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1920 to 1958

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## THE BIRTH AND GROWTH OF LIONISM IN OHIO

When Lionism was very young in the United States, it was widely spread over several States and Ohio fell in what was known as District Nine which comprised Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Eastern Wisconsin and Ohio.

The first District Governor of the old Ninth District, containing Ohio was George W. Milligan of Chicago, Illinois. He was appointed at the International Convention in St. Louis in 1918. There was no Lions Club in Ohio at that time.

The second District Governor of this District was appointed (it was necessary to appoint officers due to the large areas involved and the inability of the financially weak clubs to hold District Conventions. It was a rule for the clubs of a District to recommend and for the International Board to appoint) Dr. John F. Garner of Quincy, Illinois. During his term of office a new Lions Club was formed in Cleveland, Ohio on March 13, 1920. Also during his term of office the first District Convention was held in Quincy, Illinois. Dr. Garner was elected to serve another term and during this term, in 1921, after recommendations made at the International Convention at Oakland, California, the entire country was re-districted and at that time Ohio was made District 13 in the International Association.

The organization of Ohio into a separate District, and the chartering of the clubs which had been organized up to that time, took place at one of the most remarkable meetings in the annals of Lionism. The clubs were asked to send delegates to a District Convention to be held in Columbus on October 14, 1920.

To this first convention came delegates from the thirteen clubs which had been organized; Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Hamilton, Lima, Newark, Piqua, Springfield, Toledo and Youngstown. Also attending was Dr. C. C. Reid of Denver, Colorado, International President; E. W. Cameron of Minneapolis, First Vice President; Harry A. Newman, Second Vice President from Toronto, Canada; Melvin Jones, International Secretary-Treasurer from Chicago, Illinois and Judge John F. Garner, District Governor of the old Ninth District and Director of Lions International.

At the banquet of this convention, International President Reid delivered the address and presented the charters to the Presidents of the clubs. Ashland was organized as the fourteenth club in Ohio.

The delegates unanimously elected Dr. B. W. Beatty of Dayton, as District Governor to serve District 13, or the Ohio District as it was called until 1922 when International formally bestowed the number (13) upon the Buckeye State. Dr. Beatty worked hard to have all the Ohio Clubs linked together in some program of work. To this end he appointed an Advisory Board to systematize the work. The members of this board were: Dow W. Harter, Akron; W. L. Rybolt, Ashland; J. Babcock, Canton; R. C. Smith, Cincinnati; C. T. McConnell, Cleveland; Judge Kinkade, Columbus; C. B. Williams, Hamilton; H. C. Ashcraft, Newark; J. W. Aikman, Piqua; R. W. Wetherby, Springfield; O. C. Norton, Toledo; J. R. Barrett, Youngstown; and John F. Rees of Columbus as District Secretary.

The second District Convention was held in Dayton, Ohio on May 25, 1921. Dr. Beatty was re-elected to serve as District Governor over the 16 Clubs now in Ohio. At the International Convention at Oakland, California, District Governor Beatty was elected Third Vice President of Lions International and resigned the District Governorship. International President Jesse Robinson then appointed Orson C. Norton, of Toledo, to serve as District Governor in Ohio.

The third District Convention was held at Lima, Ohio, on May 24, 1922. The delegates endorsed a plan for child welfare work to be carried out by the clubs. Orson C. Norton of Toledo was unanimously re-elected as District Governor and these trustees were chosen by ballot: C. W. Uhlman of Youngstown; Ralph Weatherbee of Springfield and The Rev. Irvin E. Deer of Dayton.

The fourth annual Convention of District 13 was held in Akron on May 24, 1923. District Governor Norton reported that he had visited each club in the State and had spent as much as two days, in some cases, to help iron out their difficulties. The year ended with 19 active Lions Clubs. The principal action of the convention was to take over, as a District, the publication and free distribution of the Juvenile Braille Magazine which the Cincinnati Lions Club had undertaken alone for a year or more. It was voted unanimously to publish the magazine and send it to every blind child in Ohio. This was declared the major activity of all Clubs in the District, Albert Elton of Youngstown was elected District Governor, and three trustees were elected: C. B. McGowan of Lorain, Albert Ashley of Lima and Dr. John D. Osmond of Cleveland.

The fifth annual convention of Ohio Lions was held in Cleveland on May 23-24, 1924. The year ended with a total of 24 active Lions Clubs in Ohio. Albert Elton was unanimously re-elected District Governor. The main topic of this convention was the report of Walter Schmitt of Cincinnati, Chairman of the Committee for the Juvenile Braille Magazine. He reported that instead of the \$2200.00 the committee had estimated, they had spent but \$1414.75 for the year in supplying the magazine to every blind child in Ohio. He offered a resolution, which was adopted, that at the Omaha Convention of Lions International, to be held the following month, the International Association be asked to take over the publication, and that in case International did not do so, Ohio would carry it on alone for the coming year.

On June 29, 1925, the sixth annual convention of District 13 Ohio Lions was held at Cedar Point in connection with the Ninth Annual Convention of Lions International. The Juvenile Braille Magazine was again the important issue, since Ohio was still carrying on the project but the clubs were not 100% behind it. Again the convention decided to ask International to take over the magazine. Edward S. Babcox of Akron was elected District Governor and the following trustees elected: Carl Osborn, Sandusky; Oscar H. Broker, Dayton; Justin A. Altschul, Springfield; Harry Hall, Youngstown. District Governor Babcox appointed Judge E. H. Boylan of Akron District Secretary and Deputy District Governor and John Rees of Columbus, District Treasurer. Later in the year he organized the State officers.

