50th Anniversary

Fairmont Lions Club
Fairmont, West Virginia
APRIL 14, 1973
Greetings

Welcome and greetings to the Fairmont Lions Club members and Lionesses and other distinguished guests who have tonight come to celebrate with us the Golden Anniversary of the founding of our club.

We especially want to honor all the Past Presidents with us tonight and to pay our respects to those who have served during these 50 years and now departed from us.

From the organization of our club in March 1923 and Charter Night on April 23, 1923, the Fairmont Lions Club is proud to have completed five decades of service to the community, proud to be one of the 25,973 Lions Clubs of Lions International in 147 countries of the world and a part of the million members who form the largest and most progressive service organization in the world.

H. Gerald Warren—President
Program

Happy Hour — 6-6:30 P.M.
Call to order .......................................President Gerald Warren
America .............................................Lions & Guests
Pledge of Allegiance ................................Lions & Guests
Invocation

Dinner

Welcome and Introduction of Guests  President Gerald Warren
Past District Governors
Deputy District Governor - Henry Hoffman
Zone Chairman - Charles King
District Governor - Robert Rosenberry

Introduction of Guest Speaker ..........President Gerald Warren

Lion William B. Hix
Past International Director
Falls Church, Virginia

Awards and Announcements ..........President Gerald Warren

ADJOURNMENT

Dancing 9-12 .....................................Louis Morace Orchestra

50th Anniversary Committee

George Turley - Chairman  Woodford Moore
Dr. M. E. Brown  R. M. Watkins
C. E. Queen  Dr. Paul Opp
Col. Charles S. Hault  M. E. Chambers

Organist: Helen Findley

DR. H. R. YOST ELECTED PRESIDENT LIONS CLUB

Dr. H. R. Yost was elected President of the Fairmont Lions Club at a meeting held in the YMCA with the following men being elected to the offices of:

Vice-President ........................................Floyd Patton
Secretary .............................................Lawrence G. Boggs
Treasurer ...............................................Phil Bentel
Lion Tamer .............................................G. C. Smith
Tail Twister ............................................George E. March

Directors

Harry L. Walsh
Albert M. Rowe
C. B. Glasscock
Arch Brownfield

The following men are Charter Members of the Club:

Phil Bentel  Hershel R. Yost
Ira Akins  A. M. Rowe
J. V. Blair  Willis Hawley
M. L. Hamilton  M. E. Miller
Fred L. Morris  C. B. Glasscock
Max D. Wilson  Arch Brownfield
Harry Price  Paul Amos
Harry L. Walsh  S. L. Johnson
E. Deitz  W. H. Hess
G. C. Smith  Floyd Patton
John W. Martin  Bert Linn
Benton Mitchell  George E. March
Bert Cousins  Lawrence G. Boggs

The club will meet every week in the YMCA each Friday.

(Fairmont Times—April 22, 1923)
1972 — 1973
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President...........................................H. Gerald Warren
1st Vice-President..............................J. Burl McQuain
2nd Vice-President..............................Clifford Stalnaker
3rd Vice-President................................Thomas Koon
Secretary...........................................Arthur Frederick
Treasurer............................................Edgar Sole
Tail Twister........................................Thomas Robinson
Tail Twister........................................Clyde Judy
Lion Tamer..........................................Galen Fike
Directors...........................................Woodford Moore
A. L. Springton
James Thornton
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Bulletin Editor.....................................William Datsko
Organist...........................................Mrs. Helen Findley

PAST PRESIDENTS FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB
1923 — 1972

Dr. H. R. Yost — CX
Luke Ollis — CD
Harry S. Price — CD
Dr. Fred L. Morris — CD
Harvey Shain — D
Paul Amos — CD
Rev. W. P. Cline — D
Dr. J. H. Higinbotham — X
Linn V. Hall — X
Carl Turnley — D
Marshall M. Hamilton — D
Paul F. Opp
M. E. Miller — CD
Glenn A. Keister — D
Charles S. Hult — DG
Dr. Morris E. Brown
J. Arthur Cunningham
Alfred E. Stewart — X
William Kirchman — X
R. M. Watkins
William T. Martin
H. G. Boys — X
James D. Cain
A. L. Hamilton — D

Arthur Cassell — D
Woodford Moore
Hubert Boice — D
Earl Burchett — X
George Turley
Ralph Dunsmore — D
A. B. Frum — D
Clarence Wright — X
Donley T. Shultz — D
Charles Rawlings
E. R. Resseger
C. E. Queen — DG
Ralph Watts — X
Anker Olsen
Thomas Orgill
Charles Herron
Ronald Garletts
E. L. Hatfield — D
Claude Springer
Don Miller — D
Russell Knotts
William Beall
James Thornton
William Woodrum

1972
Charles R. King

X — Former Member
C — Charter Member
DG — District Governor
D — Deceased
MEMBERSHIP — 1973

