

October 27, 1986

MEMO

TO: Dpm Fox, President
Brea Lions Club

FROM: Dean F. Millen

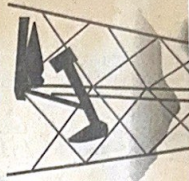
SUBJECT: Melvin Jones Fellow Award for Harold Yates

After the meeting Thursday, October 23rd, I was talking to Pete Karagines about several matters when he suggested that the person that had been overlooked over the years for this award is Harold Yates. I wish I had thought of it myself years ago.

When Harold passed away in 1974-75 (the ^{Feb 197} exact date to be determined), I volunteered to take over as Secretary, thinking, because of my years in the Club, I could help bridge the gap until a permanent Secretary could be found.

Harold, being a history buff, assembled much of the early history of the Club that we now have. I have some of the records, - I am sure Harry Nelson and Frank Schweitzer also have records to add to the story of Harold's contribution to the Club to more than justify considering this Award to him. I'm sure it would mean a lot to Dorothy and Brian.

I would like to help in developing this project. To further this thought, I have been seeking information on several local clubs to include in the Brea History. The early records of the Kiwanis Club have been lost. They now have two charter members left that are recording their history. We, the Lions, are fortunate to have had Harold Yates.



BREA PROGRESS

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Lions Club, city debate future use of Pioneer Hall

By Vanessa Jazin
Brea Progress

A proposal by city officials to put a senior day care center at Pioneer Hall came under fire last week by the Brea Lions Club.

On April 30, about 15 club members met with Community Services Director Ret Wixted and Easter Seals representative Vicky Connely to discuss the pos-

sibility of moving an elderly care program into the city-owned hall on Elm Street, where the 30-member service organization has held weekly meetings for 23 years.

Lions said they are afraid that they won't be able to expand their membership if space at the hall is limited.

"We want this club to grow and we are part of the city," Lions Vice President Roy Kimas said at the meeting. "We serve the city and we want them to respect that."

In March, the city started looking for sites for the adult care program that would be run by the nonprofit Easter Seals Society, which now operates a senior day care center in Orange.

Sonia Garcia, program director for the center in Orange, said in phone interview after the meeting that she was planning to move the program to Brea by the end of the month when their lease in Orange expires.

"I was surprised to find out that it's not a possibility to move (by June)," Garcia said. But the City Council would have to vote to lease the 75-year-old hall to Easter Seals before it can move there.

At the meeting, Wixted said the club would still be able to use the hall at night, since the program would run during regular business hours.

"We're not telling anyone to Please see LIONS/4

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move," Wixted said, "we're asking to share the lease."

Connely said the nonprofit has been working with the city on the possible move to Brea for six months.

Lions contend they were never informed about the proposal.

"We've never had a discussion about this ... We just feel that we were left out of the loop," mem-

ber Mike Duvall said.

The idea for the adult care program arose from the city's Parks and Recreation and Human Services Master Plan which projects that by 2020, 42 percent of the senior population in Brea will be over the age of 75, Wixted said.

Lions Club plan to form a committee to discuss the matter further while the city continues to look for other locations for the program.

Lions Club sponsors Brea seniors picnic

Joe Savala chaired the Brea Senior Citizen Lions Club picnic, an annual event sponsored by the Brea Lions Club. Guests enjoyed barbecue hamburgers, prizes, and bingo. (Right) Nicolle Cramer, daughter of Lions Club President John Cramer, shares her Mickey Mouse with Mary Lee at the picnic. (Below) John Cramer, President of Brea Lions Club, was on hand for the annual Brea Lions Club picnic for the senior citizen Sunday. Gladys and Harry Blunk, shown, both won bingo prizes. (Above). Guests also enjoyed barbecued hamburgers and all the trimmings. Mary Ann Trowbridge, Mary Anne Farber, and Lucy Michael play bingo.



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Brea Lions To Install Bob Hoss

BREA — The Brea Lions Club will install its officers for 1976-77 tonight at 6:45 p.m. in ceremonies at the Californian Restaurant in Fullerton.

Bob Hoss will officially take the office of President with Installing Officer Lyle Parks, former District Governor of District 4LA doing the honors.