At the seventh annual convention held in Columbus on June 10, 1926, the delegates adopted an entire new State Constitution which had been prepared by a committee appointed by District Governor Babcox. Irving L. Camp, Vice President of Lions International was the speaker at this convention. Horace S. Kerr, Columbus, was elected District Governor and he appointed nine Lieutenant Governors to serve. They were: Rev. Frank Baker, Cleveland; E. M. Botkin, Lima; Judge E. H. Boylan, Akron; Clyde C. Sherick, Ashland; James B. Stewart, Cambridge; James P. Sharpe, Columbus; L. G. Reitz, Eaton; Rev. I. G. Weber, Chillicothe and Dr. W. E. Smith, Hamilton. This year there were 40 clubs in the State.

On May 26th, 1927, the eighth annual convention was held in Toledo with Wm. A. Westfall, President of Lions International present. Walter Schmitt of Cincinnati was elected District Governor and Chet Moreland of Cincinnati was named Secretary-Treasurer. The district was to be administered in nine sub-districts, each under a Lieutenant Governor, thus the District Governor was relieved of visiting each club in person. Horace S. Kerr was elected to International Director at the International Convention in Miami, Florida, this year and ably served this office until 1930.

The ninth annual District Convention was held in Cincinnati on May 31st and June 1st, 1928. International Vice President, Benjamin A. Ruffin of Virginia and International Director Kerr were in attendance. During this year five new clubs were organized in the city of Cincinnati and two more in the State, bringing the total clubs to 48 at this time. Inter-Club meetings in Sub-Districts was urged by Governor Schmitt and many such meetings were held with much success. The Juvenile Braille Magazine continued to be the principal activity, it had now been adopted

by Lions International. This year 1886 copies were sent to blind children in Ohio. Thomas W. Morgan of Lorain was elected District Governor for 1928-29.

The principal speakers at the tenth annual convention held in Youngstown on May 15-16, 1929 were Vice President Earle W. Hodges of New York and Secretary-General Melvin Jones of Chicago. Reports showed that this had been an outstanding year in Lionism in Ohio. Fifteen new clubs had been organized, many and varied activities were carried on. The delegation elected Vernon L. Clapper of New Philadelphia as District Governor.

At the eleventh annual convention held in Dayton on May 20-21, 1930, the reports showed that 119 new members had been added to Ohio Lionism and activities had made this a most successful year. Immediate Past President Ben A. Ruffin was the speaker and Henry F. Heider was elected District Governor.

When the twelfth annual convention was called to order in Lima on May 19-20 1931, it was noted that fifty-nine of the sixty-nine clubs, now in Ohio, were present with the total registration of 600. International President Earle W. Hodges was the principal speaker and John A. Lloyd of Portsmouth was elected District Governor. A total of 2733 Lions now in Ohio.

The thirteenth convention of District 13 of Ohio Lions met in Columbus on May 24-25, 1932. A very helpful addition to the regular meeting was the meeting of Club Presidents and Club Secretaries discussing the various phases of Club life. International Director Wm. A. G. Fox of Philadelphia was the main speaker and Walter Ross of Bedford was elected as District Governor. At the International Convention in Los Angeles, California, in session, John A. Lloyd of Portsmouth was elected International Director and he served in this office until 1936.

During the fourteenth annual convention of District 13 of Ohio Lions held in Cleveland on May 22-23, 1933, the State was divided into two Districts to be known as District 13-A and District 13-B and a District Governor was to be elected to serve each. Also an impressive Necrology Ceremony was conducted. Walter Schmitt of Cincinnati was elected as Custodian of the Juvenile Braille Magazine Fund. Past President Earle W. Hodges of New York represented Lions International and was the main speaker. Harry Shanks of Dayton was elected District Governor of 13-B and Don Gibbs of Urbana was elected District Governor of 13-A to serve Ohio Lions in 1933-34.

The fifteenth annual convention of Ohio Lions was held in Cincinnati on May 27-29, 1934 and it proved that the first year of two-governor plan had been a big success. We now had 86 Clubs and 2760 members. The delegates were given the privilege of witnessing the printing of the Juvenile Braille Monthly, Lions' Magazine for blind children, printed by blind women of Clovernook. The Talking Book, latest invention for the blind, was also on exhibit. Guy W. Brentlinger of Lima was elected District Governor of District 13-A and Willis H. Liggett of Columbus was elected District Governor of District 13-B. Serving also were State Directors: Tom Morgan, Lorain; Otto Strueker, Price Hill, Cincinnati; Russell Kanouse, Dayton. State Secretary-Treasurer was Jim Engle, Columbus. In District 13-B, G. Glover Boake of Cincinnati, Hyde Park served as Lieutenant Governor.

