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TEN YEARS AGO
MAY 5, 2011

McPherson County High School's graduation ceremony was set for May 7 in Tryon. Those graduating were: Mara Brittny Seifer, Gabriel Michael Ryland, Michelle Marie Lopez, Molly Lennea Hinkle, Ashley Ann Marie Bessmer, and Austin Leroy Lewis.

Tryon students recently entered the Optimist Essay Contest and received good placings. McKenna Bessmer received a first place and Shane Suchy received a second place.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 2001

Nine young 4-H'ers gathered April 16 in the commons room of the school at Tryon to compete in music, speech and presentations. The nine pictured on the front page of *The Graphic* were Brittny Ward, Tasha Miller, Maria Ward, Amy Waits, Nicole Fiechtner, Taylor Puttergill, Kate Seifer, Mara Seifer and Duell Puttergill.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Schmidt enjoyed a visit with their daughter, Maretta, and granddaughter, Melinda, from Texas and Oklahoma the first of last week. They toured the high school in Tryon, and Maretta saw her classmates' pictures while there.

Darrin and Angela Munson were the parents of a baby girl, Kylee Jo, born April 19.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MAY 2, 1991

The high school rodeo season got underway April 27 at Imperial with several competing from the Logan-McPherson High School Rodeo Club. In girls cutting, Kelly Long won first; goat tail tying, Angie Warren, third; calf roping, Mike Daly, third; barebacks, Nat Warren, second. Also competing with the group were Shalee Paxton and Frank Harwager.

Chad E. Farmer was in this week's MCHS Senior Spotlight. Rex and Jeanine Kemp of Ogallala, were parents of a son, Allyn John, born April 23.

FORTY YEARS AGO
APRIL 30, 1981

MCHS coaches, Mr. Kelvin Sharp and Mr. Rick Elsasser, were to be in charge of the 1981 Rural Field Day at Tryon which is one of the biggest events of the school year. On this day all six elementary schools in the county gather to compete in track and field events. Also, displays of the children's arts and crafts would be

exhibited in the high school gym.

Lorna Dobbins, County Extension Chairman, announced that the Extension Spring Tea would be held at the high school in Tryon on Monday, May 4. An interesting program on "Hair Care" was to be presented by The Hairloft of North Platte.

Tryon Rebekah Lodge No. 415 was to be host for the District Meeting at Tryon on May 15th. Noble Grand Maudene Sowders appointed Shirley Daiger, Susie Bond and Eva Haddy to be in charge of the coffee and rolls at the morning registration.

The Tryon Sandhillers Mixed Doubles bowling league planned to hold their annual bowling supper at Bonanza in North Platte on May 9th.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MAY 6, 1971

Mickey Miller was a pleasant caller in the Don Nicholson home Tuesday. He is spending a 30-day furlough with home folks. Mickey has been stationed for the past two years in Japan.

Deena Kemp and Bob Rodewald were married April 4, 1971, at the United Methodist Church in Tryon. The Rev. Dwight W. Kemling officiated. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodewald. After a honeymoon trip to Colorado and Wyoming, the couple is at home on the ranch north of Ringgold.

The obituary of Mrs. Nellie Miller, age 86, of Tryon stated that she was born December 2, 1884 to John and Emma Booze, and departed this life at the home of her son, Earl, May 1, 1971. She was survived by five children, 29 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and a number of students who stayed in her home while attending high school at Tryon.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MAY 4, 1961

The Lester Anway family has moved to Tryon from North Platte. They are building a new home on

the Dewey Harvey place east of town. Their son, Leslie, started school in Tryon, Monday morning.

The Come Double Club met April 29th in *The Graphic* building with 28 members present. High scores were won by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dobbins for men and women, and low prizes went to Mrs. Helen Trumbull and Bob Cotton. The club gave Mr and Mrs. Leo Lindahl and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norvell going away gifts.

Mrs. Joyce Snyder announced that the MCHS Class of 1956 would hold their five year reunion May 28 at Cody Park in North Platte with a picnic lunch at noon. Also invited were the classes of 1953, 1954 and 1955.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MAY 3, 1951

A prairie fire started Monday evening in the hills north of the Dan Connell home and burned a distance of about three miles. It was put out just as it reached the Chester Paxton buildings. The wind was blowing hard from the south, but a large crowd of men were soon there to help put it out.

