

THE TALE TWISTER'S MANE GROWL
of
THE LIONS CLUB OF FAIRMONT, W. VA.
(Since 1923)

Meeting Each Friday - 6:30 p.m. - The Poky Dot
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TO SEE - YET NOT TO SEE

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

...he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

And said unto him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

---St. John 9:1,6 and 7.

As Fairmont Lions concerned with sight conservation, we may well wonder what a man "which was blind from his birth" sees upon first entering the world of sight--- what are his first impressions? Some of us are likely to say, "Well, since this man, when blind, was aware of his surroundings through his senses of touch and sound, he would know enough to recognize and name what his eyes can now see." Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could question a newborn baby about what it sees? Unfortunately, we have to wait a good many years, and by that time it's too late.

However, a way has been found to study what happens when a person first uses his eyes. Today, a number of congenitally blind people have had their sight restored through surgery. They have told researchers about their first impressions of the world of sight.

In his book, "Doubt and Certainty in Science," Professor J. Z. Young, an authority on the human brain, describes what a man blind from his birth would see on first opening his eyes:

The patient on opening his eyes for the first time gets little or no enjoyment; indeed, he finds the experience painful. He reports only a spinning mass of lights and colors. He proves to be quite unable to pick out objects by sight, to recognize what they are, or to name them. He has no conception of a space with objects in it, although he knows all about objects and their names by touch.

"Of course," you will say, "he must take a little time to learn to recognize them by sight." Not a little time, but a very, very long time, in fact, years. His brain has not been trained in the rules of seeing.

We are not conscious that there are any such rules; we think we see, as we say, "naturally." But we have in fact learned a whole set of rules during childhood. (Amazing how much we learn in the first five years of our lives! ---Bulletin Editor)

If our blind man is to make use of his eyes he, too, must train his brain. How can this be done? Unless he is quite clever and very persistent he may never learn to make use of his eyes at all.

At first he only distinguishes a mass of color, but gradually he learns to distinguish shapes. When shown a patch of one color placed on another he will quickly see that there is a difference between the patch and its surroundings. What he will not do is to recognize that he has seen that particular shape before, nor will he be able to give it its proper name.

For example, one man when shown an orange a week after beginning to see said it was gold. When asked, "What shape is it?" he said, "Let me touch it and I will tell you!" After doing so, he said that it was an orange. Then he looked long at it and said, "Yes, I can see that it is round." Shown next a blue square, he said it was blue and round. When the angles were pointed out to him he said, "Ah! Yes, I understand now, one can see how they feel."

For weeks and months after beginning to see, the person can only with great difficulty distinguish between the simplest shapes, such as a triangle and a square. If you ask him how he does it, he may say, "Of course if I look carefully I see that there are three sharp turns at the edge of one patch of light and four on the other."

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but he may add peevishly, "What on earth do you mean by saying that it would be useful to know this? The difference is only very slight and it takes me a long time to work it out. I can do it much better with my fingers." And if you show him the two next day he will be unable to say which is a triangle and which is a square.

The patient often finds that the new sense brings only a feeling of uncertainty and he may refuse to make any attempt to use it unless forced to do so. He does not spontaneously attend to the details of shapes. He has not learned the rules, does not know which features are significant and useful for naming objects and conducting life. Remember that for him previously shapes have been named only after feeling the disposition of their edges by touch.

However, if you can convince him that it is worth while, then, after weeks of practice, he will name the simple objects by sight. At first, they must be seen always in the same color and at the same angle. One man having learned to name an egg, a potato, and a cube of sugar when he saw them, could not do it when they were put in yellow light. The lump of sugar was named when on the table but not when hung up in the air with a thread. Yet, such people can learn; if sufficiently encouraged they may after some years develop a full visual life and be able even to read.

St. Mark's verses 23, 24 and 25 of chapter 8 reveal that Jesus Christ was familiar with Professor Young's concept many centuries ago when he performed two miracles in giving sight to a blind man at Bethsaida. The first took place when after spitting on the man's eyes and placing his hands on him, Jesus made the man's eyes see, but without recognition. Jesus then placed his hands on the man's eyes again to execute the second miracle in giving the man's brain the capability to identify the images his eyes perceived.

