

E.K. Lions pause to celebrate

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work of school staffs, parks board personnel, and East Kildonan Lions.

- Only July 1st, 1957, the Club was put in charge of organizing and co-ordinating the inauguration ceremonies of the City of East Kildonan by the city council of East Kildonan.

- They even went out and purchased musical instruments with the intention of setting up a band. Although the band was never established the instruments were given to David Thompson and Elmwood High School Bands.

- The Club helped the 695 Squadron of the R.C.A.F. Cadets and contributed money and personnel effects to the adapting of a building on Gateway Road as a rifle range.

- Football has played a great part in this Club with its support of the Lions Midgets from Bronx Community Centre and Bantam from Springfield Heights Community Centre Football teams.

- Other projects included helping in the formation of equipment and finances to Chalmers, Bronx, Springfield Heights, North Kildonan and East St. Paul Community Centres, as well as the Child Guidance Clinic, Lork Selkirk Scots Pipe Band, Shrine Circus Daddies, U.N. Seminar, Y.M.C.A. Building Fund, Children's Hospital, Boy Scouts, East Kildonan Library Fund, Underprivileged Children's Day at Lockport to just name a few.

The concept of Club visitations had its early beginnings in infant years of this club when the spirit of Lionism was high and its spread contagious.

Back then one could pretty well visit all the Lions Clubs within a two-week spread at least once.

Back then instead of bringing a Club banner from your club, one brought a shoat or a young pig to the visiting Club as a gift. That Club would then feed it and pass it on to another Club as a gift. That

Club would then feed it and pass it on to another Club until the Brandon Fair came up where it was presented as an entry.

Then East Kildonan presented a deodorized skunk as a gift but this did not go over as well as the baby pig and besides the president had to wear a towel around his arm while hiding the skunk for presentation. The pig was called "Kildie".

One of the ways that the Club used to raise money was from the sale of nuts in the fall where the Lions Club members went from door to door selling cases and cases.

In 1965 they raised \$1,000. Another was the selling of Grey Cup pool tickets which raised in 1964 \$700 and also occurred in the fall of this year.

Then there were special fund-raising drives for people in need of special medical treatments and operations, usually now available in the community.

A good sample of this was in March, April

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