

THE MANE GROWL

THE FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB
Fairmont, West Virginia

MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 6:30 PM
Buffet Royale
Marion Square Shopping Center



December 6, 1980

We have a new Cub Lion - Dr. Charles Swanson. Lion President Herring is the sponsor. Welcome Cub Lion Swanson to the greatest service club in the world.

A donation from our club was presented to Lion Chris Smith for the benefit of the Pilot Dog program. Another project that Lion Smith is very much interested in is the purchase of a Kurzwich Reading Machine. Our club, as well as individuals, is being asked for donations so that the machine can be purchased. The machine can take the printed page and through the marvels of electronics converts the printed words to sound so that the blind hears the words read. The cost of the machine is close to \$30,000 and it would be located in the Fairmont State College Library. The Rotary Club is spearheading the drive. Checks can be made to Fairmont State College Foundation, KRM Fund.

The Board of Directors met on Nov. 13, 1980 at the home of Lion Rutherford. It was revealed that 96 Lions and Lionesses attended the District Governor's night on Nov. 6. Quite a good turn-out.

Lion Treasurer Michael announced that to date only \$15.00 had been collected for LCIF (the C is a recent addition). (Several more dollars were contributed at the end of the meeting on Nov. 20.)

Remember the flood at Lost Creek last summer? The first relief money to arrive there was \$5000.00 from LIF. This we think is quite a tribute to Lions. By the time you read this the club will have participated in the Salvation Army campaign for funds. Nov. 29 was the date.

Annual dues as of Jan. 1, 1981 will be \$25.00. Initiation fee will remain at \$15.00.

The state convention will be held on Mother's Day weekend. New officers must be nominated and elected by Feb. 20, 1981 so Lion President Herring appointed a nominating committee consisting of Lions Romino, Moffett, and Stalnaker.

The next board meeting will be held on Dec. 11, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lion Ralph Michael.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at the usual place on Dec. 19, 1980. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and will cost \$4.50. To many of our members, this party is the high light of the year's activity so everybody - "come - you all".

The club has agreed to buy extra candy for the residents of Friendly Homes.

See you.

P.S. Communication was received after preparation of this newsletter from our District Governor expressing the sincere appreciation felt by Governor and Mrs. Cole for the gift presented to them during their official visit.



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January 7, 1981

As the years fly by on "Wings of Eagles" so to speak, I am often reminded of a couple of lines of a poem my mother used to quote:

"Backward turn backward O' time in thy flight
Make me a child again just for tonight"

I don't know who wrote the poem and these are the only lines I remember so before I become too nostalgic let me hasten to say that given today's world I don't think I would want to be a child again - maybe to go back forty years wouldn't be so bad especially if one knew some of the things he now knows. Ho hum? What's the point to all this anyway? Another year beginning brought it on I suppose.

One thought does come out of the above though and that is the average age of the members of our club. In the last two or three years we have been able to recruit some younger men and that is good but the majority of our members are older. Perhaps it is natural for anyone to invite new members that fall into one's own age bracket. This, then, is a suggestion to our younger members that they invite some of their friends to join the club. However, we accept new members of all ages.

On December 19, 1981, the club sponsored its forty fourth Mission party. Forty four years of giving toys, candy and fruit to boys and girls of needy families ought to be some kind of record. Over the years thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours of preparation and planning have gone into these parties. Has it all been worthwhile? We think so. Many of these kids got no other presents than those received at the Mission Parties. The Mission itself will celebrate its forty-fifth anniversary in 1982. Everyone recognizes the good work it has done.

We learned that some of the Lionesses including, Mrs Charles King, on Dec. 17 presented gifts to the residents of Friendly Homes. Well done Ladies.

We were disappointed that no one was there from the newspaper.

Lion "Sarge" Hawkins and his committee did their usual good job. Lion "Sarge" reported that candy, toys and clothing were purchased for

eighty children. Sixty bags of candy were bought for Friendly Homes residents. All these items will cost in the neighborhood of \$500.00. We also had a new Santa Claus this year in the person of Lion Gerald Warren. The choice was a good one. By the way Lion Gerald probably still has some fruit cake for sale.

No definite decision has been made as yet concerning a permanent eating place.

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January 8, 1981

Christmas and New Year's Day have come and gone. Father Time marches on. So what else is new? I'm sure everyone enjoyed the Lions Christmas card from Lions Herring and Coleman. Very nice, Lion Lewis and Lion Jim.

The Board of Directors has found it necessary to increase the annual dues by \$2.00. If you pay on a six month basis, your check, please sir, for \$12.50. If you pay by the year, you owe \$25.00. But cheer up, fellow Lions, Lion Red Ressigger tells us that the Clearwater, Florida Lions pay \$52.00.

At the Board of Directors meeting held on December 11, 1980, at the home of Lion Ralph Michael, the following business was transacted:

One member was dropped because of non-attendance and non-payment of dues.

One pair of glasses was purchased in November.

The passing of Lion Morris Brown was noted. A letter of appreciation to the Club from Mrs. Brown was read. Lion Morris was a good and faithful member and he will be missed by the membership.

Attendance for November was 49% - not so bad but we can do better.

Most of our members know there are two candidates for District Governor and both have asked for the Club's support. The candidates are Lion Dr. Pat Julius of the Morgantown Club and Lion Cal Stickley of the White Hall Club. We have endorsed neither as yet.

We are a little behind in the visitation contest and the Board is recommending that the whole club go in a body to visit the Morgantown Club. No date has been set. The Club will have to decide if it wants to do this and when.

The Board passed a motion that a resolution be drawn up and presented to the membership at the Dec. 19 meeting to the effect that we donate \$1000.00 toward the purchase of the Kurzwell Reading Machine. (The membership approved on Dec. 19) The Club has shown that it is still committed to helping the visually impaired and the blind. Thus endeth the Board meeting.

Lion Merritt had 71 reservations for the Mission Party on Dec. 19. It looked like all 71 came. To many in our Club, this affair is the year's highlight and this year was no different. Lion Ralph Hawkins and his committee did a good job.

The following paragraphs were written by Lion Ray Rutherford. Lion Ray has been interested in the Pilot Dog program and has done some things on his own for that program. He was asked to tell us about his own activities but he has modestly said nothing about them. Thank you, Lion Ray.

Pilot Dogs Inc. are in the 30th year of providing dogs to guide the blind. Pilot Dog provides the students with a trained dog, four weeks of instruction, room and board, all equipment and transportation to and from Columbus, Ohio. At the cost of \$2,600, it takes very little to help give a blind person freedom of movement.

The students receive extensive training, under constant supervision throughout the business section of town. Conditions such as heavy traffic, department stores, revolving doors, escalators, elevators, and public transportation are encountered in their own home town.

Over 500 Lions Clubs from 8 states contributed \$126,000 last year (1979). There are 36 Board of Directors that are members of Lions Clubs in Ohio. Criss Smith and Jack, his Pilot Dog, have given an excellent program at different Lions Clubs throughout this area. I have helped by showing a film made by Pilot Dogs that lasts about 20 minutes. It is important that Pilot Dogs gets the support from Lions Clubs in this area to be able to provide a kind of sight for the blind.

Birthdays in January: Lions Charles Herron, George Corder, Everett Klingensmith, Tom Robinson, and Skip Springston.

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March 5, 1981

Guests at the February 5 meeting were John Pitrollo and Rick Westfall - two young prospective members. It is always good to have these young visitors who could become outstanding Lions.

Once again Lion Past Dist. Governor Bill Chambers did an excellent job inducting two Cub Lions sponsored by Lion President Lewis Herring. The new Lions are Robert Brummage and Charles Swanson. We welcome them to the world of Lionism.

New officers for the new year beginning July 1, 1981, are: President - "Skip" Springston, 1st V. Pres. - James Shaffer, 2nd V. Pres. - Lee Meadows, 3rd V. Pres. - James Coleman, Sec. - Bill Conrad, Treas. - Bill Kime, Tail Twisters - Tom Robinson and Charles Swanson, Lion Tamer - Ray Rutherford, Board of Directors - Claude Springer and Charles Rawlings. These officers deserve the support of all of us.

Lion Bob Moffett announced that the annual clinic is set for April 5 at Hunt-Haught Hall, Fairmont State College.

On February 12, the Board of Directors met at the home of Lion George Turley. Lion George has a cozy living room complete with a wood fire place. (It is brick but burns wood)

April 24 is the tentative date for the annual dinner and dance.

A fund raising idea, new at least to our club, is being planned for April 4th. Rain day is April 11th. Many clubs use the White Cane idea. It requires Lions to stand on the street or wherever and pass out small white metal canes that can be worn hooked over a breast pocket. Donations are given to passersby.

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There are two good candidates running for District Governor - Lion Pat Julius of Morgantown and Lion "Cal" Stickley of the Whitehall Club. It seemed to the board members that our club should support Lion "Cal", who has been an outstanding member of our neighboring club, for District Governor and delegates will be so instructed.

Our club is entitled to six delegates and six alternates to the state convention. Present and new officers will serve as delegates and alternates depending on the number of officers attending. Any individual planning to attend the convention may be a delegate if he wishes and if there are not enough officers attending.

New officers should attend the Leadership Training session planned for March 16 at 7:00 at the Rivesville United Methodist Church. This meeting will be a help to those who wish to know more about their responsibilities as officers.

There have been two schools of thought in our club over the years about the amount of money the club has had in Certificates of Deposits. Some said, "Spend it. We aren't going to help with fund raising so long as we keep this money." Others said, "Keep it against the day when the club may run up against hard times. In the meantime use the interest." Both arguments have merit. There are other arguments too, but space prohibits their being included. We are talking about \$4500.00 the club has had in Certificates of Deposit.

The Board has recommended that the club contribute \$2600.00 to the Pilot Dog School of Columbus, Ohio. Members discussed the fact that West Virginia Lions are supporting the Leader Dog Program based in Michigan. Since we have seen evidence of the Pilot Dog program here in Fairmont and since Lion Rutherford at his own expense went to Columbus and brought back three or four pups and placed them with 4-H Club members to be raised and receive a certain amount of training as future Pilot Dogs, it was decided to recommend the Pilot Dog program.

When the proposition was presented to the club on February 19 there was further discussion. One argument against was that such a large amount of money should be used locally but the recommendation was approved. When this \$2600.00 is sent to Pilot Dog, it will mean we have spent \$3600.00 recently of our backlog of funds. Are we being too bold when we suggest that those who used the "Rich Club" excuse for not selling brooms, etc. now get off their "duffs" at fund raising time?

We hope there are no hard feelings over this decision. It seems rather evident that club sentiment is changing in regard to keeping money. After all, we belong to a service club. The argument goes that money should be spent in service to others less fortunate and then we should get out and make more money.

