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Lions Club Award Goes To London

J. Mark London, immediate past president of the Dobson Lions Club, has been awarded the "100 Percent President Award" for 1984-85 from Lions International past president Bert Mason of Ireland. Only three such awards were presented among the more than 50 Lions Clubs in North Carolina's District 31-D which includes Dobson.

The president is judged on his club's performance in meeting several standards of excellence, including leadership factors, administration, participation in international, national and state Lions programs, fund-raising projects, membership acquisitions and reporting requirements.

London credited his officers, committee chairmen and the loyal support of the members for receiving the award. He particularly praised Gene Everette, club secretary, "who is the one person who has kept the Dobson club on the track of success year after year."

President Ricky Dobbins announced that Vernon Hodges has been named to the board of directors, replacing John Harris, who has moved away from this area. Dobbins read letters of appreciation from Surry Central High School's Future Homemakers of America Club for the club's support of its activities and from a local family whose child received two hearing aids from the Lions.

As zone chairman, Mark London presented an award to J. Sam Gentry for his outstanding accomplishments as White Cane fund drive chairman. The Dobson club achieved a 56 percent increase in fund-raising last year under Gentry's leadership.

London also received special



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recognition from the club for his chairmanship of the local horse show. Horse show treasurer Jerry Weaver reported that profits from the show held in July were the best ever, since 1982 when the Lions became involved with other civic clubs and organizations in producing the event.

Weaver said preliminary figures projected a net profit of \$4,700 and that approximately \$4,000 will be paid to the Dobson Community Building fund. The remainder will be held in reserve by the Dobson Community Council to finance next year's horse show.

Benson fruit cakes during the fruit sale.

"Prices are up this year because of the diseases that destroyed Florida citrus trees," according to John Norman, co-chairman of the sale. "But we will still have the best fruit at the lowest prices in this area."

Forris Thompson, a Lions Club member and one of the primary organizers of the annual event, said the club will offer oranges, including naval oranges, three varieties of apples, tangerines, tangeloes and grapefruit by the crate or by the dozen.

Proceeds from the sale will support local Lions Club programs, including assistance to blind and visually handicapped persons as well as numerous local civic projects.

LIONS SET FRUIT SALE

The annual Dobson Lions Club fruit sale will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 13-15, according to Jimmie Davis, co-chairman of the event. The sale will be conducted on the town parking lot across from the courthouse near the giant American flag, he said. Sale hours are from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. daily and until 1 p. m. Saturday.

Advance orders may be placed with Davis by calling 386-8451 or 386-8917. The Lions Club will deliver advance orders in the Dobson area if desired.

The club will also sell barbecue chicken, brooms, light bulbs and

1-85 LIONS HEAR DR. CRANE

The Dobson Lions Club met Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30 p. m. at the Lantern Restaurant with Mark London presiding.

Featured speaker of the evening was Dr. John Crane, Mount Airy dentist and ex-officio member of the board of directors of Surry County Hospice, Inc. He spoke to the Lions at the invitation of Ricky Dobbins, whose wife, Donna, is a Hospice volunteer.

Hospice is a home health care program made up of teams of professionals - doctors, nurses and volunteers whose purpose is to allow a terminally ill patient to die at home if it is at all possible. The majority of the patients involved are cancer victims.

Hospice is required by state law to be licensed to operate. The Surry unit received its license November 1, 1984. Since beginning patient care in December, 1984, 33 patients have been served at a cost to Hospice of about \$1,000 a patient. Hospice is funded totally by donations.

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community into the educational process.

Parents become involved by participating in homework assignments and attending a series of seminars on drug abuse and other issues of early adolescence.

Ultimate aim of the program is to teach students the skills they will need to become healthy and responsive members of their schools and communities. The heart of the program is a course that focuses on such topics as communications, problem-solving, decision-making and drug and alcohol information.

LIONS ATTEND WORKSHOP

The Dobson Lions Club, Lions Clubs International and the Quest National Center have announced a new educational program, "Skills For Adolescence," designed to give young people the skills and confidence needed to resist the lure of drug and alcohol abuse.

A one-day Institute on Early Adolescence was held December 11 at the Hyatt House in Winston-Salem and a six-member team from Surry County attended the workshop. Those attending were Mark London, president of the Dobson Lions Club; Mrs. Wendy Moser, school nurse; Mrs. Pat Widdowson, elementary school supervisor; Phil Bowers, health and physical education chairman; Ms. Amy Dockery, elementary guidance counselor; and Gene Everette, secondary guidance counselor.

These team members joined state and national authorities in discussing the youthful drug and alcohol issue in North Carolina. Many prevention strategies were discussed, along with current information on the high school and middle school age student.

The course, according to O. D. Shoe, Lions District 31-D governor, has been tailored for 10-14 year-olds at the middle school and junior high levels. In addition to the teacher's guide and classroom textbook, the program includes a wide variety of other materials meant to bring the rest of the school, the family, and the

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Community

Dobson Community Building is badly in need of its own — you could say its personal — warming up trend.

The heat pump in the building recently broke down. At the request of the community council, the Dobson Lions Club will join other clubs and community groups in the Dobson area in raising funds for the replacement heat pump.

The replacement, by the way, will cost some \$4,000.

The matter was taken up when the Dobson Lions Club met in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the Fellowship Hall of Dobson United Methodist Church. Ricky Dobbins presided.

Jim Davis suggested the Lions sponsor a barbecue chicken dinner as a fund-raiser for the project.

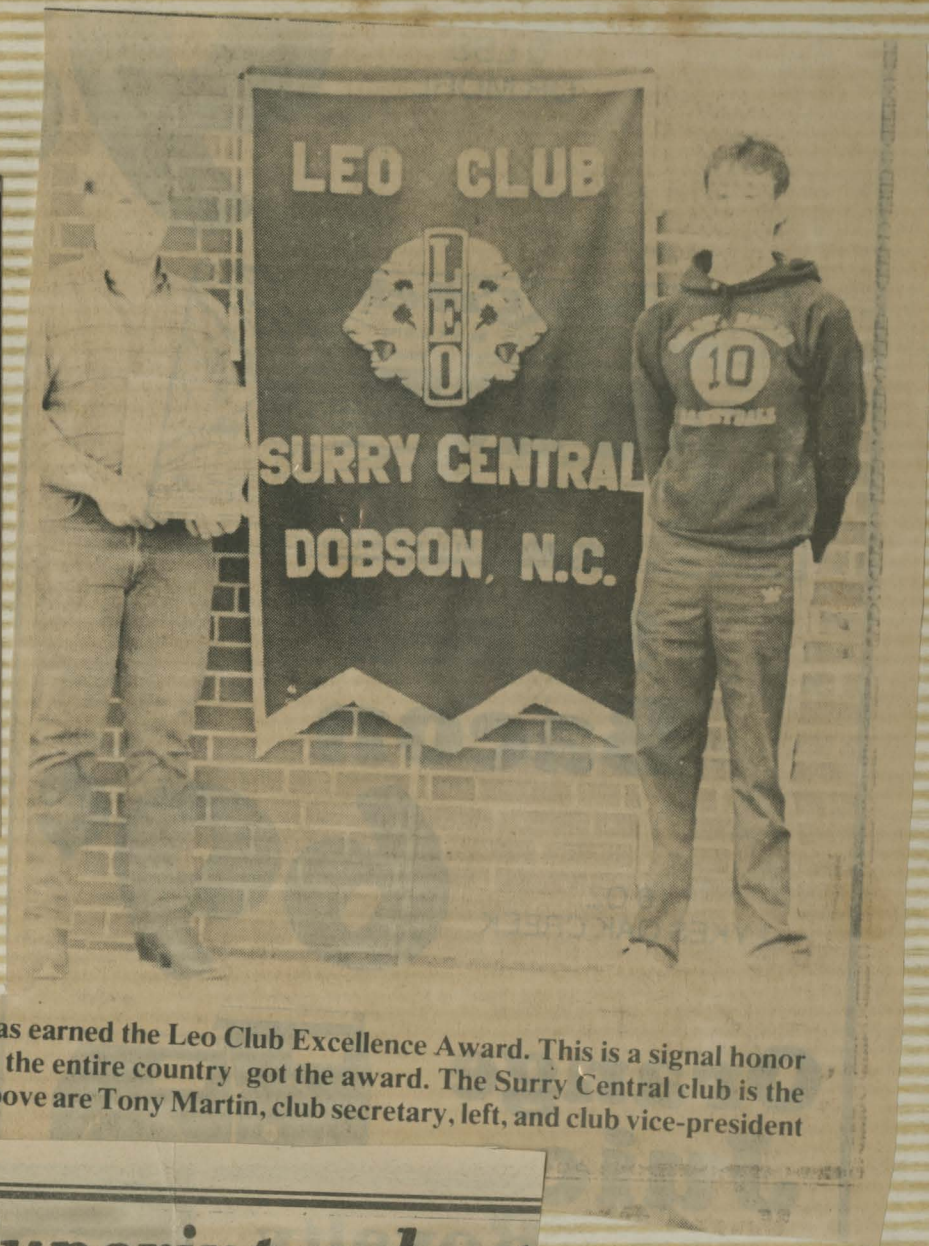
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Chad Snow, president of the Leo Club of Surry Central High School, and Tony Martin, secretary of the club, accepted the Leo Club Excellence Award from Lions International, presented by Dobbins.

Of more than 4,000 Leo clubs in 99 countries world-wide, the SCHS club was one of only 53 to receive the excellence award. It is given for humanitarian service, leadership and fund-raising for charities and is the award of highest distinction among Leo clubs. Club advisor is Gene Everette, Lions secretary and a counselor at the school.

Everette presented the evening's program, a slide show on new member orientation. The presentation stressed the important roles of the sponsor, officers and membership in involving the new member immediately in club activities.



