed Sowders, Judy Dailey, Shareen Munson and Don Thompson attended the West Central District meeting of county officials at North Platte.

Micki McNutt and Luke Connell were featured in this week's senior spotlight feature.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 9, 1989

MCHS students won second place in the Oregon Trail speech contest. Mrs. Jean Hora was their speech instructor. Tryon's oral interpretation of dram won first with participants Tylene Black,

Bridget Long, Mindy Neal, Mike Daly and Dana Paxton.

Deaths: Gertrude Arensdorf, 74, of North Platte died February 25 in a North Platte nursing home.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 8, 1979

Greg Daigger was the top scorer winning 48 points out of a possible 50 in the conference speech contest at Paxton. He received a medal for his speech entitled, "Overpaid Athletes."

Bruce Correll was elected to the student senate at Chadron State College.

James W. Pinkerton, a senior at MCHS was awarded a one year Regents Scholarship to UNL.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 13, 1969

Mrs. Dessie Bellew, Mrs. Beth Sharp and children, and the Ed Pullen children were staying in Tryon due to drifted roads.

A honor roll students at MCHS were Gary Connell, Edith Ellen Haney, Connie Lutes and Joy Moriarty, freshmen; Sandra Bassett, Cheryl Neal and Kathy Thompson, sophomores. Superintendent Wm. Gillette said there were no juniors or seniors making the list.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 5, 1959

The skating pond at the high school was discussed by P.T.A. It was decided to cover it with hay for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snyder were honored with a shower at the Helping Hand Club House.

The Merry Mixed 4-H Club met at the Don Pettit home. Linda Daly would be the news reporter.

Lyndell Ellis was honored at the Store Building with a birthday party Mrs. Bob Cotton and Mrs.

Jessie Platt assisted with the serving and games.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 10, 1949

Mrs. Annabel Warren was hit in the eye by a jack and taken to Dr. Carr at Stapleton.

Clyde Wilson was advised to stay off the rough roads and Rev. Cecil Phillips was now carrying the mail.

Orval Black and daughter, Jerry, took a load of feed and salt to the Tom Neals.

M.A. Connell celebrated his 83rd birthday with cake and ice cream.

Albert Schmidt was driving a Chevrolet pickup he purchased from Mr. Hubbard.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 9, 1939

A rather believe it or not. A grouse, pursued by a hawk, was escaping with such rapidity that it struck a clothesline cutting off its head at the Pete Tucker home located 50 miles southwest of Mullen. The grouse descended 50 feet through double panes of the Tucker home and landed in the middle of the dining room.

Taft Haddy, Jack Daly and Paul French were called to North Platte where they were on the Federal Jury.

NINETY YEARS AGO
MARCH 7, 1929

Ira E. Cumpson was appointed director for School District No. 4 last week The office was left vacant when W.A. Pyzer moved to Cozad.

Mrs. Aubrey Warren was elected principal of the County High School for the next term by the Board of Regents.

Miss Florence Jones was surprised with a party given in her honor at her home south of Ringgold. A number of young folks from Tryon and the area attended.

Over The Hills



Quote: "Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person." *Plato*

Sherri Pipal shared this. I thought it was so good that I asked permission (granted) to use it in a column.

This was written by a highly respected lady that we met while living in the White Mountains of AZ. I changed a few words. This expresses how I feel these days.

Each day is a gift; as we age, we do not throw away dreams and desires; we are just more aware of "time" - the time it took to reach this place in our lives; the time it took to garner the wisdom we have attained; the time before birth to this point, wondering if we have fulfilled or are fulfilling the Sacred Contract we made with our Lord.

"There comes a time when the world gets quiet and the only thing left is your own heart. ..." (— Sarah Dessen); age allows you to quit running and to stand still, reflect, observe and drink in the experiences of life thus far;

time to remember what you perceived as worthy to take with you in your mind; time to examine what you labeled "bad" in your mind and extract the lesson - we never quit learning.

If we are alive, there is either something left for us to do for ourselves or someone else...we still have value; we have much to share with those who care to listen.

As the Rolling Stones sang, "Time is on my side, yes it is...yes it is..." and those special moments we once had that we drank in are remembered...are cherished...or longed for again - but no matter, the memories remain and are cherished or leaves of gold for our soul's growth.

Breath is life - today I AM breathing; today I reflect; today I celebrate my

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years and wonder "what if," and also regret some of the gifts, lessons, choices and encounters of my life, but accept WHAT IS, WAS and SHALL BE. Even so, as Meister Eckhart said, "If the only prayer you ever say is THANK YOU, that is enough. From my heart to my lips to the wind of the world, my prayer for all of it, especially my young age of 71 - for every year - for every single bit - is "Thank you, Jesus!"