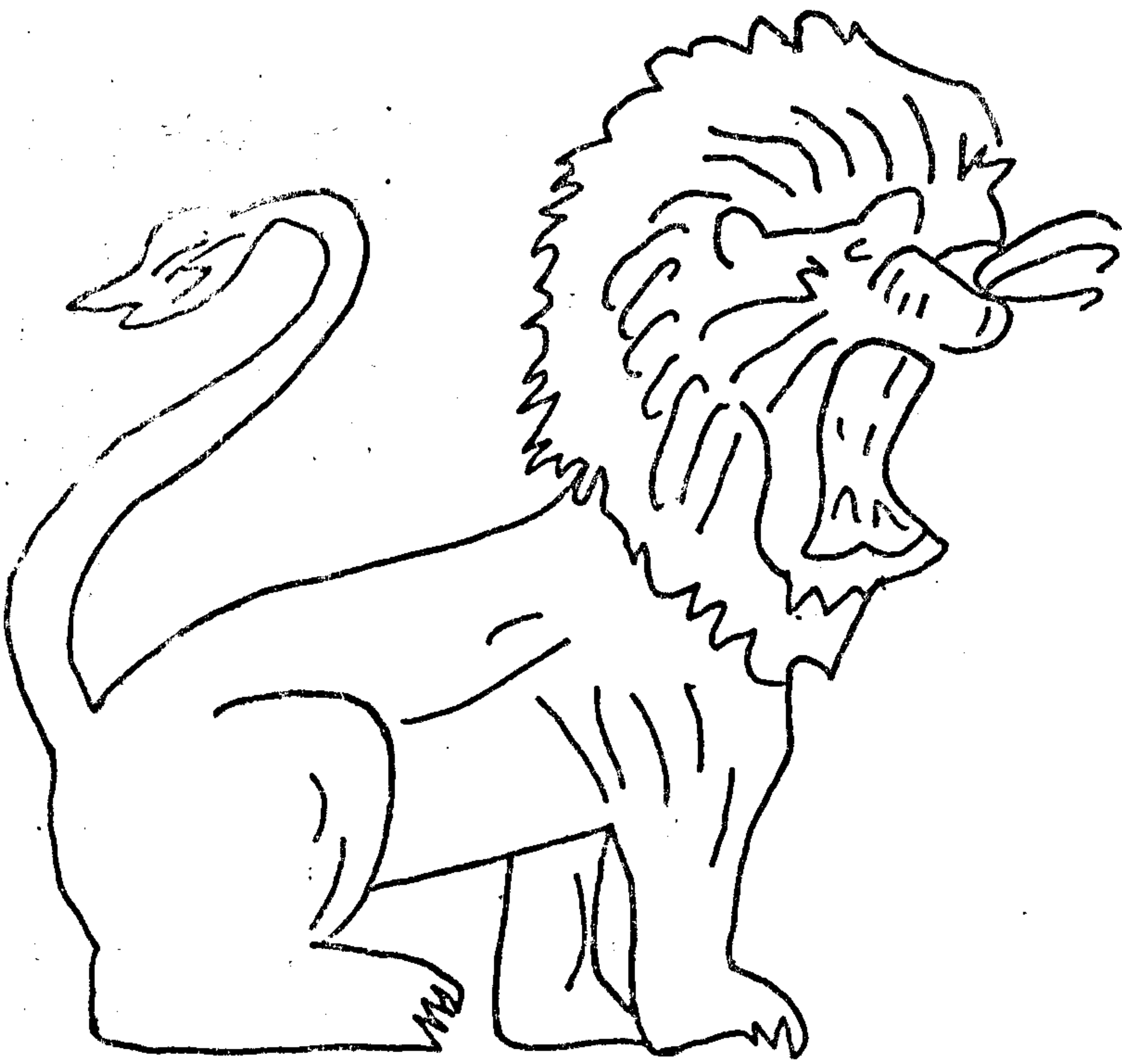
In January we purchased two pairs of glasses.

Four applications for membership were approved at our last meeting.

March birthdays: Lions - Bill Beall, Ed Garlow, Bob Powell

Remember when a "Perm" was a permanent?

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May 7, 1981

Several visitors graced our meeting on April 2. One of these Lions takes the prize, at least in recent years, for coming from the greatest distance. He was Lion Dan DeWitt of Spokane Valley Lions Club, Spokane, Washington. During the meeting, plans were being made to hold the White Cane Day. Lion DeWitt reported that his club had raised \$12,000.00 last year on White Cane Day. He said it took a great deal of advance planning. This Lion was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Darwin DeWitt who is Superintendent of Pricketts Fort State Park. Two other visitors were Lions Hauce Moffett and Fred Bilknap.

Lion Tom Robinson chaired a committee to find a nominee for first Vice-President. This action was necessary because of the resignation of Lion Jim Shaffer from that office. Lion Tom's committee nominated Lion Ralph Michael who was elected.

At the Board meeting on April 9, a request by the Special Olympics Committee for money was approved and a check for \$15.00 has been sent. The Special Olympics games are held each spring at East-West Stadium. The participants are retarded students in the County Special Education classes. No one tries harder to excel than these kids. Later, the state wide Special Olympics are held at Parkersburg. Marion County always sends a delegation.

The Board voted to send one boy to Boy's State.

Those Lions who were in charge of White Cane Day were well pleased with the results. There were three stations: Krogers, McDonalds and Shop & Save. This was the club's first effort and very likely much has been learned. All proceeds have not been counted at this writing but something more than \$600.00 was collected making a profit of (to date) \$450.88.

All Lions are familiar with the service briefs in the Lions Magazine. Most members feel that our own club deserves some recognition there. A good suggestion would be the \$2500.00 we gave to Pilot Dog.

To date this year we have spent \$859.08 for glasses.

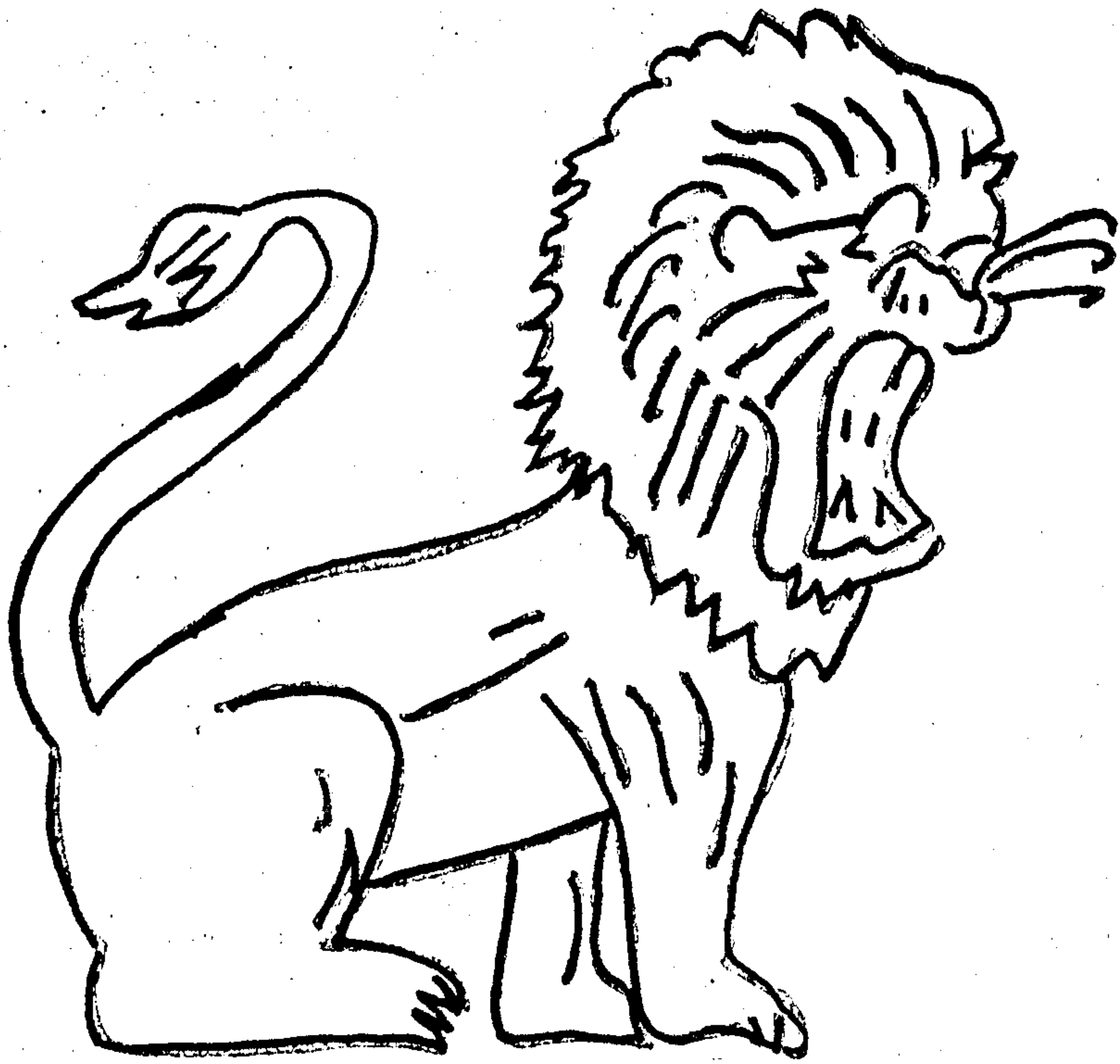
The Gloucoma Eye Clinic was successful and worthwhile even though the number attending was not the largest we have had. 276 adults and 45 children were examined. 12 adults and 3 or 4 children were referred. The number of referrals makes the whole thing worthwhile. All Lions and Lionesses who helped in any way are thanked.

The Fund Raising Fund now contains \$1217.71. You can see there is work to be done. A broom sale is coming up on May 12, 13, 14. This year brooms will be sold out of the building in which Lion Edgar Williams has his office - 624 Fairmont Avenue. Fellow Lions, turn out on those evenings. If you do we can cover our territory and thus assure a successful year for our club's activities next year. How about it?

May birthdays: Lions Frey, Ross, Springer.

Many remedies for dandruff have come down the pike. None has worked. I don't know a cure for dandruff but a blue serge jacket will stop it.

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August 6, 1981

On June 18, we met at the Golden Gate Restaurant and certain awards were made by Lion Pres. Herring. If memory serves, the awards were made to the following Lions: (I am not sure that everyone was present to receive them). Bulletin-Charles Herron, Visitation - Bill Chambers, 35 visits, Charles King, 22 visits, Art Cunningham, 16 visits, Cliff Stalnaker, 13 visits, "Red" Ressegger, 13 visits, Lewis Herring, 8 visits, Burl McQuain, 5 visits, "Skipper" Springston 8 visits . Chevrons: Dominick Romino 10 years, "Chuck" Rawlings 35 years, Art Cunningham 45 years. New member pins: Lewis Herring - 5, Skipper Springston - 1, Cliff Stalnaker - 1. Service to the club: James Shaffer, George Turley, Ray Rutherford, Ralph Michael, James Coleman and the Board of Directors. We understand that the perfect attendance pins will be awarded at a later date.

At the Board of Directors' meeting on June 16, the Board of Directors adopted a budget. The Activity Budget for the current year is \$3100.00 and the Administrative Budget is \$3000.00. Dues were raised to \$27.00 per year. Pay Lion Treasurer Bill Kime.

Regretfully, the Club has accepted the resignation of Russ Knotts. Russ served Lionism for 22 years in many capacities including the office of president. Good Luck Russ.

The Fairmont Club is sponsoring a new club at Arnettville to be known as the Indian Creek Club. Lion Lewis Herring will be their "guiding Lion". Their charter night will be August 29 and their meetings will fall on the second and fourth Tuesdays. We hope every success for this new club. Our club has been the sponsor of several clubs. It would be interesting to know how many. If anyone knows, I would appreciate the information.

