

In The Lion.

Missed articles that where not in my collection.

June 1953– A prominent Toledo Lion rises to presidency of A. M. A.

Lion Doc's on Top

ON THE evening of June 2 in New York City Dr. Edward J. McCormick of Toledo, Ohio.

a 20-year Old Monarch, Key member and past president of the Toledo Lions club . . . was inaugurated President of the American Medical association.

To the leadership of the 140,000 outstanding physicians and surgeons who form the association, Dr. McCormick brings the friendly, happy and inspirational attitude toward life which has characterized his long career in Lionism.

He was born in Alger, Mich., 61 years ago. His family moved to Toledo, where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from St. John's university. Soon after receiving his medical degree from St. Louis university, young McCormick was assigned to overseas duty with the British Expeditionary forces. He served throughout World War I with the 47th North Midland division, which broke the Hindenburg Line, and came out of service as a Major wearing the British Military Cross.

While maintaining his successful 16-hour-a-day practice in Toledo, Dr. McCormick has managed to exemplify the adage that when you have a job to be done, give it to a busy man. He has been president of the Ohio State Medical association, first president of the Toledo Board of Health,



Dr. Edward J. McCormick A.M.A.'s new president is a past president of the Toledo (Ohio) Lions club.



President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower poses with leaders of the U.S. Medicine , Standing left to right are Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, F.S.A; President Eisenhower; Dr. Vincent Askey, A.M.A; Dr. McCormick; Dr. Dwight H. Murray, A.M.A.; Dr. Elmer L Henderson, A.M.A.; and Dr. Louis H. Bauer, A.M.A.'s ex-president.

member of the AMA's House of Delegates, chairman of its Council on Medical Service, chairman of the advisory board for Toledo's St. Vincent's hospital and member of the AMA's Board of Trustees.

In 1949 Gen. Douglas Me Arthur named him as a member of a medical mission to survey Japan's health needs, and in 1950 he went to Geneva, Switzerland, as a United States delegate to the U.N.'s Third World Health Organization assembly.

Dr. McCormick joined the Toledo Lions in 1931, served as president in 1937, became a Key Member in '49 and received his 20-year Old Monarch certificate in '51. His son, Edward Jr., is a successful Toledo attorney and has been a Lion since February, 1949.

As a sort of hobby in his spare time, Dr. McCormick has been commander of his Toledo American Legion post, trustee and director of his Red Cross chapter, executive committee member of the Toledo Area Boy Scouts, director of the University of Toledo and a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

To Dr. Edward J. McCormick, good Lion and good citizen, Lions everywhere extend congratulations and best wishes for a rewarding administration of the American Medical association. THE END

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June 1958- Arlington, Ohio, turned over to the village a combination tennis court and ice skating rink that it had taken two years to complete at a cost of \$2,100. Money from the sale of Christmas trees helped finance the club-sponsored Little League ball team.

July/August 1963-Blind Leader

Some of his customers call on Robert Oberhouse for "gardening help. Others need tips on toilet training infants or handling erring youngsters. At a late evening hour, the Bowling Green, Ohio Lion may get a call requesting advice on how to bolster a sagging marriage.

Though these duties do not fall within the specific requirements of his job, Oberhouse does not mind at all. He is home teacher to blind people in 27 counties of Ohio-roughly one-third of the state's area-and anything he can do to ease adjustment to the visual defect is all to the good.

Such being the case, Oberhouse frequently performs as a multi-talented, combination mental therapist, financial counselor, family guardian and do-it-yourself mechanic.

As representative of the state's Division of Services for the Blind, Oberhouse has a full time driver to help him in covering his giant beat. He teaches his clients, or arranges for them to be taught, such subjects as Braille, typing, sewing, household arts and use of the cane.

Oberhouse's "clients" come in a wide age range. Small children need help early to keep blindness from becoming a personality-deforming handicap. Older youngsters require assistance in adjusting to the school environment and in obtaining special textbooks. Oberhouse helps adults become more self-sufficient, aids the elderly in living the golden years with contentment.

