



# THE MANE GROWL

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

FAIRMONT, WEST VIRGINIA

MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 6:30 pm

Fairmont Field Club

Jan. 3, 1985

Time stops for no man and so we find ourselves beginning a new calendar year. At this early date new year's resolutions are made and largely forgotten or at least broken. One thing that can't be ignored or forgotten is bills that were added to charge accounts for Christmas.

At the December 6th meeting a thank you card was circulated from a person who received a pair of glasses from our club. Five applications for glasses for adults were approved. To date this year we have purchased nine pairs of glasses for children and sixteen pairs for adults. We have paid out \$1055.00 for glasses. A portion of that amount was owed on last year's cost for glasses.

For the program, Lion Clyde Judy told about his trip to India. I understand it was very interesting.

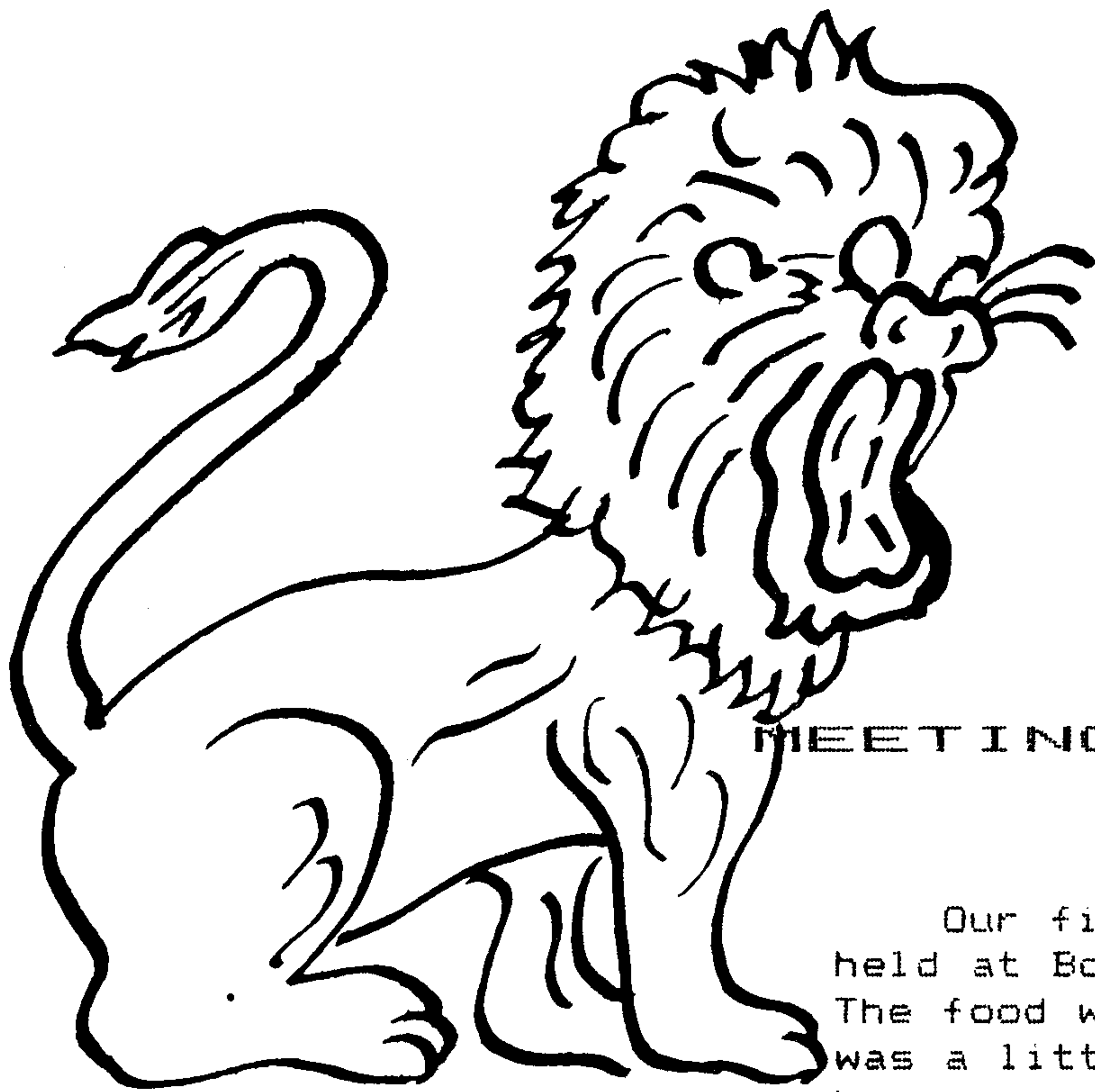
On December 12 the Board of Directors met at the home of Lion Clyde Judy. A donation of \$31.00 was voted to help send students at the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind on a skiing trip. This action is in line with the club's policy of support for the blind. Due to the fact that the Field Club is closed for a couple of weeks at Christmas and New Year, the club will meet at Bonanza on January 3. The Board of Directors will meet on January 10 at Lion George Corder's home.