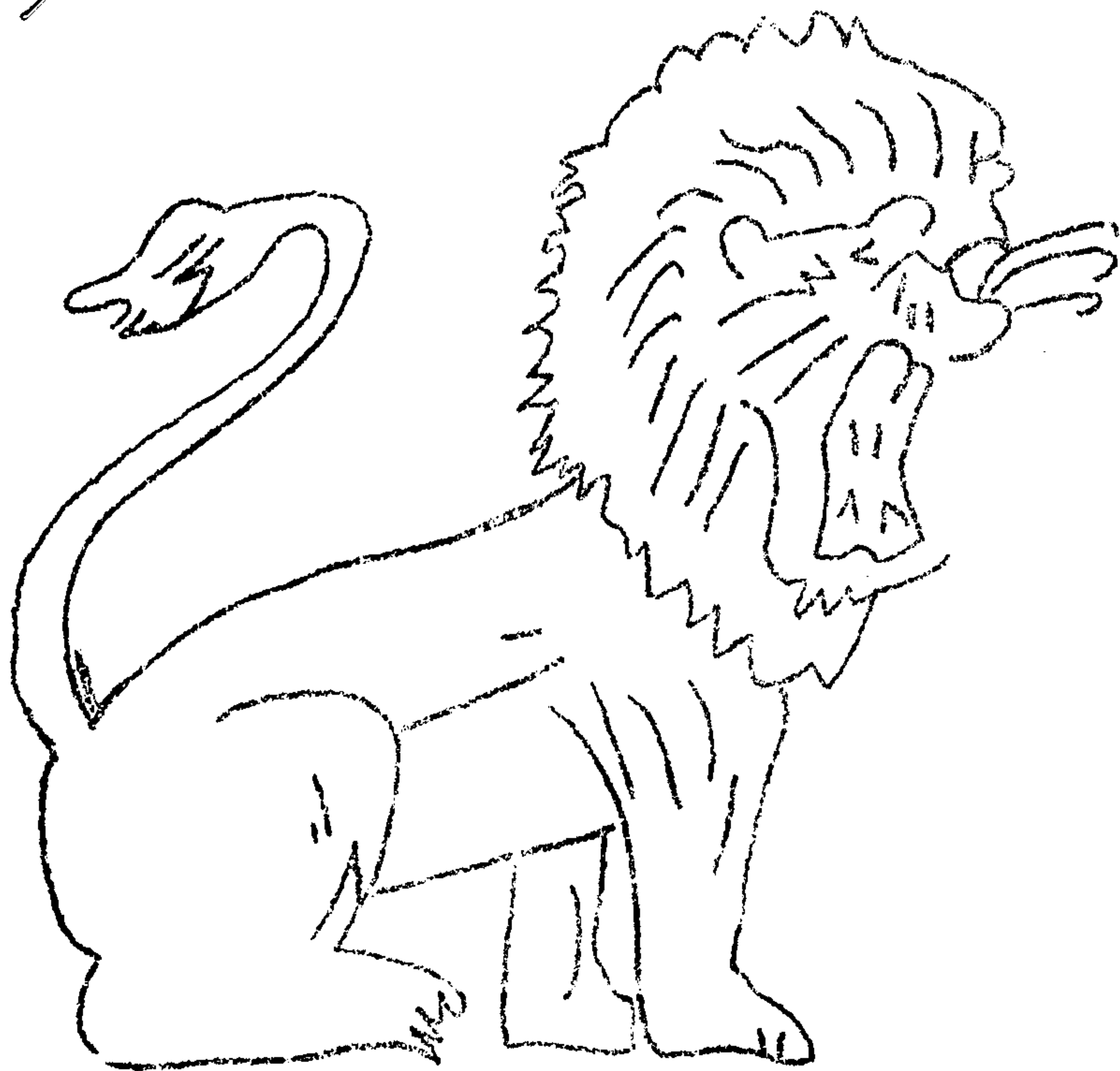
Recently three new cub Lions have been introduced:

Steve Poe - sponsor - Lion Ralph Michael
Ken Nowell - sponsor- Lion Lewis Herring
Jon Springston - sponsor Lion Skip Springston

Another enjoyable Stagg Nite was held at Lion & Lioness Earl Carpenter's home on July 16. There was a very good turn out. The Carpenters always do a bang-up job of seeing to the comfort and enjoyment of everyone.

I want to thank Past Pres. Lewis Herring and his secretary for typing and printing the Mane Growl last year. At this writing it is uncertain as to who will be doing the typing and printing. Presumably, Lion Jim Coleman will be taking care of that chore. I want to invite anyone who would like to write a paragraph or two for this bulletin to feel free to do so. It would be a good chance to get something off one's chest or expound on an idea.

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Dec. 3, 1981

Our club recently lost a fine Lion to the death Angel. Anker Olsen, a past president, was a great booster of Lionism in general, and the Fairmont Club in particular. Lion Anker did not limit his boosting to our particular city or state. Our good Treasurer Kline has received donations in Lion Anker's memory from the states of Maine, Mass. and Pennsylvania amounting to \$65.00. The fact that folks in these states did something in Lion Anker's memory tells us much about the kind of man he was. Lion Anker made trips back to his Neweigen Home and I have a strong hunch that he boosted Lionism there. Lion Anker is missed by all who knew him.

Jerry Gardner, a clean cut young man employed by the Health Spa, spoke to us on Nov. 5. He mentioned diet having something to do with long life and mentioned the age of certain Biblical Characters. For your information Methuselah lived 969 years. Many people think there was a difference in the length of years in those days from the length of years today. Apparently not enough difference to be concerned about. Length of ages decreased rapidly after the flood. King David for example only lived his three score and ten.

January 7, 1982 will be District Governor's night. The recently formed Indian Creek Club will be joining with our club for the occasion. The event will be held at Mariels Restaurant and reservations are firm. Choices for meals that evening will be spaghetti or chicken. Price for either will be \$8.75 including tax and tip. This price may seem somewhat high to some but it is only a once a year deal. We hope to see you there.

Speaking of District Governors we note that Lion Cal Stickly is again seeking the office. Our Club endorsed his effort last time not because of any objection to Lion Dr. Pat Julius but because Lion Cal was from a near by club, one sponsored by our own club. This editor suggests that we again endorse Lion Cal Stickly for District Governor.

We note that the local paper will quit publishing the District Governor's picture because it is too repetitious. There probably is not very much objection to this decision since there are so many local clubs. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the paper and its coverage of club news. Many news articles important to the club have been hand delivered to the paper in the past that have not been published. By the way, the paper stated that Lion District Governor Pat Julius was a member of West Virginia University's staff which is incorrect. Lion Pat is a District Supervisor for Title 1, Special Reading, covering several counties.

Lion Ralph Watkins and his committee are well along on the plans for the Mission Party. The party will be held on Friday Evening, Dec. 18 at 8:50. Cost will be \$4.50. Last year the club purchased extra candy so that the residents of Friendly Homes could be given a treat. The club has voted to do the same this year. There will be from 70 to 80 children. Candy and toys will be purchased for each. Miss Wilda Michael, who has been with the Mission for several years and is the tall lady who helped with the children's singing, will be in charge of making purchases. Miss Michael has let it be known that some of the children need articles of clothing (ear muffs, gloves, etc.) more so than toys and wondered if these articles could not be purchased for certain children rather than a toy. To the club's credit it was decided that every child would receive a toy and that articles of clothing could be purchased and that Miss Michael would distribute the articles of clothing at a later time.

Since the Mission Party is on Friday, Dec. 18, this editor recommends that the club not meet on Thursday, Dec. 17.

The next Board meeting will be held at the home of Lion Claude Springer on the second Thursday of December at 7:00 pm.

Anyone who advises Communism should have heard Mr. David Daniels at our Nov. 19th meeting.

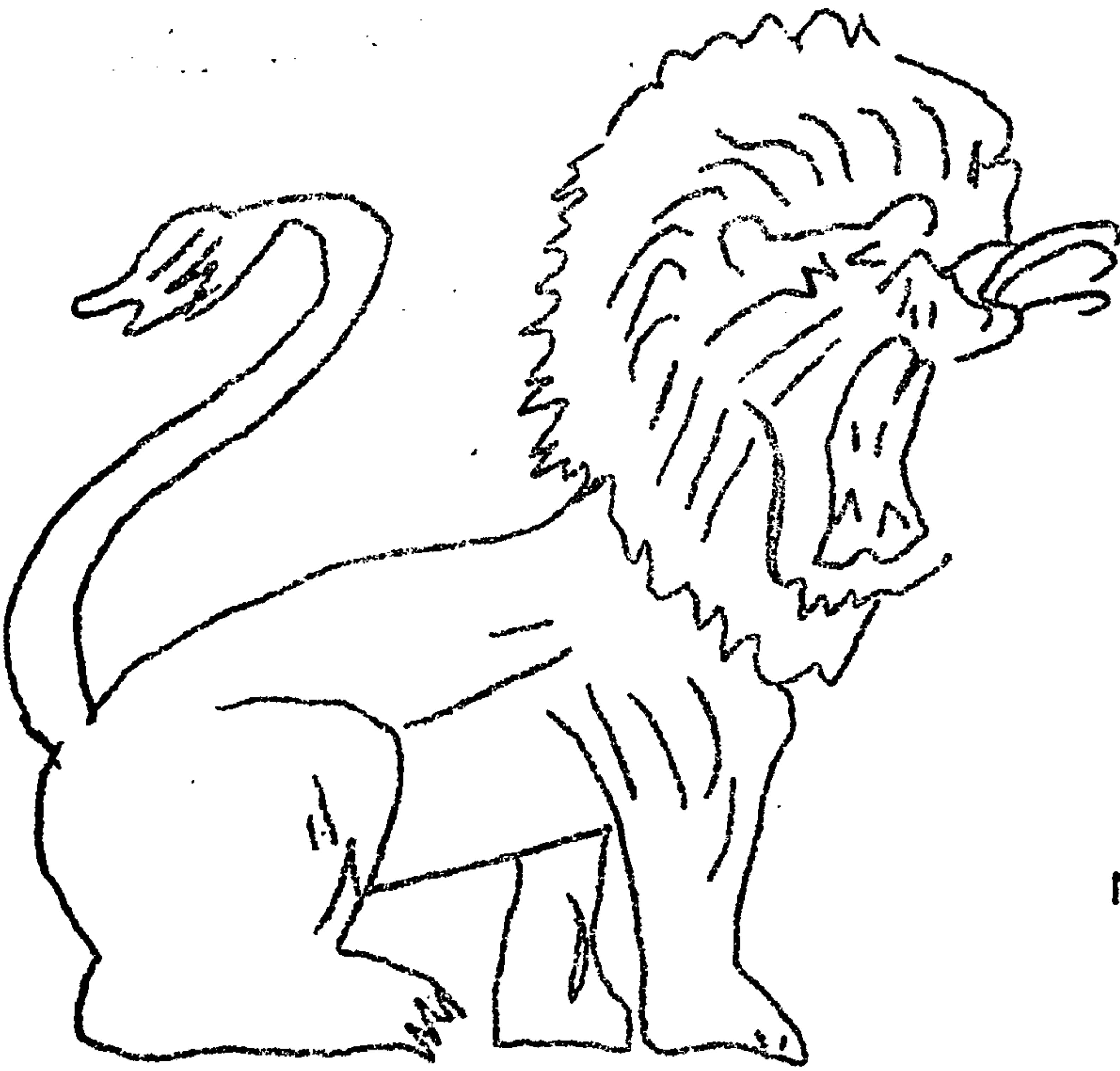
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March 4, 1982



The Fairmont Lions Club has lost an outstanding member. Lion Red Resseger has moved his residence to Largo, Florida. We feel certain Lion Red will get involved in a Lions Club and our loss is a Largo's club's gain.

We take this opportunity to welcome back Lion Russ Knotts who resigned from the club some weeks ago. But he is back. We are sorry to say that Lion Russ had to undergo surgery on Feb. 23. At last report he was doing well.

Lion Pres. Skipper has appointed a nominating Committee for next year officers. A report on the nominations will be given later in this report. The members of the committee are: Russ Knotts, Chrm. , Warner Glover, and Chuck King.

May 1 is White Cane Day. According to Lion Gerald Warren the city tried to give us April Fool's Day so we went to May. There will be a Broom and Top sale in April. Help!

Lions Foundation has helped to pay for catarract operations on two local ladies, thanks to Lion Bob Powell's efforts. Lion Bob presented three requests for adult glasses in February which were approved.

Lion Chuck King has visited Lion Hagy in Florida. Lion Hagy is doing all right for himself. He is in the real estate business and writes his club's bulletin.

Two of our clubs officers have resigned. Lion Rutherford has left the club because of personal reasons. This leaves the office of Lion Tamer open. Lion Bob Brummage has been appointed Lion Tamer for the remainder of the year. Lion Charles Swanson has resigned as Tail Twister and Lion Romino has agreed to finish out the year.

Past President Herring has been asked to participate in some Pilot Dog publicity. At least three persons in our area are using Pilot Dogs.

As of February 11 our club had spent \$558.00 for glasses this year.

April 18 is Glaucoma Clinic Day.

