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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 20, 2010

Taylor Lovitt was honored with a bridal shower Saturday afternoon, May 15, at the fair building in Tryon. The shower was hosted by Jill Sowders and Lorna Dobbins. Taylor and Brett will be married June 26 at Burwell. Taylor received many lovely gifts and well-wishes from those in attendance.

A 64% voter turnout was reported in McPherson County for the Primary Election held Tuesday, May 11. A total of 251 out of 391 registered voters in the county cast their ballots.

Students from the region are among the 30 Chadron State College health science students accepted to professional schools beginning this fall. The students were honored during CSC's annual Health Professions Banquet at a Chadron restaurant at the end of the spring semester.

The May 14, 2010 blood drive held in Tryon, had 19 people presenting and 17 units drawn.

The SMC Junior High Track teams competed in the Brady Track meet, where the boys came in second place overall and the girls seventh.

Tryon Elementary School held their Rural Field Day, Monday, April 26. The weather, of course, did not cooperate and was not pleasant, with the cool wind and clouds.

Molly Woodward of Broken Bow and Glen Helberg have been honored and inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Nebraska Auctioneers Association Auxiliary and the Nebraska Auctioneers Association, respectively, at the 62nd Annual Convention of the Nebraska Auctioneers Association held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney, April 30, May 1 and 2.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 18, 2000

Three McPherson County High School boys qualified for the State Meet in Omaha, May 19-20: Dru Melvin finished first in the shot put with a throw of 48' 11 and 1/4". Levi Arensdorf qualified in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs. He placed first in the 3200 with a time of 10:58.3 and second in the 1600 with a time of 5:04.8. Chad McNutt also qualified for

state by finishing second in the 3200 with a time of 11:07.7.

Leo and Judy Dailey of Tryon, and Earl and Ila Dailey of Arnold, met Doug Miller of Arizona for dinner at Stub's Fine Dining at Theford on Mother's Day and later attended the graduation for Warren Dailey at the Hyannis High School.

Manley and Eunice Kramer were being honored on their 50th wedding anniversary June 24 at the Covenant Cedars Camp at Hordville. Cards could also be sent to them at Franklin.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 17, 1990

"Sounds of the Past," McPherson County's Centennial Pageant, was featuring a 70-member cast of local residents, several of whom are descendants of the characters they portray. Teacher, Elnora Neal, was pictured listening while pupil Katrina Fisher answered McPherson County history questions during a rehearsal for the Centennial pageant. Other students dressed in pioneer attire included Chad Fisher, Tim and Joe Schmidt, Tanya and Gina Fisher. The pageant was to be presented May 25.

Jim and Lila Beckius of Stapleton and Albert W. Hinkle of Lincoln, were announcing the engagement of their children, Dana Marie Beckius and Barry Lee Hinkle. The couple planned a June 25 wedding in Lincoln.

A bridal shower in honor of Crystal Pettit, daughter of Dale and Colleen Pettit of Tryon, was to be held May 19 at the Tryon United Methodist Church.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MAY 15, 1980

Out of town guests at the Orval Black home Monday, who came to attend Edd Black's 8th grade graduation, were Mrs. Beth Ehrbar and Mandy, Jodeen Black and Larry Carroll. Edd is the 10th child of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Black to graduate from the 8th grade at District No. 4 in Tryon.

Among those graduating from Chadron State College were Bruce Correll and Terry Correll of Tryon, Patrick O'Mara and Carla Sturgeon of Arthur and Max Lovitt of Stapleton.

Leta Bersley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bersley of Tryon, was honored for

her 11th birthday with a swimming party at North Platte. Leta's guests for the occasion were Amy and Stacy Watkins, Trudy and Cindy Dobbins and Becky Musser.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 14, 1970

Vietnam - April 29: Marine Sergeant Jack L. Shirley of Tryon, is now serving with First Marine Air Wing in Vietnam. He is the son of Mrs. Jean Shirley of Tryon.

A longtime resident of the Tryon community, Elzie M. Hatch, died May 8, 1970, at Kearney of a heart attack. Born at Mahaska, Kansas June 5, 1894, he departed this life at age 75. He moved into Tryon with his family in 1928 and worked as a mechanic, later doing mechanic work at North Platte. He returned to Tryon in 1936 where he resided until his death. Survivors include his wife, Louelva, a son, Don Hatch, two daughters, Mrs. Malcolm (Lois) Connell and Mrs. Everett (Gloria) Miller.