Others due to take office are: Al Tremayne, first vice president; Bob Saulsbury, second vice president; Les Jones, third vice president; Bill Johnson, treasurer; Harry Nelson, secretary; Bill Detloff, Lion Tamer; George Farias, Shaggy Mane Editor and Jack Dievel, Tail Twister.

John White and Gene Xenos are the one-year directors, with Larry Lauckett and Alan Van Couverring two-year directors. The new chaplains will be Mac MacFadden, Dave Kreps and Ray Newton.

Chartered in 1922, the Brea Lions is the oldest service club in the city of Brea. Hoss will conduct his first meeting on June 10, with a surprise program scheduled and all members urged to bring guests.

48-year attendance king 'Frog' Winchel epitomizes Brea club's commitment

Service organization reigns in its devotion to community causes

By Jennifer D Andrea
Brea Progress

Harry "Frog" Winchel joined the Brea Lions Club in 1949 and, 48 years later, still boasts perfect attendance at club meetings. Winchel — nicknamed "Frog" by baseball teammates at Brea Olinda High School in the 1920s — said he felt pride when he broke the club's 30-year perfect attendance record. "I've got the record now, and nobody breaks it," said Winchel, 86, confidently.

Winchel and 41 other Lions will mark the club's diamond anniversary, July 25. On June 27, 1922, 13 Brea businessmen met for lunch at Pearson's Cafe on South Pomona Avenue — now Brea Boulevard — to discuss the club's formation, according to club secretary Jim Schweitzer.

The club's existence became official on July 25, 1922, with 40 pioneer members. Brea's first elected first Lions president, The Lions meet weekly at Pioneer Hall, originally located west of Madrona Avenue. It was built by Lions for the Brea Boy Scouts on land donated by Union Oil. In 1935, the building was moved to Brea Boulevard. During World War II, the hall was used for war bond sales and organizing community projects for the war effort.

Pioneer Hall was sold to the city in 1974 for \$1. The building was relocated to Elm Street in 1976, where it serves as the Lions' present clubhouse.

Since the club was formed 75 years ago, Lion volunteers have raised funds for causes including the City of Hope, Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers of Orange County, Brea City Emergency Council and Help for Brain Injured Children.

"Frog" Winchel's favorite cause is the Lions' annual north-south county high school all-star football game, which he helped launch in 1959. Also, Lions have raised about \$600,000 for the Orange County Special Olympics, the Pediatric Adolescent Diabetes Research and Education Foundation, and Western Youth Services, a non-profit agency helping troubled youths.

"It means a lot to me to be in the club when the 75th rolls around," Schweitzer said. "To me, the most important thing in life is to be kind and help others and that's why I'm in the club."

75 YEARS OF LIONS' ROAR



Brea Lions Club members (top photo) get ready to leave for an international convention in Havana in the 1930s, an era when Cuba was a worldwide magnet for fun-seekers. Brea Lions (second photo, from top) are shown on their 50th anniversary in 1972. Brea Lion Harry "Frog" Winchel (in photo at right by M. Loren Hernandez) has a perfect attendance record for club meetings dating back to 1949.

Why Saturday's auction is vital

Editor's note: Today we introduce Wade Mansur as a new local columnist. Mansur, a 31-year Brea resident, will write a bi-monthly essay column about people and places in his favorite town.

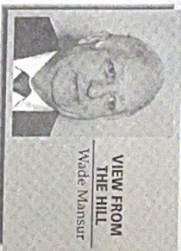
In April, the Brea Lions Club will celebrate its 75th anniversary as a stalwart organization of Brea's business and professional leaders who banded together to serve their community.

Nationally, the Lions were were organized in 1917. Several years later, they met in Chicago for their national convention. The keynote speaker was Helen Keller, who challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind." Without hesitation, the group accepted the charge and embraced the cause of vision care for children.

Some readers may be recipients of the Lions' program, which is responsible for saving the sight of many. The tremendous time, money and scientific research dedicated by the Lions has resulted in a dramatic decline of vision problems. The program continues serving children today.

