

THE OPTO

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Jos. B. Shannon to Club

Hon. Jos. B. Shannon, member of congress from the fifth district, and always a favorite with the Optimist Club here, was the speaker Friday noon, December 28th and chose as his subject "The Nation's Faith in the Godly." The address was an abridgement of the speech Mr. Shannon delivered Sunday, July 8, 1934, at the Washington Memorial Chapel of the National Washington Memorial Church, Valley Forge, Pa.

Mr. Shannon stated that it is his belief that the linking of religion and patriotism is very beneficial to American civilization and does much to contribute to the perpetuation of the Republic. He called our attention to the fact that in the early days of the nation in the days when Valley Forge was the headquarters of our Revolutionary army, Washington prayed frequently for divine guidance. He called our further attention to the fact that Jefferson, founder of the University of Virginia, caused this motto to be inscribed over its portals, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make ye free."

"We have already proved the truth of Madison's statement that government without kings do better than with them," declared the speaker, "and likewise the wisdom of his words that 'the merit will be doubled by the other lesson that religion flourishes with the greater purity without than with the aid of government.' "

The congressman mentioned these three early Americans, he said, because they were foremost in a period of outstanding patriots.

"Later in our history," declared the speaker, "Abraham - Lincoln cried out, 'I am fighting this fight in the Washington, Jeffersonian and Madison way.' Let the story of Valley Forge, therefore, with its sufferings, privations, and patriotism, be so imprinted on the minds of all Americans that in the future crises of government should they arise, we may cry out 'Yes, we are again fighting this fight in the Washington, Jeffersonian and Madison way.' "

Congressman Shannon then spoke of the churches of America as a great police force and said that the nation would never be destroyed by those who believe in God or those who attend the churches. If it is ever to be destroyed, according to Mr. Shannon, that destruction will be wrought by those who lack proper reverence for things religious. His story of how he found men excavating for the new post office here on the Sabbath and his protest before the proper authorities in Washington was a fitting climax for such an address. The authorities first refused to stop work on the Sabbath but when Mr. Shannon was elected to congress and threatened to introduce a resolution of protest in Congress, the work on Sunday stopped forewith.

The men present gave Jos. Shannon a good hand when he was introduced, every man standing to acknowledge the speaker. When he had finished, Pres. Smedley thanked him roundly for his patriotic-religious address and invited him to come again when he returns from the next congress.

"Han" Talbot was absent December 28th but it is hoped he will have an announcement ready soon in regard to the "smoker."

R. P. Nall of Kirkwood, Mo. was a very welcome visitor last Friday. R. P. is in charge of Bruce Dodson & Co.'s office at St. Louis. Glad to see you, Roly Porter.

Two Optimists Honored

At a meeting of the Electric and Radio Association held last Friday C. H. McClean of the Graybar Electric Co. was elected president for 1935. Harley C. Davis, K. C. Power & Light Co. was made treasurer for the new term.

"Mack" was president of the Optimist Club in 1933-34 and made an enviable record. We congratulate the Electric and Radio Association in their choice for the new year.

Harley has been a member of our club for several years, serving two years as a member of the Board of Directors. He is auditor at the Power & Light and will make a splendid treasurer for the organization that has just called him.

"Pot" Distributed

Dr. Guy Fenton having spent 20% of the "pot" of December 21st with G. J. Duchossois, Kline's Store, was paid off December 28th; Turney Gratz, Uptown Association, declaring that his 30% was left with Virg E. Grigsby, men's furnishings, was reimbursed accordingly; and the 50% went to Ray Klein, Kreger Glass Co., who'd spent it with Bill Mace, jeweler, and Jno. Neill, R. S. Elliott Arms Co.

Charley Piper, Central Typewriter Service, stated last Friday he was looking ahead to the grand finale in bridge. What he wants now is a committee of ladies to help him select the prizes.

