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**TEN YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 6, 2007**
County Treasurer, Sha-reen Munson, was educating the Government class on the basics of real estate and motor vehicle taxes. Students participating were Jordan Lovitt, Matt Daly, Chris Burch, Tasha Miller, Amy Waits, Tyrel Fischer, Tui Bogo Borowicz, Amanda Morgan, Ben Cochran, Jalyn Starr, Jake Sowders, Duell Arensdorf, Meka Melvin, Petar Pavlovic, Nicole Fiechter, and Kate Seifer.

Wilma and Chart Nicholson received their 50-year membership pins from Pastor Lynda Parson at the Tryon United Methodist Church services on November 18. Receiving Bibles were Will Stickney, Maggie Waits, and Allysa Waits.

At the recent Paxton family Thanksgiving dinner, Fay Connell had the privilege of having two sets of five generations in attendance. Pictured with Fay were Sam Connell, holding his great-grandson, Ethan Weems and Dan Connell holding his great-grandson, Paxton Bierman. Also pictured were Kathy Connell, Bridget Weems, Deb Hall and Leron Bierman.

The One-Act cast from MCHS received the top rating of "Superior" at districts held November 26 at Sandhills High School at Dunning. The six students in the cast were Jordan Lovitt, Jake Sowders, Tasha Miller, Duell Arensdorf, Kate Seifer and Tyrel Fischer.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 4, 1997**
The Ken Schmidt family of Flower Mound, Texas, were making plans to spend Thanksgiving with their parents, when they were injured in a car accident just two blocks from their home.

The quote in J.R. Trumbull's "Over the Hills" that week was "Blessed are those who give without remembering and receive without forgetting."

"The Mouse's Tale" would be presented by the children of the Ringgold Free Methodist Church.

Todd Schroder and Tim Schmidt were the lone seniors on Tryon's varsity basketball team that season. There were three senior girls, Darla Arensdorf, Tara Connell, and Toni Kemp, playing on the 12 member team.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 10, 1987**
Fifty-six people gathered at the Tryon Lodge Hall, December 5, for the annual Christmas dinner and program given by the Tryon Rebekahs for the senior citizens in Tryon. An announcement was made by Alice Lutes that a CPR refresher class would be held at the courthouse December 14. Instructors would be Larry and Helen Trumbull.

Sue Stickney from McPherson County was chosen to receive the John Sautter Memorial Award for 1987. The award included a recognition certificate, an engraved plaque and \$100.00, and would be presented by the Sautter family at the Upper Loup NRD Christmas supper on Dec. 14.

A house warming party and Christmas soup supper was held December 3 at the home of Orville and Dessie Bellew, who recently moved into Tryon from their place south of town.

Over 40 people attended the program held at the Wesleyan Church in Tryon, Sunday evening,

December 6.
**FORTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 8, 1977**
Tryon coasted to a 72-42 basketball win over Oconto. Coach Perry said the team played tough defense and did not let them get started. Leading scorers for Tryon were Alan Miller, 26 points and nine rebounds, and Rick Trumbull, 14 points. Rex Kemp pulled down six rebounds.

Nona Moore had extended a thank you to the McPherson County Farm Bureau for naming her "Woman of the Year."

Mrs. Dorothy Kramer received her 20 year pin as a 4-H leader at the annual 4-H Leader's Banquet and Extension Board meeting in Tryon.

John Kramer, Tryon, and Dan Witthuhn, Stapleton, were elected to the extension board to replace retiring members Dale Pettit, Tryon, and Jerry Johnson, Stapleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Moore returned from a 10-day trip to California where they visited friends at Littlerock and attended a class reunion at Riverside. They also visited Universal Studio in Hollywood.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 7, 1967**
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Correll returned from a 9-day trip to Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Frank attended his first class reunion in 44 years in Pineville, Missouri.

The Harmony Homemakers Club met with Theresa Trembly and Mrs. Daisy Rundback. Mrs. Forrest Kugler had charge of the lesson.

The MCHS basketball team opened their season with a loss to Farnam and a win over Brewster. Leading scorers in the Farnam game were Gary Correll, 39 points; Allen Kinsman, 14; Randy Munson, six and Rocky Nicholson, four.

Mrs. Jean Hora would direct the Christmas Cantata on December 20 in the high school auditorium. The public was invited to "The Heaven's Declare."

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Correll and family moved onto the Parson place Saturday.

County Superintendent Helen Waits was attending a superintendent's convention in Lincoln.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 5, 1957**

Mrs. Darlene Waits of Tryon had been elected to represent the McPherson County Teachers Association Education Association at the Nebraska State Education Association's annual Delegate Assembly in Lincoln.

A new grocery, hardware and general merchandise store would soon open at Ringgold under the management of Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Babb and John. The summer had been spent remodeling the previous store building.

Wayne Pyzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pyzer of Lakeport, California, had been selected as the football player of the week at Clear Lake High School.

George Kahoe, a local rancher, was quite seriously injured when the horse he was riding fell and then rolled over him.

Deaths: Clara Helen Melius Cash died November 29 at North Platte.

**SEVENTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 4, 1947**

Those on the honor roll for the second six weeks were Lois Daly, all A's; Willda McNutt, Alfred

Miller, Phyllis Pettit, all A's and B's; and Lila Pyzer and Eunice Miller, all B's. Those on the attendance honor roll were Pauline French, Loren Pyzer, Alma Winters, Arthur French, Karl Hunn, Mary Lou Rundback, LeRoy Daly, Lois Daly, Wilda McNutt, Phyllis Pettit, Don Daly, Burrel French, and Joan Haney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Haase and daughter had moved to the Dora Wisner ranch on the Platte bottom. Elvin Saul helped them move.

