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Over The Hills 2019 McPherson County Oldsters Party

J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

Charlotte Elliott
I did not write this amazing story. I just copied and pasted it from the internet. The author's name was not given. It tells a great story and I can only hope that one of my columns or poems has even 1% if the effect that this song has had over the years.

On September 22, in 1871, an elderly British lady, 82 years young, was ushered into her heavenly reward. Earlier in her life, in 1835, her frustration at being an invalid left her feeling useless and questioning her very salvation. What she did next would echo through history.

As a young woman, Charlotte Elliott was not sure of her relationship with Christ, not sure of how to be saved, even though she had been raised a minister's daughter, and the probing question of a Swiss evangelist, "Are you at peace with God?" would not leave her mind. When she saw the evangelist a few weeks later, she mentioned that she could not shake his question. But, she protested, what could she possibly bring to God? When he replied that she need not bring anything but herself, she gladly accepted Christ.

Some twelve years later, in 1835, crippled by illness and constant fatigue, she felt saddened by her

inability to help a local church's cause. Remembering her conversion, she took out pen and paper and wrote a poem to encourage others who felt perhaps they too had nothing to give. . .

"Just As I Am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
Oh, Lamb of God, I come..."

Her poem was published and she was inundated with requests for it. She was gladdened to discover later that some copies were being sold to raise money for the very cause she felt helpless to assist!

After her death, thousands of letters were found in her home, written by people whose lives had been transformed by her words. Her song has been translated into hundreds of languages, published in more than 1,600 hymnals, and has reached billions around the world, and continues to bring people to Christ even today.

Sixty years later, on this date, in 1931, a 31-year-old man riding in the sidecar of his brother's motorcycle in England finally came to the end of his internal struggle against whether Christ was indeed the Son of God. He finally knew in his soul that indeed Jesus was just who He said He was! He realized that God calls us to Him "just as we are".

When C.S. Lewis stepped out of the sidecar, he was a new man, saved by grace!

Ninety-nine years after Charlotte Elliott penned her words, and three years after Lewis' conversion, the 16-year-old son of a dairy farmer listened intently as he heard the message of salvation preached at a revival serv-

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John Martin and George Lauby shared their talent at the annual McPherson County Oldsters Party. It was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.



LeRoy and Donna Daly sharing their happiness and long marriage of 67 years with us.

KATHLEEN FISHER

A wonderful day was shared with 90 people sitting down to enjoy a Salisbury steak meal prepared by the Willing Workers FCE club at the 2019 annual McPherson County Oldsters Party.

Tables had been decorated by the Sandhill Craftique FCE club the night before. Several volunteers helped serve the meal.

Pastor John Parson from the Ringgold Free Methodist Church, offered the blessing.

John Martin and George Lauby entertained in the afternoon with music. Everyone enjoyed the music and stories.

Special gifts were given to the following:

Oldest Gentleman: Carl Rundback, who was very surprised to receive this honor.

Oldest Lady: Gloria Bryant.

Most Grandchildren: Alma Bullington.

Traveling the Farthest: Errol Waits.

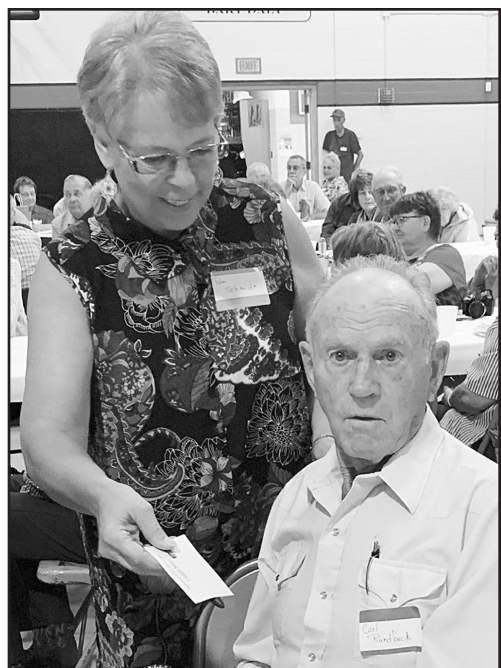
Longest Married Couple: Donna and LeRoy Daly.

Several door prizes were given out during the party.

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Pam Schmidt congratulates Alma Bullington for having many grandchildren.



Carl Rundback was very surprised when it was announced he received a special gift from Pam Schmidt for being the oldest man present at the annual oldsters party. Carl recently returned from a trip to Australia. He said it was a once-in-a-lifetime trip for someone who rarely ventures too far out of the county.

Kathleen
Fisher
Photos



Gloria Bryant was the oldest lady in attendance. She is another great-grandmother.



Cleao Connell, Gloria Bryant, and Phyllis Priest getting reacquainted. They are 1945 classmates.



Another great-grandmother, Helen Brooks, right, pictured with daughter, Shirley Parsons. Virginia Huffman, standing, offers congratulations.

American Legion plans pancake supper

American Legion Post #189 will hold their annual pancake supper, Friday, October 25, at the McPherson County Fair Building in Tryon. Serving will be from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Donations help Veterans and fund a representative for Boys State and Junior Law Cadet. Your support is appreciated.

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Faith

True faith means
Accepting the impossible,
Believing without seeing,
Understanding the incomprehensible.

The world mocks the believer,
"God is a crutch", they say
But I don't want to be in their shoes
Come that final judgment day!

To believe in God is one thing,
To follow Him another story
For the walk of faith is not easy,
At times it gets down right gory.

It means going on
When the world says "Go back!"
You know He is by your side,
Press onward and don't slack.

Faith means simple strong belief,
Standards the world does not comprehend,
It means unswerving devotion
And a spirit that does not bend.

J.R. Trumbull
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