



McPherson County News

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Ten Years Ago
January 31, 2008
Deaths: Lilli Ann Anthony Kemp, 63, of North Platte died January 21, 2008 at the Sutherland Care Center in Sutherland, NE.

A woman who died of exposure in a field south of Hyannis, was later identified as Ramona Denbo, 77, of Ogallala. Her body was found a half mile away from her car.

Ben Cochran was in the MCHS Senior Spotlight this week.

Local students named to the Dean's List at Chadron State University were Liz Licking, Taylor Lovitt, and Ryan Mumm, all of Tryon, and Roka Streiff of Sutherland.

Twenty Years Ago
January 29, 1998

The MCHS boys won both of their games at Arthur. The varsity won 36 to 28 and the junior varsity won 21-15.

Funeral services for Miles W. Snyder, 91, were held January 26, 1998 at Carpenter Memorial Chapel in North Platte, NE.

Final rites for Doris B. Callaway were held January 20, 1998 at Adams and Swanson Chapel in North Platte.

Thirty Years Ago
January 28, 1988

Final rites for Clarence Pinkerton, 80, were held January 25, 1988 at the Adams and Swanson Chapel in North Platte, NE.

Final rites for Patricia Louise Taylor, 59, were held January 22, 1988 at the United Methodist Church in Eustis.

Rev. and Mrs. David Lux of Lincoln are the proud parents of their newborn baby daughter, Emily Lynn. Emily weighed seven pounds and ten ounces at birth.

Tom Woracek hit a patch of ice and upset his pickup about two miles south of Ringgold on January 29.

Forty Years Ago
February 2, 1978

Men's high series bowlers on the Sandhills Bowling League were Don Perry, 513; Larry Neal, 503; and Pete Pyzer, 501.

Mrs. Hazle Erickson of Tryon has been named the 1978 citizenship chairperson for McPherson County.

Fifty Years Ago
February 1, 1968

Linda Lorene Smith and Don Andree Connelly were married in the Berean Fundamental Church of Brady, December 19.

Connie Hasbrouck and Eugene Neal were married January 23, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dailey of North Platte are the proud parents of a new

son, Marty Ray, born on January 18, 1968 at the Sutherland hospital.

Sixty Years Ago
January 30, 1958

Mrs. George Kahoe announced McPherson County's goal in the 1958 Heart Fund Drive would be \$87.00. The general chairman announced last year the county residents met a goal of \$72.00.

Tryon and Halsey opened the first game of the Sandhill Tournament at Thedford and a very close game was played with Tryon losing by seven points. O'Connor was high man for the Longhorns with 12. Munson scored 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neal returned home from Kansas where they attended a postmaster training meeting.

Polio County Chairman, Melvin Waits, reports the polio benefit show at the high school auditorium was very successful. Funds from the program, bake sale, donuts and coffee amounted to \$109.00.

Bertha Hardin was a new member of the Happy Helpers Club. The group met January 25 at the home of Ora McKillip with ten members and one visitor present.

Deaths: Thomas Jasper Neal, died January 31, a North Platte hospital; Paul Munson, 78, retired McPherson County rancher, died at his home north of Ringgold.

Births: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neal are the parents of a baby boy, Marlin, born February 1 in Stapleton; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Paul of North Platte were the parents of a baby boy, Kevin Lee, born February 2.

Seventy Years Ago
January 29, 1948

Miss Lila Neal became the bride of Bennie Shimm on Sunday, January 25, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Neal.

Miss Evelyn Correll and Mr. Gerald Pyzer, were married in a ceremony January 17 at the Presbyterian Church in North Platte.

The Happy Hill Health Club met with all members but one present. Shirle Power acted as president.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Huffman stayed at the Corell cabins until Clayton was able to go home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Quinn sponsored a skating party at their place Sunday afternoon.

Those with perfect attendance for the first semester in the Primary Room were Patty Haney and Harvey Neal. Spelldown winners were Patty Haney, Bonnie Miller and Peggy Miller.

Eighty Years Ago

February 3, 1938

The Farmers Security Bank of Maywood was closed, but all depositors will be paid off.

An executive board meeting of the Logan-McPherson-Arthur Farm Bureau was held at Tryon with the following board members in attendance: Roy Ready, Stapleton; Chas. H. Bellew, Tryon; Richard Kaps, Arthur; A.G. Stockall, Logan; J.P. Childerston, Tryon; Mrs. Richard Kaps, Arthur; and Mrs. Mabel Merritt, Stapleton.

In News, Views & Gossip by the Editor it was reported a lot of local people feel their property taxes are high, both real estate and personal, but there are very few places in the U.S. where taxes of this kind are lower than in Nebraska and few in the state where they are less than here. The highest in the state is Dickens in Lincoln County. Dickens, a village of 103 people and an assessed valuation of \$60,020 has a combined levy of 73.98 mills. This rate is approximately four times as much as the levy of 18.64 in Tryon for 1937.

In a letter to the editor by F.J. Schell, he wrote "A loan companies closing out the unfortunate and selling to the large ranchers, in my opinion, is a very poor way to build up a country or to even maintain its present standing. Let's have a care for those who are being forced to go, and see if something can't be done to keep them here."