The annual Mission Party was held on December 14 for the 43 time. Rev. Guggenheim made brief remarks and sent to Lions George Mason, Paul Donham and Art Cunningham. Lion Art was also named Lion of the Month. Art has not been able to attend meetings but he always sends birthday cards to us Lions. Bless 'im! Lion President Jim won the turkey raffle and presented it to the Mission. Nice gesture Jim. Flowers had been presented by Lion Bill Kime and they were in turn presented to Lion Merritt to be given to his wife who was ill. Lion Bill also donated a poinsetta which was auctioned and the proceeds went to the Administrative Fund. There was a good crowd of kids who enjoyed the gifts given by Santa Claus who was again played by Earnest Meadows, brother of Lion Lee Meadows.

1414 pairs of used glasses have been collected at the mall.

**Happy New Year**, everyone. Well there you have it. See Yuh!

SECOND HALF DUES NOW DUE.



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Feb. 7, 1985

Our first meeting of the New Year was held at Bonanza. We went through the line. The food was good. The room in which we met was a little cramped for space but we can't have everything.

Cub Lion Gary Jolliff was introduced and we had Lion Ray Rutherford present. Lion Ray has been in school and has been unable to attend until now.

Lion Romino reported that Lion George Mason may be transferred to a convalescent home in Morgantown. Lion George has improved to the point where he recognizes his family.

President Jim read a Christmas card he received from the District Governor and his wife along with a note thanking the club for the gift of crystal given them on the District Governor's night.

Our good treasurer Lion Brummage reported that we spent \$383 for glasses during November-84.

The Chairman of the Eye Glass Subcommittee, Lion Springer, presented two adult applications for glasses and moved their acceptance. The motion carried.

President Jim read a letter from the Girl Scouts requesting the club to purchase an ad in the Girl Scout program to be presented at the Armory. Cost of the ad to be approximately \$10-\$15.00. A motion to approve carried.

The District Governor has requested that elections be held early so that a list of next year's officers could be sent him at the end of February. Lion Jim has appointed the following Lions to a nominating committee: Lee Meadows, Chrm; Bill Woodrum and George Corder.

The Board of Directors met at the home of Lion and Lioness George Corder on January 10. Due to the bad weather I was told a forum, not a quorum, was present.

On January 17 the club met back at home base—the Field Club. Again due to bad weather the attendance was small. Personally I am one who likes the ribs the Field Club serves. The only trouble has been the ribs are "spare" and I never was able to get enough ribs to satisfy my appetite for meat. The small attendance allowed me to get as many ribs

as I needed.

Seriously, though, those who weren't there missed a delightful program. Mary Beth Wilson of the Fairmont State College Speech and Drama Department gave two readings: one from the works of Mark Twain and one from the works of Virginia Carrie Hudson. Miss Wilson was introduced by Lion Turley.

District 29L Governor's Convention will be held March 9 at Wilson Lodge. The banquet will be held on the 10th and will cost \$14.00. If you plan to go and need to make a reservation for a room and/or the Banquet, see President Jim.

