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Over The Hills

Quote: “In life it’s important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.”
Unknown

THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

Old Version
The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs, dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. The grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold. Moral of the old story: Be responsible for yourself.
Modern Version
The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building

his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks the ant is a fool and laughs, dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the shivering grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the ant should be allowed to be warm and well fed while he is cold and starving... The major mainline news networks show up to provide pictures of the shivering grasshopper next to a video of the ant in his comfortable home with a table filled with food. America is stunned by the sharp contrast. How can this be, that in a country of such wealth, the poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so? Kermit the Frog appears on Oprah with the grasshopper and every-



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body cries when they sing “It Isn’t Easy Being Green.” Occupy the Anthill stages a demonstration in front of the ant’s house where the news stations film the Black lives Matter group singing “We Shall Overcome.” The Rev. Sharpton has the group kneel down to pray for the grasshopper while he condemns the ant. He appears on MSNBC to complain that rich people don’t care. A former President condemns the ant and blames Trump, Presidents Bush 43 and 41, President Reagan, Christopher Columbus, and all of the popes prior to the current one for the grasshopper’s plight. Some other leaders exclaim in an interview on The View that the ant has gotten rich off the back of the grasshopper and call for an immediate tax hike on the ant to make him pay his fair share. Finally the EEOC drafts the Economic Equity & Anti-Grasshopper Act retroactive to the beginning of the summer. The ant is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of green bugs such as grasshoppers. Since he has nothing left to pay the retroactive taxes, his home is confiscated by the Government Green Czar and given to the grasshopper. The story ends as we see the grasshopper and his free loading friends finishing up the last bits of the ant’s food, while the government house he is in, which just happens to be the ant’s old house, crumbles around them because the grasshopper won’t maintain it. The ant has disappeared in the snow and is never seen again. The grasshopper is found dead in a drug related incident and the now abandoned house is taken over by a gang of spiders who terrorize the once prosperous and peaceful neighborhood. The entire Nation collapses bringing the rest of the free world with it. Moral of the story: Be careful how you vote in 2018 and 2020. There is a difference between being liked and being valued. A lot of people may like you, but very few will value you. Be valued.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Behind the scenes
It’s a busy place
Hustle and bustle
Just keep up the pace.

There’s much to be done
To make things seem
Like everything’s normal.
It’s part of the scheme.

Artifice and pretense
Are part of the role.
Actions misleading
Make up the show.

Yes, behind the scenes
Life isn’t as it looks.
Things are far different
Than you read in the books.

When you don’t understand
How things come to be,
Check behind the scenes
For you influences you and me.

For behind the scenes
There is God’s love,
Care and forgiveness
Sent from above.

The way comes easier
As we go day by day
If behind the scenes
Christ is the way!

J.R. Trumbull
12 October 1997

A TIP ABOUT
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SMOKE

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ABOUT TELLING
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Aden, Age 7
Jessica, His mother
New York

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TEN YEARS AGO

JULY 10, 2008
Joe Sherwood would assume duties of superintendent at McPherson County High School for the 2008-09 term. Duell Arensdorf and Lane Wood were heading for the National High School Rodeo finals in Farmington, New Mexico, after placing fourth in the Nebraska State High School Rodeo finals. Charlie Opela of Stapleton would also represent the LMHS Rodeo Club in breakaway and goat tying. She received the all-around girl title at the state finals. Deaths: Nora Keesler, 94, died July 2. Jack and LaVon Harwager would be observing their 40th wedding anniversary with a card shower. Twenty-four members of the Florence and Blanche Allen family gathered June 28 at the fair building in Tryon for a reunion.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
JULY 9, 1998
Bible Camp at the Junction of Highway 92 and 97 east of Tryon had come to a close, but the purpose and blessing lives on. Lilas Schmidt thanked everyone for their support over the years in the way of attendance, food and financial help. Four Kactus Wranglers 4-H Club members would compete in the state 4-H Horse Show at Fonner Park in Grand Island. Qualifiers were Megan McNutt, Trista Reiser, Kari Daly and Bryce Rundback. A birthday celebration and supper was held at the home of Larry and Donna Campbell.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
JULY 14, 1988
The Warren Ranch of Seneca placed first in the Nebraska Stock Growers Association team penning contest. Sandhillers 4-H Club met at the Eldon Starr home and officers elected were Tonya Starr, president; Angie Stickney, vice-

president; Amy Stickney, secretary; Dana Paxton, treasurer; and Carolee Connell, news reporter. Linda Paxton was the organizational leader. Brett Neal, son of Gary and Jerry Neal, was named to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s dean’s list for the spring semester. Bob and Jack Cotton returned from an 8-day KRVN bus tour to Nashville, Tennessee. Deaths: Lena Lamb Owen, 99, died July 8 in a Mullen nursing home.

FORTY YEARS AGO

JULY 13, 1978
Jason Joe Arensdorf, two-month-old son of Jeff and Shelly Arensdorf underwent surgery at Denver and had a band placed on an artery between his lungs and heart. Bart Daly qualified for entry in the Fonner Park Nebraska State 4-H Horse Exposition in Grand Island in several events. Death: Everett Bakewell, 80, died July 7 at Salem, Arkansas.

Boyd Moore was pictured with the 403-pound Pacific Blue Marlin he caught out of Pokai Bay, Oahu, Hawaii. The Moores have many friends and relatives in this area, Mrs. Moore being the former Elsie Winters. Don Nicholson won first place in the horseshoe pitching contest at “Fur Trade Days” in Chadron.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

JULY 11, 1968
Dan Nicholson was employed at the Bob Stevenson ranch in south Hooker County and Monty Nicholson was working on the Ross Haase ranch for the summer. Mrs. Eva Connell reported in Flats News that several people were getting underway with haying that week. Death: Walter Avery died Monday in a North Platte hospital. He came to the Tryon community in 1910 with his parents. The scales at the old Tryon sale barn had been

inspected and were ready for use. Each rancher would be responsible to make weighing arrangements. 25 cents per head. Don Hatch.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

JULY 10, 1958
Sharon Connell reported on her trip to Girls’ State in Lincoln. Robert B. Cotton, seaman, USN, was aboard the submarine USS Menhaden, and Leonard L. Fox, engineman third class, USN, was aboard the light cruiser USS Worchester. They were taking part in the First Fleet visit to the San Francisco Bay area. The 1958 Longhorn annuals were now here and information could be obtained by contacting Shirley Haney or Peggy Streiff.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO

JULY 8, 1948
Don Helberg of North Platte drowned late Sunday evening, July 4, five miles northwest of Sutherland. A group of young folks, after attending the rodeo in Sutherland, went to Hunters Ditch headgate waters of the North Platte River diversion dam to swim. It is believed he became exhausted and was unable to return to shallow water when caught in the current.

Pauline French became the bride of Donald Nicholson on June 26 at North Platte.

Vernon Lutes and Pauline Tiffany were married June 27 at Arcadia. Ringgold Community Club met with Mrs. Lucius Tupper and Pearl LaVonne received many beautiful gifts. There would be a bridal shower at Mrs. Si Doyle’s for Mrs. Red Barner on July 14.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

JULY 14, 1938
Jack Renemo, 12, lost his life by drowning in the Sutherland Reservoir Tuesday afternoon.

Ralph Jones, organist and radio announcer at

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