The club has voted to make optional the purchase of gold colored Lions vest and members are urged to buy them. Members of many clubs wear these vests.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for next year:

President - Ralph Michael

1st Vice President - Lee Meadows

2nd Vice President - Jim Coleman

3rd Vice President- George Corder

Secretary - Bill Conrad

Treasurer- Steve Poe

Lion Tamer - Gene Martin

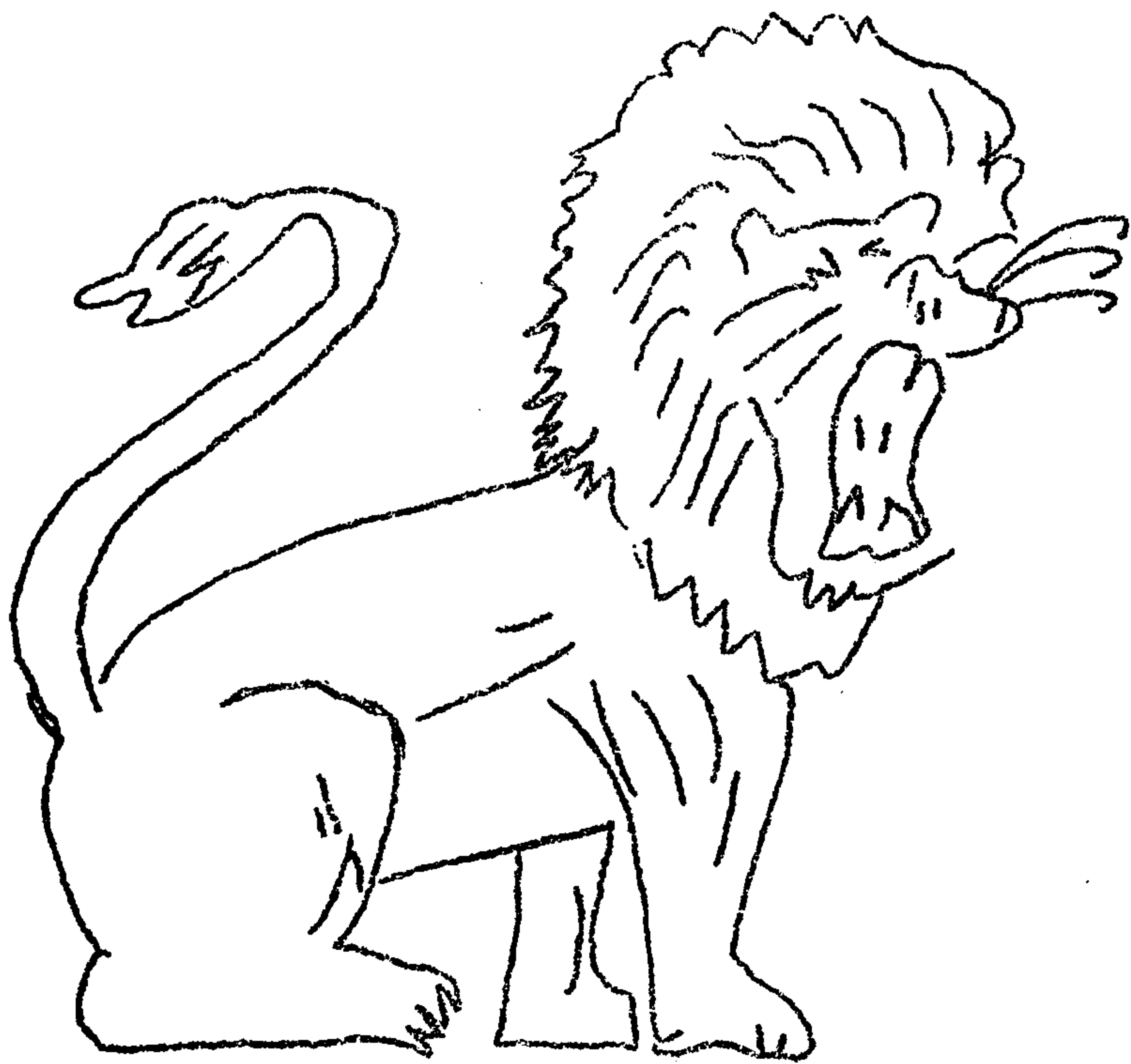
Tail Twisters - Tom Robinson

- Bob Brummage

Election of officers will be held on March 18, 1982.

March Birthdays: Lions Ed Garlow and Bob Powell

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April 1982

At our March 4 meeting we had three guests: Lion Julian Lingle of Charlottesville, Va. - a guest of Lion Gerald Warren. There were two visiting Lions from Bellview: Elwood Emerson and Joe Merrifield. Lion Joe and I were school mates.

Cub Lion Terry Brake, sponsored by Lion Pres. Skip was introduced. I'm probably boarding the tail twister but Cub Lion Terry works out of a certain Lion's real estate office.

Three applications for adult glasses were approved during March.

Past Lion Pres. Lewis Herring is ill and has been released from West Virginia Medical School. Lion Lew's father is here from Texas. He was in need of a roll-away bed and Lion Art Cunningham and Chuck Rawlings found one.

Did you notice Lion "Chuck" King's newspaper article on March 10 about the snowfall? Excellant.

Fund Raising Committee Chrm. Lion Warren has announced a broom sale for April 26, 27, 28. No other details are known as yet.

Below is a list of the officers elected at the March 18 meeting:

LEONS:	Past Pres.	Skipper Springston
	Pres.	Ralph Michael
	1st Vice Pres.	Lee Meadows
	2nd Vice Pres.	Jim Coleman
	3rd Vice Pres.	George Corder
	Sec.	Bill Conrad
	Treas.	Steve Poe
	Tail Twisters	Bob Brumage Tom Robinson
	Lion Tamer	Gene Martin
	Directors:	Paul Conaway - new Bob Moffett - new Chuck Rawlings- hold over Claude Springer - hold over

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Congratulations to these newly elected Lions.

Looking forward to installation evening, Lion Pres. Skipper has appointed a committee to find a meeting place for that meeting. Members are Lions Ralph Michael, George Turley and Jim Coleman.

On March 18 Lion Sec. Bill Conrad read a resolution honoring Mayor James Turner, recently deceased that will be given to the newspaper. Lion Bob Powell, council member is now serving as mayor. The club's best wishes are with Lion Bob.

On the second Thursday of April the Board of Directors will meet at the home of Lion Jim Coleman.

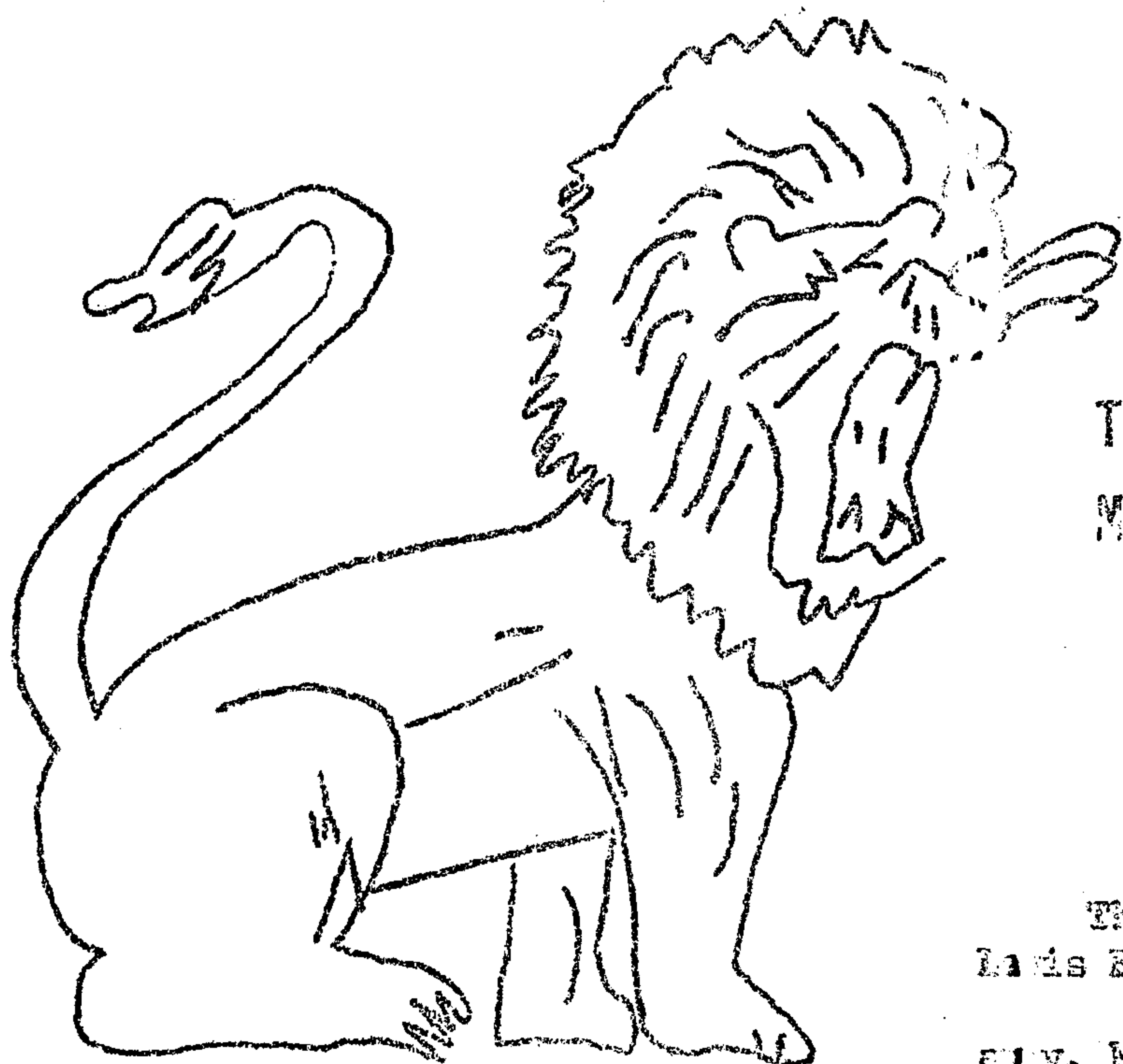
We are told that Lion Bill Chambers may be facing surgery. Good Luck, Bill.

Slip of the tongue - A young church member went out of town for a few months and while in another town he courted a young lady and married her. Coming back home, the couple went to church on Sunday morning. They were being congratulated and the minister's wife said, "I don't know why you went somewhere else. We have a lot of loose women here."

Plans are going ahead for the annual amblyopia Clinic. Glaucoma and blood pressure clinics will also be available. Remember the date - April 16 -- We will need your help.

Late Bulletin - BQF has closed - Next two meetings will be at the Field Club. After that, keep your ears tuned to the grapevine.

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The Fairmont Field Club

May 6, 1982

The following letter was dictated by Lion
Lew Herring to his wife, Alice, before he passed
away. Mrs Herring gave it to Lion Gerald Warren
over the phone. It came to this editor through Lion Ralph Michael.

April 24, 1982

TO: Members of the Glaucoma and Amblyopia Clinic -April 18, 1982
SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of a Job Well Done for a Worthy Cause

Please permit me to use this method of thanking each and every person that was involved
in the Fairmont Lions Club's annual Glaucoma and Amblyopia Clinic.

The result of your efforts will be strongly felt through the attention gained in each person
that attended.

Again, please accept my gratitude for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Lew Herring
Chairman

Though Lion Past President Lew Herring has passed away, yet will he be with us. His
spirit abides with us to encourage us to greater things. Though I have been with the club only
a relative short time in its history, I firmly believe he was one of the better Presidents.
During his term of office, we changed meeting night and place and saw the attendance
increase. He initiated regular Board of Directors meetings and established goals for the
various committees and we were more active. He was an innovative leader. Under His
leadership we donated \$2,700 to sponsor a Pilot Dog. Our timely donation of \$1,000 to
the Kursweil Reading Machine help to push the drive to success. Along with these
achievements we kept up with our usual activities of donations to W.V. Sight Foundation and
LCIF, the Annual Eye Clinic, the Mission Christmas Party, etc. We increased our member-
ship and did well enough for Lion Lew to receive the 100% Presidents Award. At the end
of his term he help start the Indian Creek Lions Club. Lion Lew leaves us a rich
heritage of strive to do the best we can TO SERVE.

