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## Between the Lines

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**  
 Shane Suchy of Tryon was the reserve All-Around cowboy at the Callaway High School Rodeo. He won the Boy's Cutting and was fifth in the team roping with partner Denum Santero of Minatare and third in Tie Down Roping.

Ninety-one attended the annual McPherson County Oldster's party made possible by the Sandhills Craftique FCE Club who served a roast beef dinner. The Willing Workers FCE club decorated the McPherson County High School auditorium with fall colors and flower center pieces that were given as door prizes.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2000**  
 Wilbert Sizer from Arthur, was in Tryon last week, cutting down trees for Olive Neal, Susie Bond, the Chart Nicholsons, Don and Mabel Hatch and Sue Masters.

A baby shower for Nat and Mindy Warren's baby girl, Raesha Lynn, was to be held October 7 at the Ringgold Free Methodist Church.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 4, 1990**  
 The 1990 Homecoming festivities at McPherson County High School were topped off Friday with the coronation of the new king and queen. The king and queen were Zane Connell and Dana Paxton. Vic and Hazel Paxton were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at MCHS October 7.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 2, 1980**  
 The 18th annual Oldster's Party was held at the MCHS Gym September 14 with 123 guests attending. Grace Snyder was the oldest lady present and Chris Carlson was the oldest man. The longest married couple was Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson.

The Tryon rescue unit was called to the LaVerne Neal home north of Tryon September 24, when Gooch truck driver, Robert Johnson, suffered foot injuries from an auger while unloading

feed. He was taken to Great Plains Medical Center at North Platte by Don Nicholson, Leah Black and Lela Pyzer.

The MCHS Teachers Association met September 18 and the following officers were elected: Erwin Ulmer, president; Beth Sharp, vice president; and Dan A. Nardin, secretary-treasurer.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 1, 1970**  
 Army Private Donald R. Rodewald, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Rodewald of Stapleton, was named as his basic combat training company's high marksman.

Mrs. Leah Black, Mrs. Clay Kemp, Mrs. Delores Huffman, Mr. Don Musser, Mrs. Marjorie Pinkerton and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bassett were parents who sponsored the seniors to North Platte Thursday to have their senior pictures taken and to gather ads for the 1971 annual. Teacher sponsors were Mr. Russell McCoy and Mrs. Francis Fisher.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 6, 1960**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson returned Thursday from their trip to southern states and Fort Gordon, GA, where they attended the wedding September 24 of their son, Robert and Miss Bessie Paxton at Aiken, S.C.

Darrel Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Starr, received a bad cut above the right eye while practicing football Monday afternoon. He was taken to a doctor in North Platte where three stitches were taken.

Home Builders Club met at the Graphic building with Mrs. Herschel Ansel as hostess. Eight members and six children were present. Levonna Harvey was elected president; Mabel Ellis, vice president; Alice Bassett, secretary-treasurer; Dee Pullen, song leader; Lena Traphagan and Marie Wright, cheer committee.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 12, 1950**  
 Mrs. Ella Popham entertained the Happy Helpers Club in her home September 18. Election of officers was held. Mrs. George

Marvin was elected president; Mrs. Bill Griffith, vice president; Margaret Tucker, secretary, treasurer and news reporter.

Miss Odeth Huffman became the bride of Robert K. Dykes on October 1, at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in North Platte. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bird Clay Huffman of Tryon. Mr. Dykes is the son of Mrs. Elva Dykes of Morrill. Following a wedding trip, the couple will make their home on the Macomber ranch near Lena.

The Wednesday night movie at the Tryon Theatre was to be "Drums Along the Mohawk," starring Henry Fonda and Claudette Colbert.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 3, 1940**  
 One of the County's early residents visited here this week. Louis Dolph, brother of Frank Dolph, was called here for the funeral of their brother, George. Louis was one of the earliest residents of this county and served as the first county superintendent. He tells of having taught the first school in the county in the Newberry community. He also taught one term of school in the old courthouse.