NINETY YEARS AGO
APRIL 30, 1931

Warren & Hill Real Estate dealers closed a deal Tuesday whereby Joe Schmidt of Ringgold, became the owner of the Ida Heldenbrand farm south of that place. Mr. Schmidt some years ago purchased a farm north of Ringgold and desiring to increase his acreage, purchased the Heldenbrand place. The two places combined will make him one of the best farm-ranches in this county.

Two land sales were held at the Courthouse last week by administrators of estates. The first tract was that of the Emeline Wisner Estate and was sold in two pieces. Elmore Waits bought both tracts. They do not join his present farm but are close enough to make a

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Senior Lunch Menu At
Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

Dining Room Open:

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Mon.-Fri. - Call 308-587-2201

Thursday, May 6 - BLT, potato chips, pickle, celery, carrots, fruit cocktail
Friday, May 7 - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, dinner roll, peaches
Monday, May 10 - Smothered steak, mashed

potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, pineapple
Tuesday, May 11 - Reuben sandwich, chips, pickle and carrots, mandarin oranges
Wednesday, May 12 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, dinner roll, peaches
Thursday, May 13 - Sauerkraut and polish dog, cheesy potatoes, sliced bread, applesauce
Friday, May 14 - Fish sandwich, baked potato, coleslaw, fruit cocktail

Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Nothing is more discouraging than unappreciated sarcasm."

Source Unknown
BENEFITS OF OLD AGE
Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: 'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked...

She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

This reminds me of my mother - at 90 she liked to comment on how she "had no enemies." The devoted daughter that I am, reminded her that she had probably outlived them all....

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs and have fun finding them.

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have poor circulation and can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license. I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gy-rated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker. These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

All of my life I have heard about getting older and wise. I'm here to tell you that it is a lot easier to get older than to get wiser!

THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

BROKEN PIECES

Broken pieces and shut doors
Of create situations one abhors
Yet each may just redirect
From catastrophe or reject.

Don't wail and fret when this occurs
Because an all knowing God is ours
To go to when we are unsure,
To guide us when life is a blur!

One broken piece can fit another
And create something further.
Something quite unexpected
Built from what was once rejected.

God is the Master of broken things,
With His guidance goodness brings
And takes one of this and one of that
Creates a masterpiece quite stat.

Give to Him your broken pieces,
Let Him work miracles that please us,
Rest in His Awesome greatness
Created in His Glorious deliberateness.

J.R. Trumbull

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

I haven't heard one word of complaint about the repetition of last week, thanks to my unlisted number, so I'll interpret 'silence as consent.' I wrote recently about telephones and the fact that almost everyone has one available and no one has called to complain, so "here we go again."

I want to go back, selfishly, and write just a few lines of "before the fire." A quote, "in 1934 the church received a letter from Mrs Orville Thompson (my mom) Clerk of the Center Valley Church, asking if Rev Johnson could come to Center Valley and preach on the third Sunday of each month. The request was granted and the two churches continued their sharing through the years." Probably I won't mention my old church, our present annex, again this week but that quote, and the preaching and influence of Rev Johnson culminated in my Baptism in the Three Mile

lake on September 8th, 1935. Selfish report as mentioned above.

It seems to me, and of course this, too, may be a selfish conclusion, that Arthur and Center Valley have been very close, actually sister churches ever since they were both organized in 1914. There is documentation, which I don't have at my fingertips, that tells about a one time closure of the Center Valley Church and a subsequent rescinding of that action. At that time it was probably a matter of transportation, but this relationship was an off and on thing more or less at the whim of whichever pastor we had. This joint relationship came to a close when the two buildings, as well as the 'people' were merged at the moving of the building in 1991.

The church at Arthur was gone, "ashes to ashes and dust to dust."

World War II was in progress and the church could not get material to

rebuild. Rev Hamilton, was very persistent and permission was granted for masonry construction and the war department was clearing a large area near Hastings to construct ammunition storage (this storage facility is still visible from I-80) and the church was able to buy a large barn and salvage it for the lumber (and that can also still be seen in the attic of our church).

There are many stories about the building of the present church, some of sacrifice and commitment. I want to copy just a few statements from the 1989 anniversary booklet:

The building committee chairman, Bill Hill, praised Rev Hamilton for his dedicated leadership!

Bill Hill did all the hauling of material (and you can bet he didn't just lean on his truck while all the volunteer men dismantled that barn and loaded

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