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## Between the Lines Over The Hills

*It's never too late for common sense, so we will be sharing Dean's column with you even though it is a few days after Christmas...*

At Brian's house in Omaha on December 8th, with my daughter and husband still there after driving me on Pearl Harbor Day, we just had too much to do in the daylight hours so we kind of 'eenie meened' to fill the day. We split up mid-morning and met again for lunch. When we get together we always discuss food. It's kind of a Thompson tradition from my German ancestors, and then parked one vehicle and drove some distance and walked the 'fourteen stations of the Cross' (this would have been more in keeping with an Easter, rather than a Christmas walk) but we didn't know

if we would have that privilege. A lot of things could happen before Easter. It was a beautiful December afternoon and we only saw two other people. Our group was somewhat slowed by an older member in the bunch and it was a good activity.

"The Stations of the Cross" walk dates back to the fourth century when Christians were allowed to go to Jerusalem and walk in the steps of Jesus on Good Friday. It seemed to me that everything was approximately a fifth larger than real, a lot of bronze, by ten sculptors. They were apparently given a little leeway in their interpretation that we noticed especially in the sandals, the thorns in the crown and the

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clothing. We noticed a difference in the huge spikes and a couple different mallets near the end as we progressed past the crucifixion.

There are fourteen stations ending with Christ in the open tomb - like some of the disciples and women, being stubborn with the Easter saying, "He is not here! He is risen!" I didn't go into the tomb, but like at all the stations I sat on huge rocks and pretended to be "meditating" while I rested for the next short hike. There was some talk of adding one of the Risen Savior.

It was a nice activity, and even though kind of out of context with the season I mix it this week with a tongue in cheek Christmas verse.



Quote: "Savor the moments that are warm and special and giggly."

Sammy Davis Jr.

It's the end of an "interesting" year. I'm not even sure that "interesting" covers it. As I was doing my usual browsing through the internet, I found some fun and interesting statements that in a weird way summed up 2020. Enjoy what life you have and help others to have laughter and fun in their lives too.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" I just say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "an ambulance."

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really

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in trouble.

Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with

green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today? I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

Ah! Being young is exciting but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

May you always have: Love to share, cash to spare, tires with air, and friends who care.

### CHOICES

Another New Year  
With choices each day.  
What will you choose  
As you go on your way?

Will you, with loving heart,  
Choose to serve the Lord?  
Or, will you follow the world  
And the things He abhors?

Will you offer a hand  
To those who are in need?  
Will you take time  
To do a good deed?

It's a clean slate!  
A new story to write.  
Will your decisions  
Keep Jesus in sight?

It's up to you  
To choose the path you trod,  
Make the right choice,  
And go with God.

J.R. Trumbull  
24 December 2006

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land  
There was a mixture of feelings from the 'right' and 'left' hand!  
Some of our politicians, probably some from both sides  
Will still be debating the results of their rides  
Will they even think of Christmas as they wait the New Year  
Some with great expectation, some still mopping tears!  
Stop and think for a moment, no matter which crowd you support,  
You just as well enjoy Christmas, while you await the reports  
Did Joe really win, did Donald's crew drop the ball  
Will we even know on New Year's as we watch the hopes fall?  
I, like you all, know what I want to occur  
The one in the White House that I'd really prefer  
But, my friends, it is Christmas, and despite all that might happen  
No matter your thoughts 'bout the Baby, He won't be caught 'nappin',  
We say it's His birthday, that shepherds found Him in a shed  
And those on the 'far left' might proclaim - "Christ is Dead"  
But I know what I'm saying, join me on the 'right'  
Forget all the turmoil, if just for one night  
Forget all the confusion that the modern world gives  
Say with me, "He was born" and I know He Still Lives,  
So let's forget for a while what would try to distract us  
Anything that might interfere with a glad "Merry Christmas"  
Let's accept with grateful hearts the one true Christmas gift  
Discard what tends to drag you down, grab all that tends to lift  
Believe with every thankful soul that God has sent His Son,  
As you look out at our SinSick world just pray, "Thy Will Be Done!"  
For "Unto us a Child is Born" nothing should take our JOY away  
He came to bring a joyful life, a Blessed Christmas Day!  
Yes, I know the writing's lousy, but you can bet the thought is true  
And even though I've mixed my words, I wish the best for you.  
Pray the prayer that's always answered, "May Thy Perfect will be Done"  
And then accept, with gratitude, the Wishes of "The Son"  
If you didn't get my Christmas card, imagine this IT  
Like most of what I write, the message may not fit  
But—Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Blessings and Love  
It all comes 'through Me' "From" 'The Father up Above'!



### Tryon Red Cross Bloodmobile

January 22, 2021  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
McPherson Co. Fair Building

For appointment please contact  
Elaine Miller - 308-587-2446



Happy New Year  
-- 2021 --

From all of us...  
to all of you!

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