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Cooperation Is the Keyword in Preparing for Rodeo, June 18-20

The Lions third annual rodeo will take place at the Fairgrounds in Washington on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 18, 19 and 20. The Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8:00 o'clock and the Sunday rodeo begins at 3:00.

Tickets, for advance sale, are in the hands of all the Lions, and posters are scheduled for distribution this week. A special newspaper promotion is in the offing prior to the rodeo dates. Committee Chairman Buck Sincox, in vociferous style, urges all Lions to get busy and sell-sell-sell! "Carry your tickets with you at all times--everywhere you go," he admonishes, "and don't keep them in your pocket." He also urges that all Lions wear their cowboy hats to advertise the rodeo.

The rodeos for 1969 and 1970 were profitable in spite of rain on at least one of the three days. Although three performances were held each of these years, the rainy weather and muddy rodeo grounds hurt attendance somewhat. If there are three good days of sunshiny weather, there should be increased profits, it has been pointed out. Much of the needed equipment was paid for out of the proceeds of the 1969 rodeo, so this should help profitwise.

The Merritt Ranch Rodeo, the same company which put on last year's show, will again conduct the affair and bring in nationally known cowboys, and excellent horses and animals.

Sincox is sporting a new pair of cowboy boots. We haven't seen any cowboy paraphernalia on any of the other members of the rodeo committee, but we bet there is (or will be) some. Other members are (3 year) Steutermann and Michels; (2 years) Lakebrink, Yarbrough, Huber; (1 year) Meyer, Purdy and Limbert.

Drs. Niewald and Birkmann have arranged for the state Lions Eye Conservation Unit to be at the rodeo to give eye tests free of charge from its mobile van.

Social Chairman Holzem is tentatively planning a "relaxation" get-together for the Lions and their ladies at Beffa's Farm, west of Washington, for the last Saturday in June. "All work and no play makes a lion as meek as a Siamese cat", someone has said.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS; ELECTION DATE MAY 18

The Nominating Committee for the new year beginning in July has submitted its report of President Pecka. Here is the slate:

President--Ken Toeniskoetter; 1st vice president--Ken Siefert; 2nd vice-president--Leo Leiweke; 3rd vice president--Randy Steutermann; secretary--Pete Meyer; treasurer--Elmer Steffens; new board of directors members--Tom Limbert, Wayne Yarbrough, Don Hahne, Herman Buddemeyer (to succeed himself). The two whose terms continue to the new year are Doc Lakebrink and Doc Niewald.

President Pecka plans to have the election at the regular business meeting on May 18th.

STATE CONVENTION AT KC ON MAY 21, 22 and 23

There has been plenty of confusion about the dates of the Lions State Convention. Jim Feltmann knows for certain that it will be in Kansas City on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 21, 22 and 23. Headquarters will be at the Muehlebach Hotel.

To date, our delegates will be Pecka, Toeniskoetter, Siefert, Wilson, Philipp, Lakebrink, Krafft and Feltmann. Chairman Feltmann says that Lions can still decide to go, but there can be no cancellations after May 15th.

NEW SUPER-DUPER SHELTER HOUSE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Our Board of Directors suggests that we give park improvements first priority in our long range planning of projects. No definite commitments are contemplated until there is a surplus in our funds which would take care of eventualities such as losses on our rodeo in June (it could rain all three days). (Who says we are pessimistic?)

Under consideration is another shelter house in the park. The city park board suggests a location on the north side of Lions Lake, just west of the one we normally use for our barbecues, and between it and the one on the extreme west side.

Lion Toeniskoetter reports that the state will match funds of projects for recreational purposes, providing it is handled through the municipality or city. A super-duper shelter can be built for \$3800. If we give the city \$1900, this shelter with barbecue pits, lights, and other accouterments can be erected. We'll hear more about this after the rodeo.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointed to a new publication committee are: Eldon Miller, chairman; Jim Krafft, Mal Frick, Eric Durchholz and I. E. Theobald.

It is planned that we issue a small publication about every three months. This is number one. We hope you like it. If you have anything in mind which you think needs publicizing--good or bad--phone one of the committee member, or write it and mail. We have already had one suggestion--vary the kind of money-raising projects we sponsor. Something other than rodeo and light bulb sale.

PERSONAL

Lion Pete Meyer and his frau will attend a company convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, from June 6th through the 12th. Pete is the winner of a free all-expense trip given by the company he represents. His headquarters will be the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Have fun, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, but spend at least 20% of your time in convention sessions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When my year started I established goals that I felt could and should be reached. I had thought about bringing in new members, ideas about new projects and new involvements in our community.

Some of these goals have been accomplished; others are in the making. All in all we have had a most gratifying year--good food, good programs, interested and active Lions; all these helped make attendance hit a new high throughout the year.

I feel honored that you have allowed me to be your president this year. I thoroughly enjoyed it and must say it has been the shortest year of my life.

Charles Pecka, President

THE SECRETARY REPORTS

Secretary Steutermann informs us that our membership is now 90. The newest member is Bondie Heidmann, whose installation will be soon. Welcome Bondie!

Lions Roar at Lakeside Barbecue



Mal Frick and George Wilson take a look to see how near the steaks are to being "done." They arrived at the park at 10:00 a. m.

We are sorry that the picture we took of President Charles Pecka was too "dark" to reproduce. And a front view of Siefert was not as good as the two rear views we print here. Our apologies.



The Lion with the tail is "Barbecuer" George Wilson. The other rear view is of Lion Ken Siefert, another "Barbecuer"



L. Vitt (with the new cap), W. Otto and John Feltmann resting their "tails" on the tailgate of the truck used to haul the kindling wood (while Frick, Wilson and Siefert are laboring over the grill).



Serving the steaks direct from the grill to Meyer, Huber, Durchholz, Jim Feltmann, Toeniskoetter and Buddemeyer. (Another rear view of Siefert.)



Leo Leiweke believes in advertising--as attested by the latest innovation in men's hat styles (advertising the forthcoming rodeo). Chewing the fat with him are three "docs"--Lakebrink, Birkmann and Niewald.



Bob Miller puts the "bite" on K. Toeniskoetter for a buck to go into the convention kitty.