Science, it seems, is a two-edged sword: it cuts back to excise out the errors and superstitions of the past; as it cuts forward in its discoveries, its revelations explain and substantiate the phenomena contained in orthodox theology.

Behavioral scientists state that man learns more in the first five years than at any other stage of his life. You learn to see, hear, touch, taste and smell shortly after you catch your breath following the first slap on your behind. Every waking moment is filled with looking, tasting, smelling, touching and listening. It's a long process, and by the time you learn your first words you have already collected an enormous file of models in your brain to help you adapt to life. The importance of your eyes in this learning process cannot be overemphasized.

Eye specialists agree that millions of American children are poor learners because of poor visual abilities and that many of the disabilities go undetected for years. They say the time to treat inadequate vision is before the child enters grade school. Through its free amblyopia and pre-school vision clinics, the Fairmont Lions Club is playing a vital role in helping Marion County children adapt to a world that really is tough enough to live in without the additional handicap of inadequate vision.

Lion Clarence A. Brock, chairman of our Sight Conservation Committee, tells it like it is in his letter to the parents of Marion County's early-childhood children. Opening with the customary Dear Parents, Lion Brock says: "The story that I am about to tell you is a sad one. However, as parents of the four, five, and six year old children in our county, it is important that you get the message it tells.

"Briefly, this is the story: Paul is a bright, beautiful boy, seven years old, so dear to his young parents. The story opens with a telephone call from Paul's first grade teacher. The mother answers with the breathless query, "Is there something wrong? Is Paul all right?" The teacher sadly replies that the school nurse has just discovered that Paul is blind in one eye.

"Any parent could fill in the rest of the story. Where did we go wrong? We gave him the best of care. He has had proper diet, including vitamins, and regular visits to the pediatrician since birth. Why did we not know? What could we have done?

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His eyes seemed to be perfectly normal. What can we do now?

"Paul is one of thousands of otherwise normal children discovered each year who have 'Lazy Eye' blindness or Amblyopia ex Anopsia. This condition develops in pre-school children when both eyes do not work together. If both eyes are not equal, they do not see exactly the same thing at the same time. Children must learn to see just as they must learn to walk or talk. If one eye is weak and the other is strong, the weak eye becomes the 'lazy eye' and grows weaker from disuse.

"This was Paul's trouble last year, or perhaps the year before that. The eye is not lazy now. It is blind! If his parents had only known earlier, his condition could have easily been detected and simple treatment would have likely corrected his 'lazy eye' problem. We join Paul's parents in their prayer that nothing happens to his one seeing eye.

"We also beg that all parents of four and five year old children make sure that their most precious possession does not have to face the same tragic handicap that Paul must live with the rest of his life. An early simple screening test might save the anguish of a telephone call which tells a mother that her child is blind in one eye at the tender age of seven.

"The Free Pre-school Vision Clinic, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, will be held at Fairmont State College, on April 1, 1973. Pre-enrollment applications are due back to the Early Childhood Centers on or before March 1."

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FLASH Word has just been received that more than 700 pre-enrollment applications for the Free Pre-school Clinic have been received as of Friday, March 16, 1973.

SNOW FOOLIN' Along about the second week of February last, weathermen predicted a heavy snowfall of near-blizzard proportions for West Virginia and points thereabout. Somehow these ominous, though snow-white, predictions came to the attention of Lion and Mrs. Meritt E. Chambers. It was just about then that Lion Meritt and Lioness Naomi decided that this was not for them. No siree, they didn't like snow jobs and they would much rather look at white beaches than snowdrifts anyday.

So, quicker'n you could spit out snowflake (the word or the real thing), they packed their gear in their car, visited the bathroom, and headed for points south, namely Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (a state just south of North Carolina which is just north of it).

Every so often as they traveled south, the countryside along their route would resound with the cry, "Yippee, sunshine and sand, here we come!" It was following the 142nd ejaculation of these hosannas of high hope that they reached their motel in Myrtle Beach. Shortly after checking the bathroom plumbing (first things first), they quickly got acquainted with the other features of their room while they unpacked their luggage. As for the latter of these two functions, there really was no need for haste. As it turned out, they had four full days to thoroughly familiarize themselves with their quarters.