Few men would be as well qualified as Lion Oberhouse to offer this unique mixture of services. He himself has been blind ever since warfare in the South Pacific during World War II put out his sight. Furthermore, he has made a notably successful adjustment to the loss of vision.

After the tragic war wound, he spent 18 months in Army hospitals and rehabilitation centers, then went out and earned himself a degree in sociology at Bowling Green State University. Since then, Oberhouse has been active in numerous organizations for the blind as well as many community projects.

This year, he's chairman of the national convention of the Blinded Veterans Association. For the past 10 years, he has served on the Bowling Green club's Eye-Care and Blind Committee and is also recognized as one of the Lions leading light bulb salesmen. Blind veterans in northwestern Ohio look forward to his annual Lions-sponsored boat trip on Lake Erie. In addition, Oberhouse keeps a busy schedule of public speaking dates.

Says club secretary Bernie Schneider, "Bob's adjustment has been so complete that the greatest tribute we could pay him is to say that it is very hard for us to stop and think of him as blind. We have yet to see Bob it! a moment of depression and his sense of humor is unflinching regardless of problems faced."

As a measure of Oberhouse's inner and outer accomplishments, he was honored with awards for meritorious service by both the President's and Governor's Committees on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

Now 39, Oberhouse is married, has three children. Of his victory over blindness he says, "I have found that by being active and interested in the community and other people, I have been able to adjust without difficulty."



Lion Oberhouse, receiving award

December 1963-Outing for the Blind

Eleven blind persons, their wives and children were guests of the Bowling Green, Ohio club on a fishing trip on Lake Erie. Members chartered a boat, and provided refreshments, but the fish did not cooperate.

Very few were caught.

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April 1965- To the Forest Primeval

In the best traditions of their ancestors, the men of Napoleon, Ohio, left their homes, and marched off to the wooded tracts to the north, in search of the timber so necessary for the coming winter. Unlike their ancestors, though, many of the men were rather unfamiliar with the proper procedures involved in cutting down the trees; the first strokes with the axes tended to be a little uncertain for the Lions.

But as the morning wore on, the axes began to rise and fall with a steady beat, and by noon, the woods- men had what they had come for 300 fir and pine trees for Christmas trees. And the weary woodsmen?

The Napoleon Lions turned wood- cutters had found that the fellowship of the day far surpassed the anxieties they had suffered over their inexperience. In fact, some of the twelve men who went, even turned out to be pretty expert axemen!

September 1968- Campbell soup Company has donated 5,000 cases of assorted food products to the **Bryan, Ohio** Lions Club for its Lions-CARE program. The presentation was made by the manager of the Campbell plant at Napoleon. This is the second consecutive year that Campbell Soup has made such a donation.

December 1968-Sight Saving— the Toledo, Ohio Lions club presented a \$5,000 check to the St. Vincent Eye Community Medical Clinic for the purchase of eye saving equipment. With the new equipment, the clinic will be in full operation, staffed by local ophthalmologist.

June 1990-The Lions of Lima, Ohio presented \$1,500 to St. Rita Medical Center to be used in the facility's diabetes educational department. The contribution is part of the club's ongoing program to fund diabetes education efforts and purchase special equipment for Lima's two hospitals.



December 1999/January 2000-Park Shelter a Project for Leos and Lions

Leos and Lions in Van Wert, Ohio, recently undertook the successful completion of a project that will benefit the entire community.

Van Wert lions had been involved with Jubilee Park since 1957 when they first purchased picnic tables and playground equipment for the park. In the intervening years, lions constructed a shelter house, horseshoe and shuffleboard courts, baseball backstops and provided other assistance.

Usage of the city's park facilities had increased dramatically in the past 10 years and the five shelter houses that were available were not meeting the demands of the community. Two were deemed too small for any type of group use.