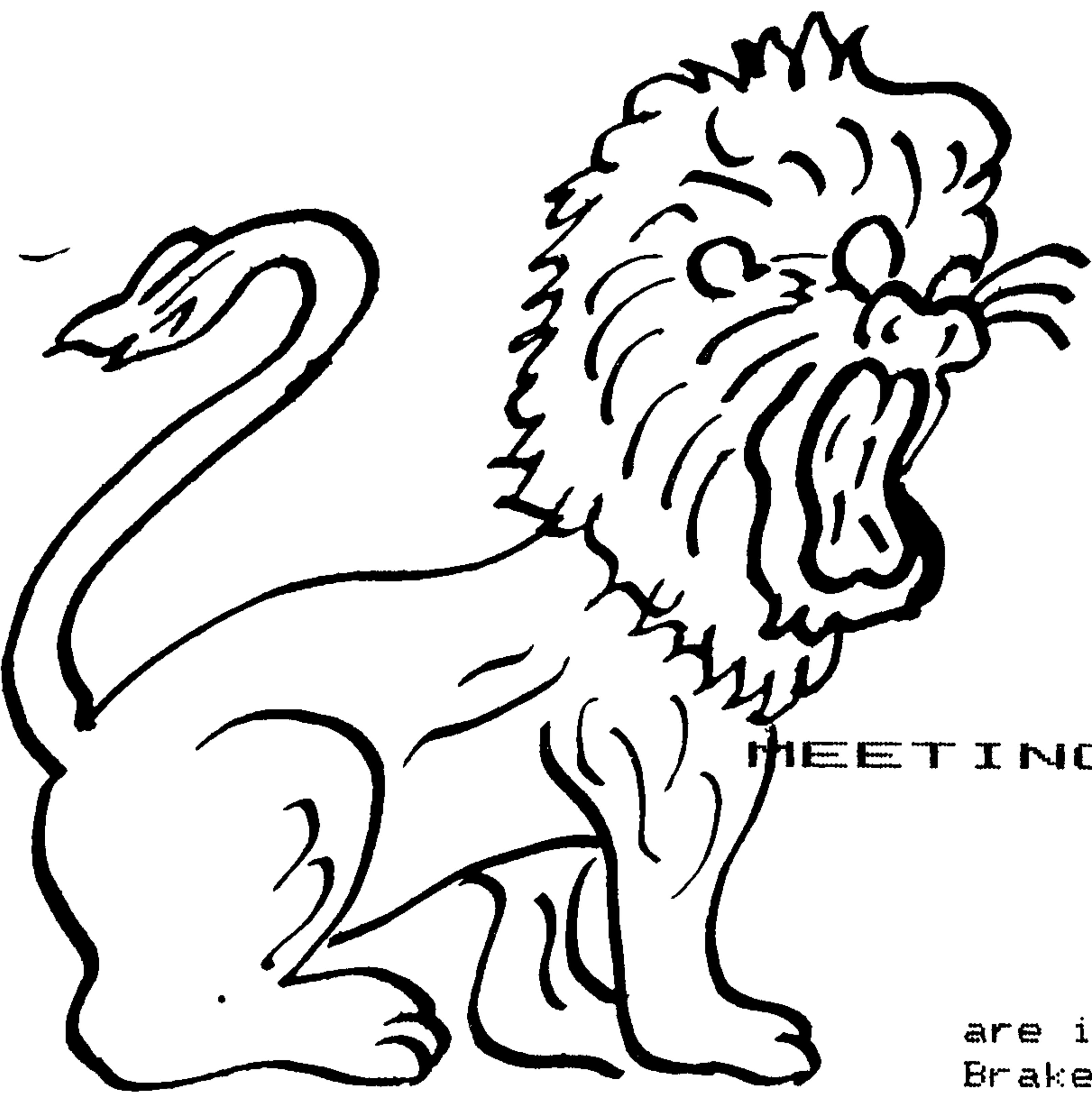
The District Governor informs us that membership in 29L is declining. Coupled with that fact is the possibility of the folding of the Indian Creek Club which our club sponsored. These things point up the need of inviting good men to join us.

President Jim has informed us that LCIF is asking for donations of money to be used to help alleviate hunger in Ethiopia. There are probably those among us who have felt that we should give something to help out in Ethiopia since the need is obviously great. Some may have wondered if their gifts would actually go to help feed the hungry or be channelled somewhere else. We believe that whatever is given to our International Fund and designated for a definite purpose will be used for that purpose. A collection will be made at our first meeting in February.

The next meeting of the Board of Director's will be on Feb. 13 (That's a Wednesday night) at the home of Lion Lee Meadows.

At this writing we plan to have our election of officers on March 7.

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Congratulations, felicitations, etc. are in order for Lion and Lioness Terry Brake for the blessed event which came to them in the form of a baby daughter. Everyone in the family is doing well.

Attorney Shirley Stanton, chairperson of the Human Rights Commission, spoke to us on February 7 on the work of that commission. She defined Human Rights as: liberty and freedom from external restraints. These rights are guaranteed by governments and the United Nations but the rights are violated by governments despite laws and the United Nations. She went on to say she hoped Lions would be on the lookout for Human Rights violations. She impresses one as being a dedicated person.

Lions International has written a letter of regret regarding the death of Lion Abe Modi.

Everyone is probably aware that the International Convention will be held in Dallas, Texas, June 19-22, 1985. Anyone planning to attend, see Lion Bob Moffett for credentials.

President Jim has been notified by congressman Mollahan of the availability of government bulletins on cataracts, diabetes and eyes. At the February Board of Directors meeting the possibility of ordering a bundle of these bulletins and making them available to the public at our Glaucoma clinic scheduled for April 21 according to chairman Lee Meadows at whose home we met.

Lion Butch Osborne was chosen Lion of the Month of February by President Jim for his work as Co-chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. Then, sad to say, Lion Terry broke the news that Butch would be leaving the club since Butch was to become president of the Stonewall Jackson Bank in Weston, WV as of Feb. 11. Lion Butch has been a credit to our club both morally and as a working Lion. We hate to lose him but we sincerely congratulate him on having achieved this position.