Surry Central's Leo Club has earned the Leo Club Excellence Award. This is a signal honor because only seven clubs in the entire country got the award. The Surry Central club is the oldest in North Carolina. Above are Tony Martin, club secretary, left, and club vice-president Scott Smitherman, right.

County School Superintendent

Dr. David Martin, superintendent of the Surry County Schools, was featured speaker when the Dobson Lions Club met Monday night, Nov. 25, in the Dobson Community Building.

The speaker outlined North Carolina's basic education program and explained its effect on Surry County. He also discussed the need for new school buildings and concluded his address with the assertion that he believes Surry County school students are receiving a quality education.

In other business matters, the Lions donated \$100 to sponsor a team in the Dobson Youth Basketball League.

Three new members were welcomed — Tom Pendergraft, Jeff Wilmoth and Charles Earnest.

Benton Fruit Cakes, annually sold by the Dobson Lions, were distributed among the members. The three-pound cakes sell for \$8 each.

The club's annual fruit sale was discussed. It will be held Dec. 12-14.



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Dobson Lions Announce Plans For Annual Sale

The Dobson Lions Club will hold a garage sale June 1 and is now accepting donated articles. The annual event, to be held at the old tractor building on South Main Street near Surry-Yadkin EMC, raises funds for local charities and projects supported by the Lions.

Anyone having garage sale items they wish to donate should call Charlie Cook, 386-8976; Cecil McMillian, 386-8385; or John Norman, 386-8776. Income tax deduction forms will be provided.

Mark London, club president, announced that he will ask the Dobson club to participate in a charitable project to be shared by all the clubs in the zone, which includes Dobson, Mount Airy, Elkin, Jonesville-Arlington, Yadkinville and Boonville. Each club has been asked by Bill Elderton of Jonesville, zone chairman, to contribute \$136

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toward the purchase of an \$816 hearing aid for a partially deaf White Plains child whose parents cannot afford the device.

The Dobson club is expected to approve the donation at its meeting Tuesday, February 26.

London also announced the annual White Cane fund drive date. Lions will collect money at the two stoplight intersections in Dobson Friday afternoon, March 8, with a rain date of March 15.

White Cane funds support the N. C. Lions Association for the Blind, including operating expenses for

Camp Dogwood, a summer camp for the visually handicapped located on Lake Norman. White Cane funds also pay for educational scholarships for the blind and help support the North Carolina Eye Bank.

Gene Everette, treasurer, will report to the Dobson Club regarding the Lions Club International Fund which provides support to victims of disasters worldwide. Last summer, it provided funds to the tornado victims in eastern North Carolina.

Boonville Lions Club installs '81-82 officers

New members and officers of the Boonville Lions Club were sworn in on Monday, June 22 at the Richmond Hill Law School historical park. Deputy District Governor Gene Everette of Dobson presided over the ceremony.

The new members inducted are Reverend Richard Thomas and David Wolfe. The new officers are: Bobby Hobson, chairman of the board; Jack Crissman, president; Donnie Vestal, first vice-president; Ron Jones, second vice-president, and Paul Mathis, third vice-president. Robert Morrison is the secretary-treasurer; Hubert Fleming, Tail

Twister; Howard Moxley, assistant Tail Twister; and F.R. Matthews is the Lion Tamer.

Reverend Keith Bingham was inducted as the new chaplain. One Year directors are Richard Woodruff and Howard Reece. Two Year directors are Steve Tidewell and Donnie Vestal.

The meeting was conducted by Bobby Hobson and hosted 38 women on Ladies Night. Howard Reece, Paul Mathis and Howard Moxley prepared the meal.

Hobson, the new chairman of the board was praised by the club for doing an outstanding job during the past two years as president.

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Everette Designs State Lions Club Pin

Dobson Lions Club Secretary Gene Everette submitted the design which has been selected as the official North Carolina Lions Club pin for 1986.

The standard pin used for several years is in the shape of the state with a miniature Lions International pin in the center. Everette's design of the pin's dangle pictures animals of the North Carolina Zoo at Asheboro.

Every country, each U.S. state and many individual clubs have distinctive variations of the Lions International pin. The pins are traded at Lions conventions and are popular collector's items among many Lions members.

Dobson Mayor Jimmy Davis was awarded the Lions International Master Key at the October 8 club



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meeting. It is awarded to club members who bring in 10 or more members. Davis has recruited 12 members. Everette led a letter from the Lions International president commending Davis for strengthening his club through new members.

Ricky Dobbins, club president, presented White Cane pins to three members for their work in collecting donations to help the blind during White Cane fund drives. Cecil McMillian was presented a pin sym-

bolizing collections of \$100 or more and Dr. Terry Warren and the Rev. Lonnie Kendall received pins for \$50 or more in collections.

Larry Wilmoth was elected third vice-president, replacing Bobby Wilson, who transferred to the Mount Airy club.

In other business, the club voted to donate \$50 to the Dobson Eagles Little League football team to help buy uniforms. The annual Christmas party will be held December 10 at the community building and the Christmas fruit sale, December 12-14 on the town parking lot near the American Flag Park. The Lions International convention will be held July 8-13, 1986 in New Orleans, La.

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3 new members join Dobson Lions Club

At the regular meeting of the Dobson Lions Club on February 11th; the president, Rickey Dobbins, had the distinct honor of inducting three new members into the club. The new members are: Gene Speas, Tommy Pen-dergraft, and Slim Reynolds.

Each new member received the official Lions pin which was placed upon their lapel by their respective sponsors. The sponsors of the new Lions are: Larry Wilmoth, Jerry Weaver, and Vernon Hodges. They were presented a Lions Coffee Cup for their sponsorship.

The program for the evening was presented by Ms. Linda Hardison, a teacher of the Hearing Impaired at White Plains Elementary School. She discussed the various types of hearing loss, plus the techniques and methods used in school to assist these students to become productive individuals.

Other business was then conducted. A date was set for the upcoming White Cane Drive for the Blind. This will be February 28th from 2-5 p.m.

The Annual Farmer's Appreciation Dinner was set for March 25th which will be held at the Dobson Elementary School Cafeteria. All area farmers are invited to attend.

Also, the date for the Fund Raiser for the heating pump at the community building was set for June 13th. At that time, the club will be offering Bar-B-Que Chicken with all the trimmings, and the proceeds will go to pay for the new heat pump that had to be installed.

The renown "Chicken Cookers", Lions Charlie Cook and Cecil McMillion, will be "fixing" the chicken; so you know it will be finger-licking good. Place and price per plate will be announced later.

The club also voted to provide \$100 to a young lady in the area who has had numerous medical and other expenses.

Lion Jerry Weaver, chairman of the Eye Will Drive, stated he would be setting up a drive for Eye Wills at Surry Community College in the very near future. Date and time will be announced.

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GENTRY TO RECEIVE HIGHEST LION AWARD



J. SAM GENTRY

North Carolina District 31-D Lions Clubs has selected J. Sam Gentry of Dobson to receive the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award in international Lionism. Named for the founder of the Lions Clubs, the Melvin Jones Award recognizes long-term outstanding service to mankind through community and Lions Club work.

Gentry, retired superintendent of the Surry County Schools and charter president of the Dobson Lions Club, was selected for the award at the North Carolina Lions mid-winter convention, held January 21-22 in Greensboro. Presentation of the award will be made later in the year.

Gentry helped to organize the

Dobson Lions Club in 1946. In addition to serving as first president, he has been secretary-treasurer, a member of the board of directors and chairman of nearly all of the standing committees of the club.

Gentry has an unbroken perfect attendance record for meetings for 38 years. He has received the Lions Master Key Award for recruiting members and is also the recipient of the White Cane Club Pin and Eye Will 25 tab pin.

"His record of club activities and public service has been outstanding in every respect," a Lions Club spokesman said.

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LIONS HEAR SINGERS

The East Surry High School Barbershop Singers presented a selection of old favorite songs to the Dobson Lions Club at their November 27 meeting. The singers and their leader, Mrs. June Snow, joined the Lions for dinner after their performance. The well-received program was arranged by Lion vice-president Ricky Dobbins, who is vice-principal at ESHS.

Fred O'Neil was inducted into the Lions Club in ceremonies conducted by J. Sam Gentry, charter president. President Mark London was O'Neil's sponsor.

Newly-inducted member Bob Martin found out how quickly responsibility comes to a Lion. The night of his induction, he was appointed chairman of the Christmas parade float. And he responded in style as the Lions showed off their spirit in the Dobson Christmas Parade December 1.

Jasper Cook and John Harris received membership achievement awards and cups for bringing in new members this year. Harris presented the "Goat Award" to Bob Comer. The "Goat Award" is a medal that must be worn by a

member until he brings in a new member. Then he may hang that dubious award on any other member he wishes to harass.

Harris asked members to turn in their Camp Dogwood tickets as soon

as possible. Treasurer Gene Everette reminded members that

fourth quarter dues are payable. President London urged members to attend the zone meeting in Mount

Airy December 6 and plan to attend

the mid-winter convention January 19-20.



FRUIT SALE SCHEDULED

The Dobson Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas fruit sale, December 12-14. Jim H. Davis, chairman of the event, said the sale will be held from 10 a. m. until 5 p. m. on Thursday and from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. on Friday and Saturday.

The club's famed barbecue chicken will also be available at the sale site beginning at 11 a. m. Saturday. Charlie Cook will be chef.

The fruit sale is scheduled on the town parking lot, beneath the giant American flag. Oranges, apples, tangerines, grapefruit, tangelos and other fruit will be shipped into Dobson "fresh from the fields," according to Davis, who said it will be sold by the bushel, basket or bag.

Orders may be placed in advance by contacting any member of the club or calling Davis at 386-8451. Orders will be delivered locally, or customers may pick up the fruit on the day of sale.

Davis suggests that churches, schools and other groups planning Christmas parties should place large orders in advance.

