



McPherson County News

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TEN YEARS AGO
JANUARY 31, 2013
Nebraska Public Power District, headquartered in Columbus, held the first phase of informative open houses on its proposed 345,000 volt Transmission Line. This line, once constructed, will be approximately 220 miles long connecting the Gerald Gentleman Station near Sutherland to the 345,000 volt transmission line owned by the Western Area Power Administration of the federal government. The "R-Project" was still in the planning phases.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JANUARY 30, 2003
Lloyd Connell of Tryon suffered a broken hip after falling on some ice near a stock tank at their place north of Tryon. Jacob Christopher was on the first semester honorable mention honor roll at Central Christian College at McPherson, Kansas.

Chelsey McNutt, daughter of Mart and Cindy McNutt, was one of the area students named to receive the "Good Citizen Award" from the Sioux Lookout Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. The Lady Longhorns lost to Arthur 34-45. Liz Licking put in nine points and had four rebounds and two assists.

The second annual meeting of the McPherson Community Federal Credit Union would take place February 11.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 4, 1993
Pauline Shimmin broke her right wrist in a fall outside her home in Tryon.

Kristy Miller, secretary of the fair board, announced that the McPherson County Fair would be held August 12, 13 and 14.

Burglaries in Thedford and Thomas County continued to increase in number and in seriousness. Since the rash began October 1, 1992 just four months ago, Thedford had 17 reported burglaries. The estimated value of the items stolen was over \$6,000.

Representatives from surrounding local governments met with an official of the West Central Nebraska Development District at the McPherson County High School to discuss the impending problem of solid waste. The Village of Stapleton reported they were making plans to purchase a truck and provide the service for their residents, the Village of Gandy, and were looking into the possibility of contracting with McPherson County.

FORTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 3, 1983
Elwin and Margaret Miller were involved in a car and truck accident near McCook.

Sandi Connell and Nadean Daigger, with their instructor Mrs. Jean Hora, were among nearly 350 students who took part in the one-day band and choral clinic at Kearney State College.

Steve Waits dumped in 15 points and Trent Neal added 10 as the McPherson County High School boys varsity basketball downed Big Springs, 51 to 45.

Seniors named to the first semester honor roll at McPherson County were: Nadean Daigger, Trent Neal, Kristy Power and Steve Waits.

Services were held for longtime McPherson County resident, Maude G. (Booze) Wade of Tryon. Genie Allen of Stapleton almost won the \$25.00 being given away by Creative Printers at Triangle Lanes in Arnold. The money will be awarded to any bowler who can get eight strikes in a row. Genie bowled a spare in her first frame, then seven strikes in a row before leaving one in her ninth frame.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 1, 1973
Mr. and Mrs. Don Pettit would be honored on their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house.

Jim Sturtz was re-elected president of the Logan-McPherson Extension Board. Dorothy Kemp will be vice-president and Marilyn Parker, secretary-treasurer.

The ambulance was called Sunday evening to take Joe Schmidt to the Memorial Hospital at North Platte. It was thought he had suffered a light stroke.

The David Store was offering general merchandise, hardware, ranch supplies, Franklin vaccine and supplies, and Phillip 66 gas and oils.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 7, 1963
Kenneth Priest was taken to Memorial hospital after being struck by a car. There were no bones broken, but he suffered a sprained back and other bruises.

The engagement of Jeroldine Harvey and Duane Schlientz was announced.

Gary Correll, 10, of the Ringgold school, was the runner-up in the KNOP-TV spelling contest. He received a Parker pen and pencil set.

Linda Stocum and Jack Tucker were married January 19.

The Pioneer Market at Ringgold was now selling a nice line of jewelry, along with greeting cards, notions, fresh fruits and vegetables and Texaco products.

The Sunshine Extension Club, met with Eva Connell. There were nine members present. Clara Daly gave the lesson on "Clothing Repair Quick Tricks."