On May 19-20, 1935, the sixteenth annual convention was held in Akron. The main address was delivered by Third Vice President Frank V. Birch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A resolution endorsing Past International Director John Lloyd for Third Vice President of Lions International was passed. A. H. Alexander of Cleveland was elected District Governor of 13-A and G. Glover Boake was elected District Governor of 13-B. The 13-A delegates also elected three deputy governors: Noel Mitchell of Akron; F. C. Stump of Bridgeport; J. J. Rater of Urbana and Roy G. Engstrom of Cleveland as Secretary-Treasurer. District 13-B elected A. E. Bogen of Columbus

and C. A. Roberts of Marietta as deputies and John H. Rhode of Hyde Park, Cincinnati as Secretary-Treasurer. At the 1935 International Convention Guy W. Brentlinger, Lima, was elected to Executive Council, Board of Governors of Lions International,

The seventeenth annual convention of Ohio Lions was held in Columbus on June 7-9, 1936. The group paid silent homage to the memory of District Governor G. Clover Boake who passed away during his term. Amor E. Bogen was appointed on Feb. 24, 1936, to serve out the remainder of the term of District Governor of 13-B. International Director Lloyd of Portsmouth and Past International President Earle Hodges of New York spoke to the delegation. Director Lloyd was again endorsed for Third Vice President of Lions International and Past District Governor Don Gibbs of Urbana was endorsed for Director of Lions International. Henry Bowers of Toledo was elected District Governor of 13-A and Dr. Wm. Schrontz of Newark was elected District Governor of 13-B. Directors elected were: Ed. Ward, Lima; Luther Heiserman Sandusky and George Beckett, Hamilton. At the International Convention in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1936, A. H. Alexander was elected to the Executive Council Board of Governors of Lions International.

At the eighteenth annual convention of District 13, a new District Governors organization was adopted. Each Governor was to have Deputy Governors and Zone Chairman to help him carry on Lionism in his District. This convention was held in Toledo on May 16-18, 1937. District Governor Bowers was endorsed for Chairman of the Board of Governors of Lions International and was chosen for this office at the International Convention in Chicago in July. President of Lions International, Edwin R. Kingsley of Parkersburg, West Virginia was the speaker this year. Walter S. Hutchinson of Akron was elected District Governor of District 13-A and his deputies were: H. Hendershott, Cleveland; L. H. Heiserman, Sandusky and E. J. Ward, Lima. George Beckett of Hamilton was elected District Governor of District 13-B and his deputies were: C. F. Harbison, Dayton; R. B. Tharp, Washington C.H. and L. Andrews, Ironton.

The nineteenth annual convention was held in Dayton on May 22-24, 1938. Third Vice President Karl M. Sorrick was the International speaker. This year the Club Presidents had a breakfast and discussed many new ideas, the Club Secretaries also had a breakfast meeting with varied discussion. Forrest L. Steinman, Bluffton was elected District Governor of 13-A and his Deputies were: Howard Hendershott, Cleveland; C. W. Swartz, Ashland and Leo Urban, St. Paris. Marion Harover of Manchester was elected District Governor of District 13-B and his deputies were: Lee Andrews, Ironton; R. B. Tharp, Washington C. H. and C. F. Harbison, Dayton. Henry T. Bowers, Toledo, was endorsed for International Director and at the International Convention in Oakland, California in July, 1938 he was elected and served until 1940.

Cleveland was host for the twentieth annual convention on May 21-23, 1939. Lionism was growing in Ohio and by now there were 95 active Lions Clubs with 3481 members. President of Lions International, Frank V. Birch was the speaker this year, along with our own International Director Bowers. The election showed, Arthur Koenreich, Canton as District Governor of District 13-A. His deputies were: Douglas Rea, Akron; Earl Leeds, Ashland and Leo Urban, St. Paris. C. Frank Harbison, Dayton was elected District Governor of 13-B and his deputies were: Dr. E. G. Horton, Columbus; Wm. Hedges, Portsmouth and Wm. A. Judd, Cincinnati.

District 13 held its twenty-first annual convention in Cincinnati on May 19-21 1940. At this convention a resolution was drawn up to divide the State into three Sub-Districts and this was to take effect at the end of the 1941 International Convention. Alexander T. Wells, International President was the speaker this year. Howard Hendershott, East Cleveland was elected District Governor of District 13-A and his deputies were: Douglas Rea, Akron; Frank Link, Sandusky and Kenneth D. Kyle, Richwood. Dr. Elmer G. Horton was elected District Governor of District 13-B and

his deputies were: C. L. Chute, New Lexington; Wm. Hedges, Portsmouth and Richard Francis, Middletown. During this year, 9 new clubs were organized making a total of 104 with 4198 members.

The twenty-second annual convention of Ohio Lions was held in Akron on May 18-20, 1941. The convention voted to create two additional Districts to be known as District 13-C and District 13-D, therefor this year four District Governors were elected. D. E. Van Volkenburg, Youngstown was elected District Governor of 13-A and he had as his deputies, Jack Krapp, Cleveland and Lowell K. Weaver, Canton. C. D. Shute was elected District Governor of 13-B and Rev. M. J. Eckert, Canal Winchester and Wm. Hedges, Portsmouth were his deputies. Richard Francis, Middletown was elected District Governor of 13-C and his deputies were Norman L. McLean, Washington C. H. and Warren Young, Franklin. Dr. Hugh Wayt, Mt. Vernon was elected District Governor of 13-D and his deputies were Frank Link, Sandusky and Kenneth D. Kyle, Richwood. Thirteen new Lions Clubs were organized this year making a total of 117 with membership of 4834.

Columbus was host to the twenty-third annual convention on May 17-19, 1942. This year there was a District Governors Banquet and Ball; Model Luncheon for the Lions and a Luncheon and Bridge for their ladies as well as trips around the city. Breakfasts for the Presidents and Secretaries and this year there was also breakfasts for the tailtwisters and Key Members. Harry E. Brokaw, East Liverpool was elected District Governor of 13-A and his deputies were Jack Krapp, Cleveland, and Lowell K. Weaver, Canton. Rev. E. A. Kahle, Ironton was elected to serve as District Governor of 13-B with his deputies, A. S. Morrow of Chillicothe and Charles E. Denman, Crooksville. Warren Young, Franklin was elected District Governor of 13-C and his deputies were Norman L. McLean of Washington C. H. and Harold Snider of Eaton. Frank A. Link, Sandusky was elected to serve as District Governor of 13-D. His deputies were F. B. Herendeen, Fredericktown and Raymond P. Evans, Findlay. International President George R. Jordan was the main speaker at this convention. The records showed 131 Clubs with 5213 members.

