

LIONS CLUB

ORGANIZED PAST WEEK; MERGER OF THE ANTWERP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

H. D. Chapel, representing the International Association of Lions Clubs, organized a club in Antwerp last week. In so doing the Chamber of Commerce was merged with the new order.

The Chamber of Commerce during its day served well in not only keeping the town on the map, but boosted and sponsored improvements that kept Antwerp in the forefront with any town of north-western Ohio. Beginning with the Commercial Club and reorganized with the euphonious title, Chamber of Commerce it functioned for nearly two decades. Every worthwhile improvement, and they are marked and numerous, bears the imprint of the organization of that day. That the Lions Club will "carry on" is not doubted. In it are men who thru all the years sponsored and helped every move that bore the semblance and possibility of success. With the infusion of new blood—new members—there should be no retrograde movement, Antwerp will continue to move forward in pace with the best the times afford and will benefit the community.

The Club roster has thirty members, all acquired through invitation.

The officers are:

President—Herbert L. Gordon

1st V. Pres.—D. C. Bickhard

2nd V. Pres.—J. R. Schilb

3rd V. Pres.—A. O. Bell

Secretary—Ed E. Bickhard

Treasurer—J. L. Doering

Lion Tamer—R. J. Battershell

Tail Twister—Guy F. Jump

Pianist—J. R. Schilb

Song Leader—J. H. Adcock

Directors—H. K. Harris, Taylor Long, J. Warren Seslar, Fred Spragens.

The first meeting, February 19.,

basement of the Presbyterian Church

Charter Night, sponsored by the

Lima, Ohio, club will be held Mon-

day night, March 19.

The Lions International Association

is composed of more clubs on

the North American continent than

any other civic service association.

New Lions Clubs have been formed

at the rate of one or more clubs a

day during the past four years, and

now functioning in Canada, Cuba,

China, Mexico, Hawaii, and the United

States.

Lions Clubs are non-political and

non-sectarian organizations composed

of representative business men

having the interests of their city or

community at heart.

They are composed of the leading

men of the city or community

in their particular industries or bus-

inesses. Membership is acquired

through invitation only.

Lions Clubs differ from similar or-

ganizations in that they are obligat-

ed to report monthly to the Associ-

ation on what the club has done for

the community during the preced-

ing month.

It is a vehicle for united civic eff-

ort and enterprise—a helpmate to

every worthy endeavor. Lionism is

service—over and beyond charity.

The purpose of a Lions Club,

beyond the social and fellowship as-

pect, is to recognize community

needs, to discover remedies, and ei-

ther by independent effort or through

cooperation with other agencies, to

effect remedies for the existing

needs.

ANTWERP LIONS CLUB RECEIVES CHARTER

BANQUET AND PROGRAM ENTERTAINED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Monday night the Antwerp Lions Club International was granted authority of rights when it received its charter from the International Association of Lions Clubs.

In the dining room of the Presbyterian Church, the local club and guests approximating one hundred, were feasted and entertained.

Rev. Horrigan of the St. Mary's church invoked a blessing. A fine menu had been prepared by the ladies of the church, to which all did ample justice. With a sufficient number of waiters, the service was prompt and soon all were enjoying the fine cuisine for which the ladies are noted.

During this time a program, prepared by W. H. Carter, was put on. Robert McCreery sang a barytone solo. His effort was rewarded with applause. A violin solo by Miss Ruth Harris was nicely rendered and received the plaudits of the assembly. Charles Volkert's solo was appreciated and was so manifested in rounds of applause. Mrs. Galen Cussen at the piano.

A dialogue in which a tired swain and his inamorata engaged in a love scene, was tumultuously approved with hand clapping and uproarious laughter.

Toastmaster, Harry Walters of the Lima Lions Club introduced visiting clubs and individual members. He then introduced Donald M. Gibbs, District Governor, Lions International. His address, interlarded with humor and wit, concluded with a formal presentation of the charter.

Lion President Herbert L. Gordon received it in a well worded and happy address as follows:

"The advent of Lionism into our community has marked an era of development of our citizens.

Well do we appreciate that clubs make cities, cities make states, and states make our great nation. If we through Lionism, can typify our association's motto of L-I-O-N-S Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety, we will have found for ourselves a niche which none other could ever hope to occupy.

In accepting this charter as first president of the Antwerp Lions Club and in behalf of our membership, I pledge to the citizens of this community.

That the Lions Club is founded to perpetuate in men's hearts a love of our native land and to talk of, and strive for honesty, reciprocity and cooperation in business, community betterment and municipal growth,

That we are organized that there may flow from good fellowship, mutual help and profit, and to talk of, and strive for honesty, reciprocity and cooperation in business, community betterment and municipal growth.

That we are organized that there may flow from good fellowship, mutual help and profit, and that our combined influence may be systematized, directed and utilized toward the welfare and upbuilding of our community.

That we are free from political entanglements and sectarianisms, we are a brotherhood without secrets, definitely do we aim to practice concretely the Golden Rule.

That we will always conscientiously and loyally, set about to make a better place in which to live, and we will willingly and earnestly join hands with all citizens, or groups of citizens, in all worthy undertakings; we are here to serve;

That we cordially invite from, and at the same time extend to all, organizations of like kind, character, and purpose, hearty cooperation in achieving the aims for which all Lions stand.

To the honest realization of all such aims the Lions Club does now dedicate itself; it has no other cause for existence. Modestly do we hope that some day it may be said of Antwerp that it is a better place in which to live, to work, and to play, by virtue of her Lions Club.