



Vision 2000 of Optimism



"Lighting the Way" in the Iowa District, Zone 4

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FRIENDS OF YOUTH

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, November 13, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church about 7 a.m. for donuts and fellowship. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting 20 members and one guest were present. President GENE presided. The attendance pot was awarded to KENNETH GRAHAM, but it was not collected. MARSHA UNDERWOOD won the 50/50.

There was a large crowd at the football playoff game last week. Thanks to LES HARVEY, CRAIG MCCLELLAN, BILL STEPHENS, BOB HIBBARD, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, GARY FUNKHAUSER, JOHN KLEIN, JIM CLAUSEN, MILLI HARVEY, RICHARD VORTHMANN, and GENE SERAN for working the gate. Everyone was kept busy keeping traffic moving.

JOHN announced that posters would be located in the post office for everyone to sign to express encouragement to the girl's volleyball and boy's football teams for their participation in state tournaments.

JOHN also announced the next can and bottle sorting will be on the 16th at 5:30 p.m. BOB is going to check with the Legion to see if the outdoor light on the building next to the can kennel can be energized. LARRY KRAMER indicated that a permanent sign about 6 ft long and 4 ft high is in preparation and needs the lettering to complete it. GARY FUNKHAUSER reported on construction progress on the high school gym. He said the gym might be available for use at the end of December.

Our newest Club member, MIKE SCHMID, was inducted by President GENE. GENE was also his sponsor. MIKE and his family, wife Zori and daughter Michaela, live on 230th street east of Council Bluffs. MIKE and Zori are owners of Abbott Parking near the Omaha Airport. President GENE is setting the pace for new Club members this year. Can you help him meet his goals?

ANOTHER SIGN OF CHANGING TIMES

Frank Swendroski, owner of Frank's Animal Removal Service, spoke to Club members about the changes in his business. Frank, who lives in Plattsmouth, NE, has worked for 24 years in the animal carcass removal business, but he said that this is his last week to service his territory for National Byproducts company. When he began his service animal carcasses were picked up from the farm on the farm at no cost. Now, a pickup fee is charged depending on the type of animal, which ranges up to \$100 for a horse carcass. Frank suggested several reasons for the change of business practices. Currently, the demand for animal byproducts is less, particularly in the U.S. Thus, the value of animal byproducts is lower. Frank noted we have moved from 70% domestic utilization to 70% export. Part of the reduced demand for animal protein is a result of an agreement by producers, USDA, and rendering plants to not use animal byproduct protein in feed for ruminants. This is a consequence of the 'Mad Cow Disease' scare in England, Frank explained. Also, there is a change underway in the methods of animal production from numerous small producers distributed across nearly all farms to fewer but larger operators, which tend to be concentrated in specific locations. Large production facilities don't necessarily need the services of a route collection of carcasses. Frank said he is planning to change his business to that of collecting the byproducts of food service-- grease, oils, etc.

CALENDAR

- Nov: Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club Can Collection.
- Nov. 13 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Nov. 16? Can sorting, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Club meeting, program on Macedonia McCready Theater.
- Nov 27 Club meeting, program by Kim Moore on C.A.S.A.
- Nov. 27 Set up Community Christmas Tree.
- Dec. 2 Decorate Christmas Tree and Caroling with Cub Scouts.
- Dec. 14 Spaghetti Dinner.
- Dec: Silver Creek 4-H Club Can Collection.

BIRTHDAYS 11/8 MICK GUTTAU
ANNIVERSARIES 11/6 KEN GRAHAM

P.S "The Sunday School teacher was holding her class spellbound. "Think, children," she said, "in the far-off land there are millions of square miles of land without a single Sunday School where little boys and girls can spend their Sunday mornings. Now, what should we all try to save up our money for?"

One little fellow shouted, "To go there!"

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