(Jim Coleman - Secretary under Lion Lew Herring)

April 23, 1962

Mr. John E. Veasey, Editor
The Fairmont Times-West Virginian
Quincy Street & Ogden Avenue
Fairmont, WV 26554

Dear Mr. Veasey:

On behalf of Dr. Lewis Herring, immediate Past President who was chairman of our EYE Clinic this year, the Fairmont Lions Club wishes to express our appreciation of your fine publicity for this event of April 18th.

Many volunteers were responsible for the success of this project including Dr. Q.A. Malgarejo assisted by his wife, Cathy, and other Registered Nurses. There were also several student nurses in charge of two nursing instructors as well as many members of our Lioness Club and many of our own members.

The results make it all worth-while as everyone worked diligently to serve 250 Glaucoma screenings with 10 referrals and 55 children were tested for Amblyopia with 2 referrals. Practically everyone also had their Blood Pressure checked.

Since good publicity is vital to the success of this type of project, it is possible that your excellent front page articles contributed more than any other efforts to the good results achieved. When we think about the fact that if just one referral is helped to avoid serious sight problems; then we all can derive some satisfaction from our efforts.

Incidentally I have served temporarily as Vice Chairman of the Eye Clinic committee due to the illness of Dr. Herring; and I want to also express my personal thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Ralph J. Michael, First Vice President
Fairmont Lions Club

Now for the News:

Three visitors from the W. Milford Lions Club were guests at the April 1 meeting. They were Lions Mess, Freeman and Nance Moffet.

On April 19 the Parkersburg Club celebrated its 60th anniversary. Good luck in Lionism for 60 more years.

The attendance during April was very good. On April 1 we had 37 present. On April 16 we had 34. This attendance is due to the change in meeting place. It seems that Lion Ralph Michael was the prime mover in arranging for us to meet at the Field House. The meals were good and reasonably priced. The club voted to continue eating at the Field Club. Lion Ralph tells me that arrangements have been made with the manager to do so. Lion Ralph also tells me that if we can get our attendance up to 50, we could eat for \$ 4.00. How about you stay at home Lions getting out to the club meetings? There will not be soon for a ladies night in the room we are using but arrangements have been made with the Field Club to use their dining room on special occasions, on evenings other than Thursday. The Field Club uses its dining room each Thursday.

We heard Detective Offutt talk about the drug situation in Fairmont and Marion County. He drew a frightening picture. People who use dope today are known as drug addicts. Some of us may remember when there were few such people and they were known as dope fiends.

Vests have been ordered and by the time you read this they should be here.

At the Board meeting on April 8 the installation of officers was discussed. Installation of officers will be in June during the third week. Place and date to be announced.

At some time or other the club no doubt developed a policy on sending flowers in case of death. The question came up at the Board meeting and no one seemed certain about when such a policy was developed but everyone seemed sure as to what such a policy should be so here it is: The Club will send flowers in case of the death of 1) a Lion 2) the Lion's wife, 3) his children and 4) the Lion's parents.

On April 16 the club held its annual amblyopia, glaucoma and blood pressure clinic. Dr. Melgarejo and his wife did all the glaucoma testing. Everything operated very smoothly. one lady commented on how well the operation was planned. Publicity was very good. 300 letters went out to parents of kindergarden and Head Start children. The County School system and the Catholic Schools cooperated. Newspaper articles were excellent and well timed. Radio stations cooperated and a church that was on the air that Sunday announced it also. A good many people deserve credit for the clinic's success. Dr. Melgarejo and his wife, nurses, Lionesses, Lions, newspaper, radio, schools, public and private and Head Start.

The following chart may be of interest if you are wondering how this year's clinic compared with other clinics.

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Glaucoma testing referrals	319 19	276 12	266 10
Amblyopia screening referrals	39 0	45 3(or 4)	55 2

Of course the blood pressure clinics are always well patronized but no records are kept.

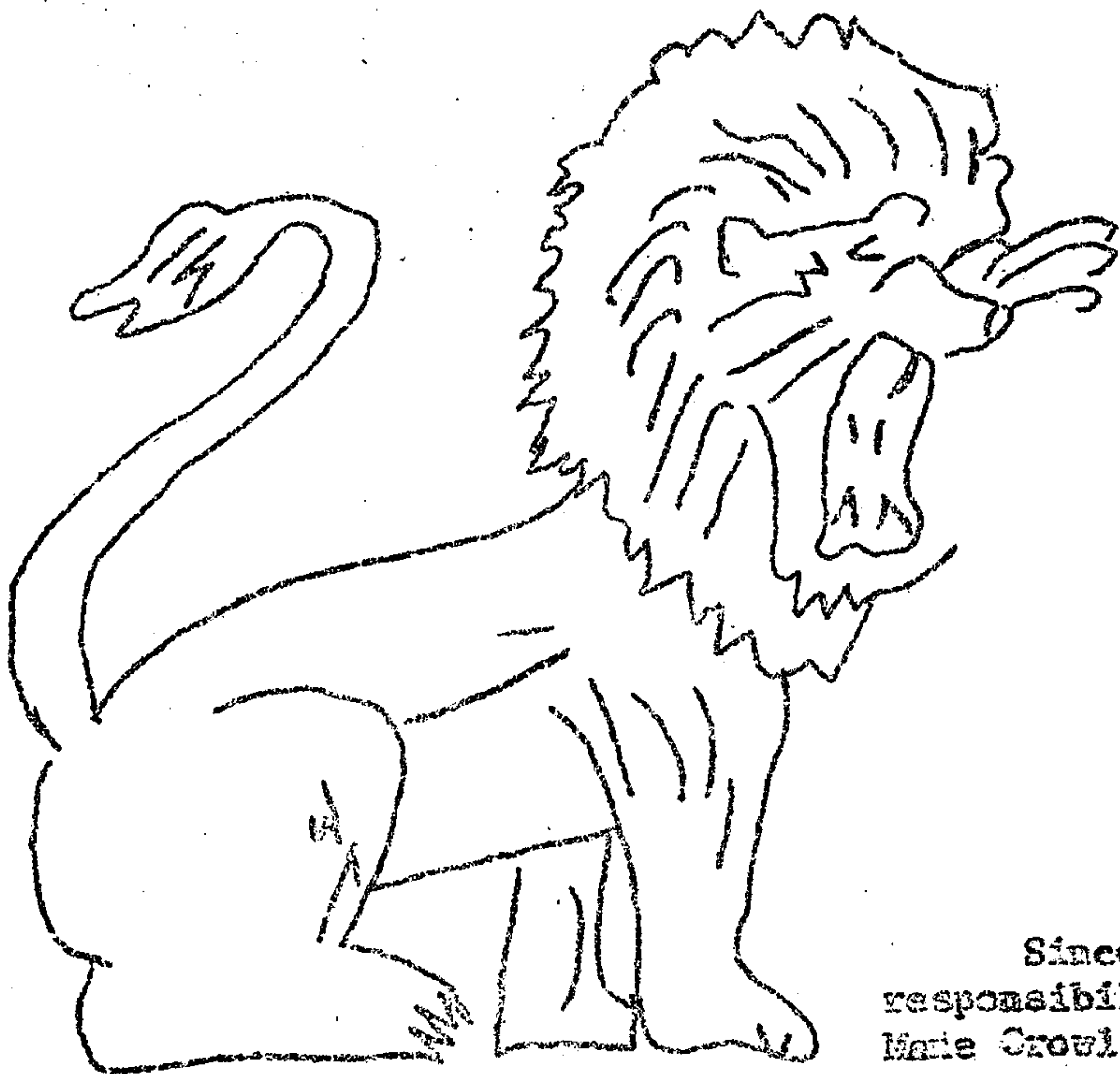
The club has been recognized by the Pilot Dog Organization. Lion Chris Smith presented a plaque at the April 16 meeting in recognition of the club's contribution to Pilot Dog last year. Our club was the only W.V. club to pay the cost of training one Pilot Dog - \$2500. This year it is costing \$3000.00 to train a dog and they hope to graduate 150 dogs. There are 5 Pilot Dogs in the Fairmont area at present.

The Board of Directors will meet at the home of Lion Bill Chambers on May 13 at 7:00 pm.

In recognition of one Lion who is meeting his committee assignment, a big Thank You to Lion Merrit Chambers for his reservation calling for the meeting nights.

Are you proud to be a Lion? They Serve.

See you.



THE MANE CROWL

THE FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB
Fairmont, West Virginia

MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 6:30
Fairmont Field Club

June 3, 1982

Since the new officers will take over their responsibilities on July 1, 1982. This is the last Mane Crowl for this year. We wish to extend our best

wishes to the outgoing officers and to say that they deserve a vote of thanks from our membership. We should resolve to support the new ones.

New officers will be installed on 23rd of June. The job will be done at the Field Club and Hance Moffett will do the installing. The menu and price are not available at press time but the carol group from East Fairmont High will provide the entertainment.

By the time you read this the next Board of Directors will have met at Staud's to prepare a budget for 1982-83 and to make committee assignments. This meeting was scheduled for May 27.

Lion Ralph Michael has expressed appreciation to the club for the consideration shown him in the death of his brother, Omar.

Many Lions may not be aware that our continued welcome at the Field Club depends on how well we attend meetings and especially how well we honor the reservations we make for each meeting. If reservations are made they should be considered firm if not cancelled by noon of the meeting day so the Field Club can be notified. At the Board of directors meeting on May 13 a motion was approved as follows:

Anyone who makes a reservation and doesn't show up, he will be billed for one half the cost of the meal. It is not quite fair to expect the club to bear the cost of someone's meal who doesn't show up. Especially when he can cancel out up to noon of meeting day, one should be considerate enough to avoid the expense. So far this charging for the meal has not happened but certainly it could happen. This policy was approved on May 20th by the membership.

We understand the Lionesses are planning their annual picnic for sometime in August.

We certainly ant to pay tribute to Lion Dominick Romino for the programs this year. The program assignment is a difficult one and members could be very helpful to the Program committee if they would be on the lookout for good programs and pass the information along.

On May 6, four requests for adult glasses were presented by Lion (the mayor) Bob Powell, Chrm. Sight Committee. The requests were approved.

The White Cane Day took in approximately \$496.00 and the sale at the mall produced \$398.00. The funds raised for next years Activities Budget will be slightly in excess of \$3,000.00. This is very good in light of last years performance but if we look at the potential we had for the street sale, one wonders what we might have raised.

We enjoyed Lion Sheriff Dodd's talk on May 6 in which he pointed out the many problems connected with our jail. Suicide is always a possibility among prisoners. Lion Edsel had a solution - equip the cells with ropes.

There are still mops and brooms on hand to be sold. See Lion Gerald Warren, but do it before the end of June.

Mr. Shingleton, member House of Delegates, who has been a yearly visitor to our club to bring us up to date on the legislative doings, has made his last speech in this capacity since he is not running for reelection.

The next Board meeting will be held at the home of Lion Lee Meadows at 101 Helmlock Dr. (Across from Wishing Well Nursing Home). The meeting time is 7:00 on June 10.

This editor has been greatly indebted to Lion Jim Coleman. Lion Jim has done the typing and duplicating so that the Mane Growl has been on time every month/ Thanks, Jim.