It seems it is becoming more and more difficult to find Lions who are willing to serve as officers of the club. Lion Lee Meadows read the list of nominees for the 1985-86 on Feb. 7 and there were three vacancies which explains the last sentence. However, with nominations

from the floor on Feb. 7th and 21st the slate was filled. Election is set for March 7. The nominees are:

President- George Corder  
1st Vice President-Bill Conrad  
2nd Vice President - Cliff Stalnaker  
3rd Vice President - Ray Rutherford  
Secretary - George Walls  
Treasurer - Lee Meadows  
Lion Tamer - Skipper Springston  
Tail Twisters - Bob Moffett and Carl Miller  
Board of Directors - Clyde Judy and Warner Glover (and hold over directors Bill Woodrum and Charles Herron)

Lion Claude Springer presented two request for adult glasses which were approved. Lion Clyde proposed that the club sponsor Janine Harry who works with the Campus Crusade for Christ. She is to speak to the club concerning this sponsorship.

Only \$72.00 was collected on Feb. 7 for the LCIF for Ethiopian Hunger relief. Anyone else wishing to contribute may forward a check to the treasurer.

The District Governor's letter contained a request that each club give \$1.00 per member to help fund the Youth Exchange program. The Board voted to do so. Do you remember? Lion Gerald's daughter participated in this several years ago.

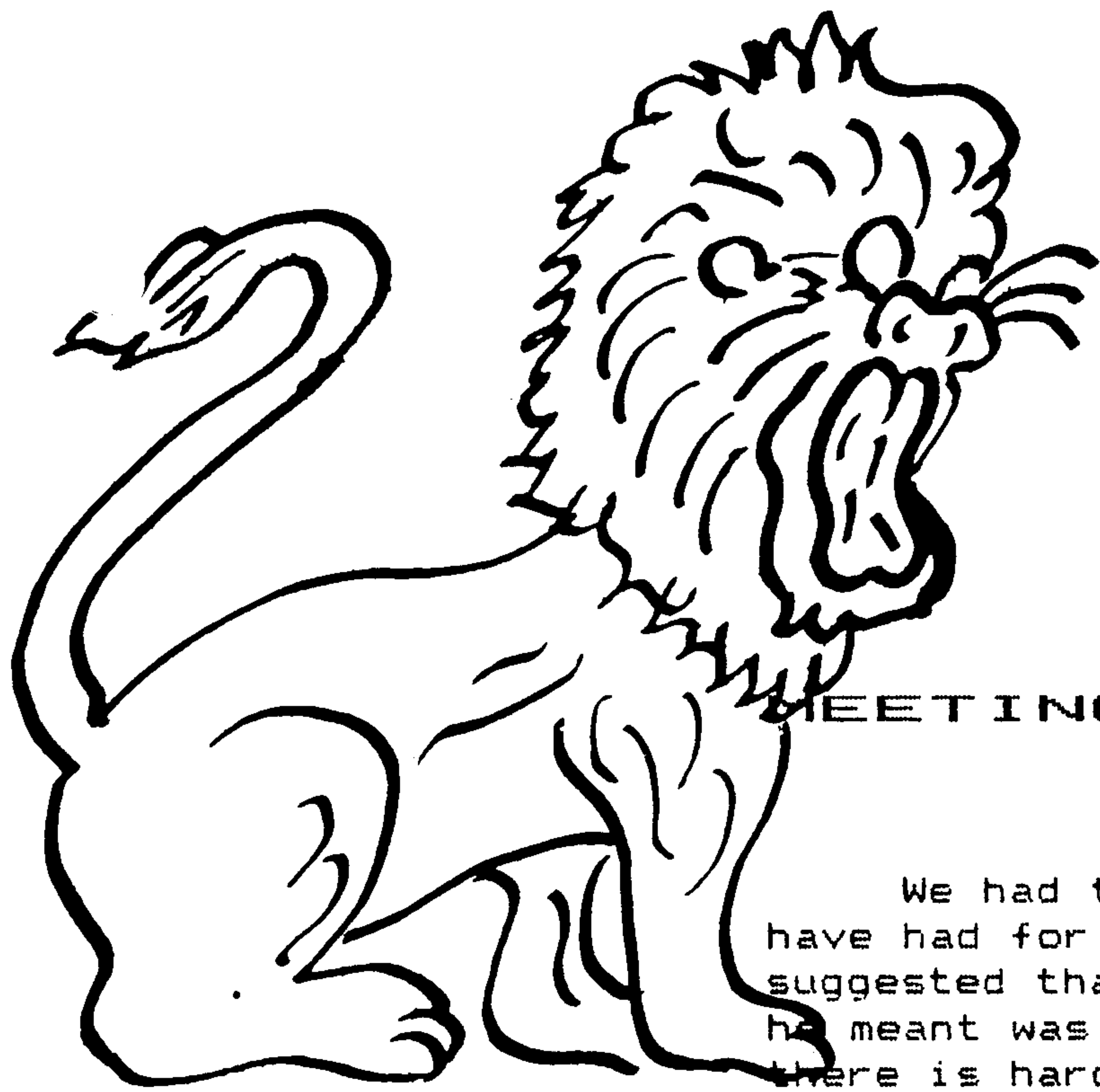
A new Lions club has been formed at Vienna called the Pioneer Lions Club. March 23 is their charter night. More details will likely be given at our regular meeting. The Worthington Club is celebrating its 40th anniversary on March 23. Again more details should be forthcoming. Our club celebrated that birthday in 1963 at the 1st Baptist Church.