Charles D. Purcell, vice-president of the North Mehornay Furniture Co., leaves tonight for Chicago and Grand Rapids to attend the furniture market; He will be away three weeks.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The program for Friday noon, January 4, 1935

will be devoted to plans for a bigger and better Optimist Club in the new year.

A new member of the club, assisted by a coterie of his friends, has issued a challenge to an older member of the club, this man to select a like number of friends, for a membership drive terminating with the smoker.

You can't afford to miss the first meeting of the New Year!

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Bridge

The fourth Pow-wow of the Chicka- saws was held at Pale Face Ruthie's (Benefiel) on December 16th.

The scores:

Crouch	3,042	15,094
Benefiel	3,831	14,641
Hansen	2,564	13,486
McClean	4,618	13,106

Smedley	3,544	12,625
Sturges	2,701	11,978
Total	20,300	80,930

In Appreciation

December 28, 1934. "OPTIMIST CLUB,"

F. O. Denny, Secretary,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Frank:

This is to acknowledge and thank the Optimist Club for the beautiful poinsettia which was sent to me at home when I was ill with the flu.

You may rest assured I appreciated the flower as well as the sentiment that goes with it.

Yours very truly,

C. H. McClean.

The McCleans were ably represented by the Hendricks' who lifted them from sixth to fourth place.

Hansen, Chieftain.

Mongolians

Due to a very busy social season and a little business the Kingfish has been unable till now to report the last Mongolian shindig. Nevertheless we met at the home of Mr. and Mrs.. Mongolian Ray Shatterproof Kline December 7th. And did we have ourselves a good time. You should come see us some time. Excellent hosts, excellent food, excellent, you guess, an excellent blackjack game, I didn't lose much. We also played six tables of bridge. The scores to date are:

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kline 44,600

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Trippe 39,260

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Palis 35,530

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Piper 34,320

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Stuver 31,850

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Tucker 29,840

The kingfish is still planning on making a whirlwind finish, but you know what Burns wrote about the plans of mice and men. Anyway, I am. no mouse.

The Mongolian Kingfish.

Leland Tucker.

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BILL GRIEVES

December 27, 1934. Mr. Frank O. Denny,

Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Dear Mr. Denny:

Will you please extend to the members of the Optimist Club my sincere thanks for their invitation to their lovely Christmas party?

It was a pleasure to be a guest of such a fine club. I received a very lovely pocketbook. from Mr. Sturges of the Cook Paint and Varnish Co.

I appreciate the many courtesies extended me by the Optimists and I hope you can convey

to the members my thanks. While Clarence is gone I still enjoy the comradeship of all the men.
Most sincerely,
Ruth L. Simpson.

December 21, 1934. Frank O. Denny, Secretary,
Optimist Club,
Kansas City, Mo.

My father-in-law's death which occurred two weeks following burial our son. prevented me from telling you and. members Optimist Club how much wo appreciated flowers and expressions of sympathy which meant so much to us. Please convey to entire membership my and. Mrs. Nall's thanks.

R. P. Nall.

December 19, 1934. Frank O. Denny, Secretary,
Optimist Club of K. C.
Dear Fellow Optimist:

From my heart, I thank you for your very kind, letter of sympathy, which came by Special Delivery on Thursday, December 13th.

Also, the members of my family join me in gratefully acknowledging the sympathy of the Optimist Club, as expressed, by the beautiful flowers.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Phelps.

Guests

Dr. A. F. Schopper had Maj. D. S. Gray as his guest December 28th; Bob Tousley, Hillcrest, presented Wolf Rimann and Joe Chambers; and Turney Gratz, Uptown, introduced Russell Bray.

