

Optimist Club of Treynor NEWSLETTER

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Club Officers for '95-'96	Board of Directors	Past Presidents
Pres. Keith Denton	'94-'96	Gene Grell '84-'85
Int. V. Pres. Les Harvey	George Schneider	Fritz Holtz '86-'87
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		Kenneth Graham '94-'95
	'95-'97	Tom Ryan '85-'86
	Kevin Underwood	William Burris '87-'88
	Roger Trede	Jim Clausen '89-'90
	Dan Schnepel	Al Strobehn '91-'92
		John Klein '93-'94

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday, November 25, 1995 at the Zion Church R/E Building. Meet at 7 a.m. for coffee, juice, donuts, and fellowship. VIRGIL HOLST has arranged for recently elected Treynor Mayor, Chuck Killion, to speak. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting at Zion Church there were sixteen members and two guests present. The attendance pot was awarded to ROGER TREDE. However, it was reported ROGER was recovering in the hospital.

A motion was passed to contribute \$100 toward the attendance of Treynor Elementary students to the Emmy Gifford theater performance.

Lt. Governor, Laureen Feilen, conducted the new officers installation ceremony.

New members, ALLEN HENDRIX and ANDY BROOKS, were inducted. Sponsors are JOHN KLEIN and ED UNDERWOOD, respectively.

FROM INCUBATORS TO ALLIGATORS

Fritz Holst of Treynor spoke to Club members about his work experiences with Hawkeye Steel Products, Inc. Fritz has worked for Hawkeye Steel Products for over thirty years and currently is a District Sales and New Product Development

Manager. Fritz indicated the company, which is located in the small Iowa town of Houghton near Mt. Pleasant, began by manufacturing a thermos jug in 1920 and has expanded through several mergers. Currently Hawkeye Steel Products offers over 13,000 products ranging from chicken waterers to a complete pig feeding facility. Their products primarily serve various needs of agricultural production such as grain storage; livestock and poultry feeding and housing; and poultry incubation and processing. Pride-of-the-Farm is one on the older labels owned by Hawkeye Steel Products. Fritz said it has been used for over seventy years for livestock feeding equipment. A big change in the company, according to Fritz, has been the transition to the use of plastics in most of their products now. One of the unusual products of Hawkeye Steel is a metal building to house alligators where they are fattened with compressed chicken feather pellets.

CALENDAR

- Nov. 25 Club Meeting, program by Mayor Killion.
- Nov. 28 Election- Jail Bond Issue.
- Dec. 2 TriCenter Club Charter Party, St. Pat's Hall, Neola.
- Dec. 2 Club Meeting, program TBA
- Dec. 4 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

P. S. One day, a city man was tired of "life in the fast lane" and decided to move his family to a more rural area. There was only one concern--he had to have a wooded lot out back.

He arrived in the country late at night, and bought a house from a fast-selling real estate agent without seeing the house. The whole family moved into the house that same night.

The next morning when he got up, he found out he couldn't see anything but trees. He ambled over to his neighbor's lot complaining that he wanted a wooded lot but this was too much.

"Must have bought your house from the same real estate agent we got ours from," the neighbors told him. "Our lot was just like yours, but we rented a chain saw in town. You can cut up to five cords of wood a day with those saws."

He went into town, rented a saw and went to work. All day long he toiled and sweated, but at the end of the day he only had cut one cord. Thinking that maybe he wasn't used to the gadget, he tried again the next day, working even harder. At the end of the second day, he'd only cut 3/4 of a cord.

He went back to the hardware dealer and told him of the results. "Must be something wrong with the saw, let me see," the hardware man said as he pulled the rope and the motor hummed to life.

The man looked at the hardware man with surprise, stepped back in fright and said, "What in the hell is that noise?"

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