Several years ago, the attention of the Brea Lions Club shifted to another major area of the community. The Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs were doubling and tripling and a meeting and training place was soon to be lost because the small, rustic scout house in Atovisita Park was to be demolished to make way for park improvements.

Boy Scouts and Girl



Foundation, became vacant. The Lions submitted a plan to the city to use the building as a future scout center.

The Brea Lion's Scout Center Foundation, a California 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, formed to serve as a fund-raising base.

The new center will provide a meeting and training place for scouts and leaders.

Sutton estimated costs of renovation will be \$500,000 to \$600,000. This will repair the tile roof, add hardware and steel retro-fitting to comply with state earthquake requirements, and help with other tasks needed to pass safety inspections.

Another constraint is making repairs that meet U.S. guidelines.

"The building is on the National Registry of Historical Monuments and stringent requirements must be followed in making any repairs," Sutton told me.

Elements that make Brea a desirable, small-town, honey place are the community organizations, made up of hundreds of volunteers who give of themselves as a service to others. The generosity of Breans cannot be matched.

Brea Lions To Stage Rodeo Sunday



LOOK HER UP—Brea's Mayor Charles McCart, left, poses "jail bond" with "Six-gun" Earle Brady the "prosecuting attorney" who has jailed Mrs. McCart for appearing in town without her Western garb to advertise Sunday's big benefit rodeo. Nobody means to care whether pretty Miss Ella Mabes, rodeo queen and "jailer" with the over-size wooden key, goes around in a bathing suit rather than shirt and levis. Some 4,000 spectators are expected to attend the wild west extravaganza beginning at 2 p. m. (Register Photo).

BREA — The rodeo spirit was in full evidence everywhere in Brea today. Office workers and merchants who normally wear white shirts and ties, were from across the street, and admiring each other's 34, 36 and 38 inch waists, string buttons of levis, plaid shirts, high-heeled boots and some cowboy hats.

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Bronc busters, calf ropers and trick riders from Andrew Juarez to a troop of Rodeo Cowboy Assn. Clubhouse.

Two-hour show promptly at 2 p. m. There will be no advance ticket sales, but the 4,000 seats, each offering a good vantage point, will go on sale Sunday at noon. There will be plenty of concessions for the convenience of rodeo fans, including stands to sell cold drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, tacos, popcorn and cotton candy.

The program will begin with a grand entry march into the arena. Scores of local riders have signed up to participate in this event.

Lions Club members have arranged for ample parking space convenient to the arena. There will be several ticket booths to facilitate sales and to get the crowd seated in time for the starting gun.

Brea Junior and Senior Women's Clubs are helping with the arrangements. Proceeds will go in part to a fund to improve the Women's Clubhouse.

'Git Yer Gun, Clem, Them Varmints Stole The Jail'

BREA — The Brea Rodeo "jail" was stolen last night. Some "renegades" carried the little wooden building off right from under the nose of "Sheriff" John Daugherty. The lock-up was sitting on the parking lot of Daugherty's automobile garage at 146 S. Pomona Ave. — there for the purpose of jailing anyone who dares come downtown without wearing western garb to advertise the Brea Rodeo Sunday.

Reliable sources today reported the jail had been carried halfway down the block and placed behind Fred Kirkpatrick's Ceramics Studio, 104 S. Pomona Ave.

Asked for comment today, Kirkpatrick professed "complete innocence." "In fact, he couldn't say for sure that the jail was behind his place.

"My eyes have been bothering me lately," Kirkpatrick confessed. "I know we don't have any smog in Brea, but sometimes in the mornings I can't see very well."

Mayor Charles McCart, who works for Daugherty as service manager, muttered some threats about tossing the "sheriff" in jail for being careless enough to allow the hoosegow to wander off.

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Merit Awards

La Habra and Brea were among nearly 100 employees of Beckman Instruments, Inc., all with five or more service, who were honored last night at the company's annual Service Awards banquet.

Recognition for long service was given to 420 employees at the banquet. Two employees received 20-year service pins, honored for 10 years and 329 for five years

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and was the main speaker at the banquet. Dr. Arnold O. Beckman, president and founder of which develops and manufactures electronic instrumentation for scientific, medical and space applications. With headquarters in Brea, the company has 10 employees in Orange and 5,000 world-

The developer plans cesspools and septic tanks as sewage facilities subdivision, which a developer estimated would have homes selling for between \$23,500 and \$25,000.