The twenty-fourth annual convention was held in Columbus on May 24, 1943. D. A. Skeen of Salt Lake City, Utah, Second Vice President of Lions International was the speaker. Lowell K. Weaver, Canton was elected to serve as District Governor of 13-A and later resigned and C. J. Gerker was appointed to fill the office. The deputies were C. R. Wolfe, Youngstown and L. K. Weaver, Canton. 13-B elected C. E. Denman to serve as their District Governor with Arch Morrow, Chillicothe and Lloyd H. Melter, Marietta as deputies. Norman L. McLean, Washington C. H. was elected as District Governor of 13-C and the deputies were S. A. Ringer, Leesburg and Harold Snider, Eaton. Raymond P. Evans, Findlay was elected to serve 13-D as District Governor and deputies were Ralph E. Blaney, Tiffin and Floyd B. Griffin, Spencer-ville. Walter Schmitt was again elected custodian of the Braille Fund as he has been since its origin. There were now 139 clubs and 5406 members:

District 13 held its twenty-fifth annual convention on May 21-23, 1944 again in Columbus. Due to the war it was decided to have it centrally located. The year proved to be one of progress as District 13 continued to grow and reached the 151 Club mark and now boasted over 6714 members. The address this year was given by International Director Charles J. Stevenson of Cambridge, New York. District Officers elected to serve the State were: District Governor 13-A Ivan Eshelman, Ashland and his deputies C. R. Wolfe, Youngstown and Sherman Roney, Massillon. District Governor 13-B D. Paul Davies, Columbus and his deputies R. J. Calendine, Portsmouth and Lloyd H. Melter, Marietta. District Governor 13-C Wm. C. Wiseman, Dayton with S. A. Ringer, Leesburg and Walter P. Eaton, Hamilton as deputies. District Governor 13-D Ralph Blaney, Tiffin and his deputies were Cecil Gabler, Marion and John Allgyer, Plain City.

Due to wartime conditions the twenty-sixth annual convention was not held in a general session but instead each sub-district held its own meeting for general business and election of officers. District 13-A held their meeting in Cleveland on June 24th, 1945 and elected Henry F. Worchester of Cleveland as their new District Governor. His deputies were Wm. W. Hickel, Akron and Sherman Roney, Massillon. District 13-B held their meeting in Lancaster on June 24th, 1945 and elected Roy J. Calendine as their new District Governor and his deputies were Ben Dempsey, Columbus and Emerson Wood of Ironton. District 13-C held their meeting and elected Walter P. Eaton as District Governor with Larry H. Davis, West Union and Howard Gebhart, Miamisburg as deputies. District 13-D held their meeting in Tiffin on June 24th, 1945 and elected Karl Kurtz as District Governor from Sandusky and Clarence Jenkins, Mount Vernon and John Allgyer, Plain City were deputies. There were now 171 Clubs with 7986 members.

Guy W. Brentlinger, Lima was elected Director of Lions International at the International Convention and served until 1947.

The twenty-seventh annual convention was held in Columbus on May 12-14, 1946. Past International President Frank Birch was the principal speaker at the Banquet and the following officers were elected to serve: District 13-A; Sherman Roney, Massillon as District Governor and Wm. R. Fleming, New Philadelphia and Wm. Hickel, Akron as deputies. Deputy Hickel passed away during this year. District 13-B; Ben Dempsey, Bexley as District Governor and Thomas A. Joseph, Zanesville and John A. Handley, Wellston as deputies. District 13-C; A. B. Dredge, Springfield as District Governor and Larry H. Davis, West Union and Wm. D. Long, Middletown as deputies. District 13-D; Clarence D. Jenkins, Mount Vernon as District Governor and Erwin C. Baum, Elyria and Ed. J. Ward, Lima as deputies.

A resolution was presented for the addition of two new districts to be added the following year due to the increase in clubs and added milage for the District Governors. There were now 184 Clubs and 9548 members.

On May 23-25, 1947 the twenty-eighth annual convention was held in Toledo. This was the largest convention ever held up until this time. The main address was delivered by Past International President Dr. Ramiro Callazo of Cuba. The year was an outstanding one for Lionism in Ohio. 23 new clubs had been organized and 1747 new members added this year making a total of 207 Clubs and 11,295 members. A breakfast was given honoring George W. Bormuth, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Special Representative of Lions International. He had organized approximately half of the clubs in the State up to this time.

Two new Districts were added this year. They were to be known as District 13-E and District 13-F. Officers for the year were elected as follows: District 13-A District Governor, Wm. Fleming, New Philadelphia and deputies, Tom Kell, Alliance and Homer Hoover, Wooster. District 13-B District Governor, Emerson Wood, Ironton and deputies L. R. Holtsberry, Hebron and Norman LaFaber, Marietta. District 13-C District Governor, Wm. Long, Middletown and deputies J. A. Meyer, Canalnati and L. Howard Flatter, Osborn. District 13-D District Governor, Dwight Murry, Findlay and deputies Ed Ward, Lima and R. H. MacCullough, Defiance. District 13-E District Governor Erwin C. Baum, Elyria and deputies Dale Brobst, Lorain and Alvin Fankhauser, Mansfield. District 13-F District Governor Elmer Prentice, Akron and deputies P. F. Brown, Ashtabula and Jackson Hunger, Barberton.