Approximately two years ago, both the Van Wert lions and Starr Leo clubs voted to join forces to undertake the construction of a second, larger shelter house in Jubilee Park close to the original shelter built by lions many years ago.

Valued at more than \$22,000, the funding and labor were evenly divided between Leos and lions, and the shelter is now considered a valuable asset to the city's park system.

The Starr Leo Club has been actively involved in the community since being chartered in 1992. The club has purchased a rescue raft, motor, trailer and life vest for the Van Wert Fire Department, as well as cots and bedding for the local Red Cross chapter.

Helping the Starr Leos raise money for their various service activities is a food concession trailer which the club owns and operates. Decorated with a 50s and 60s theme, the concession trailer is a popular and lucrative venture for Leos.

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May 2000-Share Peace Through the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.
Many clubs like the Bluffton Lions Club of Ohio, honor the winners at their club meetings and invite the media to attend.



We Serve

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September 2011-**Veteran Repays Favor From 1944**

Dick Beym was an anxious 22-year old soldier in the Army in 1944 when his troop train stopped in Ada, Ohio. His unit was on its' way from Camp Roberts in California to Norfolk, Virginia, where it would join the fight overseas.

In Ada, several gray-haired women handed him and other soldiers an ingenious toilet kit that folded out to create a pouch for the razor, shaving cream, toothpaste and toothbrush. Strings enabled the soldiers to tie the kit like an apron around the waist.

The kit provided useful and durable in the steamy heat of Ceylon (now know as Sri Lanka), but it was the gesture of friendship and support that stayed with him years later, "We were on our way to an uncertain future . It was the warmth of the ladies who befriended us. It was a warm, wholesome thin to do" says Beym,89, of San Diego, California. "My conscience was getting to me. I wanted to find out who gave these kits out."

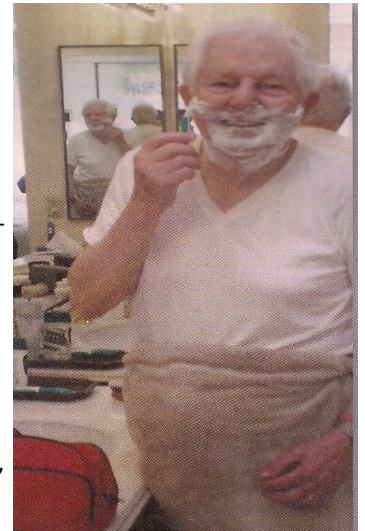
So Beym, a Lion since 1973, wrote a letter to the Ada Lions. The search was on.

The benefactors couldn't have been from the VFW Auxiliary. That formed in 1967. Nor was it the Ada Junior Civic League, founded in 1948. The oldest members of the Ada American Legion Auxiliary said the troop trains were before their time, but it could have been Legion women. Or maybe it was a church group.

In any case, Beym had cherished the toilet kit. Soldiers with ordinary kits found the leather cracked within a few days in the searing heat. Beym served in the signal service battalion in Ceylon and the as a motor messenger in China. After the war, he was a foreign service officer, traveling to Egypt, Ecuador and Argentina. He later became a professor of Spanish and linguistics , most recently at California State University, Dominguez Hills. He married and raised a family.

Beym once grew a mustache but quickly shaved it when it became red. "I was tow-headed as a youngster, then brown now gray" Beym says. As for the toilet kit, he is not sure what became of it. "It was one of those things that got left behind," he says.

But it exists in his memory. And he wants the folks bin Ada to know a small act of kindness gladdens him. So he recently sent a check to the Ada Lions to use in service of others. His gesture of friendship and support was "my thanks from 60 years ago."



October 2018-Sylvania Sunrise Lions in Ohio held their 15th Annual Fishing Derby for the Visually Impaired at Merickel Farley Trout Club where they taught the children to fish, and also provided a picnic lunch. Lions cleaned the catch and provided the materials to send the fish home with the families.