McPherson County High School won a very close game from Baker Rural High School in the Tryon gym, 24-23. Byron Daly was high scorer with 15 points, Dick Schmidt and Snyder each scored seven, and Ewoldt scored six while Hanna got four, Frey of Stapleton and Arthur French each scored two points.

**EIGHTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 2, 1937**

Funeral services were held November 25 for Mrs. Ella Inez Trumbull at the Trumbull home north of Ringgold.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Mann were the parents of a baby girl.

J.J. Hadley, who ranges his cattle in southeastern McPherson County, showed the champion carload of Aberdeen-Angus feeder cattle at the international livestock exposition at Chicago.

Sixty-three years ago, John Winterbottom left home, and at that time his brother, William, was just 5. On Friday of last week, William of Brady, stopped at Vacaville, California, to visit with his brother, John, the first time these two men met in the last 63 years. William was the editor and publisher of the *Brady Vindicator*, and was touring the west coast with his daughter, Mrs. G.H. Rosentrater.

Miss Dollie Lamb, who had been attending college in Denver, spent Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lamb.

**NINETY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 8, 1927**

Artie French was driving a new Chevrolet coach. Walter Stack was driving a new Chevrolet.

Dr. Carr of Stapleton was called to the Lisle Pyzer home and he pronounced the case Scarlet Tena and the home was placed under quarantine.

For many years, there had been a long drawn out contest for a laid out road from Sutherland to Flats. McPherson County established its road from Flats to its south county line some years ago, and the bone of contention, to complete the road to Sutherland has been in Lincoln County. The long drawn out fight was settled Monday when commissioners granted the road.

In "*The Buffalo*" published for the interests of the McPherson County High School by the 9th grade English class, it was reported Miss Poole was under quarantine because of being exposed to scarlet fever.

Mable Smolik, a junior, was married on Thanksgiving day to Basil McMannis.

George M. Andre and family were offering 12 head of horses, 12 head of cattle, and 8 head of hogs at a public sale at their farm 11 miles west, and two miles south of Stapleton on December 15. Free lunch at noon. Bring your own cup and spoon.

Paxton Family Meets For Thanksgiving



COURTESY PHOTO

Fifty-seven relatives and friends attended the Paxton Thanksgiving celebration at the McPherson County High School in Tryon on Thursday, November 23. The Neal clan hosted the event. There was a lot of good food and visiting taking place.

Pictured above are some of the first cousins, bottom row, l-r: Dan Connell, Barb Patterson, Sam Connell, Shirley Eggers, Terry Neal, Joan Farmer and Jessica Warren. Top row, l-r: Larry Paxton, Doug Neal, Gayle Neal and Kathleen Fisher.

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull



Quote: "Good people don't become legends. They just do what's right."

Unknown

Two positive thoughts to begin your day -

1. Happiness is always a choice, but it comes from within. You cannot find it outside yourself.

2. God never puts a dream in your heart that matches your budget. He's not checking your bank account. He's checking your faith.

The biggest lies are the ones we tell ourselves.

1. I can't. Yes you can. And you know it.

2. I'm too tired. From doing what? Looking at your phone or computer all day?

3. I need it. No. You probably don't.

4. I don't have time. Yes you do. You're just choosing to spend it on something else.

5. That's just the way I am. And I'm way too scared to try to better myself.

6. I'll start tomorrow. And tomorrow you'll find another excuse.

7. They don't understand. Yeah, they probably do. You just don't like what they said.

These are all lies that I've told myself. Some I continue to make. But as long as we have breath, we can get better. And we get better by the truth and by faith.

Locks are never manufactured without a key or a combination. God

never allows problems without solutions. We need to develop patience so we can figure out how to handle them.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through the Son. - Jesus of Nazareth

THANK YOU LORD

Thank You God for this new day,
Please be with me all the way
And keep me in Your will I pray.

Thank You for the peaceful hills,
The singing birds with soothing trills,
The gentle breeze that shows Your will.

We may not see the breeze as it blows
But we see evidence as it goes
Proof that You too are here below.

We may not see Your presence here
Yet know that we should not have fear
Since as our Lord You hold us dear.

Thank You God for Your sacrifice
The gift of grace and eternal life
By Father, Son, & Holy Ghost thrice.

Thrice blessed by what we did not earn,
Lessons taught to those who learn
That You are the Rock that is firm.

J.R. Trumbull
23 Nov 2017

Come Double Club Meets November 4

Come Double card club met November 4, 2017 in the Commons Area of McPherson County High School with 15 members playing three tables of razzle dazzle.

High scores went to

Doug Schmidt and Linda Paxton and low scores went to Terry Neal and Marla Sonnenfelt.

The group met December 2 for their Christmas celebration and a potluck was enjoyed.

Aunt Bea's Senior Meals Lunch Menu

Monday, December 11 - Hamburger gravy with rice and peas.

Tuesday, December 12 - Chicken drummies, mashed potatoes and corn.

Wednesday, December 13 - Hot beef sandwich,

mashed potatoes and green beans.

Thursday, December 14 - Barbecue riblet sandwich, baked beans and French fries.

Friday, December 15 - Tater crust cod, Au Gratin potatoes and beets.

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