Constitutional changes were made to accomodate the office of State Secretary. The Governors approved the appointment of Clarence D. Jenkins, Mount Vernon, a Special Representative of Lions International as the first State Secretary of Ohio. During the year Clarence passed away suddenly and the office became vacant. The State Council in session prior to the 1948 Convention approved the appointment of George W. Bormuth as State Secretary. The office was opened in October 1948 in the Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

At the International Convention in San Francisco this year, A. B. Dredge, Springfield was elected to the Executive Council Board of Governors of Lions International.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of District 13 was held in Dayton on May 21-23, 1948. Again this year all records for attendance were broken and a most successful year ended with a very fine convention. Walter C. Fisher, Queenston, Ontario, Canada, Second Vice President of Lions International was the main speaker. Due to the constant growth of Lionism in Ohio it was necessary to again add another District to be known as District 13-G. Officers elected this year were: T. W. Kell, District Governor 13-A (he resigned in September of this year and H. L. Hoover, Wooster was appointed as Governor) and deputies Kenneth E. Glasgow, Creston and Ed A. Schauer, Canton. Norman LaFaber, Marietta, District Governor 13-B and deputies were L. R. Holtsberry, Hebron and Wm. Althouse, Chillicothe. L. Howard Flatter, Osborn, District Governor 13-C and deputies Roger Warner, Arcanum and Robert Terhune, Washington C. H.. R. H. MacCullough, Defiance, District Governor 13-D and deputies Ed Ward, Lima and Ed J. McCormick, Jr., Toledo. Alvin H. Fankhauser, Mansfield, District Governor 13-E and deputies F. F. DeRoche, New Washington and Dale Brobst, Lorain. P. F. Brown, Ashtabula, District Governor 13-F and deputies Jackson Hunger, Barberton and C. C. Rittenhouse, Willoughby. Ed. J. Brodell, Cincinnati, District Governor 13-G and deputies Ben West, Bethel and Al G. Richards, Hillsboro.

A. B. Dredge was endorsed as a candidate for Director of Lions International and at the Convention in New York in July he was elected to this office. He served until 1950. Ohio now had 227 Clubs and 12,089 members.

The thirtieth annual convention of District 13 Ohio Lions was held in Cleveland on June 3-5, 1949. International President Dr. Eugene Briggs of Enid, Oklahoma gave the main address. Elected to serve as Governor of District 13-A was Ed Schauer, Canton with Kenneth Glasgow, Creston and Dr. D. A. Macedonia, Steubenville as deputies. Governor of District 13-B was Walter Muir, Lancaster and his deputies were Forrest Powers, Grove City and Wm. Althouse of Chillicothe. Governor of District 13-C was Lawrence Lotz, Piqua and his deputies were Bernard Kokenge, West Carrollton and Clarence Stuckey, Jeffersonville. Governor of District 13-D was Ed. J. Ward, Lima and his deputies were Marion Shuman of Richwood and Merle Blue, Dunkirk. Governor of District 13-E was Dale Brobst, Lorain and his deputies were Paul Young, Fostoria and Lee Dill, Centerburg. Governor of District 13-F was Jackson Hunger, Barberton and his deputies were Herb Buerger, Cleveland and Maurice Gilbert of Ashtabula. Governor of District 13-G was Ben West, Bethel and his deputies were Joseph Pflum, Cincinnati and Alfred Richards, Hillsboro.

The reports showed that Lionism had spread in Ohio during the year adding 33 new clubs and an additional 1258 members. There was now a total of 260 Clubs and 13,347 members.

The thirty-first annual convention was held in Cincinnati on June 4-6, 1950. Second Vice President Harold Nutter, New Jersey represented Lions International this year and gave the address. The convention delegates found it necessary to re-district again this year and added another to be known as District 13-H which made eight districts now in Ohio comprising 278 Clubs with 14,054 members.

Elected in these Districts this year were the following: District Governor 13-A Kenneth Glasgow, Creston with deputies W. R. Bryan, Doylestown and Lewis Edgar, Cadiz; District Governor 13-B Lawrence Holtsberry, Hebron with deputies Forrest Powers, Grove City and Harry Johnson, Cambridge; District Governor 13-C Clarence Stuckey, Jeffersonville with deputies Robert Moorman, Jamestown and Bernard Kokenge, West Carrollton; District Governor 13-D Merle Blue, Dunkirk with deputies Olan Rahrig, Forest and Marion Shuman, Richwood; District Governor 13-E Lee Dill, Centerburg with deputies Leonard Melching, New Washington and Paul Young, Fostoria; District Governor 13-F Maurice Gilbert, Ashtabula with deputies Ed Gilronan of Youngstown and Herb Buerger, Cleveland; District Governor 13-G Lew Lewis, Bethel with deputies Charles Layton, Seaman and Joseph Pflum, Cincinnati; District Governor 13-H Wm. Althouse, Chillicothe with deputies Dwight Robinson, Athens and Frank Long, Portsmouth.

In October of this year Erwin C. Baum was employed by Lions International as



a Special Representative to organize new clubs and service others in Ohio.

The thirty-second annual convention of District 13 was held in Akron on May 25-27, 1951. Herb C. Petry, Carrizo Springs, Texas was President of Lions International this year and was present in Akron to give the main address. The Ohio Lions were saddened by the passing of Past International Director Henry Bowers, Toledo and Past International Director A. Blee Dredge of Springfield this year. The following officers were elected to serve the Districts that year:

District Governor 13-A Lewis Edgar of Cadiz - Deputies W. R. Bryan, Doylestown and Fred Williams of Canton.

