



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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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.

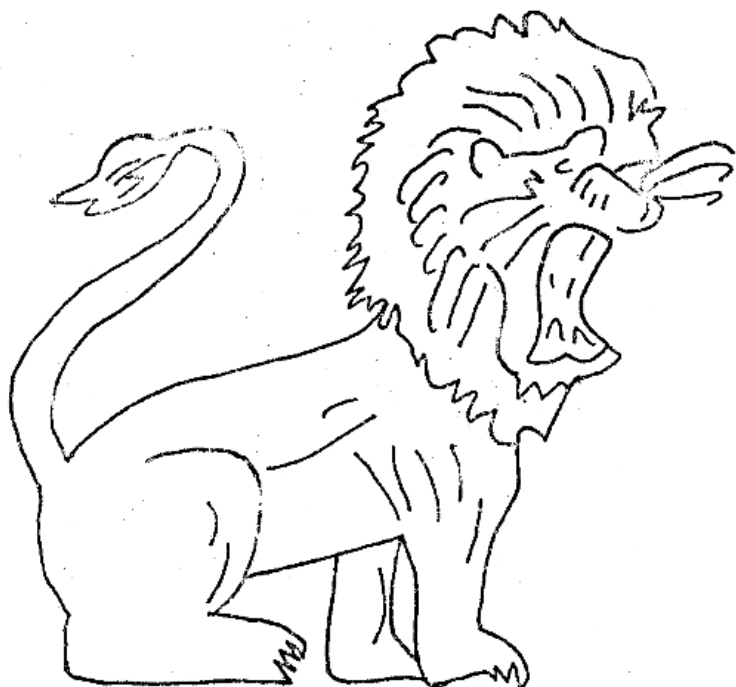
We were disappointed that no one was there from the newspaper.

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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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 Ressiger 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.

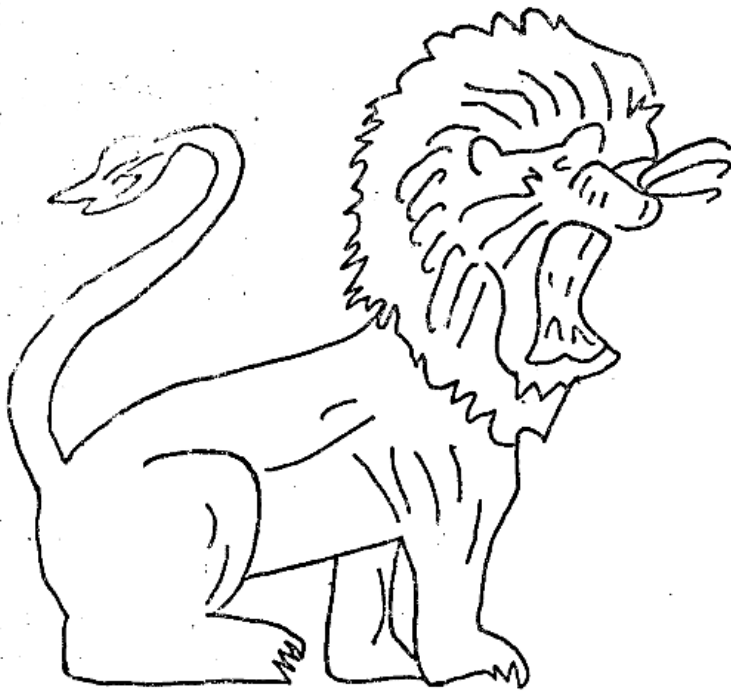
In January we purchased two pairs of glasses.

Four applications for membership were approved at our last meeting.

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

Remember when a "Perm" was a permanent?

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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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June 4, 1981

Lion Russ Knotts reports that we did pretty well on our recent broom sale. In spite of rain and Coal Festival activities we sold \$2,244.75 worth of brooms, mops and light bulbs. We have in our fund raising account \$2,346.25 plus \$430.00 in merchandise that is paid for. Therefore a cleanup night sale has been set for June 10. Getting rid of the extra inventory will help our budget making for next year. Our territory has not yet been covered. So come out and help on June 10. Place, unless notified otherwise, will be Pitrolo-Williams Real Estate office next to Custom Carpets on Fairmont Ave.

We were interested in the ideas expressed by our Prosecuting Attorney, Charles Anderson, at our meeting on June 7. It seems that crime is a paying proposition and the problem is to make it non-paying. Crime is expensive to the taxpayer and to the victims of crime. There is something far more important to the welfare of our country than money when we think of the cost of crime. The country's future is at stake. Those who advocate more gun control, for example, say that all we have to do is ban guns. The problem of crime is far more basic than just removing something. We in America foster an attitude that is not conducive to obedience to law. Ever since I can remember we have glorified our gangsters and outlaws. We have done this in films, magazines, books, radio, and T.V. Cheating and stealing are OK. It is getting caught that is indecent. Our courts are lenient. Our police have their hands tied. Plea bargaining allows one to avoid the penalty for serious offenses. There is much more but we didn't mean to get into all this and in defense of Mr. Anderson, he only mentioned the items in the first couple of sentences of this paragraph.

