



# McPherson County News

~ Established 1889 ~

*Incorporating The Tryon Graphic*

ZNEZ

## Graphic Files

## Between the Lines

*From The Tryon Graphic Archives*

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2010**

Local News: Dean and Carol Weems of Arthur, visited his mother, Mary Weems, Monday afternoon, October 4th, after they had attended the funeral services for Bill Griffith at North Platte.

The Lady Cyclones put two in the win column last week as they defeated South Loup on Tuesday, October 5. They downed Anselmo-Merna in their Homecoming game played Friday, October 8 at Stapleton.

SMC homecoming activities were pictured in this issue. Coach Miller was pictured with a pie to the face in the pep rally festivities. The Stapleton High School student council sponsored the SMC Homecoming parade on Thursday afternoon, October 7. Getting ready to participate was the Creative Printers group, dressed as the Redneck Coyote Hunters.

Deaths: Margaret "Margie" M. Wise, 86, of Gibbon died Sunday, October 3, 2010 at the Gibbon Good Samaritan Center; and Leonard Leon Fox, 73, of Madras, Oregon passed away September 15, 2010.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2000**

McPherson County Firemen attending a training session at Mullen on September 26th were Barry Hinkle, Rick Trumbull, Edd Black, Dan Arensdorf, Wayne Melvin, Dale Licking, and Mark Glaubitz. The class was conducted by Alan Michel, State Fire Marshall.

The FCE Council at Tryon was preparing for a Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, October 28th, at the McPherson County Fair Building. The craft fair would include commercial booths and handmade crafts.

The resignation of MCHS Superintendent, Dennis Krominga, was accepted, with regret, at the regular meeting of the Board of Education October 12th.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 25, 1990**

The MCHS football team traveled to Lewellen for the final game of the season October 19th. This

game was for "all the marbles": the conference championship, district championship and of course state playoffs. The Tryon Longhorns defeated Lewellen 45 to 6. "Overall, we had two goals at the beginning of this season," said Coach Rick Hamilton. "One was to lead the State in defense, and the second was to win the conference championship. We achieved both of those goals and now any other success will be icing on the cake."

Members of the Tryon Roping Club met at Butch's Restaurant in Hershey for their end-of-year celebration October 13th. The club ropings emerged as winner of the Southwest Nebraska Roping Club Association. All around roper for the 1990 season was Trent Neal of Tryon. Champion header was Tim Ham, and champion heeler was Robbi Kemp, both of North Platte. Jeff Arensdorf was recipient of the club's draw pot champion buckle.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 16, 1980**

The annual card party of the Willing Workers Club was held at the Tryon Lodge Hall September 29th with 13 members and their families present. Following a hot dog roast and covered dish meal, the club members held a business meeting followed by an evening of cards. Wayne Kramer and Linda Paxton displayed their skills and were high scorers. Low scorers were Vernon Waits and Elnora Neal.

Three Gold Star Mothers, Mrs. Vincent Hora, Mrs. Sophia Masters and Mrs. Hazel Trego, were honored guests of Tryon's American Legion Auxiliary on October 8 at the home of Helen Mathers. Another Gold Star Mother, Cora Kyne, did not attend. The ceremony included the lighting of six white candles and one large gold candle. Each Gold Star Mother was presented a corsage.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 15, 1970**

Bruce Kramer, Doye Miller, Vanessa Lanka and

John Kramer placed fifth in a field of 17 4-H teams at the Grasslands Livestock Show Saturday at North Platte.

The Homecoming parade was led by the high school band under the direction of Mr. Mehl. Homecoming royalty was crowned with Debra Arensdorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Arensdorf, crowned Queen and Tom Burch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johnson, as King.

The Tryon Longhorns won their Homecoming football game against Arthur, 42-32. The game got off to a slow start with the halftime score being 14 to 12 in favor of Tryon. Bruce Huffman, Jim Schmidt and Ron Munson were the leading scorers, and Dwight Pinkerton, Doug Correll, Randy Fisher and Monte Nicholson played excellent ball on the line. Steve Neal picked up 85 yards rushing and improves as running back each week.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 20, 1960**

Sheila Schick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Carl Schick of Flats, was crowned as "Soddy Queen" for 1961 at the annual fun night of the Helping Hands Club Saturday night, October 15. She was crowned by the outgoing queen, Lorraine Streiff. About 85 members and guests were present for an evening of cards and bingo. Sheila received a large silver tray, donated by Storers Jewelry of Ogallala.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul French celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary by visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur French and family at Stapleton.

Funeral services for Bonnie B. Cotton, 71, of Tryon, were held at the Tryon Methodist Church Saturday. Mrs. Cotton was a Tryon resident for many years. She assisted her husband, Frank, while he was Judge of McPherson County.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO**  
**OCTOBER 26, 1950**

Over 40 relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. (Ed) Daly in North Platte Sunday for a farewell dinner in honor

I may be moving a little too far east for Arthur readers, but since I lived, for the first eighteen months of my life and now for another seventy three years, in McPherson County, even though I kind of consider Arthur County as home because of the time I did live there, received my schooling (not necessarily my 'education' because that word is different than 'schooling' that is a lifetime experience) there, served my country from there and, since 1935 and still, consider it my church home it might get by. I thought I'd see if you could sort out a paragraph like that! There's probably another good excuse for me to waste that many words on an introduction—you can always claim that I belong to the 'other' county. Thanks, I love you too!

