

TO CARE

Helena Exchange Club

Chartered June 15, 1950

For the meeting of 17 Mar 83

ELMER HAUSKEN, Editor

Next meeting at the NITE OWL
Thursday 24 Mar 83, 12:30 P.M.

CLUB NEWS

President JIM BURRINGTON presided and asked WALTER MARSHALL to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and ERNIE JACQUES to lead us in Prayer. ERNIE asked that we observe a minute of silence in honor of LYLE OLSON. We did.

We had some guests; JOHN BETTS brought JIM STIPEL of Stuart Title, BOB GUMERINGER brought a former member, BEN HOPKINS, and JOHN ELLIOTT brought his son JOHN ELLIOTT, JR. In other news it was announced that the painting BOB MORGAN showed us entitled "Bread and Butter Painting", has been donated by BOB to the Club for an auction. He values it presently at \$125, no telling what it will be in the future.

EULOGY

President JIM asked BILL HUBER to present a eulogy for LYLE OLSON. We had just returned from LYLE'S funeral services.

BILL made reference to RED FOY, boyhood friend of JOHN F. KENNEDY. RED wrote a book about his lifelong friend after his tragic assassination entitled, "JONNEY WE HARDLY KNEW YE". BILL paraphrased that to read, "LYLE WE HARDLY KNEW YA". BILL went on, saying whether you knew LYLE casually or intimately and for many years, HE LEFT US TOO SOON. We did expect to know him better. BILL pointed out how we knew of the way he gave of his trust, his confidence, his friendship and his love. He stated LYLE gave so much he was in a constant state of change and we hardly knew him. He mentioned LYLE giving of his humor during our "For the Good of the Order minutes" and how we liked that and liked the man who was always first to arrive and last to leave on work projects or at meetings. We liked the man with the charming wife he treasured and the sons he adored. We liked him and he liked us and he liked Exchange. BILL lamented LYLE left us and we are saddened because we won't have the advantage of LYLE'S common sense advice and guidance he so often inspired and helped us with in Exchange. BILL added most of us knew how LYLE loved the water and lake and joy of boating that brought him and his family so close and suggested LYLE would like the following:

THE PSALM OF THE SAILOR

THE LORD IS MY HELMSMAN: I SHALL NOT DRIFT,
HE LIGHTS ME ACROSS THE DARK WATERS. HE STEERS
ME THROUGH THE DEEP CHANNELS.
HE KEEPS MY LOG. HE GUIDES ME BY THE STAR OF
HOLINESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.
AS I SAIL THROUGH THE STORMS AND TEMPESTS OF
LIFE I WILL DREAD NO DANGER; FOR YOU ARE NEAR
ME; AND YOUR LOVE AND CARE SHELTER ME.

YOU PREPARE A HAVEN BEFORE ME IN THE HARBOUR
OF ETERNITY; YOU FILL MY DAYS WITH COURAGE
AND HOPE; MY SHIP RIDES CALMLY AWAY FROM THE
REEFS.

SURELY SUNLIGHT AND STARLIGHT SHALL BE WITH
ME WHEREVER I SAIL, AND AT THE END OF MY VOY-
AGING I SHALL REST IN THE PORT OF MY GOD.

LYLE OLSON - OUR FRIEND WHO LEFT US SO YOUNG,
WE HARDLY KNEW YA. MAY YOU REST IN PEACE!

As you can tell, BILL knew LYLE well and
his beautifully written eulogy says so.

IN MEMORIUM

LYLE OLSON joined the Helena Exchange Club
in December 1975. Of his many accomplishments
LYLE made a tremendous one in our Club. He
designed and implemented a check and balance
system of controlling our Beer sales and the
operations at the Fairgrounds. While most of
us remember him as a very pungently witty
and comic story teller, LYLE had a deeply
serious side that was almost shy and very
humble. This was the side that was revealed
in his deep feelings about religion and his
devoted work in behalf of his church.

I have been talking to LYLE quite a lot
for the last two and a half months. He was
a very brilliant fellow. He left a fine
accomplishment in our government of ef-
ficient management in a government office.
He was a man who worked hard improving the
lot of his fellow man and never asked for
recognition. He was a natural leader in his
home, his church, his job, and his service
club. He was a former paratrooper - one of
the finest men I've ever known.

A measure of his value and popularity was
the enormous crowd of people from all walks
of life at the services. BILL HUBER said it
right, LYLE - you left us too soon. LYLE
didn't care for anyone to be maudlin and
usually he would turn comments like that
aside with a remark or a story. I like the
one he made at our June 4th meeting in 1978
as a remark for the good of the order...
"The President of GM said in Forbes maga-
zine that all their troubles would be eased
if everyone would show up for work, be on
time and work 8 hours a day". LYLE went on,
"Maybe that is why GM and Florsheim should
consider a merger - Florsheim knows what to
do with 12,000 loafers!"

NATIONAL EXCHANGEITE

National Director BOB GUMERINGER is fea-
tured in a photo write-up on page 24.

Time to saddle up:

Stature comes not from height, but
from depth....



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE CHAMPION AA BASKETBALL TEAM, HELENA CAPITAL HIGH!