Our club is 7th in the District Governor's contest, 8th in membership and 2nd in visitation.

Other discussion at the Board meeting revolved around installation of officers, Past President's Night, Election of Officers and chit chat.

At the Feb. 21st meeting PDG Gerald Warren initiated our new member, Gary Jolliff. PDG King reported for the Eye Glasses subcommittee and moved that three adult applications be approved. The motion passed. Lion Bill Conrad was to attend the Boy Scout dinner on March 5th and present our annual check.

Well, that's it. SEE Yuh!



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April 4, 1985

We had the best turn out on March 7 that we have had for a long time. In fact Lion Clyde suggested that we need more tables. In fact what he meant was that even with ordinary attendance there is hardly enough room between places to eat in comfort. Not enough elbow room.

Belatedly the bulletin expresses the sympathy of the club to Lion Earl Vincent in the death of his wife. We are sorry this was not done in last month's bulletin.

We understand Lion Chuck Rawlings' wife is recovering from cataract surgery.

We have elected officers for 1985-86. They are as follows:

President - George Corder  
1st Vice President - Bill Conrad  
2nd Vice President - Cliff Stalnaker  
3rd Vice President - Ray Rutherford  
Treasurer - Lee Meadows  
Secretary - George Walls  
Lion Tamer - Skipper Springston  
Tail Twisters - Bob Moffett and Carl Miller  
Board of Directors: Clyde Judy and Warner Glover (Newly elected)  
Charles Herron and Bill Woodrum (hold overs)

Someone by the name of Charles Herron threw Lion Jim's plans out of joint by moving thaaat the slate of officers be unanimously elected. The motion got a second and carried. Jim had planned that while the committee counted the ballots the rest would have some group singing. Well, now there was no need to count callots but we sang anyway. We sang to the accompaniment of a piano recorded on a tape cassette. It seems that Lion Bob Moffett had arranged for the cassette and handled the mechanics of turning it on anad off while Lion George Turley led us in the songs. Songs such as, "Daisey", "I want a Girl", etc. like we used to do when we hired someone to play for us during dinner. No comment of mine would do justice to the quality of our singing. To wind it up, Lion Merritt led us in a couple of songs including "God Bless America". But everyone had a good time.

Lion Bill Conrad attended the Boy Scout dinner on March 5 and presented the club's donation to the Scouts.

Lion Claude, Chrm Eye Glass Subcommittee, announced that the club

has purchased 36 pairs of glasses thus far this year at a cost of \$1,443.00 which averages out to \$40.00 per. Claude said the Committee has been dealing with three optometrists instead of one as heretofore and as a result we are getting better rates. This is a good policy because our money goes further. Three requests for adult glasses were approved. The committee was considering three requests for children glasses.

Lion Claude Springer was chosen as Lion of the Month by Pres. Jim who said that Claude was always willing to make a commitment and stick by it. This is just one of Claudes commendable characteristics.

We have collected 549 pairs of used eye glasses from our mail collection box.

Lion Pres. Jim is pitching hard for more visitation by our members.

The State Convention is in Charleston on May 17,18,19.

We are indebted to PDG Chuck King for the following information. The article is entitled "Netherlands Honors Guide Dog Foundation". The article states that on "January 22, 1985, the Netherlands PTT issued a special stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Royal Dutch Guide Dog Foundation - 'K.N.G.F.' in Dutch". It is a 60 cent stamp and shows "Sunny" the first guide dog of the foundation in 1935. More than 3000 guide dogs have been used by the blind as a result of the foundation's efforts. 6 to 7 months are required to train a dog and is expensive. The blind person spends two weeks at the Guide Dog School to learn how to handle the dog and there is a follow-up program. All this is free of charge to the blind. The foundation is a free and independent and serves visually handicapped regardless of their financial status. PDG Chuck says he was not aware that any country had used Guide Dogs that long.

Again we extend the invitation to anyone to send in items for the Mane Growl that would be of interest to our members.

For our meeting of March 21 we had two fine speakers: Dr. Judy Byers of Fairmont State College present a talk on West Virginia Folklore and gave several interesting stories, and we also had a report from Jeanine Harry who was brought to our attention by Lion Clyde Judy. Miss Harry is a youth of Fairmont who is working for the "Campus Crusade for Christ". She report on her experiences in Africa to which she is to return shortly. The club voted her a honorarium for being at our meeting since she is presently stationed in Washington, D.C.