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Earnest is retired from the Agricultural Extension Service, and Wilmoth is associated with Surry Data Service in Dobson. Mark Landon and Harold Davis are sponsors for the new members.

The meeting was held in the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall because the heat pump in the community building broke down. At the request of the Community Council, the Lions will join other clubs and community groups in the Dobson area in raising funds for the replacement of the heat pump which will cost about \$4,000.

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The word Leo associates the club with the Lions Club, and the

initials L.E.O. stand for Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.

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ing's program, a slide show on new member orientation. The presentation stressed the important roles of the sponsor, officers and other members in involving the new members immediately in club activities and making each one feel a part of the Lions effort to serve the community.

The Dobson Lions meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month for dinner, and a program. These are meetings for the Dobson area who are interested in helping make the community a better place to live and serving mankind through several annual fundraising projects.



Projects discussed by Lions

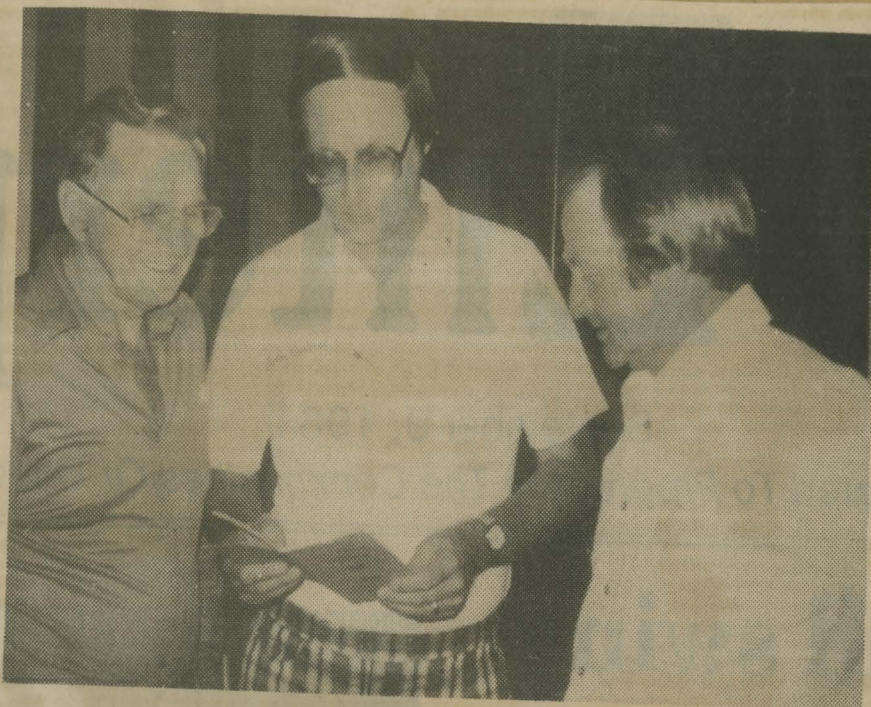
Officers and directors of five Lions Clubs in Yadkin and Surry counties gathered for a District 31-D dinner meeting Friday night at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson.

The group was welcomed by Gene Everett of Dobson, deputy district governor. The session was opened with prayer by a Dobson member. The opening song was led by Paul Mathis of the Boonville club.

Club representatives came from Mount Airy, Dobson, Elkin, Jonesville-Arlington, Yadkinville and Boonville.

Each president presented the members of his club. Several projects were discussed, including the Lions-owned Camp Dogwood near Lake Norman. Members were asked to contribute \$10 to assist the camp and \$1 for the Boys Home.

On the subject of membership, it was reported that the Pilot Mountain Club has brought in 10 new members in a recent week and the Dobson club, two members.



LIONS OFFICIALS - Among representatives of area Lions Clubs attending dinner meeting in Dobson were (from left) Charles Elderton, president of Jonesville-Arlington club; Gene Everett, deputy district governor, of Dobson; and Jack D. Haynes of Elkin club. (Mathis photo)

Lions Club plans annual fruit sale

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Barbeque chicken will also be available on Saturday from 11

a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fruit orders may be placed in advance by calling 386-8451. They will be delivered, or may be picked up at the parking lot on the day of the sale.

LIONS HOST THEIR LADIES

The Dobson Lions Club hosted their ladies in splendid fashion at their annual Christmas party on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at the Dobson Community Building. Little elves with aides had surely been busy, for the room was decorated in green and red and white, glowing in the candlelight. And everyone was handsome by candlelight.

As the guests flowed in, they were invited to taste the wine and cheese bar presided over by Vonda Comer, Barbara Davis and George Pendergraft. Ricky Dobbins, president of the Lions Club, welcomed the group and gave the invocation.

Special guests were widows of deceased Lions Club members: Margaret Motsinger, Nell Folger,

Kat Austin, Lib Bolich, Jessye Belle Blackwelder, Margaret Smith, Clara Freeman, Era Snow and Ruth Freeman.

A special welcome back was extended to Frank Comer, who had

been ill. A birthday cake, alit with candles, was presented to R. O. Lanier.

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The ladies were given gold lapel pins; the men, shaving cream; and everyone received a traveling tooth brush from Dr. Steve Yokeley.

The food was special, the entree being standing rib roast which could be cut with a fork.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation of songs by a special chorus from East Surry High School, conducted by Mrs. June Snow. There are 12 female and 12 male voices, all well developed and highly polished.

Ricky Dobbins Elected President

Ricky Dobbins, vice-principal of East Surry High School and a resident of Forest Oaks Drive near Dobson, has been elected president of the Dobson Lions Club for the 1984-85 year, with his term beginning July 1.

Pat Guyer, Harold Davis and Bobby Wilson were elected as first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively.

The election was held April 9 at the club's regular meeting in the Dobson Community Building and was based on recommendations of the Nominating Committee, headed by J. Sam Gentry, charter president.

Other officers elected were Gene Everette, secretary-treasurer; George Pendergraft, lion tamer; Cecil McMillion, tail twister; and Jasper Cook, assistant tail twister.

One-year directors will be Jim Hewett, Carroll Wray, Forrest Thompson and Charlie Cook. Two-year directors will be James Bledsoe, Larry Wilmoth, Bob Martin and John Harris. The immediate past president and member of the board of directors will be Mark London.

Dr. Jimmy Reeves, Dean of Student Services at Surry Community College, was guest speaker, discussing SCC's varied program of educational services. He noted that 600 students are enrolled in one course at the college, over 1,400 students are in one of the technical curriculum programs, and nearly 1,300 are taking the college parallel curriculum. The 27-year average age of the SCC student is much higher than at four-year colleges.

Dr. Reeves also discussed the college's efforts to interest prospective students in the SCC area, including Surry, Yadkin, Stokes, parts of Forsyth and Wilkes and southwestern Virginia. He said Dr. Swanson Richards, president of SCC, wants to make the college available and attractive to individuals seeking an improvement in technical skills or educational levels in any field.



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Of Lions Club



President-elect Dobbins, presiding at the Tuesday night meeting, congratulated Charlie Jackson for the excellent Farmer's Day dinner and program sponsored by the Lions Club and supported by Dobson area businesses.

The club voted to send Nell Smith of Pilot Mountain to Camp Dogwood, a recreational camp for the blind. The Lions will also sponsor a team in the Dobson T-Ball League this summer for \$100.

Arrangements were made for the upkeep of the Freeman-Lions Mini-Park on E. Atkins Street behind Fast Foods Grocery. The club will also continue to keep the Community Building lawn mowed and will provide chaperones for Surry Central High School's Leo Club dance May 17. Proceeds from the dance will go to the North Carolina Boys and Girls Home.



Club Approves Changing

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Membership Rules

LIONS MAY ADMIT WOMEN

The Dobson Lions Club has unanimously voted in favor of changing membership rules which, if approved by Lions International, would allow women to join the club on the same basis as men.

Presently, women are eligible only for Lioness Clubs, which are basically women's auxiliaries of Lions Clubs.

Dobson Club members noted that there were no activities sponsored by the club that were inappropriate for women and that women in the

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community represented an outstanding resource of leadership and service, the primary element of Lionism.

James R. (Bob) Martin was inducted into the club November 13 by President Mark London. Martin's sponsor was Jimmie Davis who, along with Charlie Cook, John Harris, Jasper Cook and Gene Everette were presented awards for bringing new members into the club.

Jerry Weaver, district leadership chairman and a past president of the Dobson club, presented the evening's program. Weaver presented a lecture and slide show on leadership qualities expected of officers and members. He will present the same program to all the clubs in District 31-D.

Leo Club sponsor Harold Davis was presented an award and letter from Lions International president Bert Masar for Davis' work with the Leo Club at Surry Central High School. Bob Comer received an eye-will pin for obtaining 10 eye wills this year.

The club approved a \$50 donation

"Close-Up" program which sends students to Washington, D. C. each spring for a close look at the federal government in operation, and \$25 to the Surry County Social Services for Christmas presents for foster children.

The club also agreed to share cost with the Mount Airy Lions for new glasses for a needy person in White Plains. The Lions also joined with Northwestern Bank, First Citizens Bank and Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association to help sponsor a Drug Awareness Training Program in Winston-Salem. Mark London will be the Dobson delegate at the training sessions.

George Pendergraft reminded members present that the annual Christmas dinner will be held Tuesday, December 11, at the Community Center building. A social hour will begin at 6 p. m. and dinner will be served at 7 p. m. Reservations must be made by December 3.

The club agreed to enter a float in the Dobson Christmas Parade December 1. All Lions are encouraged to join in the parade on the Lions' float.

LIONS ATTEND MEETING

Thirteen members of the Dobson Lions Club and 10 of their wives attended the Lions' State Convention May 17-19 in Fayetteville.