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 4, 1943

When Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kemp returned home Saturday night after attending the President's Birthday Ball in Tryon, they found their home a smoldering pile of ashes. The couple lived on the old Glunt place and being some distance from the nearest neighbor and away from any main road, no one noticed the fire.

McPherson County housewives were asked to save cooking fats and not to use their fats for making soap. In these fats is badly needed glycerin for use in making explosives. Fats will make bullets and bombs to crush our enemies.

Uncle Sam ordered that all retail sales of gasoline, motor oil and other petroleum products must be cash effective February 1, 1943. Sale of gasoline and motor oil was restricted to not over 72 hours in any week.

In outside reading at MCHS, the highest number of points and books reported at the end of the last semester were: Lois Hunn, 45 points, 12 books; Lois Faye Mayfield, 56 points, 10 books; Maxine Fuller, 31 points, 9 books.

Mr. Hunn was now helping the boys with their basketball. He coaches them two evenings each week from 8:30 to 10:00 and helps to match games with other teams.

NINETY YEARS AGO
FEBRUARY 2, 1933

Monday morning the children of District 10 were surprised and thrilled to see our new Victrola. The Victrola was purchased with part of the money earned from their play, "The Chocolate Cream Wedding" and pie supper.

Letters to the editor that week revealed that people were not in favor of consolidating counties, as had been suggested.

William Geer, elderly resident of the Flat community in the western part of the country, passed away at his home near Diamond Bar Ranch. Mr. Geer had been in poor health for months.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Raising cattle isn't for the weak. Weak minded maybe, but not weak otherwise." - I think Jim Doyle of Tryon said this.

I have been asked if I miss taking care of cattle. I can't really say that I do, especially on cold, nasty mornings. I enjoyed it while I was able to do the work, but it's not enjoyable when it is a constant struggle. Be super careful with those herbicides and pesticides because an accidental mega exposure does nasty things to your body. The one that got me is supposedly non-carcinogenic, but it sure messed up other things in my system.

Speaking of cattle and caring for them, there are 'Famous Last Words' that a rancher may utter just before everything goes Kapoot! "Oh, just leave the gate open - the cows won't bother it." (Really?) "That horse doesn't have an ounce of buck in him." (Dust off time!) "This market still has some life to it - believe I'll hold off for a few more days." (Oops!) "Been driving through this wet space for 20 years and haven't gotten stuck once." (That's about to change!) "There's no way in creation that bull can go over that fence." (Ha!) "No rain in the forecast so just leave the pickup out in the field with the windows open." (Downpour guaranteed). "You can run a good 20 miles after the fuel gauge says empty." (Oh yeah?) "No watch - if you get right up close behind a calf you won't get *&\$\$#@ kicked." (I pushed many calves up the chute and was black and blue from my toes on up. They can kick, stomp, whatever - it doesn't matter how close you are to them.)

The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning cannot be seen, cannot be smelled, but it can be stopped! According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are more than 400 deaths and approximately 50,000 emergency room visits each year because of CO poisoning. The CO death rate is highest among people 65 years of age or older. Symptoms of CO poisoning can be easily mistaken for the flu and include headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, drowsiness, confusion, but also could cause loss of consciousness.

CO is a gas produced when fuels burn incom-

pletely. Sources include:

- Furnaces
- Fireplaces and space heaters (both gas and wood burning)
- Water heaters
- Gas clothes dryers
- Stoves, grills, generators, and power tools
- All vehicles that burn fossil fuel

The first step in treating a person with CO poisoning is to make sure they have fresh air. Further treatment in a healthcare facility may be necessary. The Poison Center's healthcare professionals are available to assist callers with the management of CO exposures. The poison center may advise you to call 911.

The Nebraska Regional

Poison Center offers the following tips for CO poisoning prevention:

- Install carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home, replace batteries every 6 months
- Recognize the early symptoms of CO poisoning
- Have all fuel-burning appliances inspected regularly
- Ventilate fuel and gas-burning heaters to the outside

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