



# Treynor, Iowa



## Optimists

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### CLUB MEETING--SATURDAY Nov. 7, 1987

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Shortline Cafe; 7:30 a.m. Meeting & Program

**PROGRAM:** Al Strohbehn will talk with us about his visit to the British Isles. This will be an interesting and instructional program. **BRING GUESTS!** (Invite a potential new member.)

**Dec. 5 Program:** Speaker from Offutt Air Force Base. We hope you will make this meeting a priority. It will be a good experience for us. Let's reciprocate for the speaker!

### SUMMARY CLUB MEETING: Oct. 31, 1987

President William presided. Virgil Holst provided the invocation and led the pledge as the thirteen members gathered for the 7:30 meeting.-----  
----Sgt. at Arms Keith found some members insulting the speaker and assessed appropriate fines. Virgil contributed an extra quarter and extended his remarks to include the Sgt. at Arms. Order was eventually restored so Pres. William could make some announcements. Then, in the attendance drawing, Virgil picked up \$14.25. (He was heard to comment, "Boy, I can do a lot of insulting now!")

**PROGRAM:** Howard Knox (in full make up as a "hobo clown") was introduced by Les Harvey as the Speaker. (NOTE: We all know Howard performs as a clown. Most of us were not sure where; why; the background to his commitment and/or dedication, etc. Believe it or not, performing as a clown is a very serious and demanding activity.) Howard provided a fascinating report concerning: The origin of the term "clown"; the role of the "clown" throughout history; the specialties for different persons due to their special interests in working with people. Howard prefers to do "clown ministry." The extent of this specialty in clowning was surprising to those present. Thanks Howard! Your activities and their significance have taken on an added value in our minds. (NOTE: Howard is available to talk with groups about the "avocation and/or vocation" of performing as a clown.)

### OPTIMISTS AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

Ticket takers at FB game, Oct. 30: Larry McAlexander, Ken Graham, Les Harvey. (NOTE: By edict of Pres. William Burris, if Calvin Hoegh presents this newsletter to our Sgt. at Arms at the Nov. 7 meeting, the Sgt. at Arms will present Calvin with \$1.00.) ----- **Other workers:** At FIFTH QUARTER Oct. 30: Fritz & Connie Holst, William & Donna Burris, Ken Graham, and Howard Knox. Present at Board Meeting, Oct. 19: Wm. Burris, Keith Denton, Charlie Branham, Fritz Holst, Ken Graham, Les Harvey, Ed Underwood, Al Strohbehn. NOTE: Dist. Lt. Gov. Ron Stairs was also present. (Oh yes: Howard Knox was also present.)

### DIST. LT. GOV. RON STAIRS AT BOARD MEETING

Lt. Gov. Ron spent about an hour with the Board in a very informative and productive session. He filled out some special forms dealing with our goals and plans for this year. In some years, the form is sent to the officers who fill it out in varying degrees of thoroughness. Having Ron present and holding us to responding to each and every part of the form, created a unique situation for us. We considered activities, events, and plans on the spur of the moment and committed ourselves to a very ambitious "YEAR." After Lt. Gov. Ron left, the Board paid the bills; Pres. William announced the NEXT BOARD MEETING TO BE NOV. 16 at his house. Meeting adjourned.

### BUSINESS OF NOV. 16 BOARD MEETING TO BE DEMANDING

Assignment of responsibility (or confirmation of previous assignment) for the following activities, etc. will take place at this meeting: Social Committee; Fund Raising (Finance); Tri Star in BB, FB, Baseball; Oratorical Contest; Essay Contest; Anti-Drug Program for Children; Membership; Youth Appreciation Week; Programs; Fellowship; M.D.A.; Hunting Safety; Wrestling Tournament; New Projects. We need to get these responsibilities "firmed up" and get 'ACTION' on each. As of Nov. 30, one-sixth of our Year will have passed!!