Our annual Eye Clinic will be on April 21 at the College. Presently, we are palnning to have a Past Presidents meeting on May 16.

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May 2, 1985

At the April 4th meeting we heard about acid rain. The speaker was Gary Claybourn, an engineer with Consol. Much serious study is being done to find the cause and cure for the problem but as yet no one even knows if the cause is atmospheric or a combination of causes. Before any particular place or industry can be blamed for the damage that is being blamed on acid rain, the causes must be found. There was a film shown followed by a question and answer time.

Lee Meadows, Chm. of the Glaucoma-Amblyopia Clinic gave out assignment sheets for workers and posters to be placed in store windows. The clinic is on April 21 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Hunt-Haught-Hall of Fairmont State College. Again there is a conflict with the Crop walk.

According to Terry Brake, Chrm. of the Fund Raising Committee, the question was to have or not to have a spring broom sale. We shall. There will none in the fall. Terry said that considerable merchandise is still stored at Lion Skipper's office and is for sale. He asks that Lions do not tell people to call that office about brooms, etc. but that Lions pick up items for those who want to buy.

At the Board of Directors meeting on April 11 and at our regular meeting on April 18, Terry expounded on a spring broom sale. This time of year will avoid ball games, etc. The sale will be held on June 1 which is a Saturday. Everyone should reserve that day- all day- to work for the club. Terry is searching for new fund raising ideas. Some suggestions include: a play, derby race, sponsor North-South basketball game and a talent show as well as others.

In so far as the broom sale on June 1 is concerned, Terry made a pitch to hold the sale at three locations, Krogers, Shop n Save and Hecks (with their permission) instead of door to door. It was evident from members' comments there was little support for the idea. The sale on June 1 will be door to door.

Our sympathy goes out to Paul Donham who lost a brother and to Warner Glover who lost a sister during April.



The Board of Directors met on April 11 at Skipper Springston's office. President Jim announced that Past Presidents' night will be May 16 which will be our second meeting in May. This will be a Ladies night and will be held at Bonanza.

Treasurer's report for March should that the club spent \$463.00 during that month for glasses.

The District Governor's letter showed our club to be in 7th place in the District Governor's contest and in visitation we are third. The letter contained a warning to clubs regarding an organization calling itself Camp Kno-Kona This groups is claiming to be financed by Lions Clubs. Lion International has no record of this group ever having been authorized to solicit funds from West Virginia Lions clubs. There is a possibility that some local Lions club did contribute to Camp Kno-Kona which does not lead to a conclusion that all clubs are financing a group or project.

The Fairmont Lioness Club has requested that they be permitted to have their installation of officers with our club. Installation will be at our second meeting in June at a place to be chosen.

Since our club will not have a White Cane Day, the Worthington Club has been told it may hold its White Cane Day at Kroger's this year.

A number of you Lions still owe dues for this year. Check with our good treasure if you are not sure and pass the bucks to him if you are guilty.

The first thing this editor was hit with at our April 18 meeting was a boo-boo he had committed. We newspaper men do make mistakes you know but we bury apologies deep within the paper. We reported that "Mrs "Chuck" Rawlings was recovering from a cataract operation." Well, anyway we had the "Chuck" part right. Seriously, though, we apologize to both "Chuck" Rawlings and "Chuck" King to Mrs Rawlings and Mrs King and hope that Mrs King is completely recovered by the time this is read.

Ray and Mrs Rutherford are the parents of a new baby. Congratulations.

A number of our club members helped in a city clean-up on Saturday, April 20. They worked on City property.

Russ Knotts attended a Salvation Army function representing our club. The Army wanted to recognize groups which manned the kettles at Christmas time.

Russ as Co-Chrm. of the Sight Committee presented four applications for adult glasses which were approved. Claude Springer is chairman of that committee but he is recovering from a bout with hepatitis.

Russ was also named Lion of the Month by Pres. Jim. Pres. Jim said Russ was always willing to step in when needed. Russ served as president, served on many committees- fund raising, finance, etc. and has always come through.

The Club held its annual Glaucoma-Amblyopia Clinic on Sunday, April 21. The weather was perfect. The clinic ran very smoothly under the direction of Lee Meadows. Dr. Melgarejo and his wife took care of the glaucoma part of the clinic and student nurses from Fairmont State College took care of the amblyopia and blood pressure clinics. Their services are deeply appreciated. Again attendance was disappointing. Below is a table of results of the clinic over the past six years:

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Adults	319	276	244	234	142	141
Referrals	19	12	10	15	5	7
Children	39	45	55	28	27	10
Referrals	0	3 or 4	2	3	0	0

