

Selected articles from the Lion Magazine December.

December 1948-Montpelier, financed an operation to straighten a little girl's eyes with return from its gum machines. The fee was \$50, and the child's eyes, both of which turned inward, are now straight.

December 1948-Beaverdam , voted a loan \$30 to the Cub Scout Troop, and a committee from the club is handling the finances for the boys. Club now working for a \$71,000 waterworks plant for the village.

December 1948-Bluffton, lost within a few days two of the club's most valued members, Dr. Munson R. Bixel, and C. Henry Smith. Lion Bixel was a charter member, and Lion Smith had been a member almost as long. Each was of the highest type of man, prominent in the life of the community, one as a physician, the other as teacher, author, and banker.

December 1952-Spencerville, enlisted the help of two other organizations in raising money to buy a TV set for a man bed-ridden from an attack of polio. The venture was so successful that the set and a little over \$1,400 was turned over to the invalid.

December 1955-Cygnets, used the \$500 profit from selling peanuts at the county fair to erect a boy's shelter house at the Wood County Children's Home and provided a Christmas party for the youngsters.

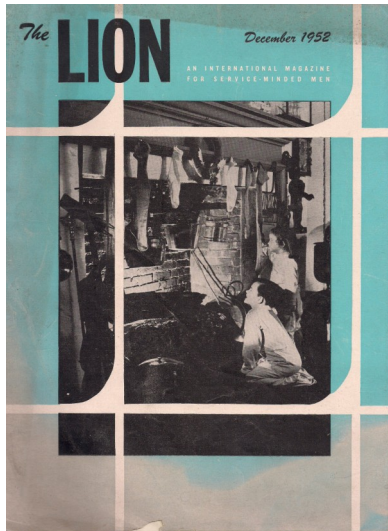
December 1956- Ada, constructed a new shelter house in Memorial park and turned the structure over to the park board. Members donated labor and part of the material. The cost totaled \$375.

December 1959-Van Wert, The Van Wert Lions club developed the city's first recreational park as a club project with community organizations and individuals chipping in with labor and money. Originally the site of veterans' housing units erected during World War II, the grounds lay idle after the housing units were removed. Two years ago the Lions club started developing the area into a picnic and recreation center. A shelter house was built with local dealers supplying materials at cost and the city contractors contributing their labor. The name "Jubilee Park" was chosen through a contest in reference to the Jubilee peony that is widely grown in Van Wert. At the well-attended dedication ceremony a "Queen" cut the ribbon and there were innumerable contests with prizes.

December 1961-Archbold-**Sell Safety Project**, A small, but safe, city is Archbold Ohio, where the local Lions sold 247 extinguishers in an extensive six-week campaign. The city, population 2,348; was well-informed of the sale in advance via newspaper ads. During the campaign news stories gave additional coverage and the local volunteer fire department announced publicly its wholehearted support of the program. As a result of enthusiasm generated, the club netted \$1,000 for future club work.

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Editors note-The following clubs in the OH1 geographical area are now defunct: Montpelier (1998), Beaverdam (1970), and Cygnet (1972).



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