Halderman discussed the possibility of alternate rights of way into the property. He also discussed the possibility of sewer connections, provided rights of way could be obtained.

Applications set for hearing Feb. 15. Included subdivision signs at the southwest corner of Imperial and Associated and the north side of Whittier west of Puente.

Other hearings include a lot split proposed by Joseph and Pearl Dominic at 805 S. Brea Blvd., and a rear yard reduction proposed by C. P. Mercer, 257 S. Poplar, to construct a home on the rear of a lot.

FJC Trustees Action Expected Monday In Teacher Suspension

Action in the case of Wendell B. Phillips, Jr., suspended Fullerton Junior College welding instructor, is expected to take place at next Monday night's meeting of the district board of trustees.

Phillips was suspended by trustees after admitting he had been a member of the Communist Party for 13 years prior to 1951. The teacher also admitted he had attempted to rejoin the Party in 1957 without success.

Phillips gave official notice last week he will demand a hearing on the charges filed against him in his suspension and trustees, according to previous announcements, are expected to make a formal re-

quest of County Counsel to file charges in Superior Court.

The charges would set forth the accusation and seek to determine if the charges are true and, if any, they constitute grounds for dismissal, it was learned this morning.

Initial action in the case was taken Dec. 3, last year, when Phillips made his admissions to school district officials. A hearing was held on Dec. 18 under the Dilworth Act after which Phillips was suspended. The instructor said he would fight the charges at the time and subsequently requested the hearing. He previously claimed his civil rights were being violated in that his teaching skill was not under question.

New Residents

New residence construction permit valuation was more than double—\$74,641 in January compared with \$34,715 at the same time last year.

Largest commercial permit was for the new Amercoat plant on Berry Street, which was valued at \$140,000. A number of residences, swimming pools and home projects filled out the valuation figures.

Building permit fees collected were about double as compared with last year at

square feet plant for Macro Manufacturing Co., on Berry Street just north of Deodara.

A garden apartment building adjacent to Imperial Highway which is to contain about 40 units.

Permits have not been made out yet for the bank and service station at the shopping center. Alpha Beta, largest unit, has already taken out its permit.

Other projects this year include a plant, industrial and the hospital behind the shopping center.

Lions Honor Charter Members, Hear District Governor's Talk

Ed Peterkin, charter member and W. F. Fanning, near-charter member, were honored last night by the Brea Lions club on its Founders' Night program, which included an address by visiting Dist. Gov. Albert Mendel of Apple Valley.

Peterkin was a charter member of the club when it was founded in July, 1922. Fanning's name appears on the second charter issued a few years later after the first one was lost. The original was found later so Brea boasts two charters.

Fanning, who recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary, was a former Brea elementary school district superintendent. He was president in 1932, when Bill Hinton who is still alive and living in Fullerton, was his tall twister. It was at this time the clubhouse was built.

"As far as the noise goes, the club is just as rich as it ever was," said Fanning.

District Governor Mendel was accompanied to the meeting by Herald Bertolotti, cabinet secretary for District 4-L-3 and Dr. Robert Johnson, deputy district governor, Orange County region.

Mendel discussed membership and urged continuous efforts in its behalf.

He discussed the history of

Lions, which, he said, was the first civic club to emphasize community betterment and service to others less fortunate than oneself.

"You give of your time, which is more valuable than money," he said.

Mendel discussed the worldwide understanding which Lionism creates, he used as an illustration that the Philippines, which was invaded by Japan in World War II later petitioned to be the country which carried Lionism to Japan.

ALEXANDER'S DEATH REPORT IS EXAGGERATED

Like Mark Twain, well-known local resident Quinn Alexander can say reports of his death are greatly exaggerated.

"My insurance company won't pay off," said Alexander yesterday, "so I guess I'm still alive. I could sure use the money if I could talk them out of it."

