

# Optimist Club of Treynor NEWSLETTER

**EXCEL.....IN 1995-1996!!**

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 Strohhahn '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, October 5, 1996 at the **Shortline Cafe**. A program is planned by **LES HARVEY**. Meet at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. The Club meeting starts at 7:30 am. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were fourteen members and one guest present. The attendance pot was awarded to **MICK GUTTAU**, but it wasn't collected.

**KEITH DENTON** announced the Board decided to schedule a spaghetti dinner to help support the Honor Band Fiesta Bowl trip fund. The dinner may be held before the last home football game on October 25 if the elementary school kitchen is available for food preparation.

President-elect, **ED UNDERWOOD**, announced committee chair persons for the upcoming Optimist year as follows:

- Community Service, **LARRY KRAMER**
- Youth Activities, **JOHN KLEIN**
- Program, **KEITH DENTON**
- Publicity, **LES HARVEY**
- Fellowship, **JIM CLAUSEN**
- Membership, **LES HARVEY**
- Finance, **RICH VORTHMANN**
- Personal Growth, **KEN GRAHAM**

**KEITH** introduced **Bob Hibbard** as a new Club member. **KEITH** stated that **Bob Plummer** and **Gary Barrett** also agreed to be members.

### HAVE YOU DRIVEN AN OXEN LATELY?

**Darrel and Arleta Young** of rural Hancock spoke to Club members about their trip to Africa last January. They traveled with a group directed by the Global Volunteers organization. **Arleta** said their group went to Tanganyika in east Africa to provide service to a community boarding secondary school located in a rural village. They spent nearly three weeks in the village. **Darrel** said they helped paint rooms and make cement floors in the school. The village has few resources aside from a productive climate. Most of the activity of the villagers was directed to providing their food and growing products to sell for necessities. Their diet is primarily based on white corn. There was no electricity, so nearly all work was done manually. According to **Darrel**, oxen were used to till the red soil. He said he took a turn steering the oxen team to plow a furrow. **Arleta** noted the group had to take with them to the village all the provisions they needed for the visit as well as the materials they needed to work at the school.

### CALENDAR

- Oct. 5 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Oct. 7 Zone 12 Meeting, Underwood, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Oct. 19 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Oct. 19 1st Quarter District Meeting, Newton, IA, 8 - 4.
- Oct. 25 Spaghetti Supper ??

P S. At a victory celebration for his opponent the Senator, who had been swept out of office by a political landslide, was called upon for a few remarks. He rose and dryly said: "I am reminded of an epitaph on an old tombstone in the town cemetery which reads: 'I expected this, but not so soon.'"

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