

Regular Board of Directors Meetings, and Separation of Administrative and Activities Budgets Would Have Prevented This

A recent report by a Zone Chairman stated: "... City down to 16 members. They are in debt pretty heavily on some of their projects, and are discouraged on that account."

This condition was preventable had certain fundamental administrative precautions been taken by the club. Now it has to fight back along a hard road, and were it a local club without an Association affiliation it would fall by the wayside. The zone, district and international organization, however, will help it back on its feet, although at the cost of considerable worry and extra work on the part of District and International officers.

A club "down to 16 members" has an inherent weakness that can only be remedied by increasing the size of the club. Conditions that worry a club of 16 men, would not be so burdensome to a club of twice or three times that number. A continuous program of membership development would have prevented this club's membership from "fading."

This club, instead of meeting regularly in one place, and that the best meeting place available in the city, met instead "at various places."

Again, its board of directors did not function as recommended. Meetings of the board of directors should be held regularly, once each month. In this way a constant check on the progress of the club is made.

The financial trouble—bugbear of a club of 16 members—was caused because of the absence of an administrative budget, separate from an activities budget, financed solely by the dues of club members.

And finally, no club can get into debt over its activities, if the money is raised before it is spent, the only practice recommended by officers and experienced clubs of the Association.

Think what a consistent membership development plan, regular board of directors meeting, a good permanent meeting place, an administrative budget, a separate budget for activities, and adherence to the practice of raising money before spending it, would have done for this club.

Welcome, Friend, Be of Good Cheer; for Thee Will Find the Same Good People Here

The Lions Newsette, Fort Collins, Colorado

There is an old adage that says: "We get out of life just what we put into it."

That we are not only the victims or the beneficiaries of our environment, but often the actual makers of it, at least to a large extent, is the thought that is gradually finding its way into human consciousness. Here is an old story that illustrates the point.

A man who had just moved into a small Pennsylvania town fell into conversation with an old Quaker who was accustomed to sit on a bench in the quiet square in the center of the village.

"What kind of people live here?" asked the newcomer.

"What manner of people didst thee live amongst before?" inquired the Quaker.

"Oh, they were mean, narrow, suspicious and very unfair," answered the man.

"Then," said the Quaker, "I am sorry, friend, but thee will find the same manner of people here."

Not long afterward the old Quaker was accosted by another man who had come to live in the town.

"What sort of people are they here?" the stranger asked.

"What manner of people didst thee live amongst before?" asked the old man.

"Friend," he answered, "they were the finest folk in the world. They were so friendly, kind and lovable, I hated to leave them."

The old Quaker beamed.

"Welcome, neighbor," he said. "Be of good cheer, for thee will find the same good people here!"

The same may be said of Lionism: "We get out of the Lions Club just what we put into it."

Many Clubs Get Off to 100 Per Cent Start in Fall Attendance Contest

With one month gone, the 1939-40 Attendance Contest displays a formidable array of contesting clubs with perfect records of attendance, and there may even be more, as only preliminary reports have been received.

Beginning September 18, the Fall contest continues for ten weeks, closing November 25, to be followed by the Spring contest which begins in February.

Divisional standings, based on early reports, are:

KARL M. SORRICK DIVISION

Pomona, California Riverside, California

GEORGE R. JORDAN DIVISION

Oakland (Elmhurst), California Ponca City, Oklahoma

EDWARD H. PAINE DIVISION

Corona, California Mitchell, Ontario, Canada
Gardena Valley, California Upland, California
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania Walnut Creek, California

CARL L. KENNEDY DIVISION

Bastrop, Texas La Verne, California
Belton, Texas Roachdale, Indiana
Blackwell, Oklahoma Seymour, Indiana
Galena, Illinois Thomasville, North Carolina

MELVIN JONES DIVISION

Belleville, New Jersey Eutaw, Alabama
Cape Charles, Virginia Forgan, Oklahoma
Dawson, Georgia Panhandle, Texas
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Another 36 Clubs Received Sponsoring Awards During September

Still bettering the rate of one-a-day, new Lions Clubs are being admitted to the Association under the sponsorship of clubs already established. Forty-two highway sign awards were made during September to Lions Clubs for completing the sponsorship of a new Lions Club in a neighboring community.

The sponsors which received their awards in September are:

	No. of Signs Awarded
Atascadero, California	1
Barrington, Illinois	1
Bedford, Indiana	1
Butler, Alabama	1
Cape Charles, Virginia.....	1
Chicago (Beverly), Illinois.....	1
Columbus, Ohio	1
Edcouch-Elsa, Texas	1
Elgin, Illinois	1
Eutaw, Alabama	1
Hanover, Pennsylvania	1
Jasper, Alabama	3
Knoxville, Iowa	1
Lexington, Kentucky	1
McComb, Mississippi	1
McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania	1
Meridian, Mississippi	1
Mexico, Missouri	1
Montgomery, Alabama	1
North Adams, Massachusetts.....	1
Ogallala, Nebraska	1
Peekskill, New York.....	1
Pittsburgh (East Liberty), Pennsylvania.....	1
Pontiac, Illinois	1
Pueblo, Colorado	1
Red Level, Alabama.....	1
Sandusky, Michigan	2
Scranton, Pennsylvania	1
Statesville, North Carolina.....	1
Tulsa, Oklahoma	1
Charlotte, North Carolina.....	1
Fairfield, Iowa	1