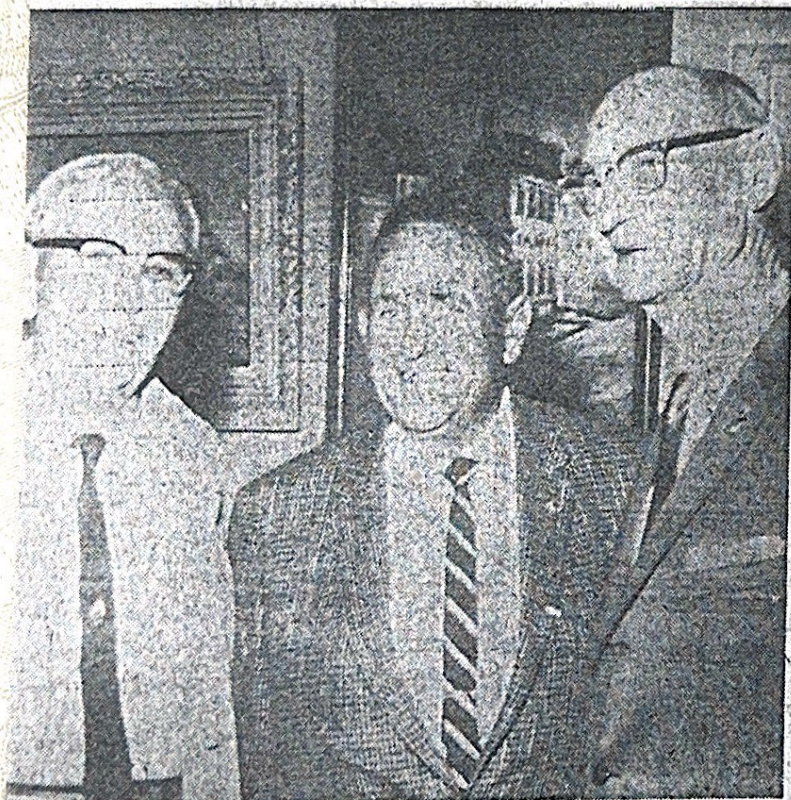
While Alexander was in San Diego at the bedside of his dying father, a rumor spread through Brea that he had dropped dead of a heart attack, Alexander said yesterday.

He was in San Diego Monday and returned Tuesday morning, after his father passed away.

"It scared the daylight out of my wife," Alexander added, "since people called home. I had been gone 24 hours." "When I returned Tuesday, people were surprised to see me," he said in an understatement.

Alexander now knows what can happen when a rumor starts.

"I'd like to pin it down," he added.



paid to old-time and W. E. Fanning; over old times are Hal Carver, Lions president and Albert Mendel of Apple Valley, district governor, who visited club last night.

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Sun, But Slightly Cooler, Forecast

Sunny and slightly cooler today and Saturday is the weatherman's forecast for the area as unseasonably warm temperatures diminished.

The Weather Bureau sees no precipitation in its five-day forecast.

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To date the scorecard reads:
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papers. Four persons, single
sets each of nomination pap-
ers.

All would-be and likely
candidates are playing it coy.

Three terms are expiring:
Mayor Frank Schweiter, Jr.,
Councilmen Leo West and
Richard W. Basse. None has
announced.

Four Youths Nabbed For Hubcap Theft

A quartet of Anaheim youths
were in custody at two loca-
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They were arrested by police
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JUNIOR LIONS OF BREA

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Tenifer Lions of Brea held a dinner at the Fox Wor Inn of Whittier boulevard, Thursday evening.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaffer, Miss Gwethere Reed, Miss Blenda Oxtoby, Miss Mildred Murray, Miss Edith Mallon, Miss Gwethere Seldin, Miss Thelma Pugh, Miss Madge Cooley, Miss Lillian Woodward, Miss Gertie Woodford, Miss Doris and Maxine Massey, Miss Lois and Lucille Reed, Miss Emma Hahn, Miss Ethel Kurelli, Miss Mary Hunt, Miss Miss Jada Smith, Miss Anne O'Connell, Miss Mary Welford, Forville Cummings, Mrs. Welford Forville, Mrs. Harry Branch, Leonard Basson, Harry Branch, Fred Phillips, Norma Winchell, Bert Richtner, Ralph Terrell, J. R. Peak, William Thompson, Lawrence Mitchell, Teddy Woodward, Clarence Wise, Farrel Pindley, Melvin McMechan, Joe Trembley, Harison Thompson, Frank Holly, Melvin Rankin, Perry Thayer, Robert Kuengli, Howard Tripleman, Jake Bergman, Adrain McCabe, Donald Harvey, Earl Ryan, Francis Sieberthal.

