



TS Bank Expansion

Joshua Guttau was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 23. The current status of banks in the United States is that they are either growing or getting acquired. Many little banks are closing. The owners just want out, have loan problems, or are tired of all the Government regulations.

Josh said his job at the bank is Risk Management and Regulation control. It is not true banking.

TS Bank is acquiring two new banks. One is in Tioga, North Dakota. It has \$300 Million in assets and 20 employees. The second bank is in Crosby, North Dakota. It is very close to Canada and has only 4 employees. The railroad connects with both towns, which are 30 miles apart. There is an oil refinery in Tioga. Oil is moved by train.

The biggest risk in both banks is getting qualified employees. The farmers are all rich from oil rights. Their wives don't work. There is a high cost of living. There is also a high population of males who come to work in the oil fields. Some stay two or three years.

Dairy Tour

On August 30 the Treynor Optimist Club toured a dairy owned by Bruce Campbell that does all the milking with robots. 17 members and 4 guests went on the tour.

The cow barn was built by Mennonites from Winterset. It took them two weeks to build the building, including the cement. The building is 240 feet by 83 feet and holds 120 cattle. The cement has a 1% slope.

The cattle have headlocks for eating to prevent them from bullying. The ceiling is 16 foot high with 4 foot rafter spacing.

There are 18 high pressure sodium lights to light the building. It would have taken 110 LEDs to do the same job.

Outside there is an 880 gallon pit. It is 9 feet deep.

Mr. Campbell has milked since 1970. The new building was completed and put in use in November 2013.



Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on August 23. The club celebrated Gary and Julie Funkhouser's anniversary. They also celebrated Judy Guttau's birthday.

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund for the rain. Bill contributed for healing. Kirk also contributed.

Dictionaries were given to the 3rd graders. Dennis White, Gary Funkhouser, and Bill Vorthmann helped.

The club also discussed next week's trip to the automated dairy and the 30th anniversary of the club. The anniversary will be celebrated September 4 at the B & B Again at 6:30 p.m. George McGargle, the "Singing Farmer" will entertain.

There were 18 members and one guest at the meeting.



Calendar

- Aug 27, Wed - Can kennel sorting, 5:30 p.m.
- Sep 4, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Treynor Optimist Anniversary Party at B&B Again

Birthdays

- Aug 11 - Chad Guttau (recognized)
- Aug 23 - Judy Guttau (recognized)

Anniversaries

- Aug 13 - Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 - Gary & Julia Funkhouser (recognized)

Speakers

- Sept 6 - Bill Vorthmann arranging
- Sept 13 - Jon Jacobsen arranging
- Sept 20 - Bob Mantell arranging
- Sept 27 - Bill Matthew arranging
- October - Ken Graham
- November - Chuck Nielsen
- December - Jim Clausen