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**TEN YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 20, 2012**
Eighth and ninth graders at McPherson County Schools participated in two V.F.W. essay contests. The eighth graders submitted entries for the Patriot's Pen contest and the ninth graders wrote essays for the Voice of Democracy contest. Winners were Cole Garner, Ruth Licking, Kyon Neal, Brianna Powers and Arika Starr. Mary Weems and Lucy Johnson, representing the Stapleton VFW Auxiliary presented the awards.

Remington Cutler, senior and Alex Hinkle, junior at MCHS have been selected to attend the Doane Honor Choir in Doane on January 13 and 14. Remington was selected as a tenor and Alex as a bass.

The McPherson County Schools Christmas program was held December 11 in Tryon.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 19, 2002**
The Lady Longhorns were 0-2 in basketball action falling to Thedford and Mullen. Scoring for Tryon were Raelyn Gilmore and Chelsey McNutt.

The Longhorns were 1-1 in basketball losing to Thedford. Ryan Mumm led the scoring against Thedford and Mumm also led in scoring in the win against Mullen.

The Ringgold Free Methodist Church held their annual Christmas soup supper and program on December 8. A large crowd was on hand for the chili soup, oyster stew and other Christmas delicacies. Duell and Tayler Puttergill, Jordan Lovitt, Jacob Sowders, Nicole Fiechtner and Katlin Dikeman presented "What's Growing Under Your Bed."

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1992**
Monday evening, December 21 was the night that caroling for Christmas was hoped to be accomplished in Tryon. Ken and Jean Pester, who live west of Tryon, furnished the team and wagon for the event. The carolers enjoyed spreading Christmas cheer around town and finished the evening with the favor of hot chocolate and cookies at the Ranch Store and cafe, and popcorn balls which were given to them along their route.

**FORTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 23, 1982**
New arrivals included a baby girl, Katrina Gwyn, born December 17, to Kent and Kathleen Fisher of Tryon; and a baby boy, Ryan Leon, born December 19 to Rosalea and Leon Gift of Thedford.

The McPherson County High School Christmas Concert was held December 15, and was well attended. Those performing

solos were: Trudy Dobbins, Becki Musser, Stacy Connell, Craig Connell, Sandi Connell, Nadean Daigger, Trent Neal and Cindy Dobbins.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 21, 1972**
Mr. and Mrs. Chet Allen of North Platte received word of the birth of a new granddaughter on December 19. The little Miss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen of Goodland, Kansas.

Word was received that Byrd Ross of Ottawa, Kansas, a longtime resident of McPherson County passed away on Thanksgiving day. He homesteaded in Hooker County and lived north of Ringgold in McPherson County a number of years.

Marriages announced: Debra Arensdorf to James Schmidt on December 29 at the Ringgold Free Methodist Church; Joy Louise Moriarty to Douglas Eugene Pearman on

December 30 at the church in Tryon.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 20, 1962**
A pair of free throws by Eldon Starr and one by Tom Ellis in the last minute of play capped a victory for the Longhorns over Sutherland.

Mrs. Ernestine Mann was the winner of the hand quilted quilt given by the American Legion Auxiliary at the card party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kemp of Tryon were the parents of a son, born December 9.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1942**
Donald Tupper arrived here Tuesday from Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, where he has been for several months. Donald was given a medical discharge.

Repair work at the Tryon grade school is progressing nicely and it now seems likely that school will start on Monday.



J.R. Trumbull

Over The Hills

It's CHRISTmas

Take Christ out of Christmas?
What do you mean?
Every time I see X-mas,
I just want to scream!

For Christmas without Christ
Loses all meaning for me
As Christmas is far more
Than presents under a tree.

God gave His Son
One glorious night
That by His life and death
We might see the light.

The light of redemption,
Of purpose and love
With Holy Spirit guidance
Sent from above.

Christmas is far more
Than mythical Santa and such –
It celebrates Christ's birth
Who loves us so much!

Yes, Jesus was born
One long ago Christmas Eve
Offering life everlasting
If we would only believe.

So leave Christ in Christmas
And center your day
Around the risen Savior
And trust and obey.

J.R. Trumbull
14 December 1997

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

Unto us a Child is born.....



I put these words together many years ago. I may have sent them to one, or both, of the papers before but I believe they are still true and I am too lazy this week to do better. Can any of you remember way back, like third grade in a one room country school, when you recited your first 'piece' or maybe you would rather pick on someone else to take the attention away from yourself.

I can remember when, he is gone now, a neighbor boy stood and wagged a bunch of little bells

while reciting "I've got lots of bells to ring." And I went to a school program where apparently a younger boy, who had already learned the nursery rhyme "Pita, Pita, Punkin Etah" was not required to learn something more Christmassy. I was in third grade when my class, a mixed quartet, sang "Oh little town of Bethlehem" and a hog instead of a reindeer caused me to draw the 'ham' out a long ways! I, at a very tender age, knew that Christmas giving went a lot deeper than candy, got

my jollies from trying to figure who was behind that beard. In that third grade I even yelled, "I know you, Dad."

I don't know what year I put these words together, I tried to weave my thoughts and opinions into it years ago and I hope I still maintain those same ideas. Maybe I'll try using both barrels this week.

Dear editors: A blessed Christmas to you all -

'Twas the day before Christmas, I was out there in the dark.

I didn't see any reindeer, nor an Angel named 'Hark'.

There wasn't a jingle, no sled did I see,

In fact, in the stillness, I thought 'twas just me!

But when I got to the sale barn, where the tractor was shedded,

To check if the trip, that walk I had dreaded, Had been worth the trouble, if I'd wasted my time,

I got a sharp revelation, a waking sublime!

As I turned toward the house, there South of the trees

Was the Star Brian made, as bright as you please

I wondered if some soul going 'long the highway Had gotten some inkling about Christmas Day.

We are never alone, out there in the dark,

In the darkness we've made, 'cause we've lost all our spark.

The Christ is still there

to help light our way.

All of our life, not just Christmas Day.

So I went back to the house, my steps lighter with JOY

Because though there weren't any Angels, there was a "Christmas Boy"

The first Star is gone, the Cross took it away

But it still couldn't darken that first Christmas Day!

The tomb is now empty, it could not hold Him in, He went down into Hell to get rid of our Sin,

Yes, He's with us now in what appears to be Night And we can each find our way by the Bright Christmas Light!

Merry Christmas
These words were arranged exactly Seventy Years ago in 1952

God put the 'Christ' in Christmas

Two thousand years ago With a Glorious song of "Peace on Earth" from Angels hovering low.

He put the "Christ" in Christmas, on that first Christmas Day

As wise men brought their precious gifts and lowly shepherds knelt to pray.

Now we oft drop "Christ" from Christmas, and failing oft to sing and pray,

We try to bring 'real joy to men' with only gifts on Christmas Day.

But God put the "Christ" in Christmas with Shepherd's prayers and Angel' songs

Yes, God put them all in Christmas, and that's where they still belong!

So let's put "Christ" back in Christmas, on this, another Christmas Day

Let's sing with joy and gladness, let's pause a bit to pray,

That Our Father, as He promised in the songs of angels, then,

Will bring "Christ" near at Christmas, and bring 'real Joy' to men!

Amen and Merry Christmas

These words may be a repeat! I hope they are worth repeating! They have just a hint of Western, which should suit my readers, and I hope they contain just enough of the true meaning of Christmas to tickle your conscience and your sense of correctness. I hope that you might see both a 'Christmas Past' and a 'Christmas present'. In my meager words this week! Merry Christmas!

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