This will be random memories and repeated stories.

Ed Traphagan, mostly just known as "Trap", homesteaded in western McPherson County. Ed and his wife raised two

children, Bob and a sister, before Ed lost his wife. Charlie Daly and his wife, Lena, raised a family too before Charlie died. I don't know how long Ed, or Lena, lived the single life before they married.

Ed had bought the little four hundred acre Ben Trembly place just north of me and he and Lena lived there until Ed was elected county Judge and they moved to Tryon. I had a chance to add that little meadow to my acreage in 1963 but was too Scotch to do it. Just a few remarks about Ed and I'll move back to the late teen years and repeat

Dean Thompson

a couple stories that I heard from my Dad before I speak from personal experience. Ed had a cancer removed from the corner of his mouth. Today, with better techniques and plastic surgery I'm sure it wouldn't have been noticeable at all but it did affect his appearance, his speech and his eating when I first became acquainted with Mr Traphagan.

Ed might have, in course vernacular, 'been easy going' or even 'not give a darn'!

See Between The Lines  
Page 10

## Next Tryon blood drive set for November 6

The Tryon community will host a blood drive on Friday, November 6, 2020, at the McPherson County Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, contact Elaine Miller at 308-587-2446, download the free Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood now to help ensure coronavirus patients and others who depend on transfusions have needed blood products this fall.

## Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: What was new to us is now ancient history to the kids of today."

*Ye Olde Sandhiller*  
A friend recently posted a question on Facebook: "Name some things that kids today will never know." I would add "Or might never know" because some of them do know a few of these things.

The suggestions included: canning, writing letters or having pen pals, telephone booths, rotary phones with a long cord that got tangled, common sense, full service at gas stations, record albums,

45 rpm, 33 rpm, and 78 rpm records, pay phones, no remotes- you have to get up to change the channel, party lines, recycling pop bottles, lead and copper, test pattern on the TV after the National Anthem was played at night, same in the morning before TV coverage started, encyclopedias, country schools, one room schools with 8-9 grades, shaving with real razor blades, dial up internet, 8 track tapes, cream separators, Hee Haw, Lawrence Welk, typewriters, carbon paper, ditto machines, Captain Kangaroo, bag phones, no phone service, Paul Harvey, KOMA Oklahoma City radio (especially at night), calling the radio station to request a song, the milkman, maps, no electricity and using kerosene lamps, out-houses, crank windows in

vehicles, crank phones, cranking to start vehicles, cranking or using the fly-wheel to start tractors, panty hose, card catalogues, Dewey Decimal System, collect calls, playing with sticks, responsibility, consequences, respect, doing chores, being honest, using a clothes line to dry clothes, wind-up alarm clock, Christmas catalogs, radio programs, soda fountain, games like jacks and kick the can, cursive writing, how to balance a check book and write a check, how to use bale hooks... and the list could go on and on.

The poem speaks of another part of life "way back when." I'm sure most kids today think that a pitcher and wash basin are just ornamental antiques, but they served a real purpose.

### BACK IN THE DAYS

Back in the days  
Before running water  
How did you wash your face?  
Or other body parts?  
The pitcher and basin  
Were a truly saving grace!

Back in the days  
If you had servants  
To come to your beck and call  
It maybe wasn't so bad  
Because all the work  
Didn't fall on your shoulders at all.

Back in the days  
If it was up to you  
You would probably wash in cold water  
'Cause the trip to the stove  
For reservoir heated  
Was just too much of a bother!

They are pretty to look at  
And they had their place  
But now for decoration only!  
I don't want to go back  
To those long ago days-  
Pitcher and basin can stay lonely!

J.R. Trumbull  
2 October 2019

See Graphic Files  
Page 10



*Serving You In The Sandhills*

**Bulk Fuel & Propane Delivery!**

**Bulk Oil • Antifreeze  
Your Traeger Grill Dealer!**

**308-587-2400 • TRYON**



- Professional Body & Paint Work
- Collision Repair

*Over 30 Years Experience!*

**(308)636-2204**

**Scott & Kathy Hoberg, Owners**

Open: Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**NORTH PLATTE STOCKYARDS<sub>LLC</sub>**

**Upcoming Sale Dates**

Weigh-Ups @ 9:00 A.M. • Calves Sell @ 1:00 P.M.

**October 13: Anniversary Sale/  
Calf Special**

**October 20: Calf Special**

**October 27: Calf Special**

**November 3: Regular Sale**

**November 10: Calf Special**

Bid on [www.cattleusa.com](http://www.cattleusa.com)  
Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/northplattestockyards](http://www.facebook.com/northplattestockyards)  
[www.northplattestockyards.com](http://www.northplattestockyards.com)

Office: 308-534-1200  
Kyle Layman, Owner: 308-660-5319  
Field Reps: Michael Fletcher, 308-645-7200  
Dale Dee Arensdorf, 308-530-3495  
Jim Gragg, 308-587-2495  
Shane Carr, 308-546-9067  
Justin Christner, 308-530-6851

Check our website and Facebook for upcoming consignments.