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TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 18, 2010

A card shower was being held in honor of Ella Leeds who would celebrate her 95th birthday on April 5.

McPherson County High School students competed at the D2-6 District Speech Meet in Hyannis. The OID, consisting of Gabe Ryland, Logan Krull and Molly Hinkle, placed first and earned a spot at the March 19 State Speech meet.

Isaac Ascherl placed first at the A-M youth wrestling meet.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 16, 2000

A get-together was held Tuesday evening, March 7, to help Leo Dailey celebrate his birthday at Aunt Bea's Cafe in Tryon. Those enjoying supper, coffee and cake were: Earl and Ila Dailey and Dorothy Dailey of Arnold; Craig and Tish Dailey, Logan and Colton of North Platte; Billie Burch, Matt, Devin and Chris, and Leo and Judy Dailey of Tryon.

Hartward and Wanda Connell spent the weekend with their daughter and her husband, LaDonna and Matt Jackman at Kenesaw. They were accompanied by Dorothy Haney who spent the weekend with her grandson and family, Greg and Brenda Daigger and children at Roseland. Enroute home, Hartwad, Wanda, and Dorothy visited Wanda's mother, Laura Avery at Brady.

Sandi Connell, DanDee Wonch and Phyllis Connell visited Brenda Oseka and Don Hatch at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center at North Platte on Friday.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 15, 1990

The McPherson County Centennial Committee met March 5 to give progress reports. Dean Thompson and Grace Miller reported on progress made for the history pageant. Katrina Pinkerton volunteered her services for typesetting for flyers and ads. Clara Bercot reported on additional promotion items being considered, possibly calendars, stickers and cookbooks, and Sam Connell listed parade entry categories. Ted Correll reports that a really good-looking judge has been found for the beard contest, so get to work on that face fuzz guys.

Mike Daly, age 17, was injured late Saturday night or early Sunday morning in a pickup accident about six miles west

of Tryon on Highway 92. The 1985 Ford pickup Daly was driving apparently rolled several times after going out of control on a curve. The night was very foggy at the time of the accident and the vehicle was not seen at first, and it was about two hours before help arrived. Mike, who is the son of Art and Ilene Daly, was taken to the hospital in North Platte and placed in ICU as his collarbone was broken on both sides, several ribs were cracked and his lungs were bruised. He was moved out of ICU to a hospital room Monday morning.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 13, 1980

Three students from the McPherson County High School were among the medal winners in Division II of the annual Interhigh Technical Scholastic Contest sponsored by Mid-Plains Community College at North Platte. The winners from Tryon were Greg Daigger who won second place in Refinishing and Auto Body; Rex Kemp who was first in Power Mechanics and Refrigeration, and Rod Sowders who tied for third in English and Literature. Another winner in the contest was Scott Shimmin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shimmin of Tryon, who attends Mullen High School. He won second place in Electronics.

Contributions amounting to \$2,752.68 in pledges and donations was raised for the American Heart Association during a Jump Rope-Athon campaign in McPherson County last week. Out of the 124 students enrolled in Tryon schools, 112 of them took part. Richard and Carolyn Kemp, Gaylene and Lamar, and Mrs. Ila Black were dinner guests of Dale and Carol Black and children Sunday. Gaylene spent Sunday night with Mrs. Black.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 12, 1970

The MCHS basketball players winning letters for the season were seniors Gary Correll, John Kramer and Doye Miller; juniors Bruce Huffman, Ron Munson and Dick Nicholson; sophomores Monte Nicholson and Monty Kemp and student managers, Jim Schmidt and Errol Waits.

Students from the elementary school in Tryon came to the high school Wednesday afternoon, March 4, to see pictures of the Black Hills of South

Dakota shown by Superintendent Anderson. The high school students had previously viewed the pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Haase, Mr. and Mrs. Taft Haddy, Lynell Ellis and Denny Miller went to the Playhouse play, "Moon is Blue," at the Pawnee Hotel in North Platte last Saturday night.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 16, 1950

The Helping Hand Club met with Luella Clifford, March 1. Plans were laid for serving at the Magnuson sale March 15. Two new members, Lorene Rothwell and Katie Prossie, were welcomed into the club.

Mrs. Gordon Bassett and Kenny spent a few days at the Hugh Priest home in Tryon. Kenny has been sick the past two weeks and was taken to the doctor in North Platte twice for medical care and penicillin shots.