The convention featured the District Governor's banquet, Tail Twisters' breakfast ("just for fun"), ladies breakfast, tours of Fayetteville and two days of golf.

The Dobson Lions were honored for their support of the North Carolina Boys and Girls Homes. "Long Ball" Mark London won a golf bag as a member of the third-place foursome at the golf tournament. Cecil McMillion, Dobson Twil Twister, kept everyone in line until he had to go to bed each evening at 9; then everyone had fun.

Those making the trip to Fayetteville were Mark and Penny London, Cecil and Annie Laurie McMillion, Ricky and Donna Dobbins, Jimmie and Barbara Davis, Bob and Vonda Comer, Gray and Julia Hall, Bob and Frances Martin, John and Becky Harris, B. J. and Lois Hodges, R. O. and Glenda Lanier, Charlie Cook, Gene Everette and Jerry Weaver.

Leo Dance Successful

Several Lions who stayed home from the convention acted as sponsors for the Leo Club's benefit dance May 18 at Surry Central High School. They included George Pendergraft, Forris Thompson, Byron Lawson, John Norman and Steve, Lynn and Tiffany Yokeley.

More than 100 attended, and the Leos took in \$380. They will donate the profits to the Boys and Girls Homes.



The Surry Standard

Lions Club members entertain guests from Surry Central

The Dobson Lions Club entertained a total of 22 Leo Club members from Surry Central High School, plus 10 of the Leo Club members were officially inducted into the Leo Club by District 31-D Leo Chairman Samuel Nelson from Greensboro.

The Leo Club at Surry Central High School is sponsored by the Dobson Lions club and is a club for high school students which desire to gain Leadership skills, Experience in working with the community, and having an Opportunity to gain in maturity and be a service to mankind.

In the business session of the

meeting, the following items were acted upon and approved:

(1) A contribution to the Christmas Fund for Foster Children; (2) A contribution to the Close-Up Program at Surry Central High School; (3) A contribution to the Dobson Little League Football Team; (4) Received delivery on our Benson Fruit Cakes which are 3-pound cakes and will sell for \$8.00 per cake;

(5) Our Fresh Fruit Sale will begin on December 12th and continue through the 14th; (6) Approved a request from the

Salvation Army to assist in the town of Dobson with a kettle and bell-ringer during the holidays; (7) Lions Christmas Party set for December 10th at the Dobson Community Building, also the widows of former Lions will be invited to the Christmas Party as our honored guests.

A number of guests were in attendance at our meeting and hopefully will become Lions. Guests attending were: Jeff Wilmoth, Tim Dockery, Hugh Jones, Gary White, Tom Pendergraph and Charles Earnest.



Lions Club Will Honor Farmers

The 37th annual Farmer's Day Supper, hosted by the Dobson Lions Club, will be held at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 25, in the cafeteria of Dobson Elementary School.

Plans for the annual salute to area farmers were completed when the Lions met Tuesday, March 11.

Charlie Jackson, retired Surry County Agricultural Extension Service chairman, is chairman of Farmer's Day. He said that all Dobson area farmers are "invited and encouraged" to attend.

The supper is financed by donations from Dobson merchants.

Featured speaker will be W. D. Tousiant of North Carolina State University.

Plans were also made by the local Lions for a joint meeting with the Mount Airy Lions Club in April. The Dobson club will host the event.

The Dobson Lions have also scheduled a barbecue chicken dinner in June to raise funds to replace the heat pump in the Dobson Community Building.

Members were encouraged to attend the Lions State Convention in Asheville May 29-June 1.

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Jackson was presented the Lions perfect attendance pin. President Ricky Dobbins appointed Jim Davis, R.O. Lanier and Mark London as a nominating committee for the 1986-87 slate of officers.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

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BY
HESTER JACKSON



Longtime Dobson School Principal, Mayor Dies

DOBSON—Grady Ray Motsinger Sr., the mayor of Dobson and a former county school official, died at his home Monday night after an apparent heart attack. He was 79.

Motsinger, a native of Wallburg, had served as Dobson's mayor since May 1976, when he was appointed by the town commissioners to replace Sid Comer, who resigned.

Motsinger spent 43 years as an educator before becoming mayor.

He was principal of the Pilot Mountain schools from 1942 until 1954, when he became principal of Dobson Elementary School. He retired from the latter post in 1969.

Motsinger, who was born on Jan. 2, 1905, attended Liberty Piedmont Institute and Appalachian State Teacher's College, and earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest

Grady Motsinger



College in 1927. He was an all-star baseball player at Wake Forest.

Motsinger, who was rarely seen without a cigar, was affectionately known around town as "Mr. Mot." He chaired the deacons of the First Baptist Church in Dobson and formerly presided over the Dobson Lions Club. He also was an active mason, a member of the Senior

Citizens Club of Dobson and the county Retired Teachers Association.

He and his wife, Margaret, recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

No plans have been made to name a new mayor to replace Motsinger, who would have been up for reelection next year. Town Commissioner Frank Comer will serve as mayor pro tem until a new mayor is chosen, according to Town Manager Bob Comer.

Motsinger's funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Dobson. He will be buried in the church's cemetery.

Family members will receive friends at Davis Funeral Home in Dobson from 7 to 8 p.m. today.





LIONS HOST LEO CLUB

When the Dobson Lions Club held its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the community building, the Lions had 32 special guests. They were members of the Leo Club at Surry Central High school and 10 of that number were inducted that night into the SCHS chapter by District 31-D Leo chairman Samuel Nelson of Greensboro.

The Leo Club at Surry Central High is sponsored by the Dobson Lions Club. The Leo Club's goals are to help young men learn leadership skills and provide service to their community.

During the business session, the Lions approved a contribution to the Christmas fund for foster children, a contribution to the Surry Central High School Close-Up program and a

contribution to the Dobson Little League ball team.

Members discussed the sale of Benson fruit cakes. The three-pound cakes are now on sale for \$8 each from any Lion. The club's Christmas fruit sale is scheduled Dec. 12-14.

Volunteers from the club will staff the Salvation Army kettles in Dobson this year during the holidays. This is being done at the request of the Salvation Army in an effort to raise money for the needy.



This will be the first time the Salvation Army has put its Christmas Cheer kettles in Dobson.

The club's Christmas party will be held Dec. 10 at the community building. Widows of former Lions will also be invited.

Six guests attended the meeting as prospective members — Jeff Wilmoth, Tim Dockery, Hugh Jones, Gary White, Tom Pendergraft and Charles Earnest.

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LIONS HEAR SINGERS

The East Surry High School Barbershop Singers presented a selection of old favorite songs to the Dobson Lions Club at their November 27 meeting. The singers and their leader, Mrs. June Snow, joined the Lions for dinner after their performance. The well-received program was arranged by Lion vice-president Ricky Dobbins, who is vice-principal at ESHS.

Fred O'Neil was inducted into the Lions Club in ceremonies conducted by J. Sam Gentry, charter president. President Mark London was O'Neil's sponsor.

Newly-inducted member Bob Martin found out how quickly responsibility comes to a Lion. The night of his induction, he was appointed chairman of the Christmas parade float. And he responded in style as the Lions showed off their spirit in the Dobson Christmas Parade December 1.

Jasper Cook and John Harris received membership achievement awards and cups for bringing in new members this year. Harris presented the "Goat Award" to Bob Comer. The "Goat Award" is a medal that must be worn by a

member until he brings in a new member. Then he may hang that dubious award on any other member he wishes to harass.

Harris asked members to turn in their Camp Dogwood tickets as soon

as possible. Treasurer Gene Everette reminded members that

fourth quarter dues are payable. President London urged members to attend the zone meeting in Mount Airy December 6 and plan to attend

the mid-winter convention January 19-20.

Lions to honor farmers at supper on March 25

At their March 11 meeting, the Dobson Lions Club completed plans for the 37th Annual Farmers Day Supper to be held at the Dobson Elementary School Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 25.

Charlie Jackson, Farmers Day Chairman, said all Dobson area farmers are invited and encouraged to attend. The supper is financed by donations from Dobson merchants.

Also planned at the meeting were a joint meeting with the Mount Airy Lions Club hosted by the Dobson Club in April and

a BBQ chicken dinner in Davie to raise funds for the community building heat pump replacement. Members were encouraged to attend the Lions State Convention to be held in Asheville, May 29-June 1.

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Broom Sale chairman R. O. Lanier announced that the first shipment of brooms had been sold out and a second order placed. Light Bulb Sale chairman Roger Eads reported there are yet plenty of the Sylvania bulbs available in six packs of 100, 75 and 60 watt combinations.

LIONS HOST SCHS LEOS

At their October 23 dinner meeting, the Dobson Lions Club hosted 13 members of Surry Central High School's Leo Club and nine pledges who were inducted into the Leos during evening ceremonies. The Leo Club is a high school service organization sponsored by the Lions Club. The Dobson club is the oldest Leo Club in the state.

Tommy Long, District 31-D Leo chairman and a Forsyth County Lion, conducted the induction ceremony. Gene Everette, Dobson Lions Club secretary, and Mark London, president, both of whom work with students at SCHS, agreed that the Leo pledges represented the highest quality students at the school.

Pledges are Phil Whitaker, Darren Cruise, Mark Snow, Gray Bruner, Jody C. Reece, Chris Mitchell, Trampas Snow, Scott Mooney and Grant Hodges.

Leo Club members are Brian Stanley, president; Rodney Hardy, vice-president; Michael Key, secretary; Mike Parker, tail twister; Rusty Mooney, sergeant-at-arms; John Smitherman, Scott Smitherman and Dale Welch, members of the board of directors; and Chad Snow, Michael Simpson, Tony Martin, David Key and Todd Dockery.

The Lions inducted a new member, State Highway Patrolman Craig Caudill. Charter president J. Sam Gentry conducted the ceremony. President London was Caudill's sponsor.