The exact times are uncertain, but it was about then that the weathermen fouled up the isobars and the Chambers' sunshine and sand. It was then that Myrtle Beach and other parts of South Carolina and Georgia had their worst snowfall in 50 years. Sixteen inches of the soft, white crystalline flakes covered these areas, paralyzing all modes of outdoor migratory vehicular movement for approximately 96 hours.

Lion Meritt and Lioness Naomi may not have succeeded in avoiding the sight of snowdrifts, but they did get to study the finer features of a motel for four days, plus the beach could not have been whiter in the last 50 years.

This saga in the life of our intrepid travelers has more than one moral somewhere. The one that comes to mind most readily is the maxim uttered by the lady dressed in white in a T.V. (Boob Toob) oleo advertisement. She says, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature!"

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SIGHT CONSERVATION SEALS - Lion Ronald A. Garletts reported that slightly more than 750 Fairmont Lions Club Sight Conservation Seals were mailed on February 26th. As of March 19th, more than 200 replies were received; the contributions totalled more than \$400.

ON A BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO - In addition to other information which included two jokes that cannot be repeated in this family-type journal, Lion Woodford Moore told your bulletin editor that our club purchased a tandem bicycle (bike for two riders) for the use of the students at the W. Va. School for the Blind at Romney, W. Va.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL - While our International Association of Lions Clubs is preparing to welcome its millionth member, another milestone of Lionism was reached in a southern Michigan town: Union City became the home of the 26,000th club of International Association. Fairmont Lions are reminded that each member of our club has an opportunity to win special awards and honors by sponsoring a new member. If the new member proves to be the millionth member, both he and his sponsor and their wives will be honored guests of Lions International at the 56th Annual Convention at Miami Beach in June with all expenses paid.

COMMITTEE COP-OUTS - In most Lions clubs half the committee does all the work, while the other half does nothing. Your bulleting editor is pleased to put on record that in our club it is just the reverse.

VISITATIONS - Lion J. Arthur Cunningham reported the following inter-club visitations:
February 22 - East Fairmont Lions Club - Woodford Moore, Edgar Sole, James L. Thornton, Ralph U. Gilbert and Cunningham.

February 27 - Wilsonburg Lions Club - John H. Ross, Charles R. King, Arthur L. Frederick, Thornton, Moore and Cunningham.

March 1 - Adamston Lions Club - Moore, Ross, Thornton, Frederick, Gilbert & Cunningham.

March 5 - Quiet Dell Lions Club - Moore, King, Ross, Gilbert, Thornton & Cunningham.

March 12 - Weston Lions Club - Gilbert, Moore, Thornton, Ross, Warren A. Glover and Cunningham. *FLASH* The Weston police department reported: "Ten patients escaped from Weston State Hospital. Sixteen patients were returned."

March 13 - Mannington Lions Club - H. Gerald Warren, Frederick, King, William I. Matheny and Ross.

March 14 - Lost Creek Lions Club - King, Moore, Frederick, Ross, Thornton & Cunningham.

March 15 - Washington Lions Club - Ross, Moore, Frederick and Cunningham.

COMING ATTRACTIONS for April as furnished by Lion Dr. M. E. Brown:

April 6 - Business Meeting - Issues & Answers - Initiation

April 14 (Saturday) - GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - Speaker: Thomas Hix, Past Director of Lions International, from Falls Church, Va. --Expected: The only living charter member of the Fairmont Lions Club, Dr. Herschel R. Yost, and his wife. The last of 26 charter members, Dr. Yost is a young 81 years of age. - Social or Happy Hour with appropriate refreshments will precede the main event. - Gifts for the Ladies including Souvenir Programs - Ladies are to wear Lioness Pins - Unless there is a change in plans, all the above will take place in familiar surroundings ---the Fairmont Hotel.

