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TEN YEARS AGO
JANUARY 20, 2011

Ashley Starr, an 8th grader at McPherson County Schools, was the winner of the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee. Levi Carlton was the second place winner. Qualifiers were: Levi Carlton, Julia Hines, Chyanna Bryant, Lacey Baird, Peyton Barner, Garrett Barner, Dane Daigger, Kandace Ward, Ruth Licking and Ashley Starr.

The grandchildren of LaVada Rodewald were requesting a card shower to celebrate her 90th birthday on January 24, 2011.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 18, 2001

The seventh and eighth graders were pictured in Mrs. Connick's class at District 4 with their model one-room log homes. Pictured were: Mike Connick, Alison Sowders, Shaylee Powers, Megan Suchy, Taylor Waits, Trent Chestnutt, Nate McNutt, Liz Licking, Ryan Mumm and Tom Dowell.

Tyler Neal, a biology major at Dana College at Blair, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2000 semester.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 17, 1991

The MCHS basketball team played at Stapleton January 8 and hosted Eustis-Farnam January 12. The varsity lost to Stapleton 54-42. Mike Daly led Tryon with 20 points. They won over Eustis-Farnam, 88-77 with Daly again leading the scoring with 39 points.

Judy Dailey and Dee Towne attended a bridal shower for Tish Farmer and Craig Dailey in North Platte, Sunday evening.

Death: Walter G. (Jack) Daly, 79, January 4, 1991

FORTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 15, 1981

The MCHS boys basketball team defeated the Mullen Broncos January 6 in a hard fought contest, with the score ending 45 to 40. Sam Haworth was high point with 11 for Tryon. Also scoring for the Longhorns was Mike Miller and Steve Waits.

The Hall Church grounds now has a building which is being remodeled for a garage and storage area for the minister, Rev. Arvin Johnson. The building was donated by Ted Correll and came from the former S.W. Warren property south of Tryon. It was moved by Ron Paxton with his stack mover on December 17.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 21, 1971

The Tryon volleyball

girls placed third in the Little Loup Tournament last week. They lost in the first round to Halsey-Dunning by scores of 15-12 and 16-14, but won the consolation game against Cody by scores of 15-13 and 15-1. On Saturday night the team traveled to Lewellen to win in two straight with scores of 15-10 and 15-6. High scorers in these games were Connie Lutes, Jean Kramer, Shelly Black, Debbie Arensdorf and Colleen Schradler.

The following from McPherson County High School attended the meeting of the Hi-Line Conference at the Elks Club the evening of January 14: Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. David Dubach, Mrs. Spencer Anderson, Mr. Theo. Daigger and Mr. Einar Mehl.

Edith Ellen Haney spent Sunday visiting Sheryl Connell. They enjoyed riding their Hondas over the hills that afternoon and visited in the Fay Thompson home.

Jerry and Mae Van Natta were extending a thank you for the many cards, nice gifts and delicious food they received upon the arrival of their new son.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 19, 1961

Tryon traveled to Anselmo January 11 to play Oconto in the Little Loup Conference. Oconto defeated the Longhorns 95 to 61, but Tryon went back the following night to beat Halsey by a score of 71 to 55. They received the third place trophy in the conference. Terry Jameson was high scorer in the Oconto game with 18 points, and Eldon Starr was the high point leader in the Halsey game with 21 points.

Raymond L. Turner, torpedoman's mate second class, USN, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ivan Turner of Ringgold, is serving aboard the guided missile submarine USS Halibut operation gout of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Mrs. Milton O'Connor returned to her home in Tryon Tuesday afternoon after having been confined in a North Platte hospital for about ten days.

Orval Black was injured in a truck loading accident at Paxton, Thursday while loading cross arm pieces. Another man was driving the truck and ran it into a hole, knocking Orval off and having a cross arm fall on him. He received head and back injuries and was taken to the doctor in North Platte

by Mrs. Black on Friday.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 18, 1951

The Tryon Graphic has received word that the building of the new REA high line into Tryon and the east half of McPherson County, has advertised for contract bids in the "Custer County Chief" for the past few weeks. Bids for the contract are to close January 26. As reported to the Graphic, building of the line will be started very soon after the contract is drawn up with the approved bidder, providing the roads are not blocked with snow.

A contract for the construction of about seven and a half miles of Highway Nebraska No. 61 between Arthur and Hyannis was awarded Friday by the State Highway Department. Up to the present, the Highway Department has constructed and maintains No. 61 just five miles north of Arthur. The Geneva Contractor's work will start at this point and will extend to the Arthur-Grant County line.

The American Legion of Tryon, wishes to announce that on the night of January 27th they will sponsor a program of good entertainment, free. A pie social will follow and all proceeds will go for the Polio Fund. All ladies are urged to please bring pies, and men are asked to bring their pocket books.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 16, 1941

The local high school basketball team downed the Nichols team here Tuesday night in a one-sided game which ended 41 to 4.

Superintendent Ebright attended the Southwestern Nebraska Schoolmen's meeting at Maxwell on Wednesday evening.