The Bellview Club celebrated its five year anniversary on May 15. Congratulations.

Installation of new officers for 1981 will take place at the Golden Gate Restaurant on June 18. This will be a ladies night. I am one who has never tried Chinese food. Should be interesting.

Two Cub Lions were inducted on May 21 - Cub Lions Gene Martin and Rick Westfall. Welcome aboard. Past District Governor Gerald Warren did his usual good job.

Welcome back, Lion Red, good to see you.

Lion Pat Julius is the new District Governor. Our club endorsed Lion Cal Stickley because he was from a neighboring club but Lion Pat will do a good job. We congratulate him and wish him well.

Lion Pres. Lewis Herring's wife had a painful accident while teaching. She fell and broke her knee cap. At this writing she is in Fairmont General Hospital, Room 412. She has had surgery. Our sympathies and prayers are with her.

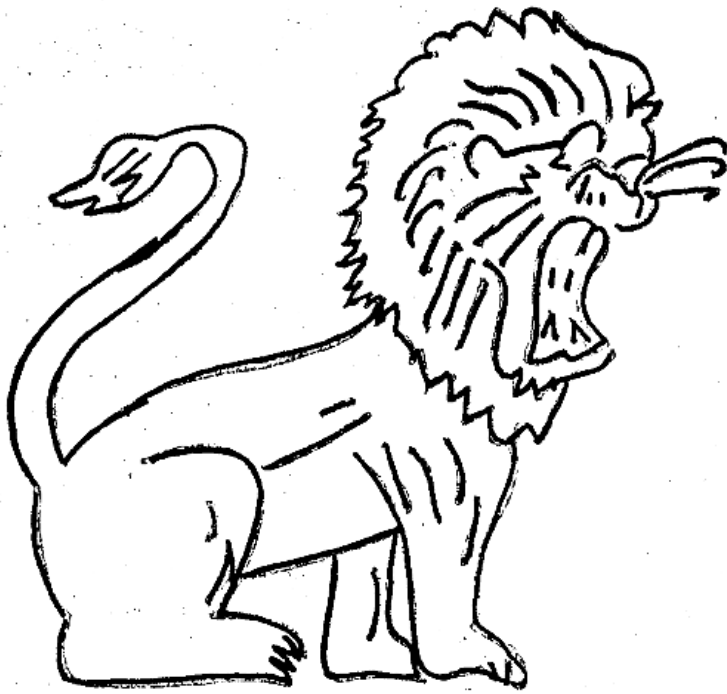
A shower was held for newly weds David and Annette Shelton at our meeting on May 21. They are a charming couple and received many nice gifts. Lion Claude Springer was in charge and had the able assistance of next year's tail twisters Lions Tom Robinson and Charles Swanson. Best wishes to these young people.

Some people were inclined to complain that we had to charge for the annual party held at the Aux. Police barrick in April. The money collected by the tail twisters had formerly paid the bill. Since we now meet twice monthly instead of four times, there just wasn't enough money in the tail twisters fund. It cost \$475.30 to put on this affair this year. Lion Skipper and those who helped him did a good job.

The next Board meeting will be held at Buffet Royale on June 11. Dinner! 6:30 P.M.

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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 Arnettsville 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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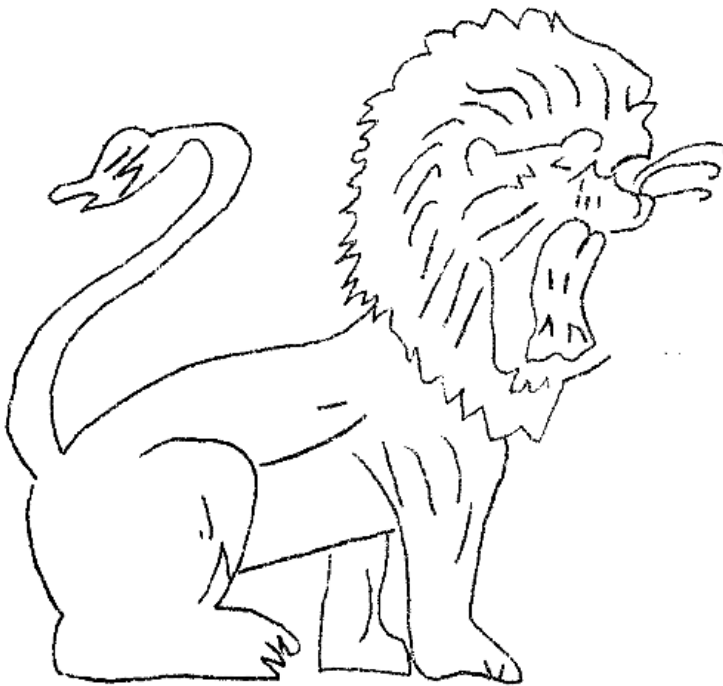
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November 5, 1981