April 20 - Surprise Program - Guaranteed to Amaze

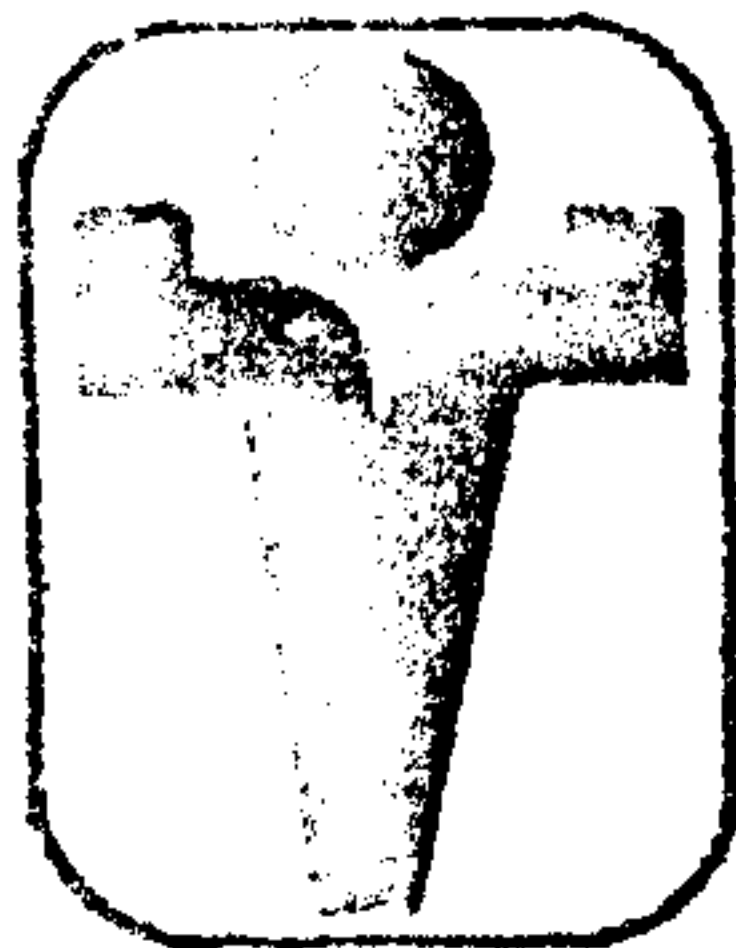
April 27 - Mystery Program - With Element of Surprise

(Gathering the above program data was like pulling teeth, but your editor bridged it.)

INFORMATION FUND---News of club members and Lionism will be warmly welcomed by your bulletin editor, William J. Datsko. Mail those newsy tidbits to P.O. Box 502, Fairmont, or call them in to 366-1176.

OPTIONS - A HILLBILLY had been courting a mountain gal. At last her daddy spoke up: "You've been seeing Nellie for nigh onto a year. What are your intentions---honorable or dishonorable?" The startled young blood replied, "You mean I got a choice?"

NO CHOICE HERE---TALE'S END



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IN RETROSPECT...

"Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,

"And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:

"Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation."

On the evening of October 12, at nine, President R. M. Nixon monopolized the boob tube to announce to a handpicked White House audience that Gerald R. Ford, one of his most loyal congressional yes men, was his choice to replace Spiro T. Agnew who hanky-pankied himself from the vice presidency two days earlier by "copping a plea."

Although "Almost Almighty" Nixon's selection was as reasonable as could have been expected under the murky circumstances, why was it necessary to embellish and adorn this simple announcement with the elaborate pomp and ceremony of a royal coronation. We got the feeling that we were again witnessing the scene from "The Ten Commandments" that showed Charlton Heston about to descend from Mount Sinai with a stone tablet under each arm.

In retrospect, it was at about that point in time and in that frame of reference that Nixon's ostentatious operetta reminded us of Christ's warning to the common people in St. Mark 12:38, 39 and 40 as cited above.

LOCAL WATERGATE OVER? We Fairmont Lions may consider ourselves fortunate that our club is no longer afflicted with the self-aggrandizing murky machinations like those that occupy current White House inhabitants. We were blessed with our Watergate at about this point in time last year. Today, we are, at least, geographically protected from those murky intrigues by the natural moat that flows from the junction of the West Fork and Tygart Rivers. Oops! Hold it! We just received a report that the district chiefs, international elders and local Iscariot that plagued us last year are now messing around in the Meadowdale area.