THURSDAY
Feb 5 1925

BREA LIONS STAGE BIG PARTY

EDITORIAL—

In every small city like this Brea town scandal is a part of its very life and existence, and when a host of old women and wag-tongued neighbors chance to see a swell looking jare cautiously emerging from the residence of one of the burg's confirmed old bachelors, such as was the case last night, much stimulus is given to this part of community life. Rumor has it this morning that a beautiful woman of tender years and bedecked in good clothes was seen to slip from the residence of one of Brea's popular bachelor business men in the early hours of last evening, and tongues are well awag already without any consideration for the mar of character of the principal. It might be well to investigate a little farther into the matter. It may have been a sister, a cousin or even a wife. Who knew?

The annual guest dinner of the Brea Lions club was observed last night at the club halls in the Scott building with about a hundred lions and their wives together with a goodly number of invited guests present.

A splendid program had been arranged by the committee in charge and everybody is declaring it the best evening they have spent for ages. The Pythian sisters served a scrumptuous chicken-pie dinner ("with all the fixings") and folks were in a good frame of mind for a full enjoyment of the wonderful program which followed the short business session.

Intercepting the luncheon courses the usual amount of frivolity was participated, the interesting feature of which were that of Ed. Peterkin being thrown from the kitchen bodily by the ladies who were serving; the operation by Drs. Steen and Hurst upon Edward Coolidge of the Brea Pharmacy which included the removal of his stomach (a bottle of Gordon gin), a yellow streak for his backbone and several minor detectors; and then the surprise of the evening, the reading of telegraphic congratulations confirming the rumored and much-in-evidence report of the marriage of Lion Harry Ray. And here hangs a story, Harry was there as was his "bride" with all the effusions common to the newly weds, but when the bride was introduced as Mrs. Harry Ray she slipped off her wig and Mr. Raymond Weatherwood of Los Angeles had fooled even the toastmaster, as his makeup and the part played by himself and Harry was a perfect camouflage.

Mrs. Robert Phelps and Mrs. J. E. Rymer rendered two splendid vocal duets. Miss Helen Henigan gave excellent readings, and Miss Julia Culp sang beautifully two vocal solos. Piano solos were given by Mrs. J. D. Selvers, which were greatly enjoyed. Mr. Weatherwood redonned his make-up and sang in feminine tones "Roses of Picardy," as he did his encores. Mrs. Geo. Henigan and Mr. W. D. Shafter acted as accompanist.

Visiting Lions with their wives who answered to the call were Chairman Clark Reed of the Huntington Beach den, and Jay Sexton of Redlands who is an honorary member of the local den.

Lion Clark Reed gave a wonderful ten-minute address on Lionism which was inspiring and interesting throughout.

Out-of-town visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. McMann and Mr. and Mrs. Wheelant. Brea visitors were W. R. Minor and his sister, Mrs. Cumming, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Coolidge, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Simons, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baldwin, and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Savyles.

Many valuable prizes were given to ladies holding lucky cards. These prizes were donated by local busi-

STUDENTS SING FOR BREA LIONS

George Henigan, Jr., and Carl Fanning were invited to lunch with the Brea Lions Club last Friday by the club's entertainment committee. The boys sang duets for the Club in a very creditable manner. George also rendered a splendid violin solo. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Henigan. The Lions Club have planned to have some of the students from the teen schools with them each Friday.

Lions International Highest Honor

Given To Schwartz, Millen, Schweitzer

BREA.—There was a lot of grip-and-grinning going on recently during the Brea Lions Club

installation dinner at Industry Hills Country Club. Ceremonies included

the presentation of the Melvin Jones award, the international highest honor, and the officer installation.

since 1948. Officers installed at the dinner were: President John Cramer; 1st Vice-President Dr. Mark Piekarski; 2nd Vice-President Oscar Buttner; 3rd Vice-President Joe Savala; Secretary Harry Nelson and Treasurer Al Harri.