District Governor 13-B Lee Howard, Bexley - Deputies, Harry Johnson, Cambridge and Tom Hawk of Crooksville.

District Governor 13-C Dr. Dan Martin, Greenville - Deputies, Robert Moorman, Jamestown and Leonard Getz, Arcanum.

District Governor 13-D Gerald Smith, Urbana - Deputies Olan Rahrig, Forest and Neil Parmenter, Lima.

District Governor 13-E Elmer Tankersley, Sandusky - Deputies Leonard Melching, New Washington and David Biddle, Old Fort.

District Governor 13-F Herb W. Berger, Cleveland, - Deputies Ed Gilronan, Youngstown and Harry Lovejoy of Medina.

District Governor 13-G J. Aaron Meyer, Eastern Hills, Cincinnati - Deputies Tom Taylor, Franklin and Charles Webb, Sabina.

District Governor 13-H Dwight Robinson, Athens - Deputies, Franklin Long, Portsmouth and Leonard Boord, Marietta.

Wm. C. Wiseman, Dayton was endorsed as a candidate for Director of Lions International by the delegates. At the International Convention in Atlantic City New Jersey he was appointed as Chairman of the Board of International Relations of Lions International.

On January 11, 1952 George Bormuth left Ohio to go to Indiana as the first State Secretary of that State and the State Council in unanimous agreement in their meeting approved the appointment of Erwin C. Baum, Elyria to serve Ohio as State Secretary.

The thirty-third annual convention was held in Cincinnati on May 16-18, 1952. R. Roy Keaton Director-General of Lions International was the speaker this year. Also present at this convention was Past International Director Ross Witters of Florida. Dr. Dan Martin was endorsed for appointment to the Board of Governors of Lions International if possible in Mexico City at the International Convention.

After considerable ground work the Ohio Lions Eye Research Fund was started this year and Everett R. Staece, Columbus was elected as Custodian. The contributions were to be voluntary and all monies are to be used at specified Universities for research into the causes of Blindness.

There was a queen contest this year and Mary Jenks of Jamestown was selected to represent Ohio at the International contest in Mexico City.

Officers elected this year were as follows:

District Governor 13-A W. R. "Dick" Bryan, Doylestown - Deputies, Marvin Miller, Dover and Fred Williams, Canton.

District Governor 13-B Forrest Powers (he passed away this year and Tom Hawk was appointed to fill this office) Deputies, Kenneth McElhenney, Dresden and Wm. Joy.

District Governor 13-C Robert Moorman, Jamestown - Deputies, Leonard Getz, Arcanum and Don Gibson, Washington C. H..

District Governor 13-D Olan Rahrig, Forest - Deputies, Neil Parmenter, Lima and Fred Carter of Bryan.

District Governor 13-E Leonard Melching (He was transferred away and David Biddle was appointed to fill the office) Deputies, Robert Scott, Marion and Carl Yingling.

District Governor 13-F Ed Gilronan, Youngstown - Deputies, Harry Lovejoy, Medina and Charles Ruddick of Willoughby.

District Governor 13-G Vernon Young, Seaman - Deputies, Tom Taylor, Franklin and Harry Schultz of Wilmington.

District Governor 13-H Leonard Boord, Marietta - Deputies, E. Sanford Keairns.

The thirty-fourth annual convention of District 13 Ohio Lions was held in Columbus on May 8-10, 1953. International President Ed Elbert was the speaker this year, his home is Maywood, Illinois. There was a quartette contest this year and the winners were from Elyria. They represented Ohio Lions at the International Convention in Chicago and won second place. Dr. Dan Martin was endorsed for the office of Director by the delegates and was elected to serve in this office at the International Convention and served until 1955.

The first Eye Research contribution was given at this convention. A check for \$1200.00 was presented to Dr. Doan, Dean of Medical College of Ohio State University, to be used in the research into the causes of blindness.

This year, for the first time, a dinner was held for the International Counsellors.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year were as follows:

District Governor 13-A Fred Williams, Canton - Deputies Marvin Miller, Dover and James Moscato of Yorkville.

District Governor 13-B William Joy, Newark - Deputies Joe Bailey, Cambridge and James Miller, New Albany.

District Governor 13-C Leonard Getz, Arcanum - Deputies, Don Gibson, Washington C. H. and Ted Thompson of Vandalia.

District Governor 13-D Neil Parmenter, Lima - Deputies, Fred Carter, Bryan and Elmer Detwiler, Bellefontaine.

District Governor 13-E Robert Scott, Marion - Deputies, Carl Yingling, Fremont and Dr. Robert Tracht, Crestline.

District Governor 13-F Jack Darrah, Akron - Deputies, Charles Ruddick, Willoughby and Eugene Sandals, Lakewood.

District Governor 13-G Tom Taylor, Franklin - Deputies, Harry Schultz, Wilmington and Gordon Bennett, Hamilton.

District Governor 13-H E. Snaford Keairnes, Jackson, - Deputies, Otis Trevy, Pomeroy and O. I. Copley, Chillicothe.

Reports showed that there were now 347 Lions Clubs in Ohio.

The thirty-fifth annual convention of Ohio Lions District 13 was held in Cleveland on May 14-16, 1954. Past International President Fred Smith, Ventura, California was the speaker. The announcement was made that Clarence Stuckey was now employed by Lions International as a Special Representative and would be working in southern Ohio on extension work. Ohio now has 374 Clubs, with over 17,000 members.

