

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TWO PAST DIRECTORS, RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOUNDER DIE

Two former members of the Lions International Board of Directors and the founder of a Lions Research Foundation have died recently.

William L. Waldie, who served on the Board during 1951-53, died September 22. He resided at Qualicum Bay, British Columbia, Canada, at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, Hettie.

Ralph E. Blaney, of Old Fort, Ohio, died suddenly on October 2. He served on the International Board during 1960-62. Mr. Blaney is survived by his widow, Lois, a son, Robert L., a daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Glanz, and six grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Lions International Foundation.

Dr. Charles W. McQuarrie, Sr., founder and first president of the Winter Haven, Florida, Lions Club Research Foundation, is dead. This project, which involves perceptual screening and eye testing and training pro-

grams for youngsters, has received extensive coverage in THE LION and in other media. It is now an international project, called the "How To Help A Child Program." Dr. McQuarrie is survived by his widow, Mabel, a son, a daughter, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CAMP DIRECTOR RETIRES

Frank Robertson, who served as Executive Director of the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children, in Kerrville, Texas, has retired after 23 years of service. Through his leadership, the facility has grown to 17 permanent buildings and served 16,000 physically handicapped summer campers since it opened. He is succeeded by J. L. McPherson, a past president of the Texas Lions League.

FOR THE RECORD

As of September 30, 1975, Lions International had 1,096,296 members in 28,761 clubs in 148 countries and geographical areas.

ANIMAL QUARANTINE IN HAWAII

If you know any blind Lions who are planning to attend the Honolulu Convention, please inform them of the quarantine requirements of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Hawaii.

All animals, including guide dogs, must be quarantined for a period of 120 days. There is no discretionary authority to waive or shorten the quarantine for any reason. The only exceptions to the regulation are animals from Australia, New Zealand and the British Isles. Fees for dog owners amount to US\$235.00, payable upon entry. During the quarantine period, owners of guide dogs will be housed by the state at the Quarantine Station, which is seven miles from central Honolulu. Dogs may be exercised and trained in city traffic each day if the owner is accompanied by a sighted person.

For a copy of the complete regulations concerning quarantine procedures, write the Convention Division, Lions International, York and Cermak Roads, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521.

LIONS IN THE NEWS

A LION IN CARNEGIE HALL

One evening last April, while most of New York state was being socked by an early spring snow storm, jazz lovers packed Carnegie Hall in New York City to enjoy a concert featuring six musicians who, years ago, starred with the "big bands."

Among the group was Newell "Spiegle" Willcox, a trombone player many say rivaled the great Tommy Dorsey. In addition to the concert stage, Willcox is also well-known in his hometown of Cincinnatus, New York, where he is a charter member of the Cincinnatus Lions Club.

Lion Willcox is recognized as one of the original jazz greats, having played with many of the top-name big bands during the twenties. He left his native Cortland, New York, in the early twenties to join Paul Whiteman's Collegians. Later, he became a member of the Gene Goldkette Orchestra of Detroit, one of the nation's foremost jazz outfits. There he played with such immortals as Bix Beiderbecke, Frankie Trumbauer, Joe Venuti, Steve Brown, Chauncy Morehouse, Bill Rank, Jimmy Dorsey and others. His close association with the late Beiderbecke, the cornetist now almost worshipped



Lion Willcox and friend.

by jazz buffs as an improvisational genius, led to his stardom. In fact, the Carnegie concert was held in Beiderbecke's memory and many of the pieces played by the musicians, surviving members of the Goldkette group, were written by him.

Since that concert, Willcox, whose

nickname "Spiegle" was acquired for some unknown reason while he was a student at a military academy, has had many invitations to perform and has been given many honors. He even helped open a nightspot in Georgetown, Virginia, with jazz violinist Joe Venuti who, at age 81, according to Willcox, is still going strong.

"Spiegle" Willcox has been called an inspiration to others reaching the retirement age. He has the enthusiasm of a young man, both while he's blowing his trombone and while he's serving his community with his fellow Cincinnatus Lions.

DR. BRIGGS HONORED

Past International President Dr. Eugene Briggs (1948-49) has been elected an Honorary Member of the Board of Directors of the National Investors Life Insurance Company of Little Rock, Arkansas. Before a merger, he served as the company's president when it was based in Oklahoma. Dr. Briggs is a nationally-known educator and served as president of Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, from 1938 to 1961. A member of Oklahoma's Hall of Fame, he has been listed in *Who's Who in America* for many years.