

# Optimist Club of Treynor NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday, June 15, 1996 at the **Shortline Cafe**. Meet at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. GERALD FORRISTALL has arranged for Gayle Holmes to speak on the National Trails Center plans. The Club meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were nine members and one guest present. The attendance pot was awarded to ALLEN HENDRIX, but it was not collected.

Plans for the girl's softball tournament were discussed.

Letters to horse show sponsors are to be mailed this week.

LES HARVEY attended the Malvern Club meeting.

### MARKETING CORN OUTSIDE THE U. S.

Greg Forristall, a farmer of rural Council Bluffs, spoke to Club members about his association with the National Feed Grains Council. According to Greg, the Council is concerned with utilization of corn and barley grains. However, the major focus is on corn and all the useful products made from it. Greg stated the Council is over 25-yr old and has representatives in many other countries to facilitate the marketing and utilization of United States feed grains. This past February Greg

traveled with several other Council members on the 1996 Corn Mission to Mexico, Columbia, and Venezuela. In each country the Council supports local efforts to increase meat production efficiency through feeding of quality grain. In Mexico, for example, it was demonstrated that swine fed with a corn ration grew twice as fast as those traditionally fed with discarded food products. Greg noted that until recently it was illegal to feed corn to swine in Mexico as all corn there was considered human food. Of course, corn is a primary grain for the diet of many Mexicans.

Greg observed that it is quite a challenge to develop trade agreements with other countries. Import licenses sometimes are not valid long enough for the product to travel from the source to the destination. Greg stated that there is an increasing foreign market for U. S. corn, but this is a result of long-term efforts by groups like the National Feed Grains Council.

### CALENDAR

- Jun. 15 Club Meeting, program by Gayle Holmes on National Trails Center.
- Jun. 22 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Jun. 22 Zone Meeting, Cold Springs State Park.
- Jun. 29 Club Meeting, program by Jennie-Edmundson Hospital on out-patient surgery.
- Jun. 30-Jul. 3 International Convention, Las Vegas.
- Jul. 8-13 Girl's Softball Tournament.
- Aug. 8-11 District Convention, Carter Lake.
- Aug. 10 SISCO Horse Show, Westfair.

P S. Little Eddie wanted \$100 so badly he decided to pray for it. He prayed for several weeks with no results. So, he wrote a letter to God.

The Post Office finally forwarded the letter to the White House. The president chuckled and ordered \$5 sent to the boy. The boy, delighted that his prayers had been answered, even if only in part, wrote a thank you note to God but added a P.S. message: "I noticed you routed by letter through Washington and, as usual, the bureaucrats deducted 95%."

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