The Juvenile Braille Magazine was improved this year by printing it in Grade 2. An advantage to its users.

The following officers were elected to serve the State this year:

District Governor 13-A Marvin Miller, Dover - Deputies, James Moscato, Yorkville, and Burley Gray of Loudonville.

District Governor 13-B Joe Bailey, Cambridge - Deputies, James Miller, New Albany and Charles Beans, Millersport.

District Governor 13-C Don Gibson, Washington C. H. - Deputies, Ted Thompson, Vandalia and Richard Clark of Troy.

District Governor 13-D Fred Carter, Bryan - Deputies, Arthur Kuntz, Defiance and Elmer Detwiler (he passed away and Adam Stewart, Columbus Grove was appointed).

District Governor 13-E Carl Yingling, Fremont - Deputies, Dr. Robert Tracht, Crestline and Daryl Orwig, Tiffin.

District Governor 13-F Charles Ruddick, Willoughby - Deputies, Eugene Sandals, Lakewood and George Brown, Warren.

District Governor 13-G Harry Schultz, Wilmington - Deputies, Gordon Bennett, Hamilton and Nathan Branson, West Union.

District Governor 13-H O. I. Copley, Chillicothe - Deputies, Cloyce Martin, Athens and Eddie Krause, Portsmouth.

The International Convention was held in New York City this year.

District 13 Ohio Lions held their thirty-sixth annual convention in Dayton on May 13-15, 1955. Monroe L. Nute, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania was the main speaker. He is a Past President of Lions International.

Eye Research contributions reached \$51,655.55 this year and sizable gifts were made to Western Reserve University, University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

District Governor 13-A James Moscato, Yorkville - Deputies Burley Gray, Loudonville and Charles Schuster from Canton.

District Governor 13-B James Miller, New Albany - Deputies, Charles Beans, Millersport and Ed Work from Lancaster.

District Governor 13-C Ted Thompson, Vandalia - Deputies Richard Clark, Troy and Fred Blocher, Kettering.

District Governor 13-D Adam S. Stewart, Columbus Grove, -Deputies Arthur Kuntz, Defiance and Lewis S. Shoemaker, Dunkirk.

District Governor 13-E Dr. Robert Tracht, Crestline, - Deputies, Daryl Orwig, Tiffin and Sid Tennant from Mt. Gilead.

District Governor 13-F Eugene Sandals, Lakewood - Deputies, George Brown, Warren and George Brode, Akron.

District Governor 13-G Gordon Bennett, Hamilton - Deputies, Nathan Branson, West Union and Ed Van Ness, Cincinnati.

District Governor 13-H Cloyce Martin, Athens - Deputies, Eddie Krause, Portsmouth and H. Lester Krieg, Marietta.

The International Convention was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey this year.

On May 13-14, 1956 the Ohio Lions of District 13 held their annual convention in Cincinnati. This being the thirty-seventh. LaVar Thatcher, International Director from Utah was the featured speaker. International Director Ralph Deckard from Indiana was a special guest at the convention.

The delegates endorsed Dr. Dan Martin to run for Third Vice President at the International Convention in Miami, Florida.

The Ohio Lions project of the Eye Research Fund continued to grow and the report showed that a total of \$74,142.12 had been received in voluntary contributions since the beginning of the program.

There was the largest certified delegation at this convention that had ever been recorded and this made for the success that it was.

Officers elected for the following year were as follows:

District Governor 13-A Burley Gray, Loudonville - Deputies, Charles Schuster, Canton and Fred Larcamp, Wooster.

District Governor 13-B Charles Beans, Millersport - Deputies, Ed Work, Lancaster and Alton Moore, Duncan Falls.

District Governor 13-C Richard Clark, Troy - Deputies, Fred Blocher, Kettering and Dan Paul, Dayton.

District Governor 13-D Arthur Kuntz, Defiance - Deputies, Lewis S. Shoemaker, Dunkirk and Ed. McCormick, Jr., Toledo.

District Governor 13-E Daryl Orwig, Tiffin - Deputies, Sid Tennant, Mount Gilead and Ralph Gillmor, Old Fort.

District Governor 13-F George Brown, Warren - Deputies, George Brode, Akron and Robert Koski, Ashtabula.

District Governor 13-G Charles Harsha, Hillsboro - Deputies, Ed Van Ness, Cincinnati and William Boden, Manchester.

District Governor 13-H H. Lester Krieg, Marietta - Deputies, Don Allison from Chillicothe and Lewis McBride from Athens.

The Districts sponsored a talent show on Friday night which was very outstanding this year. Amateur acts from each District were well received.

The thirty-eighth annual convention of District 13 Ohio Lions was held in Columbus on May 24-25, 1957. John L. Stickley President of Lions International was the honored speaker. He is from Charlotte, North Carolina. This was truly the most outstanding State Convention ever held. 1753 people attended and this represented 202 Clubs. There were 653 certified delegates. We now have a total of 445 Lions Clubs with a membership of 19,452.

In the contest for candidate for International Director to run at the International Convention in San Francisco, California, the delegation chose W. R. "Dick" Bryan of Doylestown. He was elected at that Convention by receiving the second largest number of votes cast in San Francisco.

The Ohio Lions Eye Research Fund was incorporated this year and the first annual meeting was held and trustees were elected during the convention. The report showed that during the past year \$25,488.56 was contributed by 233 Clubs in addition to several special gifts making a total of \$27,725.12. Contributions were made to each of the three Universities.