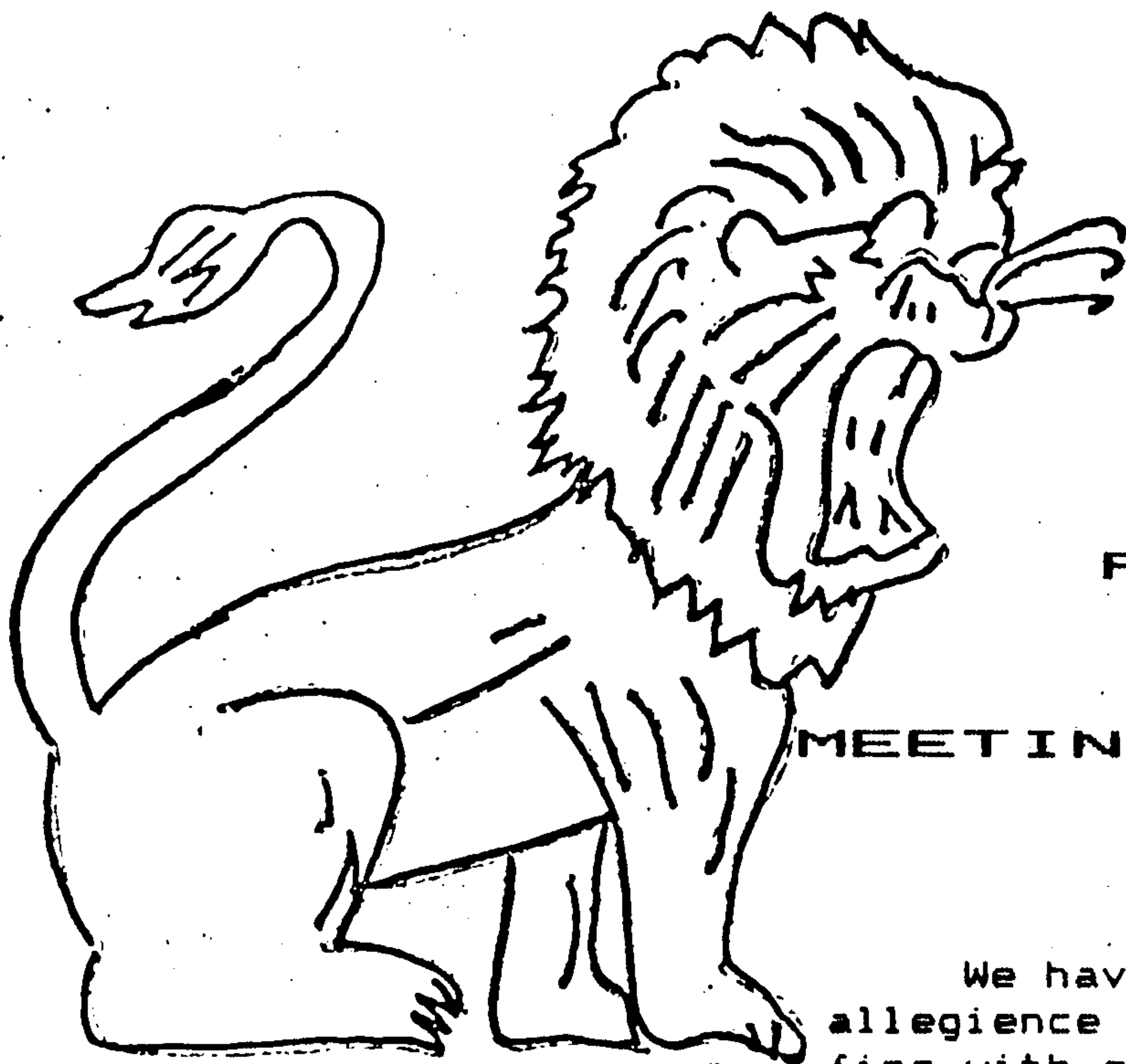
Any attempt to explain the small attendance would be pure speculation but in the case of children the explanation may lie, to a large extent, in the fact that the public schools are screening pre-kindergarden children for eye problems. The schools, however, are screening only five year olds. The children we should be getting are the three and four year olds because these are the critical years. As to why we are not getting them one possible explanation is that parents do not understand that ages three and four are the critical ones so they simply wait for the school survey.

Many adults may not understand that a yearly glaucoma examination is a good idea. If our clinic can save one child from amblyopia we are doing a worthwhile work. We could save many more if . . .

The Next Board of Director's meeting will be at Lion Bill Woodrum's home, 12 Hollen Circle.

Next Meeting May 16 Past President's Night at Bonanza, Ladies Night Rib-eye Steak dinner - served at 6:30 for \$7.50

Well thats about it. See Y-all!



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June 6, 1985

We have been using the Pledge of allegiance to open our meeting and that is fine with me. Ninety nine times out of a hundred it is not said correctly. Anyone reading the printed word of the pledge will note there is no comma after the word nation but we pause there anyway. It's more effective when we don't.

