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TEN YEARS AGO
MARCH 7, 2013
The annual dinner theater at McPherson County High School was scheduled for Saturday, March 15. “The Bremen Town Musicians” would be presented by members of the high school. Cast members included: Remington Cutler, Kandace Ward, Ruth Licking, Kadee Cutler, Kindra Smith, Clay Seifer, Haley Munson, Frankie Lewis, Jesse Paxton, Kris Drake, Michaela Schultis, Wiley Munson, James Paine, Richard Alper and Ty Waits.

Kristina Miller was awarded champion speller at the annual McPherson County Spelling Bee held February 20 at MCHS. Shyanne Sell was the runner-up.

The McPherson County FFA Team 1 qualified for state in Livestock Management. Members of the team were: Jesse Paxton, Austin Starr, Clay Seifer, Kadee Cutler, Levi Brott and Kandace Ward.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 6, 2003
The McPherson County Sheriff’s office is being awarded a traffic safety grant to assist in obtaining one mobile radar unit. The McPherson County Sheriff’s office will receive \$600.00 to put toward the purchase of the new unit.

Chelsey McNutt, daughter of Mart and Cindy McNutt, was in this week’s spotlight.

Cecilia Calla Brown Scollin Matthews, age 87, died Sunday, December 29, 2002, in Phillipsburg, Kansas.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 11, 1993
A card shower for the 80th birthday of Bob Cotton was being announced. Cake and coffee would be served at Aunt Bea’s Cafe in honor of the event on March 20.

Will and Sue Masters, Arbor, Hollis, Bob and Gene Masters and their respective wives and families met at Roger’s Cafe in North Platte Sunday, March 7 for a birthday celebration for Bob and Gene, whose birthdays are this week.

Tom and Billie Burch, Matt and Chris left for Missouri, Friday to attend the funeral of Tom’s grandfather Burch.

Eight girls and seven boys have been practicing for track at McPherson County High School. Those on the girls team are Kelly Connick, Elke Melvin, Mitzi Pettit, Theresa Bryant, Tana Fisher, Heidi Brouwer, Laura Ward and Dawna

Arensdorf. Their coach is Rick Titus. Those listed on the boys team are Jeff Moore, Kevin Starr, Brad Howery, Jason Munson, Dustin Wilkie, Allen Correll and John Gregg. Their coach is Alan Miller.

FORTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 10, 1983
The Hall Missionary Society boxed up about 700 pounds of clothing for mission work in Georgia and for the Nebraska Children’s Home in Omaha. Six ladies were present and enjoyed a sack lunch at noon.

The McPherson County seniors took their sneak trip last Thursday, March 3, to Sunday, March 6, going to the state of Colorado, where they enjoyed skiing for a couple of days.

Larry Trumbull was recently awarded a card and pin for 18 years of safe driving while working for the U.S. Postal Service. Larry, who is now the postmaster at Tryon, had been a rural mail carrier in this area for nearly 25 years, before becoming the Tryon Postmaster on November 13, 1982.

Funeral services were held March 8 at the McPherson County High School for Malcolm A. Connell, who passed away Sunday in a North Platte hospital.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 8, 1973
Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kugler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherrin were among those who attended the wedding of JoAnn Hunt and Steven J. Schmidt at McCook on Saturday evening, February 24.

Chart and Wilma Nicholson were pleasantly surprised Sunday afternoon when their children, Sha-reen, Deanna and Brenda Nicholson and Sandra Black and Tylene invited a group of friends and relatives in for cake, ice cream and coffee, honoring them on their wedding anniversary and Wilma’s birthday.

Bennie Dikeman, 79, a retired rancher from the Hershey community, passed away last Friday in a North Platte hospital.

Twenty-five students were out for track at the McPherson County High School in Tryon.

The senior class has selected their play, “Pick A Dilly,” which will be presented March 30.

SIXTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 14, 1963

Mr. and Mrs. John Streiff and Lorraine pleasantly surprised Mr. and Mrs. George Musser on their 25th wedding anniver-

sary March 1st, inviting friends in for supper. The evening was spent playing cards and visiting. The occasion was also Mrs. Streiff’s birthday.

Congratulations to Sheryl Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Connell of Tryon, who was runner-up in the KNOP-TV spelling contest held Saturday.

The entire faculty of McPherson County High School was re-elected at a recent meeting of the board of education. They include Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Brown, Mr. James Wiberg, Mr. Elroy Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gifford. However, Mr. Wiberg, Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Gifford did not accept for another year.

Quite a number of students are out of school with the mumps this week. They are Leland Es-sary, Dora Kemp, Linda Daly, Judy Smith, Nancy Trumbull and Dick Nicholson.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 12, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Baron McIntosh and children visited in this vicinity last week. Mr. McIntosh, a former instructor at MCHS, has accepted a visiting lectureship in the Geography Department of Canturbury University at Christ Church, New Zealand. The family will leave by ship from Vancouver, British Columbia March 12, and they plan to spend a year in New Zealand. Mrs. McIntosh is the former Ruby Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lamb.

A bridal shower for Mrs. Don Kelso, nee Miss Arlene Baker, will be held Friday at the Ladies Club Room in Tryon.