Ira E. Cumpston and Lisle N. Pyzer have dissolved partnership in the C&P Auto Gate Co. with the result that Mr. Cumpston is now sole owner of the gate business. Rumors have it that in the transaction, Mr. Pyzer became owner of the Iowa farm owned by the Gate Co.

NINETY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 15, 1931

Several changes have been brought about by the new schedule at the high school in Tryon. Basketball is practiced in the morning; the orchestra practices every day, and the Tenth English Class, formerly taught by Miss Link, is now being taught by Miss Birkhofer.

The following students were neither absent nor tardy during the last six weeks: Nona Bassett, David David, Donald Dobbins, Nora Kyne and Jimmie Caudel. Nona Bassett has a perfect attendance

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "When you tear out a man's tongue, you are not proving him a liar, you are only telling the world that you fear what he might say."

George R.R. Martin

I woke up in the early hours of January 10 with remnants of a deep dream floating through my mind. It involved things that had never passed through my thoughts before and was rather frightening in places. Given the events of the past year as well as current events, these words may even be regarded as prophetic. I'm not claiming to be a prophet by any means. The poem wrote itself as most of my poems do. I'm just the means of putting them on paper.

Take time to think about how God uses what we may regard as evil and turns it into something good. We don't like to think about human ashes fertilizing fields for the future but it does happen. Seeds are planted in

many ways whether by actual seeds being sowed or by words being planted in minds. The Word provides the words that we

and the youth of our nation need in order to survive what is ahead. God's Word is the seed we all need to sow in our lives.

I HAD A DREAM

I had a dream in the stillness of the night
About how God turns evil into right.
Concepts that for human thought are
beyond our sight.

How the ashes of the death camps
did fertilize the soil
And seeds spread along death marches
later feed both friend and foe.

Frail human bodies provide nourishment and a
plant will slowly grow.
That plant can provide a harvest for a need not
seen at the time.

The concepts revealed fit poorly into rhyme.
Implications that never entered my
fragile human mind.

God will take words spoken now in hate
And use them in the future to show the
fair and great

Those who gave their heritage proven heroes in
future fate.

The vitriol speech of today will be proven wrong
And the praises of a true leader made into a song-
An anthem of encouragement for those
remaining strong.

Take time to look around you for the signs
To use now and in the future as you consider
these lines

For God will provide a way with concepts
that He defines.

J.R. Trumbull
10 Jan 2021

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I haven't had any serious reaction to the statement that I would be repeating parts from the 450 articles I have written in the last nine years. I'm starting that "threat" by using just part of an article published on November 21, 2012 which jumps off from time that Doris and I spent in Haiti at the Mission Hospital in Limbe in 1990-1991. I quote from that 'old' article before adding a few statements and opinions that are in 'current events'. I'll use quotes and parentheses and trust you can sort what I say!

"Dr Bill Hodges, the head doctor at the hospital where we spent our time, had been in Haiti since 1957 and had raised his family there. We thought him to be a cynical old gentleman who would complain about America, but knowing he would have to send back to the states to get anything, the least bit modern, that he needed. One day as we visited with him Doris remarked, "it seems like Haiti is just a hundred years behind America." Bill replied, "You have just got it backwards, in a hundred more years America will be just like Haiti is now." I pray

that prediction doesn't come true by the year 2090. I won't be here, but those grandkids will be my age then. Revelations 22:20." End of quote from 2012. That verse says, "He who is the faithful witness says, "Yes, I am coming soon!"

That was exactly thirty years ago and that verse says the same thing, and is just as true as it was then. Read Psalm 90:4 or 2 Peter 3:8!

I don't know how much I might have said in other times, but let me tell you what Haiti was like then. You can tally how much America has already digressed and in light of our country's future possibilities listen with me to my mother saying, "it's probably going to get a lot worse." Mom has been gone now for twenty-two years and I can picture her saying that again today!

When Doris and I were in Haiti, we were volunteers. We paid our room and board. We and several other volunteers, they would come and go, ate at a common table. I suppose Mr. or Mrs. Hodges planned the menus but the work was all done by local residents (anything

valuable, like sugar, was kept locked and 'Doc' would give the cooks what he thought they needed for the next meal. There were lots of native employees that came if they wanted to and they brought a noon lunch. I thought they employed too many people but I was soon informed that this, too, was mission work. I put in my time at what was called 'the forestry division' where we sawed, and sold lumber, raised seedling trees for distribution to local farmers by a government entity like our County Agents, and mixed and sold plant food that we mixed from sawdust and table refuse and manure that we purchased by just the sack full. A little hint at your future. Those workers would sell us a sack of manure, steal it during the night, and sell it to us again the next day. We had to grind anything we had bought before quitting time every evening. It was a way of life to steal, riot, and destroy other folks property. If you have more than I do it's okay to destroy it! Have

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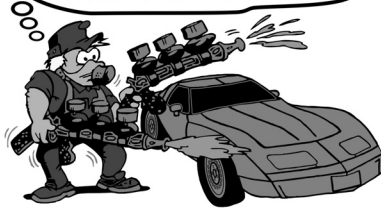
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