In other business, past president Bob Comer was awarded the Lions membership key and certificate of appreciation. Social chairman George Pendergraft announced that all members and their wives or guests should reserve Tuesday,

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SURRY CENTRAL LEO CLUB officers are (l-r): Harry White, Keith Marion, Sammy Gentry and Larry Gordon.

—NEWS Photos

Surry Central Leo Club Gets Charter In Dobson

Organized under the sponsorship of the Dobson Lions Club, the Surry Central Leo Club was formally chartered Tuesday night during rites conducted by the sponsoring club in the fellowship hall of Dobson Methodist Church.

Earl Parker, principal of Walkertown Junior High School, old friend of Surry Central Principal R. O. Lanier and State and District Chairman of Leo Clubs, was present to hand over the charter.

A relatively new project of Lions, International, Leo Clubs are located in high schools and are aimed at involving teen-aged lads in the community and school

building activities that will at the same time give them a chance to express the meaning of the letters "L-E-O" — Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.

Keith Marion is the first president of the club. To serve with him during the coming year are: Sammy Gentry, vice president; Larry Gordon, secretary; Harry White, treasurer; Alan Patterson, Ronnie Dockery and Kenny Dockery, directors.

Parker noted that the local Lions district has now established six new Leo clubs, near the top of the list of district accomplishments in the nation.

Marion responded to Parker's challenge to the new club by saying, "We hope you will be hearing more about us in the community."

Each member of the Leo Club present was awarded a special pin denoting his club membership. Several parents of the boys were

among the 32 persons gathered for the dinner.

Carroll Gardner, a member of the Dobson Lions Club, was the featured speaker of the evening. He kept a promise of brevity, but ere he sat down, he had sternly challenged the club to establish goals, and each member to contribute ideas and direction to the club.

Parker addressed the Lions on the basic principles of their service to communities, and in a word of encouragement to both Lions and Leos, read a poem entitled, "Don't Quit."

The visiting Lions dignitary also installed the officers who are to serve the Dobson Lions Club during the coming year. They are: George Marion, Jr., president; R. O. Lanier, first vice president; Clyde Johnson, second vice president; G. R. Motsinger, third vice president; B. J. Hodges, secretary and treasurer. Carroll Gardner

was named Tail Twister. His job is to keep spirits high among the members at the meetings. His first official act was to fine Parker a dime "for those unkind remarks you made about me". Laughter followed.

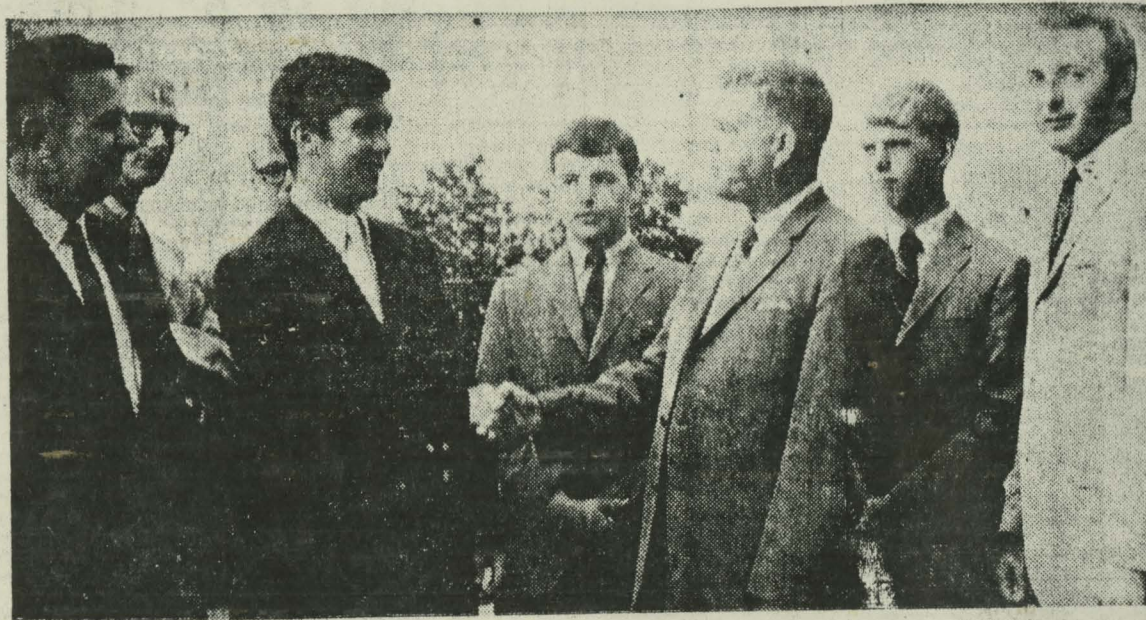
Four directors were also placed in office. Sam Gentry and Jack Marion will serve one-year terms. Glenn Beasley and Charles Jackson will serve two-year terms.

In addition to the various guests recognized during the evening, R. O. Lanier recognized two teachers at Surry Central High School who have agreed to serve as advisors to the Leo Club located there — Gene Everette and Charles Williard.

There are 15 charter members to the Leo Club.

Dinner for the evening was served by Circle Three of the host church.





Earl Parker (third from right), N. C. Leo Club Chairman, congratulates Keith Marion, president of Dobson's new Leo Club. Looking on are (from left) R. O. Lanier, Gene Everett, vice president Sammy Gentry, secretary Larry Gordon, treasurer Harry White and Charles Williard. (TIMES Photo)

Leo Club Formed By Dobson Lions

The Dobson Lions Club and Surry Central High School officials have joined forces to form a Leo Club, a Lions youth wing, in Dobson.

The club was officially organized and its officers installed Tuesday night at the Lions Club officer installation banquet. The meeting was held at the Dobson Methodist Church.

The initials of the new club stand for Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.

Fred Patterson, outgoing president of the Lions Club, explained that the club gives youngsters a chance to "Learn leadership, gain experience and to have an opportunity to serve in school and community."

Officers of the club are Keith Marion, president; Sammy Gentry, vice-president; Larry Gordon, secretary; and Harry White, treasurer.

Marion and Gordon will be seniors at Surry Central High School next fall. Gentry and White will be juniors.

School officials instrumental with Patterson in organizing the club were R. O. Lanier, principal at Surry Central; Gene Everette, guidance director; and Charlie Williard, basketball coach. All three are also members of the Lions Club.

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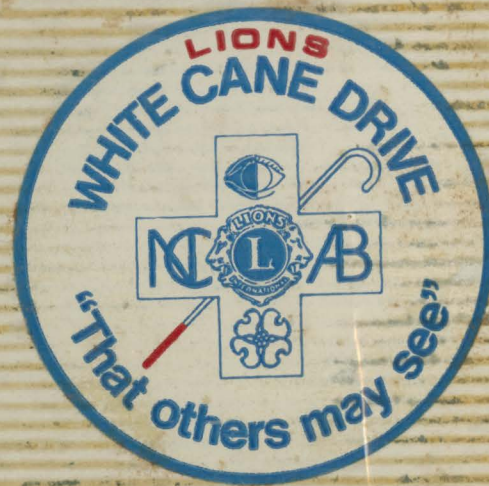
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DOBSON LIONS CONDUCT ANNUAL FRUIT SALE

Members of the Dobson Lions Club conducted their annual fruit sale recently on the town parking lot. Busy selling Florida fruits, Lions Club brooms and fruit cakes were (left to right) Gene Speas, Forris Thompson and John Norman, chairmen for the event.



Projects discussed by Lions

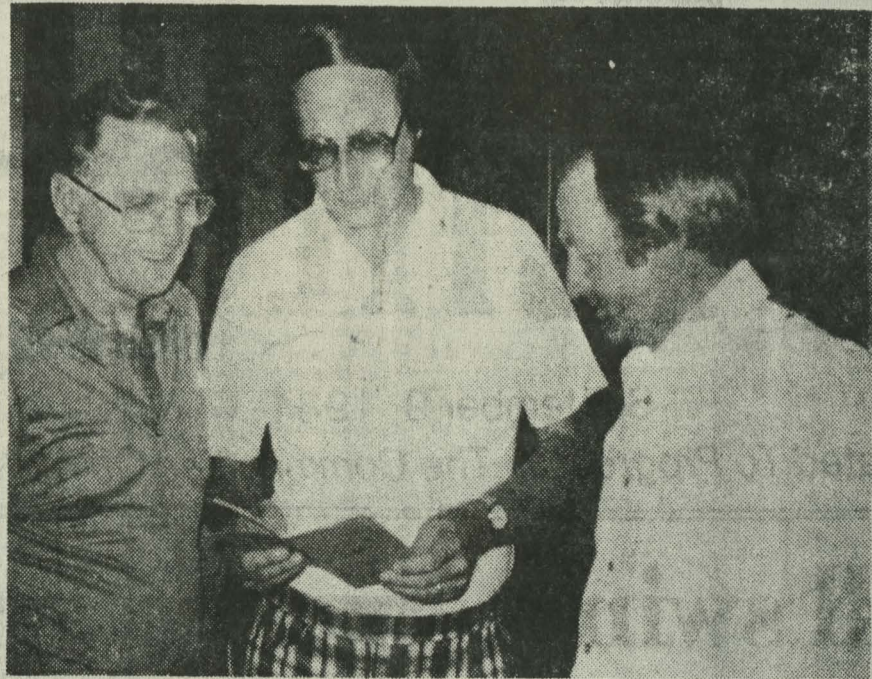
Officers and directors of five Lions Clubs in Yadkin and Surry counties gathered for a District 31-D dinner meeting Friday night at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson.

The group was welcomed by Gene Everett of Dobson, deputy district governor. The session was opened with prayer by a Dobson member. The opening song was led by Paul Mathis of the Boonville club.

