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From The Tryon Graphic Archives

**TEN YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 10, 2011**
The SMC wrestlers were featured on the McPherson County News page. Those pictured wrestling were: Clay Seifer, Isaac Ascherl, Josh Schiltz and Levi Peterson.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 8, 2001**
Sheriff Barry Hinkle reports that sometime during the last month, the lights which light up the intersection of Highways 92 and 97 east of Tryon, were shot out. These type of lights are very expensive to replace, and any information about this incident should be reported to Sheriff Hinkle or to Custer Public Power District.

Chad McNutt, son of Mart and Cindy McNutt was featured in the Senior Spotlight for McPherson County High School. Chad participated in Journalism worked with the annual staff and was also an officer in the Letter Club. He took part in all

sports at the school and received a number of honors.

Funeral services for Ray E. Dobbins, 84, of Tryon, were to be held Friday at the Ringgold Free Methodist Church with burial at the Miller Cemetery.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 7, 1991**

The MCHS boys basketball team defeated Arthur in the semi-finals of the Oregon Trails Conference Tournament, 46-44. Mike Daly was leading scorer with 18 points. Lewellen beat Tryon in the championship game 79-60. Rusty Moore led MCHS with 22 points.

Dinner guests of Ron, Lorna and Trudy Dobbins on Sunday, January 27, were Brad, Cindy, Austin and Andrew Kroll of Bassett, Ray and Margaret Dobbins and Eithel Dahlin. The Krolls had spent the weekend with her parents, Ron and Lorna.

The community extends

deep sympathy to Peggy Neal and her family as Peggy's father, Marvin Homan of North Platte, passed away January 28.

**FORTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 5, 1981**

Clayton and Dolores Huffman returned recently from a ten-day vacation in Hawaii. They left from Denver January 14 and returned home January 27. They toured many interesting places including the city of Honolulu, the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific which is built in the Punchbowl crater; several Hawaiian islands including Oahu and Maui, the Pearl Harbor Cruise where they saw Battleship Row, and the famous Arizona Memorial.

McPherson County commissioners voted unanimously at their January 30 meeting to appoint Vi-

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Between the Lines

Our jumping off place for this week's conglomeration (maybe that will be our big word for this week) of repetitious letters comes from *The Tryon Graphic* newspaper dated January 6, 1941. Remember that I said a couple people, I can only remember one specific name right now, said they couldn't remember what I had written before. Maybe they didn't read it the first time! Well, don't stretch your memory too tight or you might find some repetition this week. That issue of the paper had the following item:

"R. M. (Rufus) Howard, from Flats, in McPherson County, State Legislator from the 39th District, was elected speaker when the body convened at Lincoln on Tuesday of this week. Howard was elected on the third ballot for this important post. Howard has served in the Nebraska Legislature, both under the Old Bicameral and the New Unicameral system and has been outstanding during the past several sessions."

As you probably remember, I have a rather personal interest in Rufe since I am living on land that Doris and I bought from him in 1947. I know several things that I am going to 'dig up' from

memory and former writings are of more interest to me than to others, but he and his family, have been a good example of the old Horacio Alger stories of pulling one's self up by his bootstraps, or 'local boy makes contribution to history' mentality. Realizing that this week might be a real 'dud' for you (has anyone made a practice of 'keeping score' as to how often this happens?) I'm again going to try to put my memories of Rufe in chronological order and it will make me feel good, as I consider that 1941 news item.

Whenever we 'went to Flats' in my childhood we drove on Howard land for about a mile and three quarters. The two acres that is still set apart, for the Flats Store from section thirty three, was originally part of Rufe's Kincaid. As we would drive, often with team and wagon, this road in 1929 when I was three years old, we would see and comment on the big new barn being built. That barn was originally painted a slate colored grey but sometime later was painted red as it is now. It is the only building left that Doris and I purchased in 1947.

You've heard the old cliché 'time stood still'? Well it didn't and in 1937

Dean Thompson

I was riding the old steel wheeled trail mower as Dad and I mowed the Three Stack hay meadow. Rufe would be haying right across the fence, on land now owned by Storer's, and if he and Dad got close enough they would stop and visit for a while. Rufe was a large, good looking man!

In 1946, Mr. Howard was no longer serving in the legislature, but was the Secretary of Agriculture of our State. I was in Kyoto, Japan thinking about home and working on a shortcut for getting there. Rufe, I suppose as a politician and more education, may have used some different wording than my Dad, or the other neighbor that I can't remember, and may have used State stationery. The three affidavits that Dad mailed to me in Japan, were good enough to get me an early discharge because I was 'needed,' or at least wanted, in the agricultural segment of Arthur County!

In April of 1947 my Dad and Loren Storer were the successful bidders as Rufus Howard liquidated his real estate in McPherson county, land that I have now claimed longer than Rufe was in possession of that Kincaid grassland.

On September 28, 2016, I mentioned that the Helping Hand Club had rebuilt the 'Soddy' community building in 1948,

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Over The Hills



J.R. Trumbull

Some Things Worth Glorifying In...

• The knowledge of God. "Let him that glories, glory in this, that he knows Me."

• The Character of God. "Loving. Just. Righteous." • The Word of God. "In these things I delight," says the Lord.

How about you? Do you

delight yourself in the Lord?

Guard your heart. Teach your children. Watch and pray.

As we deal with life, the important thing is to enjoy the little things. Even winter can bring joy but I prefer it in small doses!

WINTER

Pristine white snow,
Feathery plumes of frost
Decorate the landscape
Denying winter's cost.

Deer forage for sustenance,
Birds seek hiding seeds.
Coyote hunts the hills
Seeking prey for his needs.

Cattle gather at the tank
Waiting for the ice to break,
Waiting for a bale of hay
And a meal of cake.

Rancher dresses warmly,
Insulated coveralls and boots,
Scotch cap pulled down firmly,
Glad rag completes his winter suit.

Winter is fine in small doses,
Days on end is just too much.
Even a journey to the southland
Won't bring me spring's warm touch.

J.R. Trumbull
8 January 2010

**Tryon Red Cross Bloodmobile
Friday, April 2, 2021**

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