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TEN YEARS AGO
JULY 16, 2009
Shane Suchy of Tryon has been named the 2009 Boys Rookie of the Year for the Nebraska High School Rodeo Association. Shane is the son of Melvin and Karen Suchy and will be a sophomore this fall at McPherson County High School. Suchy qualified for the State Finals in tie down roping, team roping, and cutting.

Leo and Judy Dailey of Tryon called on Bab Fletcher and Dee Towne in North Platte the afternoon of July 4th and later attended a supper hosted by Gary and June Logan and Colton and Savanna Kruger.

The Tryon United Methodist Church Bible School was June 22-26. Twenty-six students attended. This year's theme was "Our Big Back Yard: and that God is right here with us. Children learned that we can serve our family, friends, neighbors, and community in our back yard, and then we are serving Jesus.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 20, 1989

Ray Dobbins of Tryon, retired July 15, 1989, after 18 & 1/2 years of public service to McPherson County. Ray was McPherson County Clerk from 1971 to 1989. He was surprised on July 14th when six clerk magistrates from the District came with refreshments to wish him well in his retirement. Also present for the occasion was Ray's wife, Margaret, and McPherson County officials, Don Nicholson, Don Hatch and Judy Dailey.

A truck from the Tryon Fire Department made a run to the Miles and Jim Snyder ranch on July 12th to help extinguish a fire that started from a hay buster. Part of a stack of hay was lost and there was also damage to the haying machine.

Forty Years Ago
July 19, 1979

Margo Wildener, Hannah Doyle, and Ginger Daigger, three McPherson County 4-H'ers, earned the right to represent the county at the State Fair Home Economics Judging Contest.

Platte. Homemade ice cream and birthday cake was enjoyed by all.

Virginia Lester and daughter, Julie, and Roberta Masters returned to Tyler, Texas on Tuesday, July 13th. They attended church at Tryon Wesleyan on Sunday, July 11, where Roberta provided a 20-minute musical program before the communion service. With Will and Sue Masters, they had Sunday dinner at Perkins in North Platte with Eunice Masters, and Ken Masters and his two children, Daniel and Victoria. Will and Sue said it was good to have the Lester's and Bobbie with them for the past two weeks.

Fifty Years Ago
July 17, 1969

Mrs. Tom Thompson and daughters came up Friday to visit her daughter and new baby, the Don Moores. Carol's brother came after his sisters on Sunday.

The Busy Beavers 4-H Club met July 10, 1969, at the Chart Nicholson home. Ten members and four visitors were present. Demonstrations were given by Karen Lutes, Connie Lutes, Shiria Hatch and Sharlene Connell. (Shareen Nicholson, reporter)

All Odd Fellows are requested to be at the Lodge Hall Monday night, July 21, for installation of officers.

Misses Shelly Black and Leora Waits are attending Methodist Church Camp at Chadron this week.

A farewell ice cream supper was to be held at Hall Church Saturday evening, July 19, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Milton Starr. A bridal shower for Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Lutes was to be held the same night.

McPherson County Sheriff Gordon Bassett attended a Sheriff's District meeting in North Platte Monday evening.

Funeral services for a former Tryon resident, Loren J. Pyzer, were held July 11, 1979, at the Tryon United Methodist Church, with words of comfort by the Rev. David Lux and the Rev. B. D. Hunn. Loren was survived by two brothers, Lenard of Lakeport, California, and Lowell of Tryon; one sister, Lila Stoddard of Hanford, California; 11 nephews and nieces and many other relatives and friends.

Lee Waits, Elnora Neal, Craig and Trevor, and Mrs. Jennie Moore accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waits to Mullen for an open house given by Rev. And Mrs. David Lux at the parsonage.

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Guest Editorial

By Glenn Mollette

What Do Americans Want?

This question is always relevant and politicians now in the heat of rhetoric war each believe they have the answer. Americans have wants and we have desperate needs. We don't always get what we want. A friend of mine used to say that people in hell want ice water. What we want, what we need and what we end up with in America are not always going to be the same.

Americans do not want war with Iran. We don't want the Iranians bombing oil tankers and shoot-

ing down our 130 million dollar drones either. Iran is in the Middle East. Here we go again with the subject of oil. How much killing is going to go on over the world's relentless thirst for oil? America doesn't have another trillion dollars and two or three thousand lives to throw away on another war. However, here we are again in the Middle East boiling pot. Iraq? Afghanistan? Iran? Is there no end?