By now everyone should be aware of the closing of the Buffet Royale - our meeting and eating place. This closing comes as no surprise. It was understood that two of these places located in the Charleston area were closed earlier this past summer.

Now the question is - where do we go from here? It has been evident that our attendance has been better since we came to Buffet Royale. If anyone left hungry it was his own fault. There was plenty of parking. Meals were not expensive. Some members say that the food was always the same and soon became uninteresting. There have been complaints about food wherever we have eaten and there will be again. Buffet Royale was not all bad but there was some talk of changing before they closed.

Back to the question- where do we go from here? I, for one, have not eaten at BQF for a long time. I imagine that going through the line will be somewhat time consuming but BQF will have to be considered. Mariela is another possibility. A spacious meeting place, good meals, plenty of parking, possibly more expensive are things to consider. The club will have to decide between these two and possibly others.

At this writing we have no information on the results of our broom, mop and bulb sale. Lion Gerald Warren is Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. He is a conscientious Lion and a careful planner. We do know there was considerable merchandise not sold. (But we are out of the assorted light bulbs.) Neither are we aware of the number of Lions who turned out to work. There were three teams working the last night of the sale. It may be necessary to try again. Many thanks to Lion President Skipper for the use of his office as our sale headquarters.

Small boy to father, "Did you know that word you gave me a quarter not to use? Well, today I learned one that is worth a dollar."

Some weeks ago, we were talking to Lion Bill Chambers about the number of clubs our Lions Club has sponsored. Lion Bill contacted Lions International about it and it was not long until he had the information which we are glad to pass along. Thanks, Lion Bill.

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Date Organized</u>
Barrackville	12-10-97
Cross Roads	12-8-71
Fairmont (Ballview)	5-22-76
Fairmont (East)	11-20-72
Idamay	10-22-63
Fairview	6-24-65
Mannington	2-15-65
Morgantown (Indian Creek)	6-29-82
Rivesville	9-28-42
Union District L.C.	2-23-66 (Defunct)
Whitchell	11-25-74
Worthington	2-6-45

This is an enviable record of which we can be proud.

Some of our members are visiting other clubs. This is an activity that is greatly encouraged by the Lions organization and members are urged to visit.

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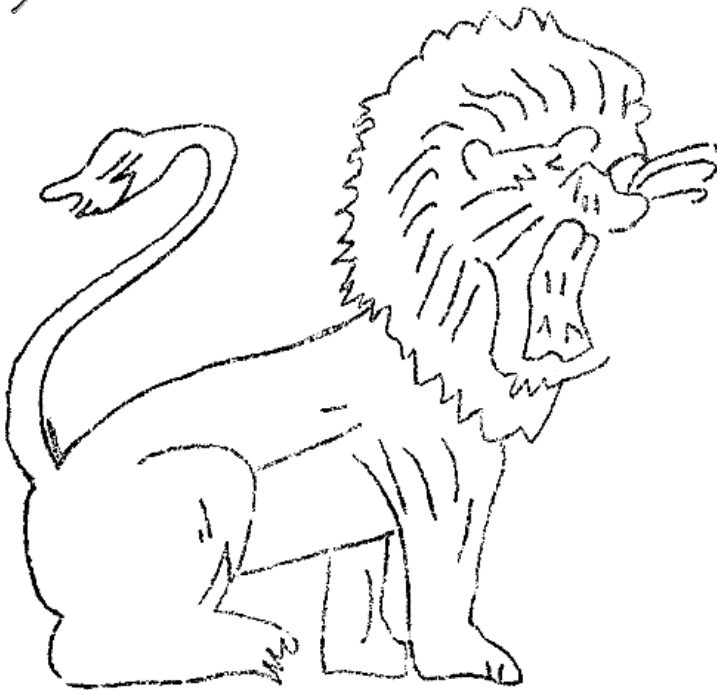
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Dec. 3, 1981



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 Norwegian 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 Meric's Restaurant and reservations are firm. Choices for meals that evening will be spaghetti or chicken. Prices 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 Stiglich 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 Stiglich 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 8:30. 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 Communion should have heard Mr. David Daniels at our Nov. 18th meeting.