But Lions do have their own pledge and for the older members who may have forgotten (we used to use it at our meetings) and for younger members who may never have heard it, here it is:

I am an American Citizen.  
God help me to preserve Liberty  
Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety.

Notice that the first letter in each of the last five words when combined spell "LIONS".

Once again we are indebted to P.D.G. "Chuck" King for the following paragraphs giving us the background of our glaucoma clinic. We appreciate this concise, well written report. We did not receive it in time for it to be included in last month's bulletin but it is still timely:

"The first clinic was for glaucoma only and was held on November 14, 1971 at St. Peters Parrish on Jackson Street. 913 persons were screened and 70 of them were transferrals. On April 15, 16, and 23 of April 1972, the first amblyopia clinic was held at Hunt-Haught Hall at Fairmont State College when 119 children were screened with 5 referrals. Annually since 1972 our clinic has been for both glaucoma and amblyopia and it has been held at the Hunt-Haught Hall.

Of interest, also, is the following editorial in the Times-West Virginian on Tuesday May 23, 1972, shortly after the first amblyopia clinic was held: "If the Fairmont Lions Club existed for no other purpose, its sight conservation program would make it worth while. Take note that in the current fiscal year (1971-72) the organization provided glasses for 53 children; screened at its amblyopia clinic 119 children; and sponsored testing of 1200 residents for glaucoma. How much better this than those civic groups which meet and eat and talk and do little else. There was a time when every civic organization in Fairmont made its invaluable contribution to the community, but times have changed -- in some instances."

LION magazine of April 1972 published a picture showing Dr. Q. A. Melgarejo and others at the first glaucoma clinic."

On May 2 Lion Romino was to have had the Law Day program but due to the death of his brother-in-law, Dominick asked Delegate Duane Southern to substitute for him. Mr. Southern reported on the last session of the legislature. Mr. Southern thought it was a very productive one. He explained that the legislature uses a committee system to get its work done. He listed a number of bills that were passed and at the end of his talk answered questions. It was a good report.

In the absence of Claude Springer, Chm. of the Eye Glass SubCommittee, "Chuck" King reported on one application for adult glasses which was approved.

We understand Lion Claude is getting along well. This is good news.

As of today, May 14, we have collected 1665 pair of glasses at the Mall.

Past Presidents Night was held on May 16 at Bonanza. It was a ladies night.

In the past two years four Lions have been taken from us by death: Abe Modi, Ralph Hawkins, Ralph Gilbert and Paul Opp. These men were not only good Lions but they were your friends aand mine. It is fitting that they should be remembered.

Lion Pres. Jim passed out a list of past presidents and noted that seven charter members of the club became Presidents. Four of our club members became Dist. Governors. They were: Charles Hault, Ed Queen, Charles King aand Gerald Warren. We are also blessed by having another Past Dist. Governor from another club, Bill Chambers, as a member of our club.

Each Past President was asked to make a few remarks about what he considered to be the highlights of his term. It was a good idea to do this. (Take a bow Lion George Turley)

Lion Pres. Jim gave out some Chevron awards. We have two 40 year old Monarcks: Steve Sandor and Carl Miller. Other chevrons as follows: Bob Frey 35 years, Everett Klingensmith 30 years, Tom Orgill 30 years, Bill Woodrum, Rus Knotts and Gerald Warren each 25 years.

Lion Chuck Rawlings was chosen Lion of the Month and in making the presentation Lion Jim said that Chuck was a "representative of Lionism. He used his hobby and his professionalism to benefit his club." Well said.

Then there was the Indian who drank forty cups of tea aand went to bed. He died in his own teapee. (Strange how these things get in here.)

Lion Jim has been trying to get the Administration Fund in the black so a \$50.00 Savings Bond has been chanced off. The winner was Lioness Mary Francis Brake (Terry is here husband.) They put it in Danielle's name.

According to the District Governor's letter a new Lion Club has been formed. It is called the "Short Line Lions Club" and is located at Pine Grove. The Pleasant Valley club has a candidate for Dist Governor for 1985-86 - Lion Forrest Rainwater.

Lion Jim announced that both the Lions and the Lionesses will install officers on Wednesday, June 26 at the Field Club. It will be a buffet featuring Lasagna and Baked Chicken pieces at a cost of \$9.50 per person. Lion Hance Moffett will officiate for the installation of the officers of both groups.

On June 1 seventeen of our members reported to Terry Brake, Chrm. of Fund Raising and then took to the streets selling brooms, mops and light bulbs. A report on this activity will be made at our next meeting. But we still have merchandise so .....

Well, that's about it. See Yuh!

**Buy Lion Light Bulbs for a Bright Future.**

**Buy a Lion Broom for a Clean Sweep.**

**Sell Brooms and Bulbs so others may see clearly.**