The most beautiful things in life aren't things. They are pictures, places, memories, feelings, moments, smiles, and laughter. They are the little pieces of the puzzle of life that come together to make up the whole of a life worth living, a life lived well.

Memory Seeds

When I take time to enjoy the hills
Memories beckon at every turn.
Branding fires, camp fires, community picnics,
Sorting cattle, visiting, and trail rides.
When the wind thru the cottonwoods stills
The embers of memories flicker and burn
As I think of the good times and all the fun tricks
And most of all, the loved one on life's other side.

Of Tracy and Emil driving in on an evening,
Hershel and Dad as they rode
And Burton and how he cared for us kids.
Sometimes memories are bitter sweet
Yet they give to each life a seasoning
That seems to help lessen the load
As we see the harvest of seeds
That they planted in our hearts deep.

J.R. Trumbull - 2 December 2005

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

Buying and selling corn in McPherson County

I wrote a little last week about 'corn in the liquid form' and I was carried away by other memories and didn't get to the part I had intended to cover.

When I found, in the old courthouse museum, where an Arthur County family was taken to court for poaching "sacks" of corn I thought, "how cruel and uncalled for to pick on someone for taking just a few roasting ears, probably the kids were hungry." But illegal is what it is and then when I checked the date I realized that the roasting ear season was long gone. But, hey, just a couple sacks! Probably to feed the hens for a few more days so they would lay a few more eggs for the hungry kids.

Then I read in this old book of another corn incident. Bigger deal! Milldale was having trouble trying to buy a little corn around the turn of the century in McPherson County (and if you remember the fantastic bragging a few weeks ago about the agricultural bounty you know there was corn out there for sale). What turns out to be only speculation on my part, and I don't know why the big cattle company needed corn, unless they wanted to feed the saddle horses, or a few pigs, or maybe it was when they shipped in some of those Hereford or Shorthorn bulls that couldn't survive on the same ration as the longhorn cows. Neither do I know why no corn could be bought except I've

been reading a lot of old stuff and I think there was that spirit of rivalry between the farmers and the big cattleman who still wanted, and probably still had, a lot of free range. You can just kind of feel the tension here.

"I don't want these farmers but I'd like a little corn" and "I've got some corn, and I really need the money to pay my grocery bill, but those guys aren't going to get it."

I don't know how much you know, or have heard, about Mike David at Tryon. Mike came from Lebanon about 1897 and started his business walking around the country selling stuff from a pack on his back, and by the time the corn incident came up he had built a store in Tryon and had expanded his wares considerably. He was buying cream and let me tell you a little about Mike. All day long at the store he would test cream and apply the results to accounts on his books. He would leave those little narrow necked centrifugal bottles set in a row on the counter, and if they got too numerous he would scribble himself a few notes in his native handwriting. When the girls - I knew two of these 'girls' - Eva, who later married Taft Haddy and they owned the Flats store until they took over the David store in Tryon and kept it through her lifetime, and Mabel who later married Tom Ellis who worked in the Tryon store and still has some descendants with local connections, - got home from school he would tersely remark, "get the book" and bring all the figures up to date. Eggs and sometimes other products would be taken in exchange for groceries and small items of dry goods. Most of those local farmers owed Mike money. I never heard of him denying credit, but he was also known as an honest man who expected to be paid what he was owed. When Mr David learned what I have written above, and he probably knew a lot more than I do, he contacted Mr Haskell of the cattle company with this proposition. "When you need corn just let me know and give me a few day's time." Then Mike would look through his books, probably all written in his native language, and get enough corn to settle one or more accounts and turn it over to Milldale. I'm sure that Mike was honest in his dealings, but that there was also a fair rate of exchange on each of his transactions. At the time Mr. and Mrs. David were killed in an auto accident, he not only had a very good business in Tryon, but owned several properties around the county that were leased to local farmers. Maybe he was just as honest, and just as good a business man, as Joseph turned out to be after arriving all alone, without even a backpack, in the strange land of Egypt, 'several' years earlier, where there was already some dealings in 'corn' in exchange for food and real estate!

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CLASS - FREE TO THE PUBLIC
Pre-Registration is Required
Limited Spaces Available
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Saturday, March 30, 2019
Stapleton Public Schools Gym
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Provided By Logan County Sheriff's Office

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DONKEY BASKETBALL

Join us for an evening of wholesome, side-splitting, family fun tournament action!!

Friday, March 8th @ 7:00pm MST
Arthur County Schools Gymnasium

Advance tickets available at the Arthur County Schools Office - \$7
Regular tickets available at the door on the 8th - \$10
(Preschool Free)