NOTICE: Due to my father's ill health, Enid and I will be in management at the Telephone Office in Tryon. I will also be available to do any R.E.A. wiring you may have, either large or small jobs. Let me give you an estimate, the price will be reasonable and the wiring right. Ralph (Pete) Allen.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 14, 1940

Cowboy Robber Is Captured By Officers - True Woods, 19, the Flats Store robber, was shown arriving at the courthouse in Tryon in the custody of County Sheriff, W.E. Neal and two State Safety patrolmen C.C. Brant and E. O. Grueber, following his capture sixteen miles west of Tryon. Wood was the object of a search in three counties after stealing a car in which Woods led officers in a four-day chase. He was also wanted for crimes committed in Custer and Logan Counties. He was sentenced to from three to three and a half years in the Men's Reformatory, after pleading guilty to the Flats Store robbery, by District Judge I.J. Nisley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Mann of Ringgold, have occupied the Alvie Feather place, recently purchased by them and added to holdings already owned by Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ready and Mrs. Vienna Helderbrand spent Sunday afternoon at the Roy Ready home near Stapleton. The Roy Ready family recently moved to the table country southeast of Stapleton.

NINETY YEARS AGO
MARCH 13, 1930

Flats Locals: Mr. and Mrs. Nate Bassett and Bill Trego, Marty Mathers, Paul Bassett and Anna Bassett were all trading at the Flats Store Thursday afternoon.

Tom Quinn purchased the house on the Jim Haney ranch and is moving it to his ranch this week.

Carpenters have arrived at the White Water Ranch to build a new ranch house.

Tryon Locals: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Daly are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday.

A little accident occurred at the David Corner in Tryon one day this week when a truck box caught the hose of the David Gasoline pump and pulled it loose from its base. Slim Love was the unfortunate driver.

Mr. and Mrs. I.C. Zenor

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens." *Unknown*

How on earth did we survive growing up?!

1. Our sandwiches contained leftover roast chicken; we didn't have fridges in classrooms or ice bricks in our lunch boxes, but we didn't get food poisoning.

2. We rode bikes without helmets or adult supervision or bike paths, but we mostly just ended up with scarred knees. Riding on sandy or gravel roads was an even bigger challenge.

3. Our mothers wiped our faces with spit on a hanky not an antibacterial wipe.

4. When our teachers would whack us, we wouldn't tell our parents for fear of getting punished again, so we avoided trouble in the first place.

5. We went on camps and excursions without 18 forms to be signed and witnessed.

6. Angry teachers were treated with caution. We just prayed for a nice one next year.

7. Weekends were about getting things done at home and maybe going to church or visiting on Sunday.

8. Generally, we went to the closest school, not the best one.

9. Kids got scared before parent-teacher interviews, not teachers.

10. 4-H was the big summer adventure.

11. Helping with the washing up was as important as homework.

12. When a kid was injured, people felt sorry for the parents. They didn't ask what were they thinking letting the kid climb that tree anyway.

13. If you did badly in a test, you got a talking to, not a cuddle.

14. A pocket-knife was a perfectly acceptable gift for a 10-year-old.

15. Family holidays came before kids' sporting schedules.

16. A teacher could put mercurochrome on a scraped knee without obtaining our parents' permission and completing an 'incident report'.

17. A playdate was walking to a friend's house, knocking on the door and saying, "Can Cathy come and play?" If you were lucky enough to live close enough to another family to do this.

18. School excursions happened without a 'risk assessment' and a two to one kid / parent volunteer ratio.

19. No one wrote names on cups at parties.

20. You could offer your friend a bite of your hot dog.

21. If the bus driver yelled at you, the bus driver didn't get in trouble, you did. You might not have known what a bus driver was or what a bus was for that matter.

22. If you didn't make a team, you tried harder or tried something else.

23. There was one kind

of milk. It was full cream and it was delicious. If you lived in the country, you probably knew where it came from and helped with the milking.

24. Meat was bought at the butcher or butchered from critters you had raised, and was packed without a use-by date

25. Getting one present on your Christmas wish list was a good result.

26. Drives of longer than an hour happened without supplies of rice crackers and juice.

27. Going to the shops/church/the nursing home to visit Gran was boring but could be endured without an iPad.

28. School holidays were

about not being at school, not soccer workshops, art classes and pony camp.

29. Being tired was no excuse for being rude.

30. You had to do something great to get a 'student of the week' award. Not just show up at school.

One thing about growing up "back then" is that we had plenty of experience by the time we survived school and we generally had some idea what life was all about and didn't expect everything to be given to us.

"Instead of complaining because you don't get what you want - be thankful you don't get what you deserve." *Anonymous*

EXPERIENCE

Life's cruisin' along
But something's not right.
There's an off cant to stuff
You can't ID by senses or sight.

Reassured that "all is fine"
When questions you ask.
"I don't know a thing."
From the rest of the staff.

You're hauled before judgment,
Not a chance for defense
Then out of the blue
Accused of a ludicrous offense!

Your word, backed by God,
Doesn't mean one bit.
"It's the principle of the matter"
Was meant as a killing hit.

Don't laugh now folks,
Snicker and say "it was due".
Weigh all of the facts
'Cause it can happen to you!

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