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Johnston G. Craig Mrs. Frederick S. Craig Mrs. Antone V. Cresto Mrs. D. Edward Conklin Mrs. R. S. Crowley Mrs, W. E. Cunningham Mrs. Gilbert C. Davis Mrs. Harley C. Davis Mrs. Leland S. Davis Mrs. Thomas Deacy Mrs. Frank O. Denney Mrs. John H. Deffner Mrs. E. F. DeVilbiss Mrs. George J. Duchossois Mrs. Art W. Dunlap Mrs. Wilbur B. Ennis Mrs. Harry Evans and friend Mrs. Wm. Knapp Mrs. Guy Fenton Mrs. B. Fenton Mrs. Geo. Garrett Mrs. Warner Glenn Mrs. Green Mrs. Robert Y. Goggin Mrs. Roy Gould Mrs. Bill Grieves Mrs. Tom C. Hansen Mrs. Tom R. Harber Mrs. Kate Haire Mrs. Ned P. Harshbarger Mrs. Everett R. Hendricks Mrs. W. H. Hines Mrs. Norman Hobart Mrs. A. D. Hobart Mrs. J. C. Hollingsworth Mrs. Karl Huber Mrs. Claude Hunt Mrs. Roy E. Johnson Mrs. L. A. Johnson Mrs. L. A. Johnson Miss Vera Keener Miss Helen Keener Miss Katherine Kelley Mrs. Kerr Mrs. Ray Klein Mrs. Dick Livasy Mrs. E. J. LaJoie Mrs. Howard Lapham Mrs. Henry H. Lindsey Mrs. Fred Lindsey Mrs. H. H. Look Mrs W. T. McAuley Mrs. Ben B. McBride Mrs. W. Clyde McClelland Mrs. J. M. McFerrin Mrs. J. G. McKernan Mrs. C. C. Metcalfe

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If you feel there is a chance for developing your Optimism start in training: now and go out each morning with your head up and your eyes fixed on victory— practice the bright outlook in

every word and gesture—carry plenty of the ointment of good cheer wherever you go and see how much smoother things will run with you.—Optimist Spotlight (Los Angeles).

Present December 28th

Anstey, Ed	McBride, Ben
Atherton. Jno.	McKernan. J. G.
Barnes, Lyle	Metcalfe, C. C.
Barron, Neil	Moeller. Geo. F.
Blucher, Earl	Myers, Joe F.
Brock, Harve	Norman, Harold
Carpenter, Ed C.	Pierce, Burt, Jr.
Craig, Frederick S.	Piper, Chas. J.
Craig, Johnston G.	Porawski, Frank
Cresto, Toney	Purcell, Charley
Cunningham, Gene	Reuter, Will
Davis, Gil	Rieger, Nathan
Davis, Leland S.	Riley, Andy
DeVilbiss, Dr. E. F.	Robison. Lew M.
Duchossois, G. J.	Rohde, John T.
Denney, Frank	Rutledge, R. B.
Ennis, Wilbur B.	Schopper, Dr. A. F.
Fenton, Dr. Guy	Scott, O. D.
Flindt. V.	Shepherd, F. (tires)
Glenn, Warner	Shryock, Jno. S.
Goggin, Bob Y.	Sight, Jack
Gould, Roy	Smedley, J. H.
Gratz. Turney	Spalding. Jno.
Grieves, Bill	Sturges, Sidney
Hansen, Tom C.	Thurston, Hal H.
Harshberger, Ned P.	Titus. Dr. Sterrett S.
Hier, E. F.	Tousley, A. M. Bob
Hobart, Norm	Venrick, E. E.
Hollingsworth, J. C.	Watts. Lencie L.
Hunt, Dr. Claude J.	Welch, Dr. S. E.
Jones, "Babe"	Welden, Bill
Klein, Raymond LaJoie, E. J.	Werner, Fred
Levy, Bill	Wetherwax, Bert
Livasy, Dick	Williams, Charles
Matlock, Walt	Williams, D. E.
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Percentages All Teams December

Following is a table of the attendance for December:

F. Craig 50%

L. Palis 58%

S. Sturges 61%

E. LaJoie 72%

Dr. Fenton 40%

W. Jaccard 53%

Dr. Titus 61%

G. J. Duchossois 72%

J. Myers 75%

E. Anstey 60%

Turney Gratz's Division

W. Glenn 68%

W. Welder. 80.55%

F. Lindsey 56%

L. Tucker 78.1%

Dr. Trippe 47%

D. Livasy 81.2%

R. Fraser 39%

B. McBride 62 1/2%

E. Ruddock 44%

J. Ramel 47%

According to the secretary's computation, Dick Livasy, Bryant Bldg. Barber Shop, has the high team for December and wins the \$5.00. Dick's average is 81.2%. Bill Welden, The Only Way, is a close second with 80.55%. Both Dick and Bill are good workers on Turney Gratz's division. If there were ten of this calibre the Gratz division would be better off than it is today.