BETTERMENT SURVEY: The Board of Directors of our club is conducting a survey on the advisability of changing the day of our evening meetings from Friday to another day of the week. A questionnaire to be returned by October 25 was mailed out to each member on October 17. The member was asked to indicate his preference of meeting days by checking off five appropriately phrased questions.

Last year we met on Fridays; the year before, we met on Fridays; the year before that, we met on Fridays, ad infinitum --- now, Fridays aren't good enough.

Well, kidding aside, it's true. With the passage of time, customs and practices have changed. Fridays have become an integral part of the weekend. Particularly for those of us who partake of mini-vacations throughout the year or have special weekend events to attend. Also, some of our members and prospective members own business establishments which have their heaviest press of trade on Fridays and Saturdays thus making it virtually impossible for them to attend meetings on Fridays without an economic sacrifice. For these and, no doubt, other valid reasons, a change of meeting days is indicated if only on a trial basis.

Nevertheless, we have high hopes that our Board of Directors will be most successful in its endeavor to accommodate the majority of present and prospective members. It may also be advisable to conduct such surveys periodically.

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Last month, our program of "Coming Attractions for October" proclaimed that Coach G. E. (Sonny) Moran was going to address the Fairmont Lions Club on October 26. Now, a shadow of doubt has clouded the picture. The Sunday Times-West Virginian for October 21, in the lower left hand corner of its front page, announced "Moran to Address East Lions Club." We realize that this is the "Space Age" and UFO's are reported everyday, but is it possible for Coach Moran to be in two places at one time? Then again, why not? Jonathan Livingston Seagull did it.

The only other answer that comes to mind is that Coach Moran is going to address a joint meeting of the Fairmont Lions and East Lions. On second thought, that's not feasible---wrong joint. The Poky Dot can't accommodate two clubs at one time. Guess we'll just have to wait and see.

MEMBER MEANDERINGS: Lion and Mrs. Stephen J. Sandor were recently weekend hosts to a rising young operatic tenor and his wife at their residence on Sands Drive. The young artist was en route to his home in Suffern, N.J. from Detroit where he played seven performances as the Duke of Mantua in Verdi's "Rigoletto" with the Detroit Opera Company. After a year of singing choice operatic roles in this country and abroad, the young tenor, John Sandor, found his parents' Sands Drive residence "so nice to come home to," as the non-operatic melody says.

Lion and Mrs. Galen A. Fike and their 1925 Chrysler Roadster recently returned from Georgia where they participated in the 28th Annual Glidden Tour which took six days and covered a total of 478 miles. Thirty-eight states, Canada, New Zealand and England were represented in the vintage car tour.

"First Lt. Clyde S. Judy, son of S. A. Judy, 213 Watson Ave., was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement and heroism while participating in aerial flight against the enemy. Pilot on a B-24, Judy held the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters." The above item was recently published in a local evening newspaper under the heading "Twenty-Nine Years Ago (1944)." All we have to say is, "Guess Who?"

Lion and Mrs. Woodford Moore report that the water is fine at Myrtle Beach, S.C. They recently spent a week vacation there ~~adding/it~~ testing it.

Lion and Mrs. J. Arthur Cunningham are going to test the water at Jacksonville, Fla., where son Robert resides, for a few weeks. They left Fairmont on October 15 and will be back in November. That's what their postcard says!

Lion James L. Thornton is still recuperating from surgery at his Rock Lake residence and is doing nicely.

Lion William J. Datsko didn't go anywhere. As bulletin editor, he's still waiting for news of Lions activities at P.O. Box 502, Fairmont, W.Va. or 366-1176.

CHANGING TIMES: Q.- What is the difference between primitive and modern men?

A.- When a wife talks too much, a modern man goes to his club. A primitive man just reached for it.

INTER-CLUB VISITATIONS: Fairmont Lions who participated in the inter-club visitation program in 1972-1973 are again commended for making it an outstanding success. Finance Committee Co-Chairman Woodford Moore reports that in addition to exhibiting the spirit of Lionism through their expenditure of time and effort in making 53 accredited visitations these Fairmont Lions put their money where their hearts are to the tune of close to \$900 for the various necessary expenditures involved in making the 53 trips.