The Jones award, monickered after the club's founder, was given to Clarence Schwartz, Dean Millen and Frank Schweitzer for their activities and community service.

Others included were: Tail Twister Rick Morrow; Lion Tamer Frank Schweitzer; Bulletin Editors Bob Earle and Bob Levering.

Schwartz joined the Indiana, Pa. Lions chapter in 1935, transferring to Brea in 1948. Millen has been a Lion since 1942, serving in practically every office in the Brea club.

One-year director's are Biran Yates and Lyle Sutton, with Al Tremayne and Bill Johnson taking the two-year positions.



MAINE MEN — The Melvin Jones award, international Liondom's highest honor, was recently bestowed on (l to r) Clarence Schwartz, Dean Millen and Frank Schweitzer. Presenting the awards was Don Banker, international director.

The Brea Bystander

BY LAURA WINGARD

BREA — Collecting Good Old Brea's history is going to cost big bucks.

But the fund-raising campaign is already off to a good start with GEORGE FARIAS, president of the Brea Lions Club, presenting a \$3,000 check

from the organization to D. F. LAWRENCE B. DE GRAAF, director of the Brea Community History Project.



Last April, a Wingard \$1,982 planning grant from the California Council for the Humanities was given to Cal State Fullerton's Oral History Program to start developing a way to collect Brea's past.

For local residents, a history of the community will show the heritage the town was built on.

For scholars, Brea's development will serve as an example of how a small town grows into a bustling suburb and what impact those changes have on the local culture and values.

The project, jointly sponsored by Brea residents and the Oral History Program, is estimated to cost \$33,800. For the study, a \$15,500 grant from the Council for the Humanities is being sought, leaving \$18,300 to be raised through contributions.

Individuals who want to donate time or money to the Brea history project can contact DEAN MILLEN at 529-3289 or Dr. de Graaf at 773-2860.

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DON SCHWEITZER

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Don Schweitzer springs from a family of civic leaders. As the new president of the Brea Lions Club, the architect of the Scout Center is working to build club membership.

► **Age:** 48

► **Civic Lineage:** Schweitzer's father was a Brea councilman and mayor who served as a grand marshal for the city's 75th Jubilee Parade.

► **Lions President:** Schweitzer was inducted July 1, as the president of the Brea Lions, and his brother Jim became secretary. They are third generation members.

► **Membership Drive:** October is designated as Lions Club new member month. The Lions Scout Center kicks-off Oct. 14 in City Hall Park. An Ehsanada trip is planned Oct. 19-22 and a Balboa cruise Oct. 26. The goal: increase membership by 20 by year's end.

► **Meetings:** The Lions meet at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Pioneer Hall 304 W. Elm Street.

► **Operation Helping Hand:** Schweitzer has formulated a rifle to help needy local families. Club members would buy numbers. When the wheel lands on the right number, the lucky Lion keeps half the winnings and donates the rest to Operation Helping Hand. He hopes to get a

match from a local supermarket to give grocery credit to benefitting households. Later, clothes and other special requests could be filled.

► **Rent-a-Santa:** Schweitzer has been chairman of Rent-a-Santa for two years. He hopes this Christmas to expand the program, which the Lions assumed from the city, to service more parties now with four Santas. Because the Lions play Chris Cringle for free, unlike city hires, the club can put more money back into community projects.

► **Architectural Barriers:** Schweitzer is the architect of the Lions Scout Center to be constructed in Brea's renovated old city hall. The unre-enforced masonry building circa 1920 must be retrofitted to meet contemporary seismic code.

"It's not safe at this point, but it's not unsafe in the sense that if you walk in, you're taking your life in your hands. But if there was an earthquake, there's a possibility of some damage."

Some interior walls must be removed, and the outside overhauled to clone as much as possible the original structure and save its place on the National Register of Historic Buildings. Bathrooms will be made wheelchair accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Architectural barriers

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