Beall, William L.
Bernardelli, Francis M.
Brock, Clarence A.
Brown, Dr. M. E.
Butler, Paul L.
Cain, James D.
Carpenter, Earl L.
Carroll, Ronald G.
Chambers, M. E.
Conaway, Paul W.
Cunningham, J. Arthur
Datsko, William J.
Donham, Paul J.
Duvall, Charles R.
Fike, Galen A.
Frederick, Arthur L.
Frederick, Kenneth
Frey, Robert B.
Garlette, Ronald A.
Garlow, Edwin L.
Gee, Edward C.
Gilbert, Ralph U.
Glover, Warner A.
Greer, Robert W.
Hagy, Major William K.
Hancock, Lieut. James
Harless, John C.
Hawkins, Donald L.
Hawkins, C. Ralph
Hatfield, William G.
Hefflin, Arliss A.
Herron, Charles W.
Hill, Raymond M.
Houlton, Col. Charles S.
Hutchinson, R. Paul
Judy, Clyde S.
King, Charles R.
Kittle, Arnold A.
Klingensmith, E. P.
Knotts, Russell W.
Koay, Dr. Jack S.
Koon, Thomas J.
Levine, Max
Mason, George A.
Matheny, William I.
Melgarro, Dr. Q. A.
Miller, Carl S.
Modi, Abraham D.
Moffett, Robert A.
Moore, Woodford
McQuain, J. Birl
Olsen, Anker
Opp, Dr. Paul F.
Orgill, Thomas L.
Petres, Paul
Powell, Robert K.
Queen, C. E.
Rawlings, Charles B.
Ressberger, E. R.
Robinson, Thomas C.
Romino, Dominick
Ross, John H.
Sabo, Albert R.
Sando, Stephen J.
Saunders, E. R.
Shelton, Lee Donald
Shuck, Roy E. Jr.
Sole, Edgar
Springer, Claude A.
Springton, A. L.
Stalnaker, Clifford
Summers, Edwin S.
Thornton, James L.
Turley, George H.
Venkateswaran, C. K.
Walkup, Stewart D.
Warren, H. Gerald
Watkins, R. M.
Weaver, Dale
Wollard, Swain L.
Woodrum, William W.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUBS ACTIVITIES

1923 - 1933:
Eye glasses to school children
White Cane Ordinance
Sent boy to YMCA camp each year
Sponsored Farmington Lions Club
Helped finance 52 operations at Romney School for Blind
Solicited funds for Community Chest
Staged play to raise funds for City Playgrounds
Raised funds for a Milk Fund for children of county
Sponsored Commander Richard E. Byrd program
Sponsored Rubinoff & his violin

1933 - 1943:
Helped promote Fairmont Municipal Swimming Pool
Aided Community Concert Assn.
Conducted Essay contest in schools
Sponsored Helen Keller lecture
Assisted City in Clean-Up campaign
Aided Boy Scouts
Raised funds for Playgrounds
Furnished White Canes to all blind adults in county
Started Union Rescue Mission Christmas Parties (1972 was 33th)
Helped Morgantown Lions stage play
Helped entertain 250 coaches and players at State Basketball tournament
Entered Lions Team in City Basketball League
Helped sponsor tour of Eastern W. Va. Panhandle
Aided T.B. Assn. in drive for funds
Entertained Staff of WMMN when it joined CBS
Played Donkey Baseball for charity
Sent nine boys of School Safety Patrol to Washington, D. C.
Helped support State Dahlia Show and entered Lions Queen
Distributed 84 additional white canes
Assisted Community Chest Drive
Hosted District Convention for Lions
Raised funds for worthy boy's violin lessons
Sent members to State Safety Meeting at Charleston
Attended Charter Night at Wallace
Installed First Aid Station on Route 19 South
Helped man get railroad fare home
Organized Bicycle Club for Fairmont
Entered Float in Forest Festival Parade
Heid bowling tournament with Morgantown Lions
Entered Float in Marion County Safety Day parade
Helped entertain 500 men at State Safety Day meet
Provided transportation for blind persons to and from church on Sunday
Gave 17 Radios to blind persons
Organized Lions Glee Club
Erected five Lion Signs to entrances to city
Rang bells for Salvation Army
Attended Charter Nights of Tygart's Valley, Clay & Lost Creek Lions Clubs (W. Va.) and Oakland, Md. Lions and Waynesburg, Pa. Lions Club
Helped March of Dimes
Contributed $102 to U.S.O.
1943 - 1953:
Sent present to members in Armed Forces
Presented Hospital with Iron Lung and two Respirators
Presented War Savings Stamps in Contest
Sent Boy to Boys State and Girl to YWCA Camp
Helped erect Military Honor Roll
Sponsored Rivesville, Fairview, Worthington and Mannington Lions Clubs
Sold & bought War Bonds receiving Citation from Treasury Dept.
Contributed funds to Municipal Airport
Sponsored 46 new citizens in Federal Court for naturalization
Sponsored Annexation Program for City
Showed Movie for 7th War Loan Drive
Conducted Clothing Drive for needy
Started Beautification of City & Parks
Visited all Lions Clubs in West Virginia (1949)
Assisted in Korean War effort
Began annual sale of brooms and light bulbs
Entered team in Little League Baseball
Began program of Shower for each Lion Married and still do

1953 - 1963:
Bought Telebinocular and paid nurse for two years to test eyes of Marion County School Children
Telebinocular presented to Board of Education
Became participant in State Lions Blind Program
Continued sale of brooms and light bulbs
Rescue Mission Christmas Parties
Glasses to School Children (50 pairs plus per year)
Gave Playground Equipment to Park
Sponsored Barrackville Lions Club

1963 - 1973:
Held 40th Anniversary Birthday Party
Contributed $300 to Boy Scouts Permanent Camp (Mountaineer)
Contribute $100 annually to Fairmont State College Loan Fund
Began Sale of Lions Seals
Started Annual Lions Glaucoma Clinic
Started Amblyopia Clinic
Sponsored State Lions Clubs Meeting (District 29)
Send boys to Boys State each year
Continue to make visitations to other Lions Clubs
Sponsored Idamay, Union District, Cross Roads and East Fairmont Lions Clubs
Furnished over 50 pairs of glasses each year to school children
Helped five adults with cataracts of the eyes to get operations from West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Program
Provided eye operation and removal of eye and continue to get a glass one as needed for a school boy
Send member to every Lions State (District 29) convention

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: (1923-1973)
Over 2500 pairs of glasses furnished (50 plus each year)
138 White Canes supplied
Glaucoma Clinics — 2,063 adults checked
Amblyopia Clinics — 916 children checked