Miss Inez Newmeyer of Hyannis and Mr. Marvin Mowry were married January 22 at Arthur.

Ninety Years Ago
February 2, 1928

Uncle Charley Moore, Civil War Veteran, died after a long period of illness. He was one of McPherson County's two surviving Civil War Veterans.

Coach Nicholas' basketballers put it over the Gandy five here to the tune of 28-15. Daly and Jones were the heavy scorers for the home team.

Rachel Catterson, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Catterson died at her home near Ringgold.

L.E. Johnson recently filed for the office of County Judge. Mr. Johnson was the only person who has as of yet made filings for the April primaries.

The obituary of William Thomas Booze was published in this issue. He died January 23 at the age of 68 years and 22 days. In the spring of 1887, he accompanied his father and brother, John, to Nebraska, where he spent the remainder of his life.



Quote: "I've made mistakes in my life. I've let people take advantage of me, and I've accepted far less than what God has in store for me. I strive to learn from my bad choices, and even though some things will never be the same and there are people who will never be sorry, I will hopefully know better next time and I won't settle for less than the best God has for

me." Anonymous
The poem this week is included in the following story. I have no idea who wrote it but the message is a good one.

"Don't ask God to remove all the mountains you must face. Ask Him for the strength and guidance to climb them or go around them, according to His plan."

Unknown

Over The Hills

By J.R. Trumbull

Shoes In Church

I showered and shavedI adjusted my tie.
I got there and sat.....In a pew just in time.
Bowing my head in prayer.....As I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to meTouching my own. I sighed.
With plenty of room on either side.....I thought, 'Why must our soles touch?'
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine.....But it didn't bother him much.
A prayer began: 'Our Father'.....I thought, 'This man with the shoes, has no pride.
They're dusty, worn, and scratched.
Even worse, there are holes on the side!'
'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on.

The shoe man said.....A quiet 'Amen.'
I tried to focus on the prayerBut my thoughts were on his shoes again...
Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door?
'Well, this certainly isn't it,' I thought, glancing toward the floor.
Then the prayer was endedAnd the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud.....Sounding proud as he sang.
His voice lifted the rafters.....His hands were raised high.
The Lord could surely hear.....The shoe man's voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering.....And what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man reached.....Into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out.....What the shoe man put in.
Then I heard a soft 'clink' as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me.....To tears, and that's no lie.
It was the same for the shoe man.....For tears fell from his eyes.
At the end of the service.....As is the custom here.
We must greet new visitors.....And show them all good cheer.
But I felt moved somehow.....And wanted to meet the shoe man.
So after the closing prayer.....I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark.....And his hair was truly a mess....
But I thanked him for coming.....For being our guest...
He said, 'My name's Charlie.....I'm glad to meet you, my friend.'
There were tears in his eyes.....But he had a large, wide grin..
'Let me explain,' he said.....Wiping tears from his eyes.
'I've been coming here for months.....And you're the first to say 'Hi.'
'I know that my appearance.....Is not like all the rest.
'But I really do try.....To always look my best.'
'I always clean and polish my shoes.....Before my very long walk.'
'But by the time I get here.....They're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'
My heart filled with pain.....And I swallowed to hide my tears.
As he continued to apologize.....For daring to sit so near
He said, 'When I get here.....I know I must look a sight.'
'But I thought if I could touch you.....Then maybe our souls might unite.'
I was silent for a moment.....Knowing whatever was said
Would pale in comparison.....I spoke from my heart, not my head.
'Oh, you've touched me,' I said.....'And taught me, in part'
'That the best of any man.....Is what is found in his heart.'
The rest, I thought.....This shoe man will never know.
Like just how thankful I really am.....That his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

Live each day as your last, for we never know our time here on earth. Love and
Peace My Friends and remember that it is not how we look on the outside but
how we look within .

Author Unknown

Come Double Club To Meet February 10

Come Double card club met January 6, 2018 in the Commons Area of the high school with 28 members playing seven tables of regular pitch.

High scorers went to Jim Gragg and Vera Jividen and low scores to Leo Dailey and Pauline Waits.

Change of date for February card club will be February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons area of the high school.

Everyone is welcome.

Blood Drive Held January 12

The McPherson County Blood Drive was held January 12, 2018. Cold weather, flu and other medical issues took a toll on the number of units donated. The goal was missed, but every donor is appreciated.

The drive had 14 whole blood donors presenting out of 13 units donated. Three Red Cell donors presenting with two able to donate.

A lunch of chili, chicken noodle soup with all the fixings, and decorated and frosted brownies was provided by Wanda Waits.

A cheese plate and sweets was provided by Virginia Huffman.

Elaine Miller and Karen Licking greeted the Red Cross crew and Mickey and Cecil Bullington stayed and helped with the clean-up at the end of the day.

A special shout out to Todd Ascherl and crew for preparing the fair building on Thursday night. Blood drive coordinator, Elaine Miller, really appreciates all the help in any way to make these blood drives possible.

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