

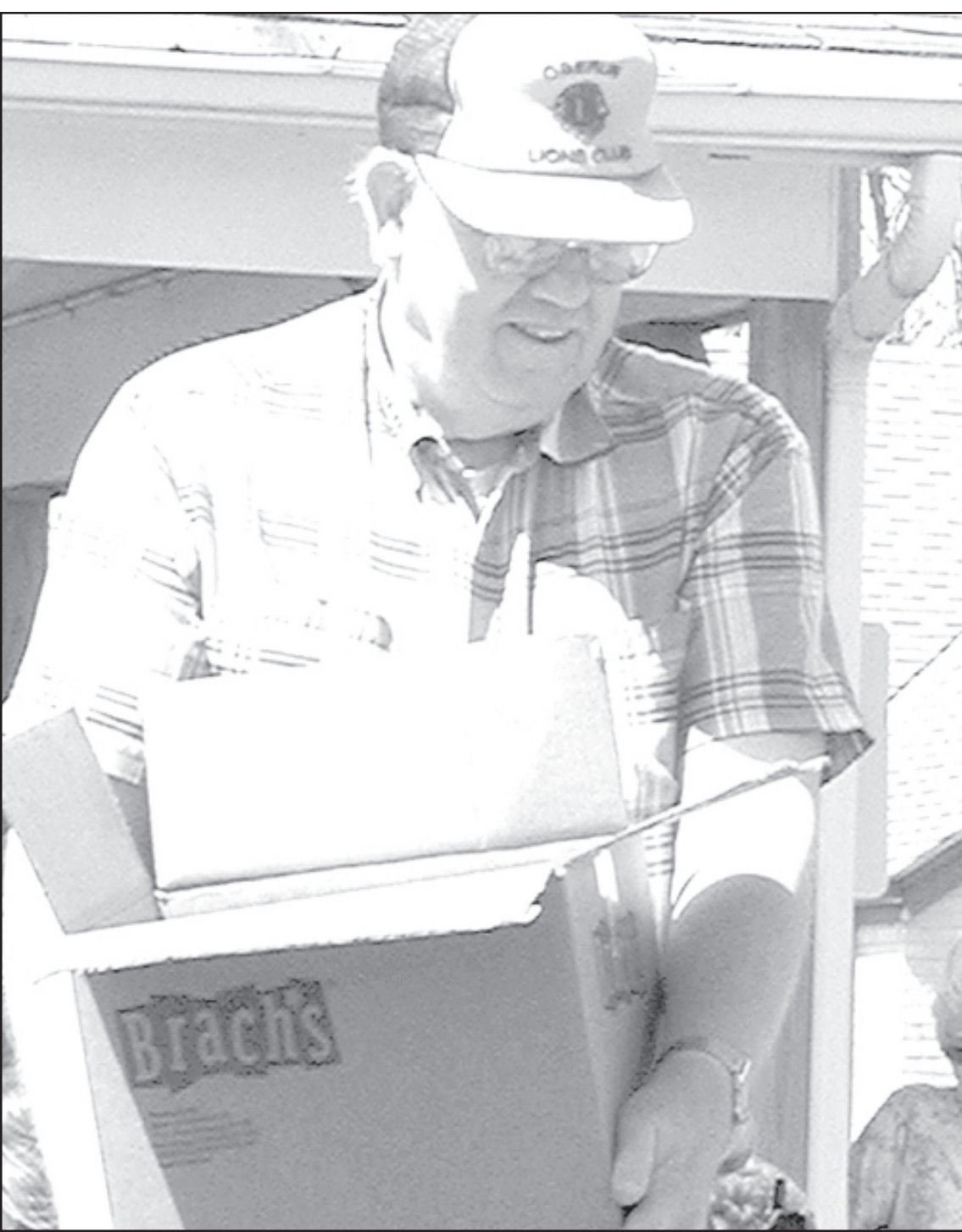


ON YOUR MARKS, get set, go! and they were off. The oldest group of kids, 7 to 10, (above) raced to the candy in the grass for the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday in City Park. Conner McHugh (below left) and Patience and Isaac Carman watched as kids looked for the sweets.

Kids hunt sweet treats in City Park

Parents and kids gathered in City Park a little before 1 p.m. Saturday. The kids carried baskets made out of plastic, metal or some kind of woven material, and most of the parents had cameras of some sort. Just in front of the shelter house was a section of grass roped off. The rope protected the area to be used for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, really a candy hunt, sponsored by the Oberlin Lions Club with the candy donated by the Mountain Slope Masonic Lodge. The Lions started to spread handfuls of candy in the roped-off grassy area. First on the starting line to the west were 1- and 2-year-olds, most accompanied by their parents. The little ones carried their Easter baskets in one hand while mom or dad held their other. At the word, they toddled off to find candy. For the most part, mom or dad let them go while they snapped several pictures and the kids grabbed a few pieces of candy

off of the grass. Next on the line were 3- and 4-year-olds. These kids had been taking part in the candy hunt for a few years and seemed like old pros. They were off the line at a jog, their sacks and baskets swinging in the wind. The 5- and 6-year-old kids got to go next, with fewer moms in the roped-off area taking pictures. At the speed they moved, it wasn't all that safe for an adult to be out there. Next came the 7- to 10-year-old group. This was the last age group to go and the most experienced. The kids got on the line, some bent over to get a quicker start. One dad lightly rubbed his son's arm and leg muscles to get him loose to run. They were off. Some stopped at the front, bent over and grabbed candy, while others ran to the end of the roped-off area and started there. The Lions have been sponsoring the hunt for at least the last five years.



WITH HER BASKET in hand, Kylie Farr (above) looked for candy. Jack Benton (left) held a box of treats as other Lions Club members tossed candy onto the lawn.