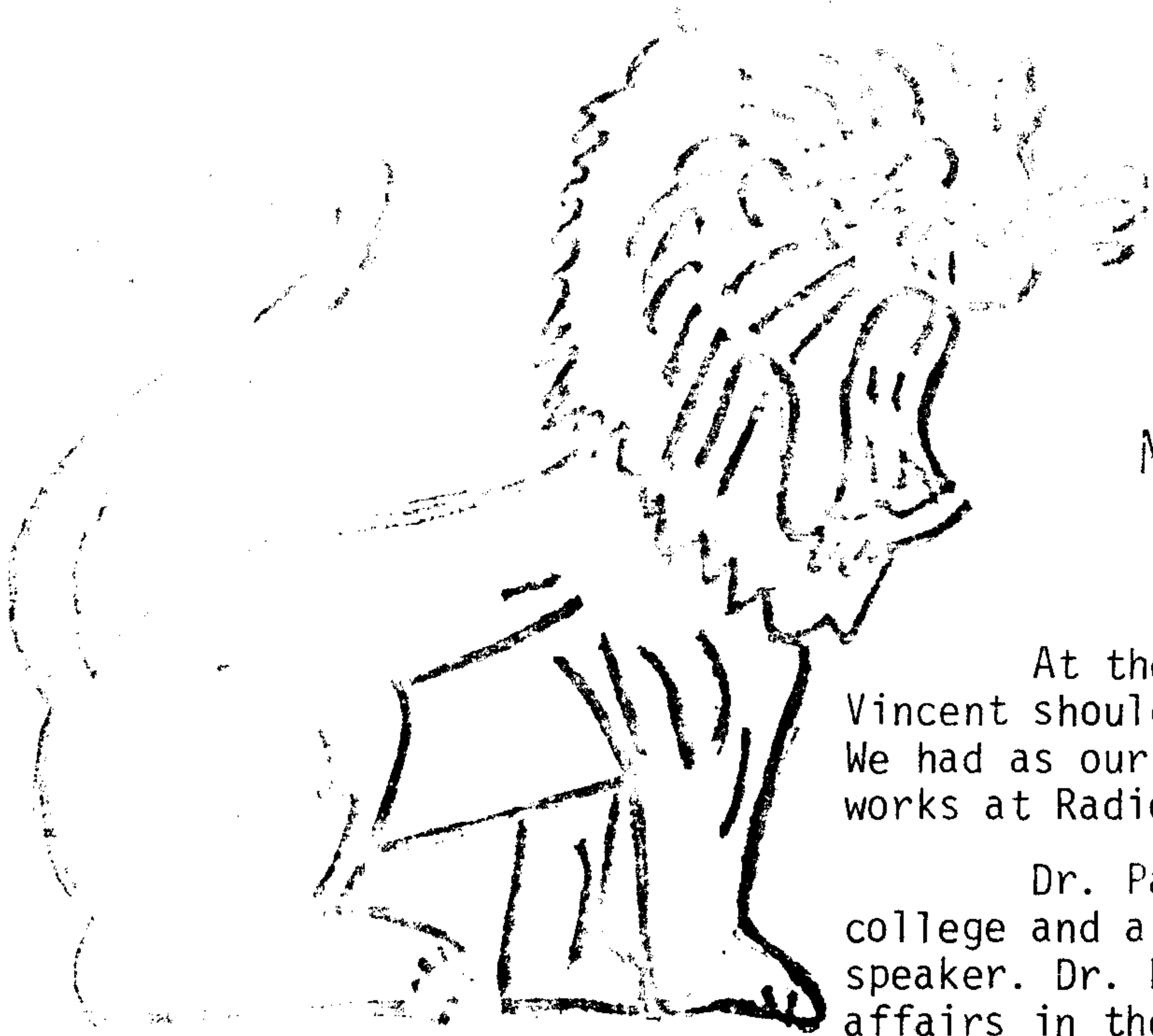
See you at the next meeting:

Late Flash --- Seven members of the Fairmont Lions Club and their wives attended the West Virginia State Lions Convention in Huntington. The president of Lions International was also there. It was an exciting meeting. JC.

THE MANE GROWL

THE FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB
Fairmont, West Virginia

MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 6:30 pm
Fairmont Field Club
October 7, 1982



At the September 2 meeting we found Lion Earl Vincent should be congratulated. He is 89 years young. We had as our guest Mr. Pat Strowe of Fairmont who works works at Radio Shack.

Dr. Pat Ryan, a professor at Fairmont State college and a specialist in Middle East Affairs was our speaker. Dr. Ryan was born in Egypt and her grasp of affairs in the Middle East, at least from the standpoint of religion, seemed complete. In view of the turmoil in that area of the world, Dr Ryan's talk was timely.

Lion Gerald Warren, Chrm. of the 60th Anniversary Committee, asked the club to state its preference of the location for the site of the 60th Anniversary. Of the two locations suggested - Fairmont State College or the Field Club, the choice was the Field Club. The preference, we assume is not binding because many things can happen between now and next April.

Lion Russ Knotts reported on a recent visit by Lion Red Ressigger. Lion Red has had an eye implant and the results have been very gratifying.

On September 9th the Board of Directors met in Lion George Corder's home. We learned that there are some among us who have not paid their dues for the second half. For your information dues are \$13.50 per half. Please!

On October 16 the Cabinet will meet at Ramada Inn in Morgantown. The club gets 300 points if both president and secretary attend. There are extra points if others attend. The meeting begins at 9:30. Lunch at 12:00 and Cost \$7.50. District Conference at 1:30 Social hour at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00, cost \$12.50. Speaker 7:00. Adjourns at 9:00.

Reservations and check can be sent to Lion William R. Moore, 413 Murray Ave., Fairmont. No banquet tickets at the door. If more information is needed, call Lion Moore.

One membership application was approved.

Lion Ralph Gilbert's widow has given a donation for the memorial fund and it is deeply appreciated.

Future Board meetings and their locations are listed:

October - Bill Conrad's Home
November - Chuck Rawling's Home
December - Claude Springer's Home
January - Skipper Springston's Home

The program on Sept. 16 was presented by Mr. Squibb Wilson, retired athletic director of Fairmont State College. Squibb had a fund raising idea for our club. Many of our members may remember that several years ago Squibb appeared at one of our club meetings and many of us bought one of his Z-bars. He is again selling these only with a difference. After the presentation was made Lion Pres. Ralph called a special meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board agreed the club would participate and decided to order 100 Z-Bars. The plan works something like this: The z-Bars will be sold for \$10.00 each. When 50 have been sold the entire amount will be turned over to the organization for the handicapped that makes them. The proceeds from the sale of the remaining 50 will belong to the club.

Another item that the special meeting considered was the "They Serve" Memorial Fund. After incorporating some suggestions made by Lion Dominick Romino, the board accepted the revised guidelines which will be published later. Trustees to manage the Fund will have to be named.

The third item considered was a request for the club to sponsor a new Lions Club. Past District Governors Warren and King had been asked to bring the request to our Board. There are approximately 20 men wishing to join the new club to be known as the EAST Grafton Road Lions Club. They will meet at the Cross Roads 4 H Club House. The request to sponsor the new club was unanimously approved.

Past President Lion Skipper has finally received his Past President's Pin. Another thing Lion Skip received was an album of pictures of events, etc. that happened during his administration. The album was prepared by Lion Chuck Rawlings. Lion Chuck deserves a good deal of credit for nice things he does for the club and about which nothing much is said. An example is the album. The pictures of members that are sold to benefit the Tail Twisters Fund which in turn helps pay for the annual party held at the Auxilliary Police Headquarters. The collecting and sending away old glasses is another of his services.

When gold was used in eye glass frames, Lion Chuck collected these old frames and sold them for the gold they contained and gave the proceeds to our Activities Fund. All in all we owe Lion Chuck some recognition.

Lion Bob Moffett works with the Kurzweil Reading Machine located at Fairmont State College and which is an aid in helping the blind to read. Our club you will remember, helped purchase this machine. Lion Bob reports that West Virginia University is planning to get one of these machines and Lion Bob has been training a visually handicapped University instructor in the use of the Machine. We think this is a wonderful example of how a good idea catches on and spreads.

Future Programs include the following:

- October 21 - Dr. Stephen Haynes on a sample of pioneer living.
- November 4 - PDG Chuck King will oversee Initiation of New Members
- November 18 - Rev. Ball will give a Thanksgiving Program
- December 1 - Dr. Melgarejo will talk on new developments in eye care.
- December 17- Union Mission Christmas Party
- January 19 - District Governor's Night & Ladies Night

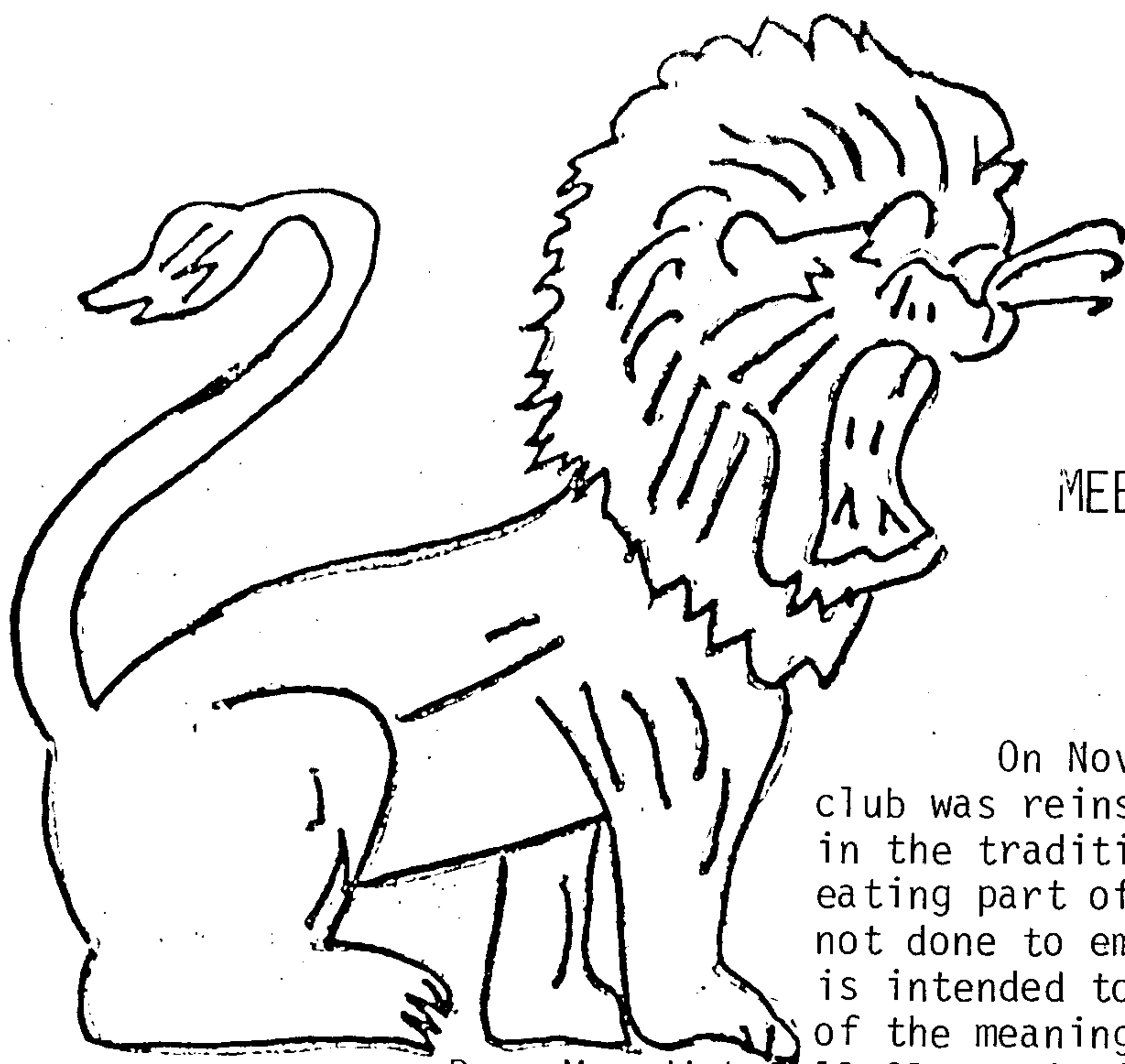
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THE MAME GROWL

THE FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB
Fairmont, West Virginia

MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Thursdays - 6:30
Fairmont Field Club

December, 1982



On Nov. 4th a long standing tradition in our club was reinstated. Three cub Lions were initiated in the traditional way of being blindfolded while eating part of their dinners. This kind of thing is not done to embarrass but to bring home a point. It is intended to impress upon new members a tiny bit of the meaning of blindness. Those initiated and there sponsors were: Rev. Meredith Ball-Claude Springer, Steve Poe-Ralph Michael, Terry Brake- "Skip" Springston. Lion Chuck King was the initiator and among the other things he pointed out the responsibilities of the sponsor to the new Lions. The Club is fortunate to have three new young members such as these. We are fortunate to have a minister again in our midst.