WHITE HOUSE THEOREM: Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it wrong, and applying unsuitable remedies.

MOUNTAINEER RUN-DOWN: At our August 10 meeting, Coach Bobby Bowden presented us with a run down of what he called "the most challenging schedule ever faced by a W.V.U. football team." He was right on both counts: It is a tough schedule, and the team has run down after winning the first three games. There is talk that the W.V.U. administration is de-emphasizing sports. This could be a blessing in disguise. Now, perhaps, West Virginia's scholarly students can get a better crack at those academic grants and scholarships. Then again, Coach Bowden may, in his inherent astuteness, be setting Penn State up for the upset of the season. Who knows?

GLAUCOMA CLINIC: Our third annual glaucoma clinic, as you already know, will be held Sunday, November 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Hunt-Haught Hall on the Fairmont State College campus. Picture-shy Zeke Davis, Fairmont mayor, recently acceded to the blandishments of Lions Burl McQuain and Gerald Warren and had his picture taken with them showing him proclaiming his support for our Glaucoma Clinic. It wasn't easy to get the mayor to pose for a newspaper picture, but Zeke knows a good cause when he sees one.

Meanwhile, in addition to having her picture taken with Lions Warner Glover and Clyde Judy for the newspaper, Dr. Mary Jordan, director of the Marion County Health Department, stressed the vital need for people 35 years of age and over to have a yearly checkup for symptoms of glaucoma which she called, "an invidious disease that attacks without warning."

In conjunction with preparations for the clinic, our business meeting for November 2, has been re-scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Fairmont State College cafeteria for dinner and a short talk from F.S.C. President Dr. Hardway. Following which, members will go to Hunt-Haught Hall to make the physical arrangements for Sunday's clinic.

Our club has chartered two Marion County Transit Authority buses to transport Glaucoma Clinic visitors to and from Fairmont proper. Routes and times will be published in the local newspapers.

HIGH MEAT PRICES DID IT: The butcher and his wife presented their twins at church for the christening. "What are their names?" asked the minister. "Steak and Kidney," blurted out the nervous father. "You goof," whispered his wife, fiercely, "it's Kate and Sidney!"

ANNUAL LIGHT BULB SALE: Our annual light bulb sale was held this month. But since there was no newspaper publicity concerning the door-to-door sale and your bulletin editor could not contact the appropriate members of the Fund Raising Committee for information, publication of the results of the sale will be deferred to a subsequent issue.

However, while we were getting November's program from Lion Col. Hoult, we were told that Fairmont Lions encountered difficulty selling light bulbs in various areas. It seems that just prior to our light bulb sale, a fraternal organization from Fairmont State College, with Greek initials, had sold light bulbs to various Fairmont householders under the Fairmont Lions Club banner. Naturally, these fraudulent sales immeasurably lowered our sales volume and resulted in much wasted time and effort for door-to-dooring Fairmont Lions. As yet, we don't know why the fraternity did this nor who put them up to it. But it does indicate that college fraternities do not confine their cheating and chicanery to classroom examinations and chicks. Lion Hoult is conducting an investigation into the matter and, perhaps, we may have further news of this fraud from him for our next issue.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Chairman Hoult announced the following program for November:
11/2- F.S.C. Cafeteria-5:30 p.m.-Guest: F.S.C. President Dr. Hardway-Glaucoma Clinic Prep.
11/9- Veterans Day Program by Col. Hoult on WW2-Guests: J.C. Hupp & Dr. T.W. Vandergrift.
11/16- LADIES NIGHT-Diamond St. Methodist Church-C.B. Rawlings on Fairmont Lions Club.
11/23- NO MEETING-THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
11/30- Percy Shastri of Davis-Elkins College staff on "India Today."



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THE GREAT COVERUP

"Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the house tops."
---St. Luke 12:3

R. M. Nixon wants Watergate to go away so he can get on with "matters of greater importance." Like what, for instance? What business before the American public is of more consequence than achieving honest government---this is what Watergate is all about. Nor shall a crisis a day make Watergate go away.

