



Among the charter members of the Edgerton Lions Club are, from left, Jim Wilson, Tom Eichler, Kerry Whetro, Jim Wise, Kent Castor, Marlin Pettit, Ron

Thorp, Lee Pahl, Frank Monosmith, Jim McPike, Harold Bunting, Bob Knox, Brad Karris, Dane Newlove, Tom Wickerham, Mike Bass, Morris

Warner, Gene Balsler, Tom Dietsch, Ed Perry, John Nye, John Nihart and Bob Peverly. (Staff photo by Paul Miller)

New Lions Club chartered

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EDGERTON — The new Edgerton Lions Club was formally recognized during a charter night banquet held at St. Mary's Church dining room Wednesday evening. The club becomes the 573rd of its kind in Ohio.

District Governor Russell Oxender inducted 31 of the 33 new members. He also installed the new officers and directors: Robert Peverly, president; Jim Wilson, first vice-president; Dale Mathys, second vice-president; Bob Knox, third vice-president; Lee Pahl, secretary; Frank Monosmith, treasurer; directors Tom Dietsch, Tom Eichler, Brad Karris and John Nye; Richard Moffett, Lion-tamer; and Marlin Pettit, tail-twister.

Richard Clark, active in International Lions activities, was master of ceremonies. The main address was given by Past International Director Bill Leibensperger. He began by thanking all area Lions Clubs for their strong support of his work at the local, district and inter-

national levels.

Leibensperger had a few words of advice for new club members. "Remember Will Rogers' saying, 'Let someone else blow your horn, and the sound will travel twice as far.' Let your example to others be so good that they will want to publicize you. We are here tonight to honor all those who had the vision to organize a Lions Club in Edgerton.

"You'll have a lot of fun, and you'll be working hard in your community helping others. There is so much to be done, especially for those who have sight problems. You will make an impact on the community, and Edgerton will be a better, stronger community because you exist.

"I would leave you with a challenge. Pioneer Lions, organized only 10 years ago, is your sponsor. Let's see you, in turn, sponsor a new Lions Club within the next five years."

Newly elected president Robert Peverly made an acceptance speech, gratefully received the scroll of the charter, and pledged

himself, officers and members to be faithful to the task ahead of them.

Gifts to the new club from area clubs include a wall banner from Pioneer and cash or checks from clubs in Findlay, Pemberville, Bryan, Kalida, West Unity, Montpelier, and Lima North Side. Edon presented its own "Lion," a hollowed, hand-held lion with a coin slot, to be used by the tail twister, for collecting fines.

Past district governor Keith Cheney of Lima was present, and addressed the group briefly. President Peverly announced that the regular meeting nights will be the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meetings will alternate between two locations.

Singing was furnished by Stevie and the Studebakers, an adult group. Al Trausch led the call to order, the traditional singing of the first verse of "America, The Beautiful" and the pledge to the flag. Lee Pahl called the roll of clubs. The Rev. Jim Wilson gave the invocation and benediction.