Two adult applications for glasses were approved.

Lion Abe Modi has been in and out of the hospital. He had a painful time with a kidney stone.

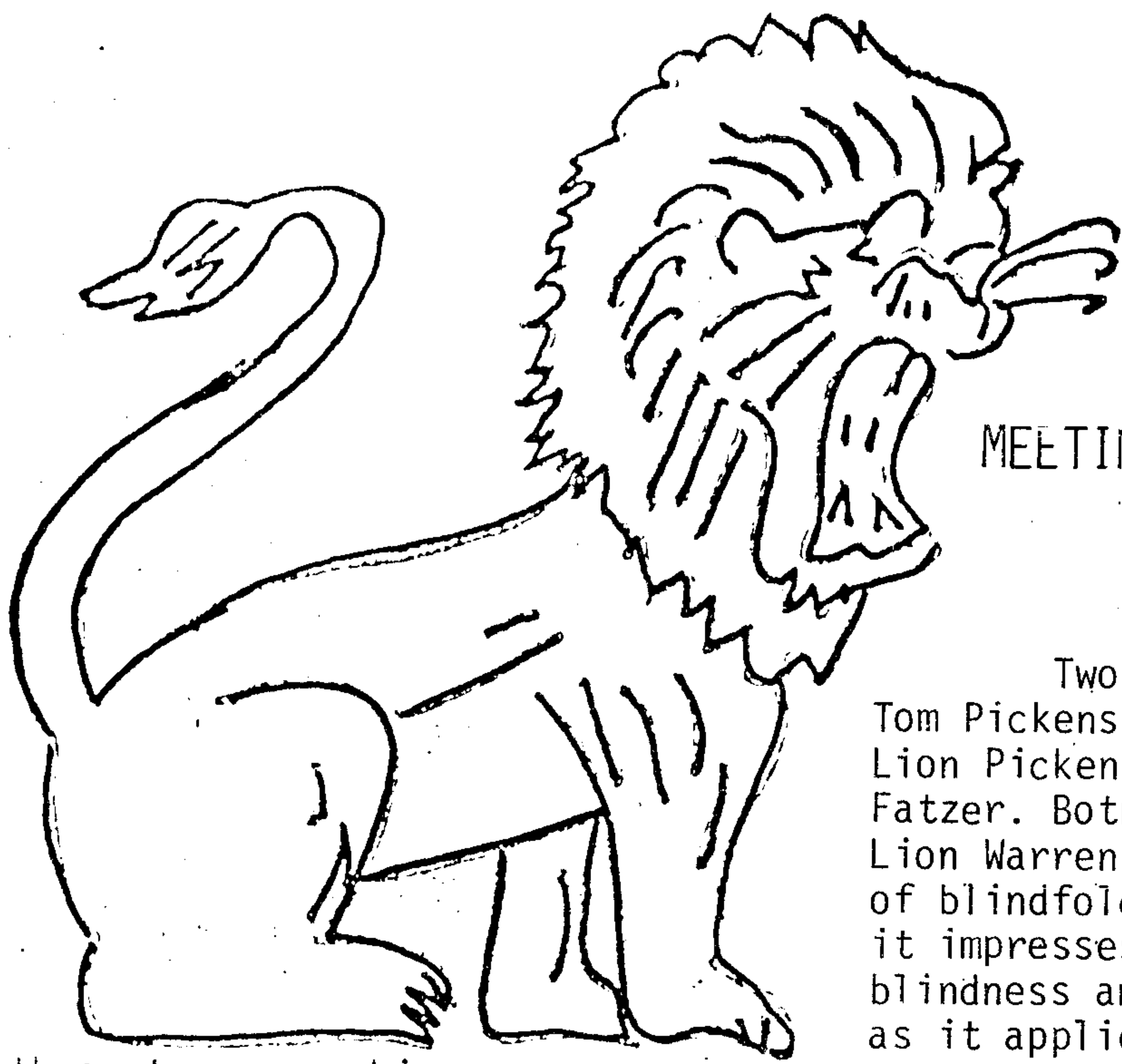
Double congratulations to Lion Paul Opp. First, he has just passed his 88th birthday. Second, Lion Paul has received some well deserved recognition given him by the West Virginia Theater Conference at its State Convention. Lion Paul has been chosen the Outstanding Theater Person in West Virginia for 1982. He is the founder of Alpha Psi Omega, the National Drama Honorary and he served as the editor of its publication for many years and served as its National Secretary until 1965. He helped organize Fairmont State College's Theater Department in 1923. He is listed in Who's Who in American Theater.

At the Board of Director's Meeting held on Nov. 11 at the home of Lion Chuck Rawlings, a request to contribute to the United Way was tabled.

A letter from the Salvation Army asking for bell ringing volunteers was read. Motion to ring bells at the mall was made and passed. The Mall will permit bell ringing this year if it is not "boisterous". Our day is December the 4th with hours from 10:00 am to 9:00pm. There are two locations - one at Sears and the other at Gee Bee. We are to man both kettles. If you can spare some time on that day, Lion Pres. Ralph needs to know.

It was reported that to date the Club has spent \$605.00 on glasses this year.

There are Z-bars for sale at \$10.00. This sale benefits our club and the Op Shop. There are fruit cakes for sale as well. By this time you have probably seen the newspaper ad giving locations where purchases can be made - Fairmont Paint and Glass on Merchant Street, Prices Dress Shop on Main Street and Kime Florist on Fairmont Avenue.



THE MANE GROWL

THE FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

Fairmont, West Virginia

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

Fairmont Field Club

July 7, 1983

Two new Lions were initiated on June 2. Lions Tom Pickens and Brian Fatzer. Lion Ralph sponsored Lion Pickens and Lion Chambers(Bill) sponsored Lion Fatzer. Both of these Lions are employed at Bonanza. Lion Warren did the inducting. He used the old method of blindfolding. We think this is a good method because it impresses upon the new members the handicap of blindness and adds incentive for participating in Lionism as it applies to sight conservation. A warm welcome to

these two young Lions.

At that meeting, one adult application for glasses was approved. It was announced that the Morgantown Club will celebrate its 60th Anniversary on July 23 at the Holiday Inn. This writer knows no other details except that we are invited.

In May Lion John Ross celebrated his 92nd birthday. He has had an implant and has had some vision restored. We hope he can make some meetings as a result.

Lion Art Cunningham is still under the weather at this writing. Lion Art faithfully sends birthday cards to all of us if he has birthdates. A thoughtful gesture.

Lion Clarence Brock has asked that he be dropped from the rolls because he is not able to attend. For a number of years this has been true. Lion Clarence was a former Assistant State Superintendent of Schools and people in school business in and around Charleston in the 60's gave him high marks in leadership. Lion Clarence chaired our first glaucoma clinic held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, more than 1000 attended. We are sorry to lose such a man.

These figures were approximate on June 2. The broom sale brought in \$2372.25. Of that \$1504.75 was clear. This is sad because it left the budget committee with only a total of only \$2500 to work with for the activities budget. As a result some cuts had to be made: The W.VA. Sight Foundation was cut from \$600 to \$400 Youth Activity cut from \$800 to \$500.

\$100 was added to the Scouting program so that \$100 can be given to both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. The Eye Glass Fund was cut from \$1350 to \$1050, although we actually spent \$2009 in 1982-83. The fund raising Committee really tried but not enough Lions turned out to sell our products. By the time you read this there may be revisions to the proposed budget.

On June 18 we had the Tail Twisters' Party at the Police Reserve building. In this editor's opinion this was probably the nicest party we have had and they have all been good. The Barber Shop Quartette was scheduled to entertain but had to cancel but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm. The District Governor and his family were guests. There were other guests as well whose names we did not catch. The food was good. Bonanza did the catering. Lion Hance Moffett installed the officers. It's always a pleasure to have the Moffetts with us. Lion Hance always does a good job. His interest in helping others shines through in what he says and in the way he says it.

A number of awards were presented by Lion Pres. Ralph as follows:

100% Attendance - Lions: Brake, Brummage, M. Chambers, Bill Chambers, Coleman, Conrad, Corder, Glover, Herron, King, Meadows, Rawlings, Robinson, Springston and R. Michael.

The club recieved as award for sponsoring the East Grafton Road Club.

Citations - Terry Brake- New member
Ralph Michael -New members(2)

District Governor Citations - Springston - 5 visitations
Warren - 17 visitations
Stalnaker - 15 visitations
King - 8 visitations

Membership Awards:

- 10 Years - Moffett, Levine, E. Michael, Martin
- 15 Years - Koon, Sole, Hancock
- 20 Years - King
- 30 Years - Springer
- 35 Years - Stalnaker, Conaway
- 40 Years - Donham
- 50 Years - Opp

District Gov. Stickley presented the club with a Service Activity Award. Lion Coleman presented a resolution that in view of Lion Brock's long service, loyalty to the club and being such an excellant example that he should still be consideree a friend of the club and should be retained on the mailing list for the Main Growl.

Lion Cliff has become something of an auctioneer and he performed flawlessly at the White Elephant sale part of the meeting. Its always a lot of fun but it remained for Lion Gerald to bring down the house when he spiked his coke with the booze Lion Cliff was trying to sell.

Lion Ralph pinned the Presidents pin on Lion Lee and Lion Lee pinned the Past President's pin on Lion Ralph.

Lion Brummage, Chrm. of the Fund Raising Committee, presented to Lion Pres. Lee a check for \$2300 to operate the activity program for this year.

Lion Bill Martin has suffered his second detached retina and at present is in the United Hospital in Clarksburg.

Lion Skipper's wife Martha has undergone surgery at Fairmont General.

The outgoing officers have turned over the reins of control to these duly elected officers for 1983-84:

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| President - Lee Meadows | Tail Twisters- Terry Brake |
| 1st Vice President - Dr. James Coleman | - Bill Kime |
| 2nd Vice President - George Corder | Lion Tamer - Gene Martin |
| 3rd Vice President - William Conrad | Directors- Paul Conaway |
| Secretary - Bob Moffett | -Bob Moffett |
| Treasurer - Bob Brummage | - A.L. Sprinston |
| Past President Ralph Michaels | - D.J. Romino |

These men need our support.

Our next meeting will be the Annual Cook Out at the Lion Carpenter's

Aug 4 Picnic
Sept Certification Night

July 21st \$6.50
6:00 card table

Richard Davies
292-8454

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Ker P.O. 1072, Morgantown

Letters are going out to local residents explaining the club's "They Serve Memorial Fund" and soliciting funds for that Fund. Club members may contribute and now is the time to do it.

Lion Chuck showed a film he had put together showing good times the club members have had together over the years. Brought back memories of friends no longer with us. The film will probably be used at our 60th Anniversary.

We had four guests at our Nov. 18 meeting. Lion Chris Smith and his wife and two ladies one of whom has a Pilot Dog. This lady wanted to personally thank the club for helping her to get this dog. Her vision is 20/400. She did not make a talk but chose to answer questions. Her name is Barabara Springs. She spent four weeks in Columbus training in the use of a Pilot Dog. One interesting point she made was that the dog does not watch traffic lights but that she herself must be aware by hearing the movement of traffic in order to know when it is safe to cross streets.