As a result of the Finance Study Committee the Constitution was amended and the per capita tax was to be distributed three ways, 40% for Sub-District Administration; 20% for the International Convention Fund and 40% for the State Council Fund. A treasurer from the State Council was selected to handle all monies for the State.

A variety of Forums were held and all were well attended. Governor C. Wm. O'Neill was the speaker at the Model Luncheon.

District 13-A was divided into two Districts to be known as District A-1 and District A-2.

The following officers were elected to serve this year:

District Governor 13 A-1 Karl Miller, New Philadelphia - Deputies, Fred Larcamp, Wooster and Don Widder, Sugarcreek.

District Governor 13 A-2 Charles Schuster, Canton - Deputies, Ted Turocy, Winterville and William Archibald, Massillon.

District Governor 13-B Edgar A. Work, Lancaster - Deputies, Alton Moore, Duncan Falls and Charles Boring, Thornville.

District Governor 13-C Fred Blocher, Kettering - Deputies, Dan Paul, Dayton and Vincent Shields, Dayton. / (Beaver Creek Club)

District Governor 13-D Lewis Shoemaker, Dunkirk - Deputies, Norman Kreuzberg, Lima and Harold Miller, Paulding.

District Governor 13-E Sid Tennant, Mount Gilead - Deputies, Ralph Gillmor, Old Fort and Robert Cripps, Marion.

District Governor 13-F George Brode, Akron - Deputies, Robert Koski, Ashtabula and Jerome Weiss, Euclid.

District Governor 13-G Ed Van Ness, Cincinnati - Deputies, William Boden, Manchester and P. B. Stockmon, Springboro.

District Governor 13-H Don Allison, Chillicothe - Deputies, Lewis McBride, Athens and Ben Evans, Jackson.

The thirty-ninth annual convention was held in Cleveland on June 6-7, 1958. The principal speaker was Past President S. A. Dodge of Michigan and special visitor was International Director W. R. Bryan of Doylestown. The Model Luncheon speaker was Lewis B. Selzer, editor of the Cleveland Press.

In the business session the re-districting of the State was tabled. The Constitution was revised to allow the State Council authority to provide for a State Headquarters.

The Committee appointed by the 1957-58 Council was re-appointed to serve as Office Procurement Committee and it is composed of Edgar A. Work, Lancaster, Chairman and members, Fred Larcamp, Wooster and P. B. Stockmon, Springboro. The committee approved plans for re-modeling the eighth floor of Hotel Southern as presented by Joseph Gerhart, Manager through State Secretary Erwin C. Baum.

Plans progressed and the new office was ready for occupancy on September 8th, 1958. The State Council Committee proceeded with plans for a dedication to be held on September 27, 1958.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:  
District Governor 13 A-1 Fred Larcamp, Wooster - Deputies, Donald Widder, Sugar-Creek and Robert Bodager, Rittman.  
District Governor 13 A-2 Ted L. Turocy, Wintersville - Deputies, William Archibald, Massillon and Alfred Long, Brilliant.  
District Governor 13-B Alton B. Moore, Duncan Falls - Deputies, Charles Boring, Thornville and Al J. Bollerer, Zanesville.  
District Governor 13-C Dan Paul, Dayton - Deputies, Vincent Shields, Dayton and Karl Spahr, Fairborn.  
District Governor 13-D Norman Kreuzberg, Lima - Deputies, Harold Miller, Paulding and J. H. Gamel, New Hampshire.  
District Governor 13-E Ralph Gillmor, Old Fort - Deputies, Robert Cripps, Marion and Everett Reeves, Castalia.  
District Governor 13-F Robert Z. Koski, Ashtabula - Deputies, Jerome Weiss, Euclid and Eino Davis, Cortland.  
District Governor 13-G William Boden, Manchester - Deputies, P. B. Stockmon, Springboro and Ray McLaughlin, Wilmington.  
District Governor 13-H Lewis McBride, Athens - Deputies, Hobart McKinnis, Wellston and Willis Leadingham, Pomeroy.  
Council Chairman, Norman Kreuzberg, Lima  
Vice Chairman, Dan Paul, Dayton  
Treasurer, Lewis McBride, Athens  
State Secretary, Erwin C. Baum, Columbus  
Succeeding State Secretary, Sumner "Terry" Loomis  
Ohio now has 466 Lions Clubs with a membership of 20,070.

On October 14, 1958, Erwin C. "Curley" Baum transferred to the Lions International Office in Chicago as Manager of Administration Department. He is succeeded by S. w. "Terry" Loomis as State Secretary.

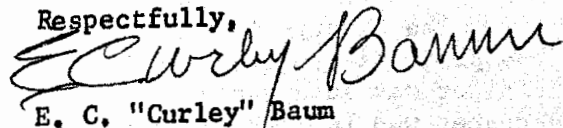
NOTE:

This short and concise History of Ohio Lionism has been compiled for the Lions Of Ohio. We hope it will prove interesting and valuable to all who read it.

It is not intended to cover all the details of Ohio Lionism as that would take volumes. We have tried to touch lightly on the origin and mention some of those who have been interested and active in making Ohio Lionism the outstanding Civic and Service Organization that it is today. It would be impossible to mention all who have taken an active part in this progress, such as, Zone Chairmen, Cabinet Secretaries and State Committeemen and the many others who spend many hours in the interest of their fellow man through Service in their Lions Clubs.

May the future hold many more years of continued progress for Ohio Lions.

Respectfully,

  
E. C. "Curley" Baum

September 26, 1958  
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