Watergate is by far the most important event going, including the runaway inflation which Nixon spurred on to historical heights by his Russian-roulette wheat sell-out. Watergate has to do with trust between the president and the people, and concerns honest government which is the basis of lawfulness in this country. By turning away from Watergate, the American citizen exposes himself to the dreaded danger that the problem of honest government will not receive the careful attention it deserves from an administration obsessed by a myth of world leadership and mired in the delusion of regal presidential power.

Moreover, President Nixon increasingly demonstrates an attitude that he is both above criticism and above the law. His administration is guilty of casting a dark shadow of shame over the spirit of America. Never in history has a great nation been governed so corruptly where the spirit of "anything for a buck" has so permeated the administration.

Watergate go away? Perish the thought! Political scientists recommend that Watergate-type, bi-partisan investigations also be conducted at state, county, and municipal levels of government regardless of the controlling party whether it be Democrat, Republican or Independent

PURPOSES AND OBJECTS: Most of the above material has been excerpted from an earlier issue of The Tale Twister's Mane Growl to illustrate the fact that this and other items of a Biblical and governmental nature have been included in various bulletin issues pursuant to Lions International Purposes and Objects as set forth in Article II of the Constitution of the International Association of Lions Clubs. These objects are:

2. To promote the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

3. To take an active interest in the civic, social and moral welfare of the community.

5. To provide a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

DEAR LION LETTER: The following is a copy of a letter your bulletin editor received on October 27, 1973, which was dated October 6, 1973, and signed by Lion Arnold Kittle, secretary; and Lion J. B. McQuain, president: "The monthly business meeting of the Fairmont Lions Club was held at the Polka Dot Restaurant on Friday Oct. 5, 1973. During the meeting the following motion was introduced to the membership. Motion: The bulletin editor shall delete all material of a religious and political nature from the Tail Twister's Mane Growl. Motion Passed. The bulletin editor is congratulated on the outstanding job of informing the membership of news concerning Lionism."

The aforesaid motion was made by Lion C. E. Queen, and seconded by Lion A. A. Hefflin. It has been reported that another administration defender took the floor

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to remark that he didn't want it to seem like collusion but prior to Lion Queen's motion, he was going to demand Bill Datsko's resignation as bulletin editor.

Your bulletin editor contends that this October 5, 1973 motion is in violation of and contrary to Article II of the Constitution of The International Association of Lions Clubs and is out of order. He hereby moves this October 5, 1973 motion be rescinded and ordered expunged from the minutes of The Fairmont Lions Club.

FOOTNOTE: The references to Watergate and other abysmal practices of the present administration appearing in past and present issues have been included to promote the theory and practice of good government and good citizenship and to further the moral welfare of the national community. These items were and are all matters of public interest concerning governmental actions in our nation's capital. They were and are non-partisan, non-political and strictly governmental in nature.

Nor are the quotations and references from the Bible anything but that---quotations and references. They certainly are not, nor were they ever intended to be, of a sectarian religious nature. Particularly in light of the fact that the references are from either the Old Testament or the New Testament of the Bible which is the basis and foundation for English and American jurisprudence.

PARTING REMARKS: It has been suggested by a member that the Fairmont Lions Club bulletin be patterned after the format of the Mannington Lions Club bulletin which is, more or less, a chronicle based on information contained in that club's minutes.

Your bulletin editor agrees and further suggests that this format renders the office of bulletin editor redundant and superfluous. Since the club secretary is privy to all the necessary data and has them at hand, he can more readily assemble and distribute such a bulletin to the members.

Based on the above premises, your bulletin editor moves that the office of Fairmont Lions Club bulletin editor, as such, be abolished and the club bulletin be issued by the club secretary. This procedure would eliminate duplication of labor.

THANK YOU DEPARTMENT: Before he takes leave, your bulletin editor wishes to extend his heartfelt gratitude to the Fairmont Lions who so graciously assisted him in making The Tale Twister's Mane Growl a success over the past two years. Many Thanks!!!

GREETINGS: At the risk of incurring the passage of another motion, your immediate past bulletin editor, Lion William J. Datsko, seizes this opportunity to wish all his fellow Lions a non-sectarian and non-partisan

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