Most Americans would like a peaceful existence. We would like to work our forty years, have a retirement and collect our so-

cial security. We would like to have medical insurance so we can go to the doctor. A meaningful existence of fulfilling daily activity, family and friends are important to most Americans. It would be very nice if we could have good roads and bridges which are crumbling in many parts of the nation. We want good and affordable education for our families and a military and police force that are strong and have what they need. We must have secure borders. People must come legally and or-

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Over The Hills

J.R. Trumbull



We can never run out of reasons to thank God so always remember His goodness, grace, mercy and blessings. The road to success isn't straight. There are curves, loop, detours, and dead ends. You will have flat tires along the way but as long as you have a spare called strength and a driver called God, you will make it.

When you look at things from a different perspective or maybe even change things around a bit, life may take on a new meaning. If you rearrange the letters in "depression," you get "I pressed on." Your current situation is not your final destination so keep on keeping on!

ROMANS 8:28

Sometimes it's hard to understand
How some things could work together
For our good and for the best.
You wonder what this has to do with the matter?

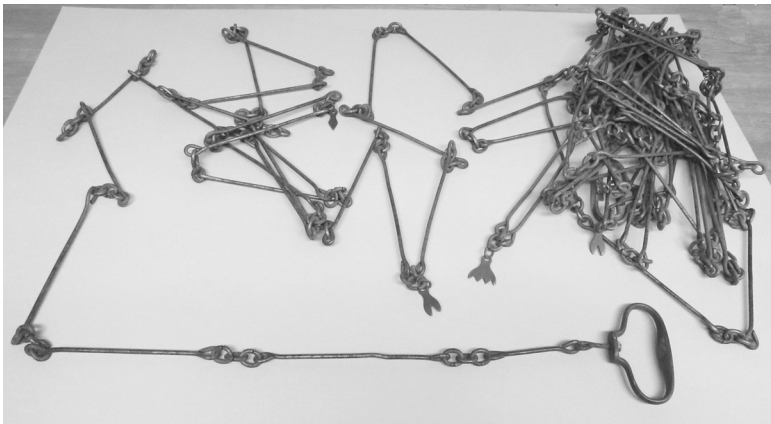
Disappointments, losses, betrayal,
harsh words
Leave wounds hard to bear.
It's difficult to look ahead
And let others your burden share.

As Christians we are called
To be servants for the Lord,
To be there for others,
Bound by that three fold cord.

Heed His Word and leading
As you walk along the way.
Keep Him as your focus
Each and every day

J.R. Trumbull
5 March 2006

Blast From The Past



This week's "Blast from the Past" comes from Monty Kemp. He brought in a Gunter's chain that his father, Tom Kemp, purchased in 1964 at the Reuel Conroy auction.

A Gunter's chain is a distance measuring device used for surveying. It was designed and introduced in 1620 by English clergyman and mathematician Edmund Gunter (1581-1626). It enabled plots of land to be accurately surveyed and plotted, for legal and commercial purposes. Gunter developed an actual measuring chain of 100 links. These, the chain and the link, became statutory measures in England and subsequently the British Empire. The 66-foot (20.1 m) chain is divided into 100 links, usually marked off into groups of 10 by brass rings or tags which simplify intermediate measurement. Each link is thus 7.92 inches long. A quarter chain, or 25 links, measures 5 1/2 yards and thus measures a rod (or pole). Ten chains measure a furlong and 80 chains measure a statute mile. Although Gunter's chain was later superseded by the steel tape, its legacy was a new statutory unit of length called the chain, equal to 66 feet (or 100 links). Public Lands Survey System plats are published in the chain unit to maintain the consistency of a two-hundred-year-old database. In the Midwest of the U.S. it is not uncommon to encounter deeds with references to chains, poles, or rod units, especially in farming country.

Reuel Conroy homesteaded in McPherson County. He lived somewhere west of Jess and Gertie Anderson. Enid LaRue wrote about the Conroy family in the *McPherson County History Book* as follows, "When the bank foreclosed on my dad, Jess Anderson in 1935, Reuel bought a milk cow from the herd and gave her to my dad so us kids could have milk to drink." She recalls Reuel later living in a small house south of Dr. McGraw's house, owned by Alice Bassett. Conroy died July 12, 1972, at the age of 82 in Tryon. He is buried in Fort McPherson National Cemetery at Maxwell. He served in the 134 Infantry in World War I.

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Please join us
for an evening celebrating
Corky & Vickie Kemp's
51st Wedding Anniversary
and their birthdays!

Saturday, July 20, 2019
Eagle's Club
620 N. Chestnut Street • North Platte, NE
Dinner: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Cake Reception: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
DJ Dance: 8:00 p.m. - midnight
Let your presence be your gift!