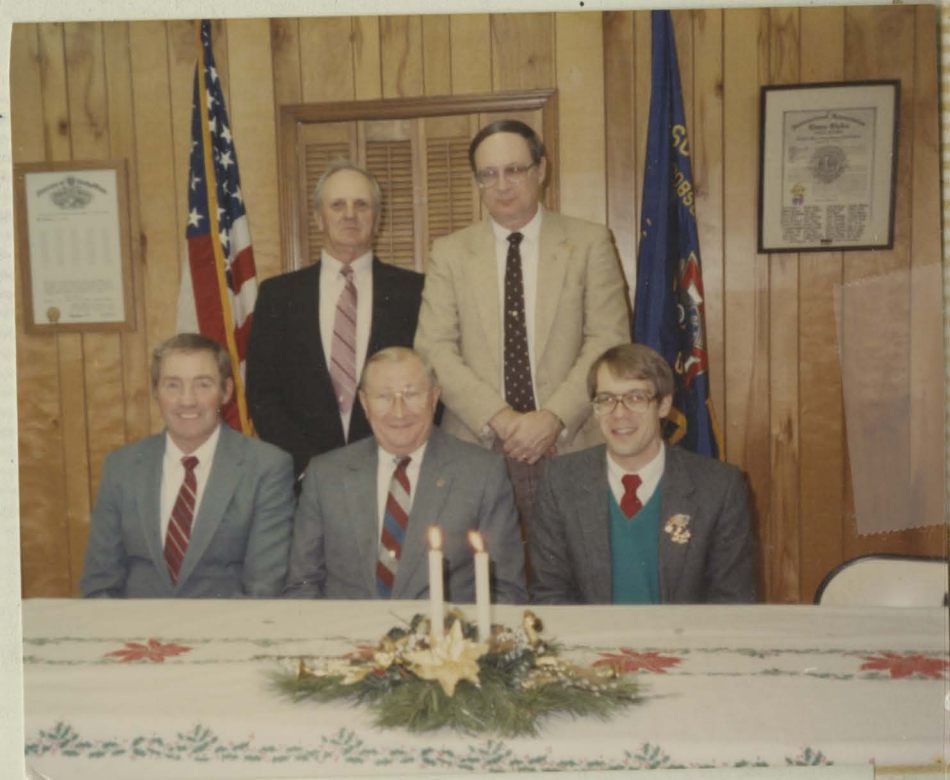
Club representatives came from Mount Airy, Dobson, Elkin, Jonesville-Arlington, Yadkinville and Boonville.

Each president presented the members of his club. Several projects were discussed, including the Lions-owned Camp Dogwood near Lake Norman. Members were asked to contribute \$10 to assist the camp and \$1 for the Boys Home.

On the subject of membership, it was reported that the Pilot Mountain Club has brought in 10 new members in a recent week and the Dobson club, two members.



LIONS OFFICIALS - Among representatives of area Lions Clubs attending dinner meeting in Dobson were (from left) Charles Elderton, president of Jonesville-Arlington club; Gene Everett, deputy district governor, of Dobson; and Jack D. Haynes of Elkin club. (Mathis photo)







Exchange student Ira Martinez (far right) shows Amy Dotson and Angela Harris where she lives in Mexico. Ira is on a one year exchange program at Surry Central High School

World of difference

Mexican exchange student finds Dobson to be quite different

Sixteen-year-old Ira Martinez won't be spending Christmas at home with her family this year because home is so far away.

Instead, her parents and two brothers will be flying up from Tuxtla Gutierrez which is in the Mexican state of Chiapas to spend Christmas with Ira.

Ira is spending a year as an exchange student at Surry Central High School. She is being sponsored by International Fellowship, Inc., an exchange organization out of New York along with Leo, the local Surry Central Junior Lions Club.

The Leo Junior Lions Club has sponsored an exchange student at Surry Central since 1968. They have sponsored students from Brazil, El Salvador, Peru, Venezuela, Belgium, and Canada.

They arranged two host families for Ira to stay with and have

been invaluable in helping her adjust to attending an American high school.

Ira writes home about three times a week and speaks with her family by phone each Sunday.

She is spending equal time in the homes of two Surry Central students, Amy Dotson and Angela Harris.

She admits she was extremely homesick her first month in America, but says she is adjusting and is excited about her year long adventure.

"It was very difficult for me when I first came because I did not understand anything that was being said. Now I am doing much better, but it is still hard," she grinned.

Ira attends Surry Central full time as a junior and Amy and Angela have been a big help to her. Both girls can speak Spanish which has been a lifesaver when

Ira does not understand something.

Ira talked about her American adventure so far.

"Now I know how the American family works," she said.

"Everything is very different from Mexican life -- the food, the time you go to school and work, the social customs.

Ira said one of the things she has had to adjust to is not living in a big city where everything is close at hand.

"Here everything is so far away, you must always drive, but in Mexico you can walk anywhere you want to go.

She says Mexican schools are more difficult than American school because the students are required to take more subjects such as Greek and Latin.

Ira is majoring in science and sociology, but is interested in pursuing a career in journalism

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Exchange students sees changes

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or in the law field like her father.

She says dating customs are very different in America.

"In Mexico we are not allowed to date until we are 16 or 17," she said.

The parents are more strict and I think that is good."

She laughed when asked if she had a boyfriend.

"Yes, I did when I left, but I don't think so anymore because he is there and I am here."

Amy and Angela teased her about not being interested in American boys.

"No," she laughed, "I don't think they are interested in me. It is a communication problem!" She said although Mexican schools do not have a drug problem, they do have problems with

alcohol.

Her favorite American subjects so far are Reading and Physical Education.

And she has not escaped the wonders of American TV.

"Oh, I like to watch "Hell Town", "Family Ties," Highway to Heaven," and of course, "Miami Vice," she said.

She explained the major differences she has seen in Mexican and American families so far.

"Mexican people are more friendly, more happy," she said. "When we are happy, we are happy, when we are sad, we are sad.

"We like to socialize, you know, visit other people and gather together.

"On Sunday's in Mexico we always go to the movies and afterwards, everyone goes to eat ta-

cos," she said.

She named some of the things she's learned to like since coming to America.

"I like gravy and biscuits, country style steak and hamburgers," she grinned.

In Mexico, Ira studies gymnastics, rides her horse, and goes swimming.

Here, she has discovered American dancing and says she loves it.

"I like to dance very much and the dancing here is so much better," she said.

When asked to elaborate she said: "Here you can dance anyway you like and no one cares. In

Mexico, if you dance differently, you are criticized."

Ira traveled to Cape Kennedy, the Epcot Center, and Cypress Gardens over the Thanksgiving holidays with her host family.

For Christmas, she is looking forward to seeing her family and introducing them to all the new friends she has made.

"Everyone here has been so nice and friendly to me. When I first came I felt afraid, lonely, like an outsider.

"But everyone has been so kind that I no longer feel this way. Now I feel really good!" she said.

Felice Navidad!, Ira.

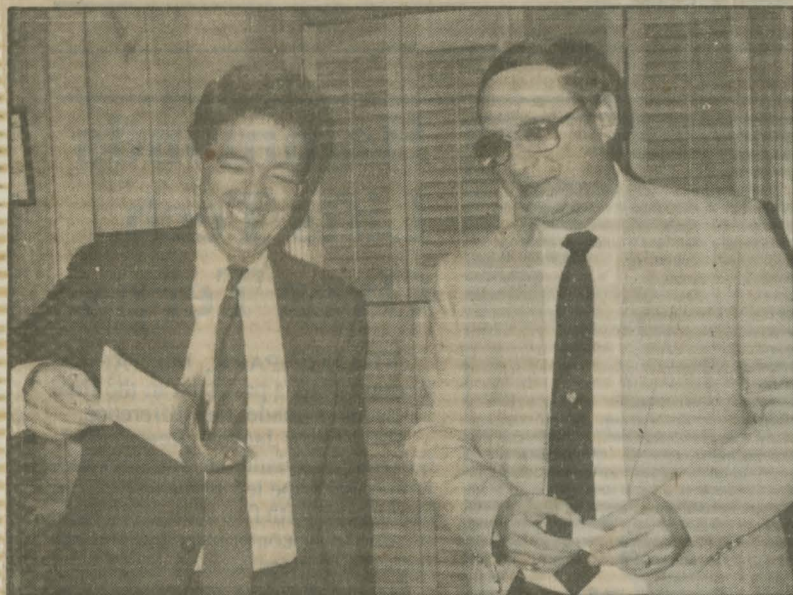


Community Center

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Officially Belongs To Citizens



Staff photo by Eleanor Powell

Bob Comer burns note as Gene Everett looks on.

By ELEANOR POWELL
News Staff Writer

DOBSON—The folks of Dobson now own their Community Building.

A note-burning ceremony took place there Friday night, as about 100 residents of the area gathered for their third annual Appreciation Dinner. Gene Everett, chairman of the Dobson Community Council, and the audience watched as Bob Comer, incoming chairman, burned the note.

Comer paid respects to those local citizens who were responsible for getting the building project started and to those who worked so diligently to make it a success.

Charles Jackson, who says the building was a dream back in 1960, instigated the idea with the support of members of the Dobson Community Council. The council includes rep-

resentatives of numerous groups in the Dobson area which have individually raised funds to help pay off the Community Building.

Land for the handsome two-story structure was donated by the late Grady Cooper, with Sam Walker and Charles C. Earnest, a retired county extension agent, being responsible for the design and plans. Construction on the \$75,000 facility began in 1976 with Ed Branch as building contractor.

Funds to begin construction came from the Woman's Club and VFW,

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and the VFW kept funds coming in to meet various needs.

Jackson, as chairman of the Dobson Community Council in the 60s, recalls that Sam Gentry, Pauline Tolley, Annie Laura McMillion, Bryant Bivens, Kermit Draughn, Frank Comer, Gene Everett and Dr. Swanson Richards served on the original planning committee for the building.

