

## Why They Are Proud to Be Lions in Cuyahoga Falls

(From The Lions Meat, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio)

A question which is asked by many people you meet is "Why Are You a Lion?" The reply you can give is something you ought to be proud to relate.

The first point is: because you come in personal contact and have made intimate friends with Lions who are affiliated with different groups, Catholics, Jews, Gentiles; and you are all working for the same common cause. Lionism has grown to own a bigger place in their lives, almost without exception.

The smile of friendship predominates whenever you meet. It is as if the souls of men have blended themselves together to do the things that should be uppermost in their hearts, helping some unfortunate, extending the long arm of friendship with a hearty greeting apart from the material help that you give to them.

The second point is: because we hear from week to week, programs that are both educational and entertaining, presented to us by people who excel in their different vocations.

These people are willing to do this. Why? Because a Lions Club in any town or city is respected and admired for its high social and philanthropic work, and because of this fact it has grown to be the largest service organization in the country. Its work has been recognized as one of the outstanding features of the present time.

Public opinion all over this country and Canada has grown to admire and respect you and I, as members of a Lions Club. These are only two reasons why we belong to a Lions Club.

What better story can you relate?

## District Governor to Be Honored Third Week in October

As announced in the Club Programs for October, published in the August Monthly Letter, the third week in October has been designated as District Governor Week.

An outline for a special District Governor Day meeting was included in the Club Program suggestions, and further details concerning plans for special observance of this week will be sent to club officers the first part of October.

The District Governor, chief officer of his district, and head of the widespread District Governor's Organization, fills a position requiring many sacrifices of time and interests during his term. His aim is to strengthen every Lions Club within his jurisdiction, and to increase the value and effectiveness of Lionism in his district. He will visit each of his Lions Clubs during his term of office, and in addition will meet heavy demands on his time required by correspondence, special meetings, and conferences.

It is fitting that he should be honored during the early part of his term of office, and that each club should pledge its whole-hearted support to his program of development.

The third week in October has been designated for this purpose, and every Lions Club is urged to observe this occasion by a special meeting.

## Who Should Pay the \$10.00—President, Secretary, or the Lion Who Cashed the Check?

A Lion is short the amount of \$10.00, represented by a check which bounced.

The Lion would like to have all Lions Clubs warned against the individual who thus imposed on him.

In the August issue of the Monthly Letter, received by all Lions Club presidents and secretaries during August, a complete warning against the activities of this individual was published. The man's name was given, and the name of the club in which he claimed membership. It was also announced that the man was not a member of that club, nor ever had been.

The president of a mid-western Lions Club received this Monthly Letter. So did the secretary.

On September 5, however, a member of their club was approached by the same man, using the same name and claiming

membership in the same club as reported in the August Monthly Letter. The member, having received no warning, cashed a \$10.00 check. He still has the check.

The officers of this club had been informed regarding the individual who cashed the check. It is assumed that in all such cases information of this type is passed on to the club members, either at a meeting, or through the club publication.

In this case, neither method was used. The club membership was not informed.

It did not cost the club officers anything; but it cost a member \$10.00.

Several such instances have occurred within the past few months. To protect their members—who elected them to executive offices—club officers are urged to take the following steps.

First, advise all members against cashing checks for strangers, claiming Lions Club membership, until identity has been established. Lion literature does not constitute identification. A Lions Club membership card should be produced, and it should be up to date. Confirmation of the membership of any Lion can be secured quickly by wiring Lions International, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Second, club officers should see that when warnings are published concerning individuals posing as members of Lions Clubs, this information is made available to every member of the club.

## THE LARGER CLUB

When the Lions who drafted the model form constitution for Lions Clubs chose as the first of the club objects, "To form a body of men thoroughly representative of the business and professional interests of the city . . ." they gave the formula for the permanently successful and influential Lions Club. A thoroughly representative membership is the foundation of a good Lions Club.

Faithful adherence to this object provides a club with a membership that is comparable to the population of the city, one which does not suffer by comparison with the size of other service clubs in the community. This means a great deal to both your club and its individual members. To the club that has a large membership of high standing come great prestige and influence, which attract the best men in the city to it while greatly enhancing its importance in the eyes of the citizens.

To the member of such a club come the benefits which he has the right to expect. When you go to your Lions luncheon meeting you should expect to meet there the architect, the banker, the doctor, the minister, the engineer, the lawyer, the railroad executive, the newspaper editor, the professor, the insurance man—at least one man from every important business and profession.

You, in common with every other Lion, want to meet once each week with the leading men of your city. The prestige of a club of such men, and the honor that comes from being a member of it, are of considerable worth to any business or professional man; and the acquaintanceships and contacts made there have real value to most of the members, far overshadowing anything the small club has to offer. It is also true that with more men in the club, and a greater variety, the fellowship between them means more.

To the president and secretary, also, come greater rewards from the greater membership, for who would not rather be president or secretary of the largest club in the city than the third place club?

The large, representative club has other advantages. In this club there is no operating on a "shoestring"; no trouble in getting good speakers and entertainment features, or in paying for them; no recurring petty worries about keeping a small group of men interested in struggling along against odds; no difficulty in finding support for club projects; no doubt in the minds of members about the value of their membership or the prestige of their club.

A test of the undoubted value of a large, high quality membership in service clubs can be made in any city where there is more than one club. Pick out the major service organizations, not the comparative sizes of their memberships, and then ask a few business men which of those clubs they would prefer to join. The answers of the majority will show that a large, representative membership counts with them. They will pick the large club. Do you see any danger of them choosing some club other than yours?