

# The Red Lion

By JOHN DASH

More than 800 downtowners a week have made of the Red Lion Restaurant in the Lincoln First Concourse one of the most popular eateries in the city, and with good cause.

Inexpensive and tasty food served attractively and with dispatch, and a spectacular decor all combine to provide patrons with a thoroughly enjoyable dining experience.

We recently sampled from the Red Lion's noontime carte of sandwiches, cold plates and

salads, and meat and fish entrees.

We found a cup of the lentil soup was a creamy broth laced with pepper and hearted up with chunks of Italian sausage. Our entree was the baked meat loaf with mushrooms, and the topper of the meal was the house cheesecake.

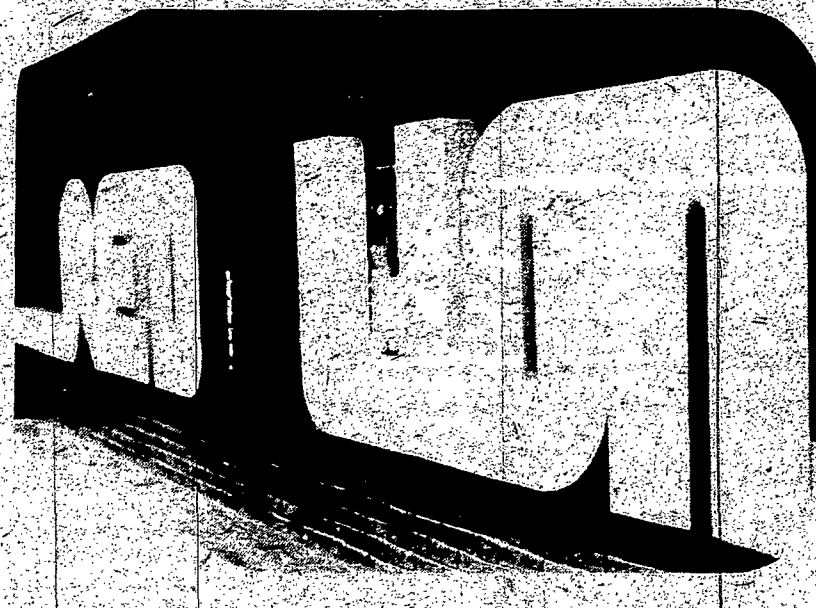
Noon Diners will find their appetites satisfied anywhere from \$1.05 for a cheese sandwich to \$6.25 for a porterhouse steak.

According to Frank Guelli, who manages the restaurant, evening patrons choose from a menu in

the \$3.95 to \$8.75 range; an after-theater menu offers sandwiches and platters from \$1.75 to \$4.75.

Both bar and dining patrons relax to the piano and vocal stylings of Diane Dexter in the evenings.

The Red Lion's decor is probably its most outstanding feature. One's first view of the restaurant is of an intimate room done in brown brick accented by a warm red bar and tables. The same red dominates the dining area, which by the way, houses the most comfortable chairs in the city.



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