Dr. Swanson Richards, "honorary citizen of Dobson," introduced special guests Rep. Judy Hunt and Sen. A. P. "Sandy" Sands, members of the state legislature representing Surry County.

Everette commented that the Community Council is proud to have such an excellent facility for the people of Dobson and surrounding area.

which sold their buildings and turned the money over to this community project.

At first, money to pay for the project was donated by private citizens and civic and government officials. Later, Jackson told his wife Hester, "You've got to start cooking to raise some money."

Mrs. Jackson and members of the Busy Bees Extension Homemakers Club did just that and through food sales helped raise funds to make monthly payments. Other groups conducted major projects to contri-

bute toward the building and just last year, about \$10,000 was made in one evening. That left nearly \$1,000 to finish paying off the building.

The Dobson Woman's Club, VFW, Lions Club and individuals pitched in to make the final payment. Some money was made available through legislators.

The Woman's Club bought dishes and kitchen equipment, monies from the Lions Club went to buy tables and chairs and to maintain the building

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November 19, 1985

Rickey S. Dobbins, President
Dobson Lions Club
Rt. 2 Box 34A
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Dear Lion Dobbins:

On behalf of the International Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that the Surry Central Leo Club has been selected as one of 53 winners of the 1984-85 Leo Club Excellence Award. All award recipients will be announced in future issues of the Leo Club international newsletter and The Lion magazine.

Established by Lions Clubs International in 1977, the award recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of humanitarian service, fund-raising, leadership, public relations, and club administration. The success of a Leo Club depends on many people working together, so you and your fellow Lions deserve to be commended along with the Leos themselves.

The enclosed banner patch award and chevron represent one of the highest distinctions a Leo Club can achieve. We ask that it be presented to the Leo Club in a prestigious ceremony, as an expression of the Association's appreciation for the club's outstanding accomplishments.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Popolizio
Stephen Popolizio, Manager
Youth Programs Department

cc: District Governor M. John Marko, 31-D
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Asuncion, Paraguay

THOR HAUGE
Fagernes, Norway

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Las Palmas de G.C., Spain

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Bramalea, Ontario, Canada

TAKESHI "TAK" NIIOKA
Kure, Himshima, Japan

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DEVELOPING HEALTHY KIDS
 AT
 DOBSON ELEMENTARY
 COPELAND ELEMENTARY
 MTN. PARK ELEMENTARY
 SCHOOLS..

The Lions-Quest Skills for Adolescence Program will be implemented in our three elementary schools this year. The primary strength of this positive prevention program is its concern for the entire person. Skills for Adolescence emphasizes skills and attitudes that enable young people to take a "NO USE" ... stance on ALCOMOL and OTHER DRUGS.

The
 Dobson Lions Club
 Will sponsor an 18-Hole
 Captain's Choice Golf Tourn-
 ament on Thursday, October 6th, 88.
 The Golf Tournament will be held at the
 RIVER MONT GOLF COURSE beginning with a shot-
 gun start at 1:00 P.M. There will be refreshments
 and a hospitality cart provided throughout the
 tournament. A DONATION of \$30.00 to the
 Dobson Lions Club will cover ALL costs
 of participating. ALL PROCEEDS will
 go to the three elementary schools
 to assist with the cost of the
 materials for the Alcohol
 and Drug Awareness Pro-
 gram in each school.

Prizes and
 Trophies will be
 Awarded to the 1st.,
 2nd., 3rd., and LAST
 PLACE TEAMS!

 THIS WILL BE
 A "FUN"
 TOURNAMENT!!

We Appreciate YOUR
 Participation
 and
 Support!!

NOTE: The format for the Tournament will be (3-Man/Woman Teams)...Captain's Choice...Two separate teams will play together (six-some). You may get your own threesome together or we will pair you with others based on handicaps. If you desire a certain threesome, please advise us in advance. Women golfers will play from the Ladies Red Tees...Men will play from the Blue Tees. PRIZES will be awarded for closest to the hole on Par 3's and for Longest Drives on No.'s 9 and 18 -- Par 5's.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, October 3rd.
 (Detach Above)

NOTE: Return Entry Form and Check to: Dobson Lions Club - P. O. Box 473 - Dobson, NC 27017

NAME: _____ Handicap: _____
 Telephone: _____ Address: _____

If you need additional information, please call any of the following:
 Jimmie Davis - 386-8451 Gene Everette - 386-8180 Harold Davis - 386-9205
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If you desire to submit entry for a 3-Some, please include your teams names:
 (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

Dobson man receives Lions' fellowship 6-1989

Gene Everette of Dobson received the Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Club International Foundation.

The fellowship, which is the highest form of recognition bestowed by Lions Club International Foundation, recognizes individuals who demonstrate deep commitment toward serving others.

Everette is a guidance counselor at Surry Central High School.

DOBSON LIONS HONOR SURRY CENTRAL LEO CLUB

Members of the Surry Central High School Leo Club were guests of the Dobson Lions Club at its Jan. 24 meeting at the Dobson Community Building.

Larry Wilmoth, Lions Club president, welcomed club members and their special guests. Lion Gene Everette, adviser for the Leo Club at Surry Central, introduced Leo officers Matthew Wilmoth, president, and Zach Wright, secretary/treasurer. They were honored along with fellow club members Barry Boles, Luke Cave, Tim Cox, Chris Dockery, Toby Felts, Brian Gwyn, Trent Hutchens, Greg Johnson, Jamie Karnes, Chad Moore, David Martin, Kevin Pratt, Chris Sloop and Britt Wright.

Lion George Pendergraft, District 31-D chairman of the Leo Club, presented pins and certificates to the honored guests. The Leo Club At Surry Central was chartered in June 1969 and is the oldest such group in North Carolina.

In other matters, Ricky Hardy was welcomed as a new member of the Lions Club.

During a business session, it was noted that the club raised \$1,037 through a fruit sale headed by Forris Thompson, Gene Speas and John Norman. The Lions also have announced plans for their annual yard sale, and Charlie Cook is seeking items to be sold.

Members were reminded of a Dobson Community Council dinner to be held Feb. 10.



Lion Gene Everette, adviser for the Surry Central Leo Club, and Lion George Pendergraft, 31-D Leo chairman, welcome Matthew Wilmoth (left), Leo president, and Leo Secretary Zach Wright.

THIRD ANNUAL
DOBSON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
APPRECIATION BANQUET



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1989
DOBSON COMMUNITY BUILDING
SOCIAL 6:00 P.M. --- DINNER 6:30 P.M.

- PROGRAM -

PRESIDING - GENE EVERETTE
CHAIRMAN, DOBSON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SOCIAL

DINNER

OPENING REMARKS GENE EVERETTE

INVOCATION . . . THE REVEREND LONNIE KENDALL
PASTOR, DOBSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME THE HONORABLE JIMMY DAVIS
MAYOR, TOWN OF DOBSON

1988 IN RETROSPECT BOB COMER

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS SWANSON RICHARDS

ADJOURNMENT BOB COMER



Staff photo by Eleanor Powell

Dobson Lions Honored

Gene Everett (left) and James Bledsoe, the president of the Dobson Lions Club, display awards received by the local group at the Lions Club District 31-D Awards Banquet held recently at the High Point Woman's Club. Everett received the Blind and Sight Services and 100 Percent Secretary awards and Bledsoe accepted a Boys and Girls Homes of N.C. Award for a 10 percent increase in contributions. Jerry Weaver was awarded the Leo Club Award and Pat Guyer, the Youth Exchange Award.



Staff photo by Eleanor Powell

Bledsoe Honored

James Bledsoe, outgoing president of the Dobson Lions Club, was recently honored with an engraved plaque in recognition of his outstanding service during the club year. Making the presentation is Gene Everett (right), who was installed as new president. Members of the Lions Club and their wives were entertained at a family outing at Cody Creek Park.



Staff photo by Eleanor Powell

Dobson Lions Officers

Officers of the Dobson Lions Club were installed at their annual picnic held at Cody Creek Park. Gene Everett (front right) is president for 1990-91 with Van Coe (left) as vice president. Standing behind are (left to right) Wayne Atkins, second vice president; George Pendergraft, secretary/treasurer; and Van Whitaker, third vice president.



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New Dobson Lions Members

New members of the Dobson Lions Club attending the Christmas dinner at the Dobson Community Building are (front, left to right) Rodney Clement, Michael Stanley, Gary Carpenter, (standing) Jay Brendle, Ron Capallia, Ken Snow and Charles Graham Jr. Other new members (not present) are Doug Cook, Mike Seal, Graham Atkinson, Rob Thomas and Darrell Hoosier.

Surry Scene, Tuesday, December 17, 1990



Fonda Bledsoe and Tony Dalton provided Christmas music.



Enjoying the occasion were (left to right) Imogene Speas, Lydia Taylor and Margaret Shepherd.

Dobson Lions Club Entertains With Christmas Dinner



Gene Everette, president of the Dobson Lions Club, welcomed widows of deceased members as special guests at the club's annual Christmas dinner at the Dobson Community Building. They included (left to right) Marge Folger, Kat Austin, Ira Snow, Margaret Smith and Blanche Folger.



Other honored guests were Nell Folger, Clara Freeman, Ruth Freeman and Lib Bolich.

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CLUB/CIVIC NOTES



James C. Roddey (center), president of Star Cable Associates, presents a check for \$2,700 to the Dobson Lions Club. Accepting the donation are Wayne Atkins (left), club president, and Gary Carpenter, a club member and local manager of Star Cable.

STAR CABLE MAKES DONATION TO DOBSON LIONS

James C. Roddey, president of Star Cable Associates, was in Dobson Tuesday night to present the Dobson Lions Club with a check for \$2,700.

Gary Carpenter, vice president and local manager of Star Cable and a member of the club, said this donation was based on the percentage of sales during a recent drive for new customers.