Claude Gressley and Lloyd Connell went to Broken Bow Tuesday to see Martha Gressley and the new baby, little Miss Elvena Ruth, born to the Gressleys September 26.

**NINETY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 2, 1930**  
 The Heldenbrand Ready Light Co. installed a new supply tank for their engine this week. The new tank was placed inside the building and will receive its supply from a larger tank out-of-doors.

In high school news, the freshmen initiation party was held last Thursday evening. Delightful refreshments were served by the seniors at the close of the affair. The Biology Class, accompanied by Superintendent Nicholas, went to the Ed Younkin ranch Wednesday on a fish and frog hunt. The volleyball tournament began Monday night with the faculty defeating the

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Have you heard anything about "Black Lives Matter"? I know I won't be repeating myself when I write this. Let me tell you just a little about my association with "people of color". I always wondered why some of us were referred to it in this way, but I guess it doesn't matter. I remember, probably before I ever saw one of a 'different color', of singing, "Red and Yellow, Black and White" (I always wondered why I was listed last until I was told at Bible school "There is no first or second, there is no third or fourth, for in the eyes of God our Father, we are all of equal worth".

Very few black people ever lived in Arthur County. I guess a few proved up on homesteads just so they could sell them and I believe I've heard of one man who stayed on longer than most, I guess it was partly lifestyle that was responsible for this.

I guess the first black man I knew was Fred Reeves. Fred worked for Charles (C. T.) Stewart in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I suppose Fred was originally hired to be a chauffeur for Mr. Stewart, which is the way he always addressed the boss.

Some of the stories Fred told us were related to this designation but they have to be told verbally with a little impersonation of Fred to make them worthwhile. Fred was quite large and very shiny black. Mrs Reeves, if I ever heard her given name I can't remember it, was more of the normal size, quite good looking and chocolate brown. One more mention of her later.

Henry Lewis was a younger man who worked at Charlie Kramer's the one summer we put up the hay where Cliff Macomber lives. He was a gentle man who took a lot of kidding, some of which he seemed to be asking for! One of the sayings I'll always attribute to Henry is, "My mother told me there would be days like this, but she didn't tell me they'd come this often." Henry had a buckskin stallion he was really proud of and Henry leaned toward the rodeo type. He moved from here to just southeast of Denver. I called him one time when I was between planes and we reminisced about our time together.

A rather mixed commentary about our community at that time. One

Dean Thompson day all three hundred of these friends were at our house for the noon meal, Mrs Reeves pitched right in and helped my Mom and we had a good time around the table. Fred might have told some stories and I'm sure he laughed. Later the boss on another of our big ranches heard Dad tell about our get together and he said, "if they had come to the ranch at meal time I would have fed them but they would have eaten in the kitchen." Sad, he would have missed the camaraderie and maybe a good story, or two!

I was fairly close, for a short time years later, to a black lady. I only remember the name 'Wendy', as we were involved together in church work in Washington DC and again color didn't matter. God's work did matter and in that case lives, 'eternal lives' were the focus.

I spent a short time at a mission hospital in Haiti where almost everyone was black. Some of them weren't very 'good' people, I've known some white folks like that too! When I was in the Army, the services were still race

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## Over The Hills

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rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.

5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, my child, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God

doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"

9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

"Be thankful for the countless little blessings throughout your day, the things that go right, the beautiful things, the things that make you smile. The more we focus on the blessings we have, we are soon amazed at how much we are taking for granted." Anon.

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 Be careful of the little things  
 In acts or words or deeds  
 For it is those little things  
 That often plant a seed.  
 That seed could be a flower  
 With beauty to share  
 Or it could be a noxious weed  
 With results horrible to bear.  
 Little things soon mount up  
 To form mountains full of dread  
 Or cheery, fruitful gardens  
 From which many can be fed.  
 Be mindful of the little things,  
 Always pay clear heed  
 And multiply the good and true  
 And only plant those seeds.  
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