Normal training students of McPherson County High School will begin their week of practice teaching next week. Gloria Avery will teach at District 25 under Mrs. Abraham; Karen McClintock will teach at District 11 under Ruth Hunn; Shirley Wright will teach at District 29 under Dessie Bellew; Shirila Power will teach at District 59 under Barbara Rundback and RiChardi Fisher will teach at District No. 9 under Mrs. Shimmin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Daly, Art and Linda attended the Dick Klasi program at Gandy Friday night. Art sang in the program.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO
MARCH 11, 1943

Cpl. Hollis Master left on the streamliner Monday night for his new camp in New Jersey. He spent about ten days at home.

It’s Cpl. Thomas Clifford now, as Tom recently was promoted from Private First Class to Corporal. Promotions come slow in



Quote: “Frustration is having nobody to blame but yourself.”

Unknown

Daylight Savings Time is coming again on March 12. If you don’t set your clocks forward one hour, you have no one to blame but yourself. Of course, don’t be like I was a couple of years ago and set a clock forward that automatically goes forward an hour with the “Spring Forward” change. I had a clock that was two hours ahead so I had to figure out how to get it back an hour. It seems like these digital clocks are a lot easier to turn forward than they are to turn back!

I have yet to make much sense out of changing the

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time anyway. It just upsets my system. The critics don’t understand it for the most part. I do have a couple of cats who think the clock should move forward a month before it does. I have no

idea what their reasoning is other than they get fed earlier. My body just gets adjusted to one time and it’s time to either spring forward or fall back. I think it just creates confusion.

SAVING TIME?

I haven’t saved a minute
With Daylight Savings Time.
If you want my opinion,
The idea isn’t worth a dime!

Twice a year I get confused
In my internal clock.
As we spring forward or fall back,
My system goes into shock!

I bet if they considered
All the havoc that has caused,
They would decided it better
If they had just stopped and paused-

Forget about changing the clocks,
Let man and business change hours
If such would benefit the bottom line
And let country folk deal with ours!

J.R. Trumbull
15 October 2010

Between the Lines

Dean Thompson

Selling Cattle!

I want to go back in my ‘memory bank’ (and most of you consider my ‘balance’ to be getting pretty low). Have you heard the ‘growl and rattle’ of trucks lately? I have! This wasn’t common out in the country nine decades ago. Let’s go back.

I don’t remember going to North Platte when I was little, better reword that to read young. I did get taken to the dentist in Ogallala. This was before we had a car. Oh we had a 1928 Chevy, but I only remember it running one time before we modernized to a 1930 Ford, and it wasn’t new. Since we are just taxing, and taxes were cheaper then too, my memory let’s repeat a story about that trip to the dentist. My Uncle Simon Kruger took Dad and me to town in a topless (maybe it had originally been a convertible) Dodge and we had to maneuver between mule teams rebuilding the road bed in the area of ‘Ackley Valley,’ to get to the dental office of the elder Dr Gainsforth.

Back to my topic about selling cattle. Move forward a few years to when the road to Ogallala would handle ‘truck’ traffic. There were two auction ‘barns’ in Arthur selling ‘only’ cattle for a short time in the fall, the north barn where Joe Cross lives was owned by

Russel Goslin and Bert Reynolds and the west barn always owned by Swanson’s. Stories hidden in both.

Almost all the cattle being sold were sold in a couple months in the fall and most of them ‘walked’ to one of the facilities. I do need, for the sake of my ‘overtaxed’ mind, to mention the year-round sales, even then, in Ogallala where a man named Fletcher sold both livestock in the ‘barn’ and ‘anything’ in an outside ‘ring’.

Most of my readers, probably at least eight of the ten that have admitted to reading my column, had never seen the common stock trailer, and Bill Hill maybe never owned a rack for a truck. But almost everyone that

had a pickup had a home-made rack to haul pigs and other stock. Some even extended over the lowered end gate and would hold a couple cows or perhaps five calves. Can you older folks remember when weanling calves topped out at 400# and if you were real lucky they might fetch .20 cents a pound, or does anyone remember how Lloyd Rice had his horse trained to load, or unload, on level ground?

Brian still maintains a ‘hobby herd’ with Jim here at the Stepladder Ranch. Jim sold Brian’s steers on the 10th and the heifers on the 21st. Probably anyone in my youth that kept them this long would have planned on

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Senior Lunch Menu At Prairie Hills Cafe, Tryon

*Serving Begins
@ 11:30 a.m.*

Thursday, March 9:
Grilled ham and cheese;
hash browns; peas; mandarin oranges.

Friday, March 10 -
Chicken parmesan, noodles, roasted broccoli, garlic toast, pears

Monday, March 13 -
Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, potato or lettuce salad

Tuesday, March 14 - Fish

sandwich, coleslaw, carrots, mandarin oranges

Wednesday, March 15 -
Beef pasta, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole grain dinner roll, peaches

Thursday, March 16 -
BLT lettuce salad with egg, pickle and carrots, apple sauce

Friday, March 17 -
Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes/ onions/ carrots, dinner roll, fruit cocktail

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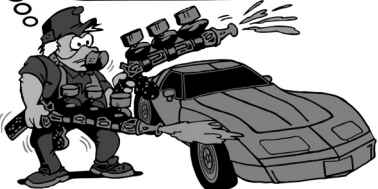
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