Joe F. Myers' team, with an average of 75% for December, heads the Tony Cresto crew. Joe's team won \$5.00 in September, October and November and had it not been for the awful fall would probably have won it again last month.

Drawing December 28th

Bill McAuley, electrical contractor, won the 20% December 28th while G. J. Duchossois of Kine's Store, drew the 30%. The 50% went to Joe F. Myers of the Pickwick Garage.

Joe F. Ramel's \$10.00 driving glasses were won by "Babe" Jones, East Side Cleaners; the golf coupon was taken by Walt W. Matlock, Victoria Hotel Barber Shop; and the \$2.00 laundry credit was copped by C. C. Metcalfe, Metcalfe Printing Co.

Two cases of beer were given away by Frank Porawski of Dick & Bros., one going to J. C. Hollingsworth of Oak Park Laundry and the other to Bert Wetherwax, photographer. Nate Rieger, Home Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. won the \$1.30 milk ticket offered by West Mission Farm Dairy.

The Attendance Race

Tony Cresto's Division

Captain Brot. For'd Present Total

Craig 74 4 78

Palis 91 4 95

Sturges 95 5 100

LaJoie 98 5 103

Fenton 77 1 78

Jaccard 66 3 69

Titus 79 3 82

Duchossois 86 4 90

Myers 114 2 116

Anstey 99 4 103

Total 914

Turney Gratz's Division

Captain Brot. For'd Present Total

Glenn 67 4 71

Welden 97 7 104

Lindsey 70 3 73

Tucker 80 6 86

Fraser 76 3 79

McBride 99 4 103

Ruddock 74 3 77

Ramel 66 3 69

Trippe 78 2 80

Livasy 95 4 99

Total 841

The Game Guy's Prayer

Dear God: Help me to be a sport in this little game of life. I don't ask for any easy place in the line-up; play me anywhere you need me. I only ask for the stuff to give You one hundred per cent of what I've got. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I thank You for the compliment. Help me to remember that You won't ever let anything come my way that You and I together can't handle. And help me to take the bad breaks as part of the game. Help me to understand that the game is full of knots and knocks and trouble and make me thankful for them. Help me to get so that the harder they come the better I like it.

And, O God, help me to always play on the square. No matter what the other players do, help me to come clean. Help me to study the Book so that I'll know the rules, and to study and think a lot about the Greatest Player that ever lived, and other great book. If they found out that the best part of the game was helping other guys who were out of luck, help me to find it out, too. Help me to be a regular feller with the other players.

Finally, O God, if fate seems to uppercut me with both hands and I'm laid on the shelf in sickness or old age or something, help me to take that as part of the game, too. Help me not to whimper or squeal that the game was a frame-up or that I had a raw deal.

When, in the falling dusk I get the final bell, I ask for no lying complimentary stones. I'd only like to know that YOU feel that I've been a good, game guy.—Author Unknown.

Sympathy to Frank L. Shepherd

Mrs. Frank L. Shepherd, wife of the sign man in our club, passed away at her home at 6434 Woodland Ave., Saturday evening, December 29, 1934. She had been ill for only one week.

Besides our good member, Frank L. Shepherd, the deceased leaves a son, Fred Shepherd, whose home is in Ottumwa, Iowa.

The funeral was held this (Wednesday) afternoon at two o'clock at Newcomer's chapel, Gillham and Paseo.

To Optimist Shepherd and to Fred The Opto tenders the fullest measure of sympathy in this sad hour of their bereavement.

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