Patricia McNutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. McNutt of Flats, and Gerald Correll, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Correll of Tryon, were honored as Outstanding Junior Citizens of McPherson County High School by the North Platte Elks Lodges No. 985.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 19 1960

Robert C. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson of Ringgold, recently visited home folks and is now relocated at Fort Rucker, Alabama for several months of schooling as an aviation mechanic. Robert is in the Air Borne Division and finished his basic training at Fort Hood, Texas.

Rev. Melvin Winkelmann of Tryon, and Rev. B.D. Hunn of North Platte, drove to Atkinson, last week, and attended the State Wesleyan Methodist Ministerial Convention from May 9 to 11.

The winners of the first essay contest sponsored by the Custer Public Power District, included two students from McPherson County. Winning a trip to Washington D.C. were the first-place winners: Deanna L. Wrasse of Ansley, and John D. Streiff of Tryon. Second place winners were Barbara West of Oconto, and Robert E. Eggleston of Ansley. The third-place winners were Veta Rose Athay of Brewster and Terrance J. Neal of Tryon.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 18, 1950

Gravel surfacing of 11 miles of road west of projects advertised for bidding began today by the

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Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I said last week that I could see more stories hidden there in that last one and even though not many will remember names I may go there for at least one more. I hope I don't offend anyone by mentioning names because if I write another yarn based on that school-room of veterans I will have to use some names. Some of those fellows, and no matter which branch of service they had claimed to be the best, were numbered as "a few Good men"! Some of those fellows, like my mention last week, of Hank Halstead, were only close friends for eighteen months and others, like Vernon Lutes, were 'buddies' for life. Vernon was even guilty of becoming a relative of mine but only as Russell Goslin at Arthur said one time, "But (those three letters may be the key) only by marriage".

I said I'd 'headline' Hank another time. There were two resident truckers in Tryon at that time, Orval Black and George Kahoe. I guess George was a close enough rela-

tive, but only by marriage, that 'teakettle' Hank called him 'Uncle'. One day, and you may have guessed that our 'school' wasn't long on organization, Orval Black wandered past our 'classroom'. If I remember correctly (what difference does it make and who could disagree) we were gathered on the courthouse lawn at the time. Hank had mentioned several times that he was going to build a new barn, cement block I believe, and at the risk of being reprimanded by our 'teacher', asked Orval, "How much do you want to deliver gravel or other loads to my place?" Orval calculated a little and quoted a price that brought on further discussion. I'm sure Hank was only 'killing time' and avoiding the current 'learning' discussion when he said, "That much? Uncle George will bring it a lot cheaper than that!" Orval closed that discussion with the summary, "Let him haul it. He's got a cattle ranch to

buy gas and tires, and replace his truck!" I'll bet neither got their truck like Slim Love who I wrote about earlier!

George Winters was another of our 'pupils.' I first met George at that gathering of Veterans and knew him, and saw him occasionally, until I went to his funeral to hear the compliment from like minded Pastor Bauer, "George was the kind of man you would trust to take care of your horses."

There were two sets of brothers on our roster, the Garska boys, Gaylon and ??? and the Bellew brothers, Orville and ???. Orville hosted another of those "educational" field trips when he was ready to "throw-in" his knee high corn. Not being a farmer about all I learned that day was that Orville was strong enough to lift the front end of his John Deere 'H' back up on the 'ridge' between the corn rows when he had let it wander off the ridge and

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



to dig around a bit. are intelligent enough to "Educating yourself know that there is plenty does not mean that you left to learn." were stupid in the first Melanie Joy place; it means that you

DO YOU MAKE THE GRADE?

I've been grading papers. An open book quiz, no less, And as I look at some of the answers I wonder how they could make such a mess!

Where did I mess up in teaching? What didn't I explain? Some of these answers are unreal! Did I drive my professors insane?

I felt a tap on my shoulder. Funny, no one was there- "Oh, yes Lord, I'm listening. Is this an answer to prayer?"

"Ah, yes, I do read the Bible And, yes, I know what it says. What do you mean life's all part of learning And this is an 'open book' test?"

Like that I was left with my protests. All in vain now I realize Because we all are His students "Til He takes us, surely with Him we will rise?"

Do we really follow His precepts? Is our study effort all it can be? Do we do our all for the Teacher? Probably not if the answer is up to me.

All through life as we study the Bible, We review for that final exam. Are you ready to face judgment When, at last, before Him you stand?

J.R. Trumbull
5 December 2004

Miller Cemetery

Spring Clean Up
SATURDAY MORNING
May 16 • All Help Appreciated!

ABSOLUTE AUCTION
20 Acres in Arnold - Custer County, NE
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020
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