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**LIONS CLUB, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA, PAPERS**

The collection includes presidents' reports, histories of the club, celebration programs, photograph albums for the 35th anniversary of the club in 1957, and microfilmed records of the club. Also included are souvenirs of the visit of the French "Merci" Train to Lynchburg, Virginia, on 8 February 1949. The Merci Train toured the United States in 1949 to bring thanks from the French people to the United States for its help in World War II. The visit to Lynchburg was planned by the Lions Club and the collection includes photographs of the visit, a broadcast record of speeches given and several books about France.

- BOX 1**
- 1-1** Presidents' Reports
  - 1-2** History
  - 1-3** Anniversary Celebrations
  - 1-4** Newsletter
  - 1-5** "Lionism in Virginia" (50th anniversary)
  - 1-6** Photographs (Officers, Presidents 1922-1957)
  - 1-7** Photographs (Members, A-G, 1957)
  - 1-8** Photographs (Members, H-N, 1957)
  - 1-9** Photographs (Members, O-Y, 1957)
  - 1-10** Minutes 1921-1986 (Microfilmed record)
  - 1-11** French Merci Train - Gifts
  - 1-12** French Merci Train - Historical Record 1949
  - 1-13** Organization committees (1937), Membership (1944, 1957),  
Club song
- BOX 2** Broadcast record, French Merci Train visit, 1949
- [BOX 3]** Painting, "Petit Jalna," Gift of French Merci Train, 1949

\*Also available are digitized photos and clippings in newspaper archives, see NA0117\*

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The Lions Club of Lynchburg, Virginia, was organized in 1921. Also known as the "Lynchburg Host Lions Club" and the "Downtown Lions Club," the group was chartered as "The Lions Club of Lynchburg" in 1922. The organization has participated in numerous service projects in its history, including summer camping programs for youth, the organization of the Lynchburg Safety Council, work with the blind, assisting in community fundraising campaigns for the Community Chest, the Red Cross, and the YMCA.

[Lions Club, Lynchburg, Virginia, Papers, Mss., MS1122, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]