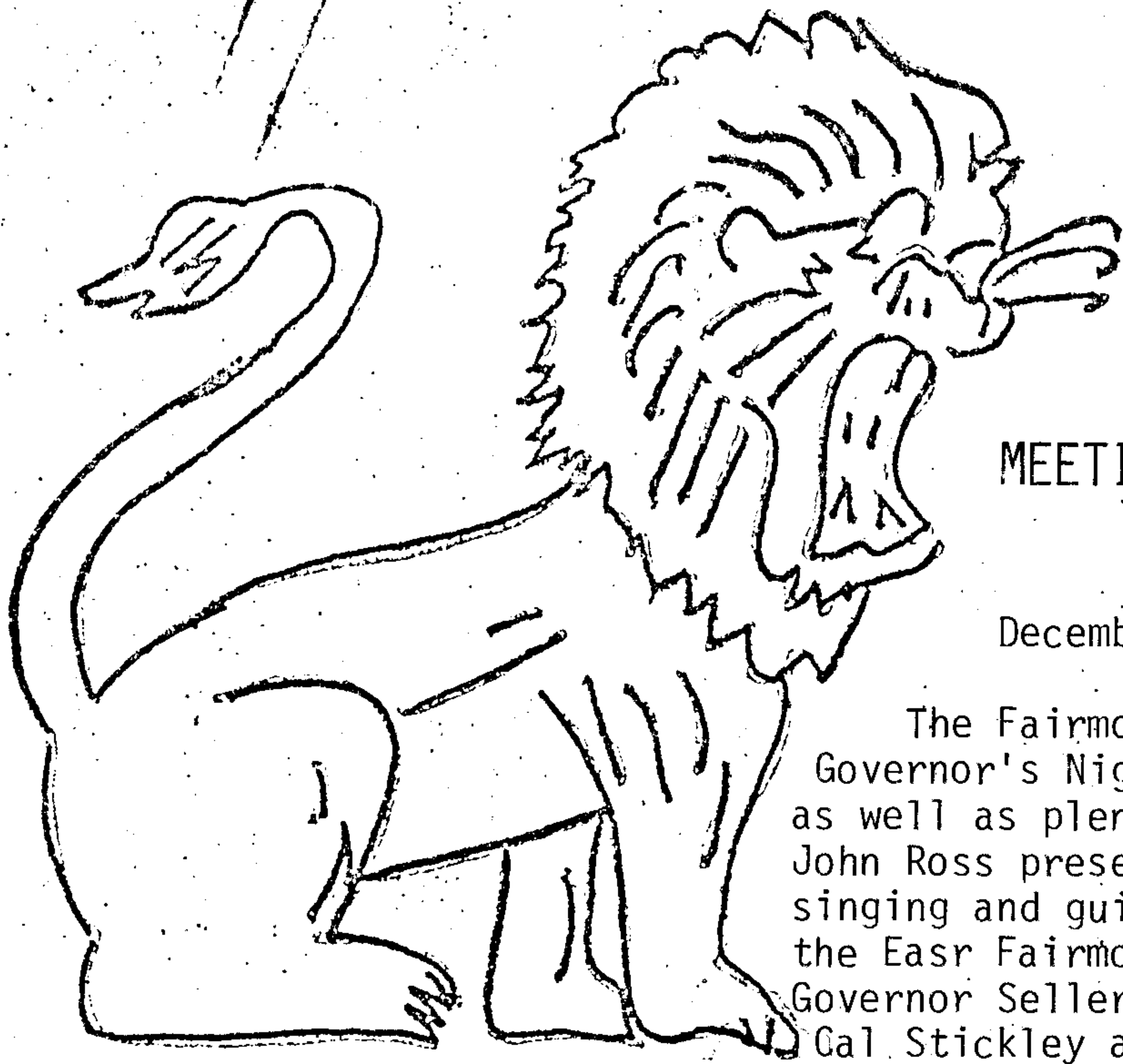
Lion Rev. Ball gave the Thanksgiving program going back into the Old Testament as well as the New Testament for scripture to make his points. With all of our affluence today we are prone to forget where our blessings come from.

Lion Ralph Hawkins, Chairman of the Mission Party Committee reported for that event. The club authorized the committee to proceed as last year - that is to buy candy, toys and articles of clothing for the children and also candy for the residents of Friendly Homes. There will be sixty children this year compared to seventy-five last year and fifteen residents in Friendly Homes. The Mission party is on Friday, Dec. 17 at 6:00 pm. There will be no club meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16.

Lion Dr. Melgarejo who was scheduled to be our speaker on Dec. 2 had to go on a trip so we will reschedule him at a later date.

Our first meeting in January will be our District Governor's night and ladies night and will be held on Wednesday Jan. 19, 1982. Make you plans to attend. We will not have a meeting on the first thursday of January because the Field Club will be closed. In leu of the regular meeting we are encouraging the members to visit some of the other clubs in the area. We suggest you make plans to go in groups. By going to different clubs we should not tax their capabilities and by going in small groups we ought to be able to pick up enough visits to increase our standing in the visitation contest.

SEE YOU !



THE MANE GROWL

THE FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB
Fairmont, West Virginia

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

Fairmont Field Club

December 1, 1983

The Fairmont Lions Club celebrated District Governor's Night on November 2. There was good attendance as well as plenty of good food. It was good to have Lion John Ross present again. Everyone enjoyed the program of singing and guitar playing by Mr. Randles, director of the East Fairmont High School Choral group. District Governor Sellers presented to former District Governor Cal Stickley a certificate of appreciation from Lions

International for the certification of two Lioness Clubs during 1982-83.

Briefly, the District Governor stressed:

1. The good job blind employees can do. Therefore, employment should be provided for the blind wherever possible. There are ten full time employees at the Clarksburg broom factory. This means the more brooms sold the more employees can be used and the better the clubs' finances.

2. Explained the purpose of the W.Va. Sight Foundation.

3. Lions should promote Drug Awareness and stress the dangers in each home's medicine cabinet and at the corner drug store.

4. Stressed involvement in diabetes which is a leading cause of blindness.

5. Stressed building membership. Each club is asked to secure two new members. It is interesting that there are now more exmembers than active members.

Lion Pres. Lee presented to the Governor and his wife a gift.

It was good to learn that Lion Bill Chambers was at home after undergoing surgery.

The Board of Directors met on Nov. 8 at the home of Lion Bill Conrad. It was announced that 558 pairs of glasses have been collected from the Mail box.

The Annual Mission Party will be held on Dec. 16 at 6:00 pm. For the benefit of new Lions this party is held at the Mission at which time there is a Turkey dinner after which Santa Claus comes and gives presents to underprivileged children. A ladies night. Lion Ed Garlow will chair the committee replacing Lion "Sarge" Hawkins. Lion Ted Sole has asked for and been granted membership at large. Our good Secretary announced that the average attendance for October was 46%.

Lion Ralph Michael announced that the two dozen fruit cakes that were reposing in his freezer are now reposing in Lion Lee Meadow's freezer. Just one of the trials of being president. By the way, these fruit cakes are for sale. See Lion Pres. Lee.

The Field club will be closed the first two weeks in January. This means we do not have a meeting place for the first meeting in January. Plan for that meeting will be announced.

The California All-Star Productions has been in contact with Lion Pres. Lee about sending "The Amazing Kreskin" to Fairmont on Dec. 12 under our sponsorship. The proposition they made was a very good one. For various reasons the Board of Directors turned it down. The club might be interested later.

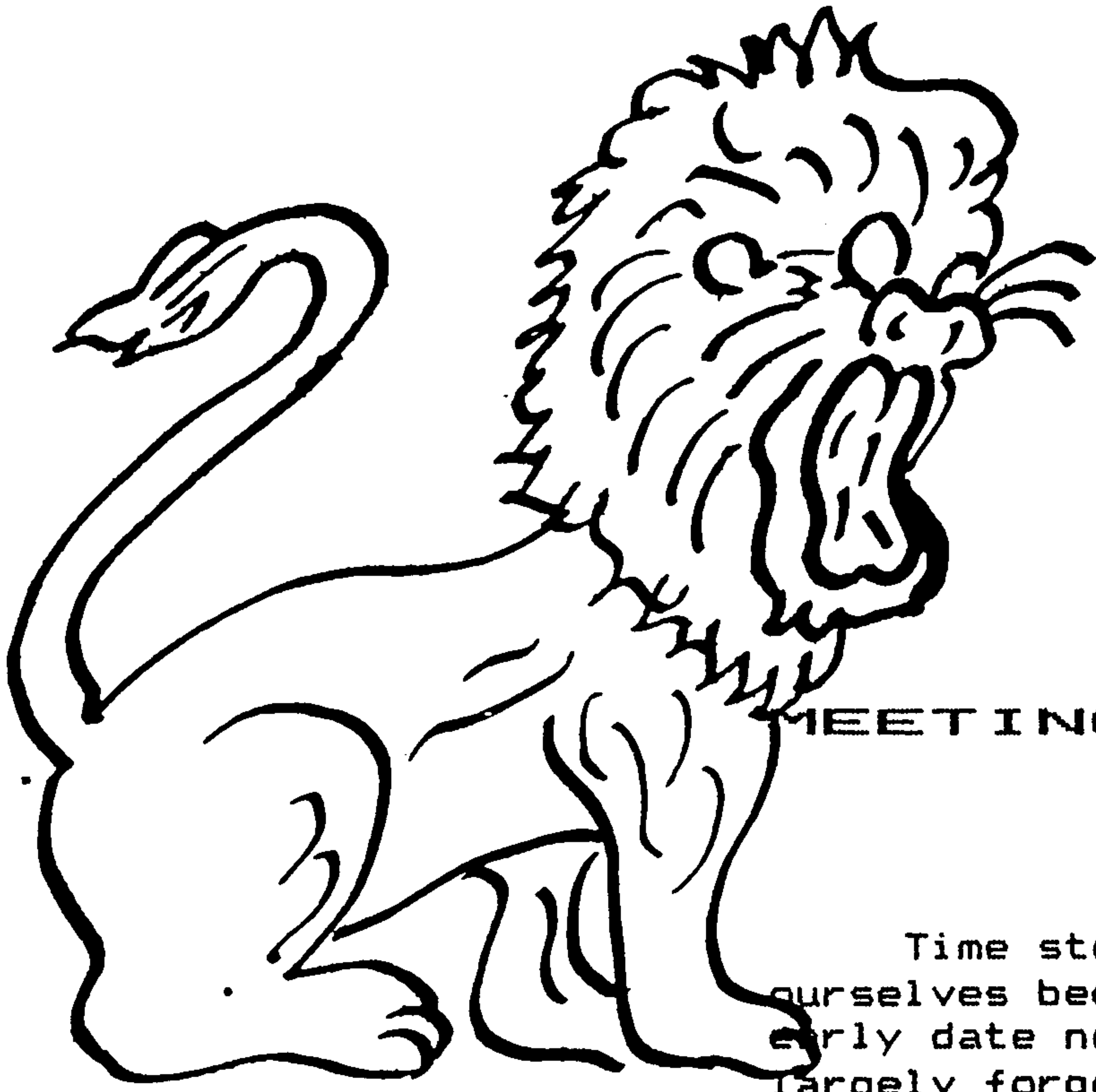
President Lee announced that on December 10 at 6:00pm the Rivesville, White Hall and Bellview Lions Clubs will sponsor a Christmas Celebration Ladies Nite dinner at the Rivesville High School Cafeteria. The menu will be turkey with all the trimmings. Past District Governor Cal Stickley will M.C. There will be corsages for the ladies, door prizes and entertainment. Cost is only \$5.00. See President Lee for reservations and make the payment in advance.

On November 17, Lion Bob Moffett introduced Dave Davis as his guest. Dave is an accountant at Fairmont General Hospital.

Congratulations to Lion Clyde Judy on his retirement.

Superintendent of Schools John Myers explained the School Bond issue which comes to a vote on Dec. 20, 1983. He did a commendable job. Be sure you vote.

SEE YOU !



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.