Roddey, who resides in Pittsburgh, is a former president of Turner Broadcasting. He praised the Lions and told them that the secret to success is doing the job no one else will do. Roddey mentioned the camaraderie that exists between the people in the community and those in this part of North Carolina. "They know how to take care of their own," he added.

Wayne Atkins, president, accepted the check which will be used for their club projects.

Van Coe, 1991-92 president, was presented the 100 percent President's Award by John Norman, 31-D regional chairman. The Dobson Lions were also recognized with the 31-D Outstanding International Understanding Award.

The annual Lions Quest Golf Tournament will be held at Cross Creek Country Club on Oct. 14. Sponsors, participants and volunteers are needed.

Jasper Cook was commended on the project of selling Lions mints.

The White Cane drive is scheduled in October with Gene Speas, R.O. Lanier and Norman in charge.

Laura Cranfill, a member of the Pleasant Garden Lions Club, will present a program on the Eye and Human Tissue Bank at the Sept. 8th meeting.

Surry Scene, Tuesday, June 9, 1992-9

LIONS CLUBS REPRESENTED AT AWARDS BANQUET



Receiving district honors for the Dobson Lions Club were (left to right) John Norman, Zone 2 chairman; R.O. Lanier, regional chairman; Gene Everette, state board member; and Van Coe, club president.

Dobson Awards

Those attending from the Dobson Lions Club were Van Coe, president; R.O. Lanier, regional chairman; John Norman, zone 2 chairman; and Gene Everette, state board member of the North Carolina Lions Foundation.

Coe accepted the Community Service trophy for best community activities. These include the Lions Quest, Drug Awareness, golf tournament, participation in the Christmas parade, sponsorship of the Leo Club at Surry Central High School, the Berry Festival, and supplying eye glasses and examinations for the needy.

Lanier received an award as regional chairman which includes 11 clubs, plus a plaque for having the largest attendance at a district membership workshop.

Norman was honored with a plaque for having served as Zone 2 chairman. Everette received the environmental award and the 100% secretary award. Jerry Weaver was recognized as district chairman for the blind and sight services.

About 160 Lions and their guests attended the dinner meeting. District Gov. Ron Huber presided.

**North Carolina
Lions Foundation, Inc.**



**INSTALLATION CEREMONY
1991-1992**

**Saturday, August 3, 1991
Holiday Inn
Salisbury, N.C.**

Sept. 1991

COMMUNITY NOTES Continued from page 4

Lions Hear District Governor

The Dobson Lions Club hosted a visit by Ron Huber of Greensboro, District 31D governor, when the local civic club met Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. for a dinner meeting in the Dobson Community Building.

Van Coe, president of the club, officiated at the meeting.

Club members discussed the Lions Quest Golf Tournament, held Oct. 24 at Cross Creek Country Club; the mid-winter convention, to be held Jan. 24 and 25, 1992 in Greensboro; and the NCLF general meeting, scheduled Nov. 3 at 9 a.m. at Camp Dogwood.

John Norman announced that the Nov. 2 meeting will be held Nov. 14 at the Western Steer in Elkin. The next 31D meeting will be held Nov. 17 with the Archdale-Trinity Lions.

Dobson



Hester Jackson
386-8766

Dobson Yule Parade Set

The annual Dobson Christmas Parade will be held Dec. 7 at 2 p.m., Jasper "Jap" Cook, parade chairman, announced this week. The rain date will be the following day at the same time.

Parade floats and units will line up at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Surry Central High School, proceed down Main Street, travel around Courthouse Square and travel on up Main Street to Draughn's Auto Parts, where it will disband.

Mrs. J. Sam Gentry will serve as grand marshal for the Dobson Lions Club-sponsored event. Her late husband, a retired superintendent of the Surry County Schools, was first president of the Dobson Lions, when the civic club was formed in 1946.

Anyone who wishes to enter a float in the parade should contact Jap at 386-8894.



Dave Lawson (center) of Okehampton in the county of Devon, England, was a special guest of Gene Everette (right) at a recent meeting of the Dobson Lions Club. Lawson and his wife were the guests of Everette's daughter and son-in-law, Chad and Jeana Everette Lewis. They are shown with Van Coe, club president.



DOBSON LIONS CLUB

Dobson, North Carolina

1946 - 1996

*“Continuing the Legacy
of Humanitarian
and Community Service”*



We Serve

*50th Anniversary Celebration
March 12, 1996*

Chartered: March 5, 1946

Sponsored by: Mount Airy Lions Club

OFFICERS: 1995 - 1996

President	Kenneth Snow
1st Vice President	Gary Carpenter
2nd Vice President	Michael Stanley
Secretary-Treasurer	Gene Everette
Past President	Charles Earnest
Lion Tamer	Jasper Cook
Membership Chairman	Rodney Clement
Tail-Twister	Cecil McMillion
Assistant Tail-Twister	Larry Wilmoth

DIRECTORS

Lance Perry	Jerry Weaver
George Pendergraft	Charles Davis
Forris Thompson	Van Lankford
James Bledsoe	Charlie Cook

MELVIN JONES FELLOWS

Gene Everette	*J. Sam Gentry
Ralph O. Lanier	John Norman

* Deceased

JACK STICKLEY FELLOWS

Gary Carpenter	Gene Everette
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MEMBERSHIP

Wayne Atkins	Pat Guyer	Kevin Pratt
Claude Ayers	J. G. Hall	Richard Robbins
James Bledsoe	Jim Hewitt	Kenneth Ross
Jay Brendle	B. J. Hodges	Norwood Selby
Gary Carpenter	Darrell Hoosier	Carlyle Shepherd
Rodney Clement	Wayne Hothem	Kenneth Snow
Van Coe	Mike Hoyng	Greg Stanley
Bob Comer	R. O. Lanier	Michael Stanley
Charlie Cook	Van Lankford	Bob Taylor
Jasper Cook	Cecil McMillion	Forris Thompson
Ray Dance	+ Aubry Moore	Terry Warren
Charles Davis	John Norman	Jerry Weaver
Jimmie Davis	Fred O'Neal	Van Whitaker
Rickey Dobbins	Fred Patterson	Larry Wilmoth
Charles Earnest	George Pendergraft	Carroll Wray
Gene Everette	Lance Perry	Zach Wright
Brian Gates	Jay Plumbback	Steve Yokeley
Chuck Graham	Jerry Pratt	

+ Charter Member

PROGRAM

SOCIAL HOUR	6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. (Music by <i>Mystique</i>)
WELCOME	Lion Kenneth Snow President
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Lion Gary Carpenter 1st Vice President
INVOCATION	Lion Lance Perry Director
DINNER	Lion Michael Stanley 2nd Vice President
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Lion Kenneth Snow President
SONG: "God Bless America"	Members and Guests
INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS	Lion Gene Everette Secretary-Treasurer
INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR	Lion Ralph O. Lanier Anniversary Chairman
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	Lion John Kelly District Governor 31-D
GUEST SPEAKER	Lion Ron Huber International Director
COMMENTARY	Lion Ralph O. Lanier Anniversary Chairman
BENEDICTION	Lion Fred Patterson

PAST PRESIDENTS

Organized – March 5th, 1946

* 1946-47J. Sam Gentry, Charter President	1971-72B. J. Hodges, Jr.
* 1947-48J. Herman Coe	* 1972-73Roger Eads
* 1948-49Frank E. Freeman	1973-74Charles C. Graham
* 1949-50Bausie Marion	* 1974-75Glenn Beasley
1950-51Charles L. Folger	* 1975-76James L. Folger
* 1951-52Neill M. Smith	1976-77George L. Pendergraft
1952-53J. A. Moore	1977-78Dr. Stephen Yokeley
* 1953-54Sam J. Austin	1978-79Dr. Stephen Yokeley
* 1954-55Paul Wiermar	1979-80Jerry Weaver
* 1955-56Frank Comer	1980-81Jimmie Davis
* 1956-57H. M. Adams	1981-82John H. Norman
* 1957-58R. B. Blackwelder	1982-83Dr. Norwood Selby
* 1958-59D. A. McLaurin, Jr.	1983-84Robert F. Comer
* 1959-60W. B. White	1984-85Mark London
1960-61C. Richard Hoskins	1985-86Rickey Dobbins
1961-62Hassell Beasley	1986-87Pat Guyer
1962-63Roy M. High	1987-88Harold Davis
1963-64Carroll F. Gardner	1988-89Larry Wilmoth
1964-65Sherley Blackburn	1989-90James Bledsoe
* 1965-66Charles C. Jackson	1990-91Gene Everette
1966-67Charles C. Stanley	1991-92Van Coe
1967-68Dr. James G. Hall	1992-93Wayne Atkins
1968-69Fred Patterson	1993-94Van Whitaker
1969-70George W. Marion, Jr.	1994-95Charles Earnest
1970-71Ralph O. Lanier	

* Denotes Deceased

KEY MEMBERSHIP RECIPIENTS

Wayne Atkins	* B. J. Hodges
Sam Austin	* Ralph O. Lanier
Glenn Beasley	John Norman
J. Herman Coe	Fred Patterson
* Frank Comer	* George Pendergraft
Charlie Cook	Richard Robbins
* Jasper Cook	** Neil Smith
** Jimmie Davis	Jerry Weaver
Roger Eads	Van Whitaker
*** Gene Everette	* Larry Wilmoth
Frank Freeman	Steve Yokeley
** J. Sam Gentry	

* **ADVANCEMENT KEY RECIPIENTS**

** **MASTER KEY RECIPIENTS**

*** **SENIOR MASTER KEY RECIPIENTS**

SURREY CENTRAL LEO CLUB OFFICERS

Casey Mitchell	President
Brett Yates	1st Vice President
Hoyt Hamlin	Secretary

Chartered: June 1969